



# CES Newsletter— Summer 2011

## ***What Happened in 1986?***

- Approximately seven million Americans join hands in “Hands Across America”
- The Soviet Union launches the Mir Space Station
- The Bangles released “Walk Like An Egyptian”
- The 386 series microprocessor introduced by Intel
- US-USSR Arms Talks between Reagan and Gorbachev leads to commitment to disarm thus ending a long period of instability caused by the Cold War
- Dorothy Rex, Support Staff person in Knox County, founded the Alpha Chapter of Chi Epsilon Sigma, Ohio State University Extension

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Check out our new 25th Anniversary logo.
- CES website updates are underway... Enjoy!  
<http://ces.ag.ohio-state.edu>

### **Save the Dates —**

- CES Annual Meeting  
December 14, 2011
- 2011 All-Extension  
Annual Conference  
December 15, 2011

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### **Dear fellow CES members,**

Twenty-five years. Imagine the courage and insight it took for Dorothy to lay the foundation for an entire association. An association that would touch many lives, nurture many friendships, and elevate the professionalism of Ohio State University Extension Support Staff.

### **How Are We Going to Honor Dorothy?**

**COURAGE:** Each of us has experienced changes and challenges as the Extension model continues to update. In times of change, uncertainties exist. What will our part of the Extension world look like? Will my role change? Yet, it is times like these that show our true mettle. Support Staff are masters of multi-tasking, creative decision making and tireless supporters of OSU Extension programming. We, along with fellow staff members, care deeply about our clients. These qualities will help us as we move through the changes necessary to keep Extension vital into the future.

**INSIGHT:** I wonder how many hours in the day Dorothy must have spent in thought - dreaming about a statewide Support Staff Association that would uplift and care for each other. What should it do? What should it be? How was it needed? All those questions are relative today. What are Support Staff needs in the areas of professional development, networking skills, and encouragement? As CES members, we can meet and exceed these needs by brainstorming, planning and working together for the greater good. This is our professional organization and it will be what we make of it. Let's make Dorothy proud.

On behalf of the CES Board, I encourage you to continue to let us know your concerns, needs and suggestions as we move through 2011. Only you can let us know how to better fill your needs. Contact any CES Board Member, Peg Meents, Vice President, Linda Newman, Past President, or myself and share your thoughts. We will share these comments with others as needed.

I encourage you to find a way to be actively involved in CES. The board is always looking for volunteers to short-term assist on committees or on special projects.

*President's Message, continued from page 1*

Guests are welcome to visit board meetings. Come and see first-hand how fellow dedicated CES members are working to make all our lives better.

Thank you so much for your support and involvement in Chi Epsilon Sigma.

**Always at your service,**

**Linda Good**

**Alpha Chapter President  
Chi Epsilon Sigma**

## 2011-12 CES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The annual CES membership drive will begin Tuesday, September 6th. Chi Epsilon Sigma is Extension's professional organization for support staff. Membership is open to all support staff who have at least a 45 percent appointment with Extension.

Annual CES membership dues are \$15. Extension administration reaffirms that dues may be paid from county/department budgets with unit director approval. To encourage staff to join who may not be able to because of budget constraints, six membership scholarships will be available. You can request an application by checking the appropriate box on the membership form. Membership information and the application will be available later this month at <http://ces.ag.ohio-state.edu/membership>.

This year's CES Annual Meeting will be held in December. Final details are still pending. A \$100 scholarship will be awarded to a CES member to assist with expenses to attend the Annual Meeting and Conference. Criteria will be based on restricted financial funding, and an application will be sent if you check the box on the membership form.

**Now is the time to consider membership in CES** – the Extension support staff professional organization.

**Experience the many benefits of CES membership.**

**The purpose of this fraternity shall be to maintain the standards and ideals, uphold the morale, prestige and respect of Ohio State University Extension support staff, to develop an effective working relationship and a spirit of fraternal fellowship among the present and emeriti employees of Ohio State University Extension, and to encourage professionalism within Extension.**

## In Memorium —

Jackie Mueck, a charter officer and former Membership Secretary of CES, passed away last winter.

Her memory lives on in her energy and commitment on behalf of this organization and in the hearts of those who knew her.

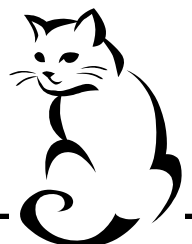
*A copy of her obituary is included below.*

Jacqueline A. Mueck, age 60 of Columbus, died Thursday afternoon, November, 18, 2010 at her home. She was born February 13, 1950 in Kenton to Robert George and B. Louise (Trapp) Mueck. Her father preceded her in death, as well as her maternal grandparents, Robert and Lola Trapp and paternal grandparents, Gustavus Adolphus and Etta Mueck.



She was a secretary, first working for Motorist Mutual, and for the past 30 years for The Ohio State University in the Languages Department, Extension Entomology, and most recently, with the library system. Jacqueline as a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Pickerington where she sang in choir and had been a reception planner, as well as being in the Alter Guild, a Preschool Sunday School Class Assistant, and a Deacon. She graduated from North Union High School in 1968. An avid Ohio State fan, she attended all OSU football games, plus some bowl games, OSU men's basketball games, and the OSU women's basketball games and tournaments. She loved to go on cruises and spent many fun times with her friends. She enjoyed collecting anything to do with frogs and OSU.

