

# CHI EPSILON SIGMA

Extension Support Staff Fraternity

Winter 2017-2018



## REMINDER!

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE JANUARY 23, 24 & 25

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# A Note: from our President...



**Mrs. Claus**

*Happy Holidays!*

*I am filling in for my dear friend Michelle during the holiday season.*

*Michelle is on the "Nice" list, are you?*

*I hear there are a lot of good things going on within the world of Chi Epsilon Sigma! You are on the cusp of merging with JCEP; and from what I hear this is a great step forward for your fraternity!*

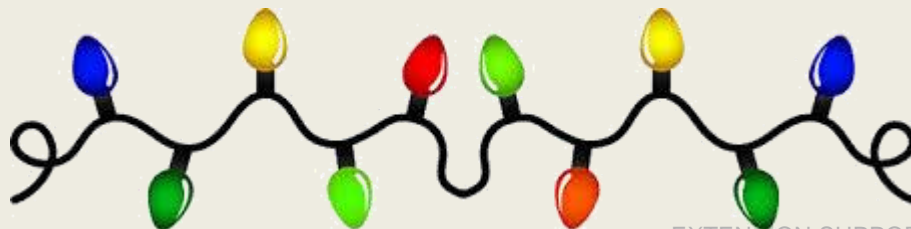
*Michelle asked that I relay the following message:*

*As this year comes to a close I hope the holidays find you healthy, happy and surrounded by family and friends. We have had an amazing year in CES and I have been honored to serve as your President! I look forward to what the future has in store for us, as a group and as friends.*

*Merry Christmas! ~ Happy New Year!*

*I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Conference!*

*Michelle*





# In the Spotlight

Hoping all of my fellow CES members are enjoying this Holiday Season! My name is Angie Keshock and I am the President elect for the 2018 year. I joined the Columbiana County staff in June of 2014 and then the Mahoning County staff in 2016. It has been an exciting journey in Columbiana and Mahoning Counties. It is something new every day. I not only help to maintain the everyday on goings of the offices but I also have the pleasure to help to support the 4-H educators and the youth programing that is offered throughout the counties.

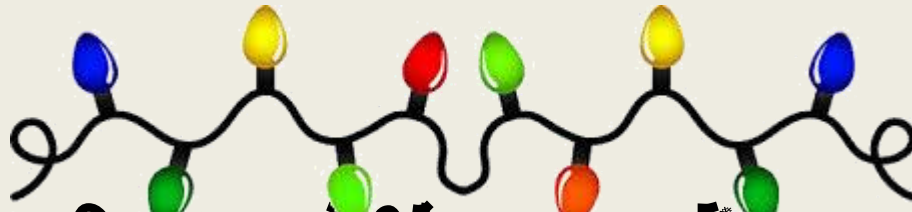
My husband, Dan and I have two beautiful boys Austen and Brandon. Austen is a junior in high school and Brandon is a freshman. They both are very active in extracurricular activities such as football and basketball which of course takes up a lot of time. We are enjoying every minute of this time as time goes by so fast and we will soon be thinking about graduations. We enjoy many outdoor activities from hiking, seeing various sites and participating in 5k walk/runs.

I have learned a lot over the last few years being a CES member. I know there is much more to learn though. I look forward to becoming your CES president and getting to know many of you much more over this upcoming year. I am hoping that we will be able to continue the integrity of CES and continue to grow our connections with each other to help support one another in our professional circles.

Happy Holidays!







# Stained Glass Cookies

## INGREDIENTS:

- Gingerbread Cookie Dough
  - 6 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
  - 1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground clove
- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup dark brown sugar, well packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup molasses
- Hard candies such as Lifesavers and Jolly Ranchers

## DIRECTIONS: GINGERBREAD COOKIE DOUGH

- In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ginger, cinnamon and clove.
- In a bowl, cream together the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes on medium-high speed.
- Add eggs one at a time.
- Mix in molasses on low speed until well blended.
- Add dry ingredients all at once and mix on low speed just until it all comes together then beat on medium speed for 15 seconds.
- Wrap cookie dough in plastic and refrigerate until set up, at least 1 hour.

## DIRECTIONS: STAINED GLASS COOKIES

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F
- Trace the pattern you want to make on a sheet of parchment. Make sure image leaves enough room to easily fill spaces with candy.
- Line patterned parchment onto a baking sheet. Use the gingerbread cookie dough to create 1/8 inch thick ropes and lay them over the pattern on the parchment.
- Be sure to pinch together any seams so they are strong, especially if you intend to hang the cookies by ribbon.
- Bake the cookie dough for about 3 minutes, just long enough to set it. **DO NOT BAKE COMPLETELY.** Allow cookie dough to cool completely before adding candy.
- Select the candy you want, crush it into small pieces.
- Arrange the crushed candy in the spaces between the set cookie dough. Make the layers even and bring it as close to the edge as possible.
- Bake cookies for about 5 minutes, until the candies have melted and are smooth. They will be sticky when hot, but as soon as they cool they will peel off the parchment.



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