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President's Article:

Dear CES Friends:

I can't believe that the summer is almost over! I see school supplies in every store and the Holmes County Fair happens right before school starts. We have been lucky so far this week that we haven't had rain at the Holmes County Fair. Everything seems to be going great at the fair but of course our office is very busy.

The CES Board met last Thursday, August 7. A large amount of the discussion centered on the "Go Bucks" scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2003. This will take the place of the CES Annual Meeting that we have had in the past. An interactive video conference held at various locations throughout the state is being planned; specific sites will be announced as soon as possible.

The details are still in the planning stages by the connectedness committee, with Cheryl Engle, Past President as our CES representative. There will be a session for all Extension employees and then each professional organization will be allowed up to fifteen minutes to present their awards. For CES that would be our scholarships and the newsletter/brochure contest winners. Peg Meents is planning for the scholarship program to proceed as it has in the past, as well as Shelia Blevins with the newsletter and brochure contest (see information below). The winners will be announced at this video conference.

Election of officers will be done on-line in November and the newly elected board will be announced at the conference. Time won't allow for us to do installation of officers at this meeting, but the new officers will be recognized. Details are still being discussed as to how we will recognize our years of service members and new members. This planned video conference is an entirely new concept for all of the organizations so if you have suggestions or questions about this meeting give one of the officers or a director in your district a call.


You should be receiving membership material from Jenny Lindimore in the county packet on Monday, August 18. Encourage other support staff in your county to join if they are not already a member.

Don't forget to mark December 9 on your calendar for a day of connectedness with your co-workers, and hopefully meeting other staff that we don't usually have the opportunity to meet with!

More details will follow as soon as they are released by the planning committee!

Have a great Labor Day Holiday – we all need an extra day off after the busy summer!

Karen Barnhart
CES President

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CES Membership Drive Coming Soon:


By: Jenny Lindimore, Membership Secretary

The 2003-04 Chi Epsilon Sigma membership information and registration is in the mail to you at this time. Included in the membership packet, you will find a letter from Barb Ludwig and Keith Smith, which indicates that it is okay to pay your dues from your department budget, with your chair's approval.

To renew your membership, you will simply need to fill out the registration form, add your budget account numbers, and then get an authorized signature. Of course, you can still pay with a check. Please make your check payable to "Chi Epsilon Sigma" and return it along with your completed registration form.

We look forward to your renewal! In addition, we urge you to invite any other support staff to take advantage of this great opportunity to join Chi Epsilon Sigma.

If you have any questions, or do not receive your membership packet, please call me in Morgan County at 740.962.4854 or send me an e-mail to lindimore.1@osu.edu. Thanks!

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The Leader in You

By: Cheryl Engle, Nominations Chair

Well, it's approaching that time of year again when Chi Epsilon Sigma is accepting nominations for a new slate of Officers and Directors. So why not summon the leader in you or someone you know?

Being an Officer or Director for Chi Epsilon Sigma offers many rewards and personal satisfaction. Below is a listing of the "**Top 10 Reasons**" for accepting a leadership position:

1. Your voice represents the needs and best interests of your Extension colleagues.
2. Your intellectual skills become valuable in driving the inner workings of a professional organization.
3. You get the opportunity to network and spend precious time with your counterparts across the state.
4. You build and strengthen relationships with Extension Administrators and the other professional organization's officers (OEAA, ESP, OEPA).
5. You become acquainted with the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and parliamentary procedure.
6. You serve as a visible example of Support Staff leadership within.
7. You can impress your boss with your new level of responsibility and leadership style.

8. You have the opportunity to plan and conduct a CES annual meeting.
9. You have the challenge of outreaching to other states with the CES message.
10. You have the opportunity to showcase the good things happening in Extension for Ohioans.


This year, we have the following positions that are seeking nominations:

- Vice President (3 year transition)
- Secretary-Treasurer (2 year term)
- Membership Secretary (2 year term)
- Historian (1 year term)
- Administrative Liaison (1 year term)
- Campus Director (2 year term)
- Emeriti Director (2 year term)
- North District Director (2 year term)
- West District Director (2 year term)
- SAC Director (3 year term)

All nominees must be CES members and permission should be obtained from each nominee to ensure they are willing to serve. In addition, proper authorization must be obtained from your immediate supervisor so that you may attend four scheduled board meetings in 2004: January 8, April 1, August 5, and October 7. Biographical sketches will be included in the next newsletter for your review and consideration.