She is survived by her mother, B. Louise Mueck, Richwood; three brothers, Jeffery (Sylvia) Mueck, Mansfield; Jay (Valerie) Mueck, Florida; Timothy Reibel, Marysville; two sisters, Joyce (Darryl) McKittrick, Marysville; Judy Mueck, Washington state; nieces and nephews, Joshua (Deb) Mueck, Julia (Elliott) Tobias, Rita (Travis) Vandall, Sean McKittrick, Olivia and Alex Mueck, and her cat, Mirry.





## 2010 CES Annual Meeting Member Recognition

Dorothy Rex Award recipient  
**Kris Simpson**

Support Staff Excellence Award  
**Carolyn Hall**

Outstanding Achievement Award  
for Newsletters, Brochures, and Web  
Pages

**Tina Dendinger**

### New CES Members

- Christine Comden, Defiance
- Leah Donohoo, Clermont
- Deborah Knapke, Van Wert
- Crystal Ott, Athens
- Debra Walters, Defiance

## Years of Service Awards

### 5 years of service

- Marusela Anders, Comm Tech

### 10 years of service

- Deborah Knapke, Van Wert
- Phyllis McMasters, Stark
- Peg Meents, Hancock
- Kris Simpson, Huron

### 15 years of service

- Linda Good, Miami

## Make This Your Year?

*Do you know someone who makes "Excellence" look easy?*

Consider nominating them for the Support Staff Excellence Award. Funded equally by Chi Epsilon Sigma and Extension Administration, this \$1,000 monetary award recognizes the importance of knowledge, skills and exemplary service.

*For those of you with a creative bent, enter some of your favorite pieces in the Newsletters, Brochures and/or Web Sites contest.*

Entry information will be later this month and must be returned by September 30. Entries will be evaluated for layout, placement, treatment of graphics, printing and use of color. Additional criteria for web pages include: organization to speed retrieval of information, links, and special effects (animation) used.

*Thinking about furthering your education or learning a new skill?*

Let CES help you achieve your professional development goals with a \$200 scholarship for a program of your choosing. Two Professional Development Awards are available each year and you can apply more than once.

*Is a "tight budget" making it difficult for your office to cover CES dues or the cost of attending Annual Conference?*

Apply for our \$100 Annual Conference scholarship, or one of six scholarships for CES Membership—three for new members and three for returning members.

*Are you retiring this year?*

Remember that CES dues and annual meeting registration fees are waived for our Emeriti.

### 20 years of service

- Sherry Rogers, Brown

### 25 years of service

- Kathy Bulka, Medina
- Karen McDougall, Hancock
- Vicki Myers, North East Region

### 40 years of service

- Carol Beatty, Trumbull

Secret  
Friend

Just a reminder ~ Don't forget your Secret Friend.

We all need notes of encouragement from time to time.

Brighten someone's day!

# CES Retreat

## August 23, 2011

9:30 a.m.  
Tour begins  
~ optional ~

Anthony Thomas Chocolate Factory Tour  
1777 Arlingate Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43228  
[www.anthony-thomas.com](http://www.anthony-thomas.com)  
Cost: \$2.00 per person  
(will be applied to any purchases)

11:15 a.m.  
- 3:00 p.m.

Waterman Farm / Whittmeyer Center  
2490 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Please bring a sack lunch.

*This event is open to  
ALL CES members and Emeriti.*

Register using the Zoomerang survey by September 19.  
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CVXW26TC3/>

### Did you know...

The significance of our logo?



- The "A" in the center signifies the Alpha (first) Chapter
- The circle is endless which signifies the endless number of friends you will make in this organization
- The Greek letters XES represent the 3 L's ~ "Life, Loyalty, & Learning"
- The leaves signify personal growth
- The ruby stone at the top of the circle distinguishes a charter member.

### Campus Campaign

Just a reminder... The CES Development fund number is 309154 if you would like to direct your payroll deduction to CES. The following January, gift letters will be sent to people who donated for tax purposes.

### Why a Retreat?

Through surveys conducted this year, you have made your needs and wants known loud and clear.

- You want sessions at Annual Conference that are relevant to your positions.
- You want and need additional training offered at other times during the year (the majority of responses compiled requested training offered in your EERA's).
- You want CES to offer something special to its' members.

In order to serve you, the CES board has decided to conduct a

planning session. This planning session is **open to ALL CES Members**. Everyone is invited to provide input and expertise and share in the camaraderie. This planning session is three fold:

1. To firm up CES responsibilities at Annual Conference and plan Call for Proposals for breakout sessions AND preparation for 2011 CES Association Meeting.
2. Formulate a proposal for CES sponsored Support Staff trainings by EERA's in 2012.
3. Help us build relationships with our CES colleagues.



*Let's plant grass seeds in our shoes & paint yellow inside our hats so even when it's cold and dark, we will always feel like we are barefoot in the sunshine.*