

CHI EPSILON SIGMA

Extension Support Staff Fraternity

Winter | 2017



2017 XEΣ Board

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(2016) Crystal Ott
(2017) Michelle Moon

A Note: *from our President...*



MICHELLE MOON

I am sure that you would all agree that 2016 was a remarkable year to be support staff for Ohio State University Extension. We had the amazing opportunity to host the national meeting for The Extension and Research Support Staff Association (TERSSA) on our home campus in Columbus in October. We had outstanding professional development opportunities, networked with support staff from our sister states, formed new relationships with coworkers we very rarely get to see in person and reconnected with others. We welcomed Central State University Extension to the conference and we are looking forward to having them join us in our future endeavors.

Words cannot express the gratitude and thanks that go out to Linda Good, Kathy Mohler and the marvelous team that worked countless hours to strategize, plan and prepare for this conference. Dr. Keith Smith has our sincere thanks, as his encouragement and approval were instrumental in the achievement of our goals.

We then had the opportunity to join together again in December for the all Extension Annual Conference where we were able to take part in professional development opportunities, share in round table discussions, and celebrate the 30th anniversary of Chi Epsilon Sigma. We extend congratulations to Teresa Funk, recipient of the 2016 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award and to Lee Ann Johnson, recipient of the 2016 Dorothy Rex Award. Thank you to our fellow coworkers for providing us with sessions relevant to our careers as support staff. By taking the opportunity to become an instructor/facilitator you took the initiative to grow in your career, as well as allowing us to grow in ours by gaining the knowledge you had to offer.

The first CES board meeting of 2017 will be February 28th. Following meetings for the year will be Thursday, May 25th, Tuesday, August 29th and Wednesday, November 1st. All meetings will be from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the 4-H Center. I encourage you to join us either in person or virtually via the link that we will be sending out prior to the meeting. If you have any ideas, concerns or opportunities to share, please feel free to reach out to me.

On a closing note, I would like to challenge each and every one of you to step out of your comfort zone and try something new this year. The quote (below) from Mary Tyler Moore is so very true! Don't be afraid to take a chance – don't be afraid to make a mistake. It really is how we grow. I would much rather look back and say "Yes, that took me 3 times before I got it right" than to have never taken a chance to begin with and live with the regret. Learn a new computer program, make a video, or teach 4-H youth how to bake cookies so you can polish your public speaking skills. It doesn't have to be work related. Start a book club or challenge yourself to hike over a mountain. Each and every new experience will build your confidence and enhance your day to day. I promise you, you won't regret it.

Looking forward to what the year may bring,

Michelle Moon

President, Chi Epsilon Sigma



2016 Annual Conference 30th Anniversary XΕΣ



It is hard to believe it has been almost 3 months since our annual meeting and 30th Year Celebration of Chi Epsilon Sigma. What a grand time! During our annual meeting, we recognized many for their years of service to Extension as well as celebrated with our new members. We also had the opportunity to add a new CES Honorary Member to our group – Jared Morrison. Jared is the Event Planner for OSU Extension, and has spent many hours supporting our group through the association meetings and planning the TERSSA Conference. We also had the installation of our new officer team. Welcome to the new CES Board!

In addition, it was an honor and privilege to be a part of the 30th Year Chi Epsilon Sigma Celebration. It was a wonderful time of cake and memory sharing. Dr. Clarence Cunningham, Mrs. Shirley Brooks Jones and Ms. Beth Flynn were able to attend as honorary members of the past. They shared beautiful stories and reminded each of us why we belong to Chi Epsilon Sigma. We also had the opportunity to take photos with many of our past presidents who attended. It was a memorable celebration!

Crystal Ott
CES, Past President



Retirement Schedule:

Monday-Brush Teeth
Tuesday-Comb Hair
Wednesday-Trim Nasal Hairs
Thursday-Shower
Friday-Put on Clean Clothes
Saturday-Shave
Sunday-Consider Changing Underwear

Happy Retirement!

Kim Barnhart ~ Perry County

Marcia Brueck ~ Wayne County

For all of your years of service to Extension...

You are an inspiration to us all!

Years of Service

5 Years ~

Charissa Gardner – South Centers

Emily Cordes – Henry County

Paige Matney – Lawrence County

10 Years ~

Cathy Minor – Butler County

Patti Holbrook – Clark County

Melissa Walters – Miami County

15 Years ~

Linda Newman – Clark County

20 Years ~

Heather Keller – Harrison County

Dawn Feller – Hancock County

Carla Wickham – Noble County

25 Years ~

Lori Moff – Mahoning County

Christine Comden – Defiance County

30 Years ~

Carol Bottoms – Northwest Region



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COMING SOON!**