If you have served on the CES Board in the past and would like to get back in the swing of things, don't hesitate to volunteer or nominate a worthy co-worker. Please contact Cheryl Engle, Chair of the Nominating Committee at 419.422.6106 or engle.45@osu.edu.

Chi Epsilon Sigma needs you!

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A Sign of the Times

By: Cheryl Engle, Past President




As with anything in America, times are a changing. To remain competitive and stay on the cutting edge in the 21st century, we must move ourselves forward with virtual meetings. The year 2003 is unique in that we will not be coming together for a face-to-face Chi Epsilon Sigma annual meeting due the present budget situation.

This represents a few challenges for us but also great opportunities. On December 9 at the G.O. Bucks Teleconference, Chi Epsilon Sigma will be conducting a streamlined business meeting by video satellite. So we are asking our membership to conduct some parliamentary business prior to that date. By the end of September, Cheryl Engle will be e-mailing you with web instructions on how to vote online for changes to our CES Constitution and By-Laws. We must also take a majority vote to conduct e-voting to select next year's Chi Epsilon Sigma Officers and Directors. A two-thirds vote will serve as the majority determination.

Some may ask, "Does our CES constitution allow for such an unorthodox approach?" After consulting a parliamentarian, Dr. Jim Connors on the Ag campus, the answer is yes. The proposed

electronic voting will be conducted by using Zoomerang software through our CES website. Voters will remain anonymous and safeguards are built in so that you may only cast your ballot once.

Come along with us as we forge new trails into the Electronic Age. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Cheryl Engle, Past President.

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CES Newsletter/Brochure Contest


By: Sheila Blevins

The CES Newsletter/Brochure competition recognizes excellence in layout and production. To be eligible for competition, entries must be produced in August 2002 through June 2003. All entries must be received by August 30, 2003 (entries postmarked after that date will not be accepted). For more information, see the attached rules and regulations, as well as entry forms. (The rules indicate that the winners will be announced at our Annual Meeting. It is planned at this time that the winners will be announced at the December 9 Go Bucks Videoconference.)

If you have questions, contact Sheila Blevins at 740.354.7879.

[Newsletter/Brochure Contest Form](#) (Adobe Acrobat file)



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CES Scholarship

By: Peg Meents, Vice President & Chair of Professional Improvement Committee

WOW!! State Fair, county fairs, late summer vacations, family reunions and back-to-school routines have a tendency to make August rather hectic. Some days it can leave even the most skilled professional feeling a little "frazzled."

As a member of Alpha Chapter - CHI EPSILON SIGMA, you could win a \$200 scholarship to a professional seminar or workshop that would "take you away" from those daily demands and fortify your personal well-being.

The rules and application form are simple (so it shouldn't take very much of your time) and the two scholarships will be awarded during the GO BUCKS Videoconference on December 9. (An opportunity to be recognized by *all* of your OSU Extension peers!)

So,

- ☺ Begin your search for a professional development workshop, class or seminar that you'd benefit from attending in 2004
- ☺ Get approval of Departmental Chair/County Chair or District Director (if you would need to attend during working hours)

☺ Complete and submit your application form by September 26

Possible suggested workshop/class providers might include:

www.compumaster.net

<http://skillpath.com>

www.franklincovey.com

your local community college

contact a local secretarial association for ideas

Still have questions??

≈ Drop me a note: meents.1@osu.edu

≈ Or call 419.422.3851 and ask for Peg Meents

Don't wait for someone else (or OSU Extension) to plan for your professional development, or let the hectic August schedule and local Extension budget concerns keep you from taking advantage of this opportunity to apply.

Good luck to all applicants!

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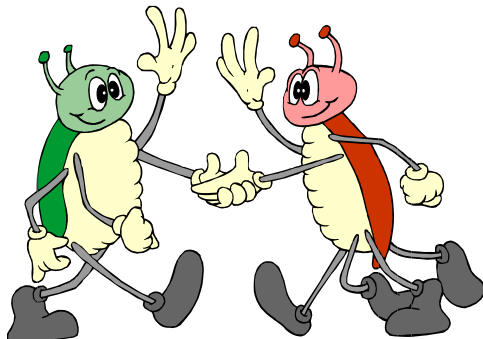
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Secret Friend

By: Cindy Lewis, CES South District Director

Hello Secret Friend Participants,

As you know Pat Myers was coordinator of the CES Secret Friend activity, and she is no longer with OSU Extension. Therefore I have volunteered to take on the responsibility. Pat has done a great job for years, and I hope to continue the tradition.




I would encourage everyone to participate again this year. New sign up sheets will be mailed with the membership packet within the next couple of weeks. I have enjoyed giving to and receiving from my secret friend, and look forward to a new year.

To those currently participating, I would encourage all to send a card to their secret friend. It is a busy time for most support staff right now, but we don't want to forget our friends!

It is almost time to reveal who we are. At this time we aren't sure how this will be done. It sounds like our Annual Meeting will be by videoconference. Since we may not be able to meet our Secret Friend in person, I would like for each person that is participating this year to e-mail me a picture and a little note about yourself, so that I may include it in the revelation this year. My address is

lewis.613@osu.edu, phone 740.289.2071, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Road, Piketon, OH 45661

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Personal Glimpse

Shirley Unger, Emeriti, Adams County

Is there life after Extension? Yes, and one that you will all enjoy just as I do when your time for retirement arrives. When I retired at the end of 2000 after 26 years in Extension, admittedly I had my doubts. My husband had passed away 2 years earlier and my job truly helped me fill the hours. I am very much a people person and I loved my job. I made so many friends with clientele and co-workers across the state over the years, and I knew that I would miss those folks, and I do. But, there are great folks like Marilyn Bloom who asked me to write this profile, agents in neighboring counties who ask me to judge 4-H projects or contests and many conversations are enjoyed with former volunteers and friends in the aisles at WalMart, that allows me to keep in touch.

I have four married children who have given me nine wonderful grandchildren who range in age from 5 to 19 -- and one more to arrive in September. My oldest grandson attends Northern Kentucky University as a theatre major. I love live theatre and music and have enjoyed all his performances. I have a secret goal for him. I would love for him to be in a Broadway musical before I'm too old to travel. My oldest granddaughter will be a student at Wright State this fall and will major in education. All the grandchildren have always been very involved in school sports and organizations. I try to go to as many school activities as possible. I love basketball and during basketball season it was not unusual for me to be at the gym 6 days a week.


I did accept a position working on Mondays and special sales at Producers Livestock to keep my skills and mind sharp. However, the days were competing with grandchildren's ball games so I resigned.

My hobbies are reading and crafts. For the first time since high school, I have a library card! For years I have dreamed of owning a computerized sewing machine. Sometimes you just have to make your own dreams come true, you know? I purchased a Janome MC10000. I am enjoying using it so much to make my crafts for fall craft shows.

My three 4-H granddaughters love it also. They come to Mammaw's each year to make their 4-H sewing projects. They have their own machine and I have a second one but they prefer to wait their turn using Mammaw's new one. It is a great payoff when the girls show pride in their completed project. An even bigger thrill -- all three were selected for State Fair competition and one to State Fair with her memory quilt Creative Arts project.

My plans for the future include hopefully more traveling. I enjoyed a week in Arizona this Spring visiting family and enjoying a beautifully interesting state. I have never been to the New England States and would hope to make that a fall trip sometime soon.

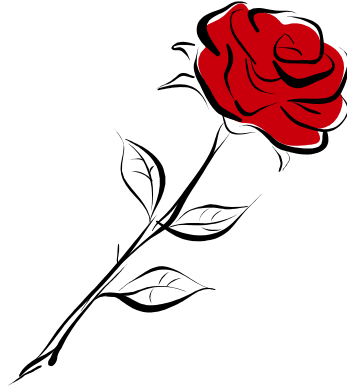
To all my friends in Extension -- a big Hello and God Bless You All!

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Condolences

Our sincere prayers and condolences to all CES members who recently lost someone special.

- Nancy Masterson (Perry County) in the loss of her mother in July.



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The ABC's of Friendship

A friend

Accepts you as you are

Believes in "you"

Calls you just to say "Hi!"

Doesn't give up on you

Envisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)

Forgives your mistakes

Gives to you unconditionally

Helps you

Invites you over

Just takes time to "be" with you

Keeps you close at heart

Loves you for who you are

Makes a difference in your life

Never judges you

Offers unconditional love and moral support

Picks you up when you feel down

Quiets your fears

Raises your spirits

Says nice things about you

Tells you the truth when you need to hear it

Understands you like no one else

Values you


Walks beside you

X-plains things you don't understand

Yells when you won't listen and

Zaps you back to reality

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