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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.

Chi Epsilon Sigma News

Extension Support Staff Fraternity

Alpha Chapter



Dear CES Friends,

The weather is constantly changing. Temperatures vary from the 90's to the 60's in just a matter of days. Sometimes I consider moving back to Hawaii. =)

Just a quick update on the doves outside my window... they had their second set of babies and the babies are already getting big.

Changes and new beginnings are part of life. Your CES Board has made a few changes as well. I begin by welcoming Lee Ann Hiatt (Greene County) as a new Board member. She has accepted the position of Mentor Coordinator. We are developing a slate for 2014. We are seeking team players for the positions of President Elect, Vice President, SAC Coordinator, and Campus Director. While some of these positions might seem a little intimidating to take on, I can personally say the benefits more than outweigh the tasks.

The TERSSA Conference is coming up on September 24-26. Ohio will make a strong showing, and I am excited about the valuable knowledge our representatives will be able to share with everyone in the Association. When we can get a fresh perspective on professional development and problem solving, it benefits the Extension team as a whole. Participating in the national organization allows members of CES to strengthen the national support staff initiative, and I encourage everyone to join. The cost is minimal and the opportunities for networking and sharing information are endless. Safe travels to all who will be attending.

Just a note, CES offers many opportunities for recognition and support at the Annual Meeting. Make sure your application is considered. Deadline for these opportunities is October 31.

Watch for "Welcome Fest" in October, a new offering being developed by HR for new employees. An email will be sent out soon regarding a date change for the October CES Board meeting (Currently scheduled for the same day.).

I also want to encourage you to spread the word to co-workers who have not considered joining in the past and new employees who haven't had a chance to learn much about us yet. Talk about our purpose and the many benefits of becoming a member.

Have a great day!

Patty Corfman

President, Chi Epsilon Sigma

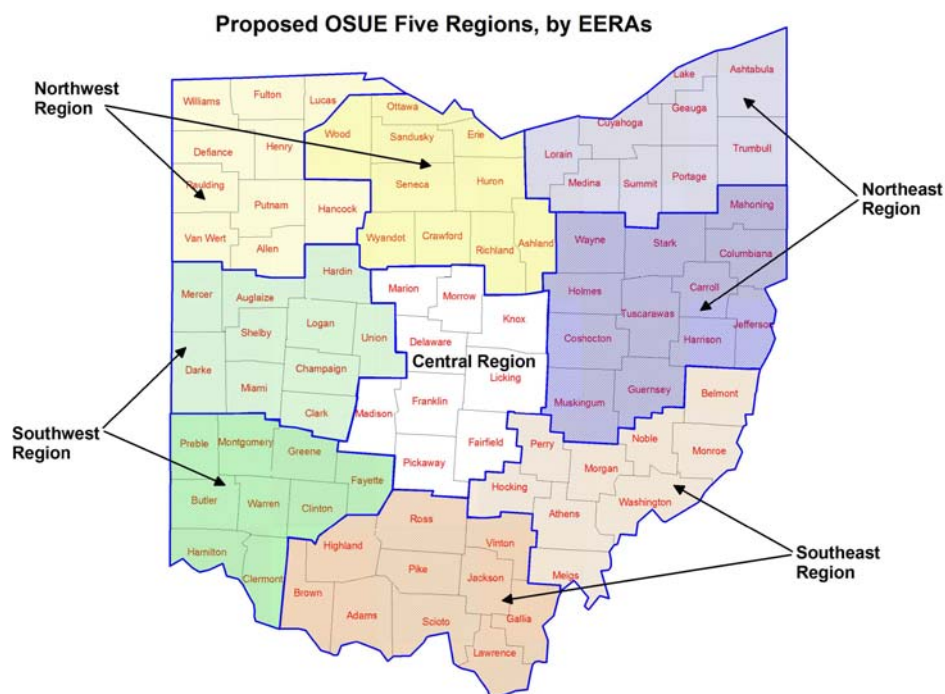
Heart and Head

There is an old story about two stonemasons working side by side putting bricks together with mortar.

Asked what they were doing, one said, 'I'm laying bricks.' The other said, 'I'm building a cathedral.'

Don't you think that those answers reflect different degrees to which those workers were engaged in their work?

When an activity has personal significance, we throw ourselves into it more completely than when it's 'just a job.'



Did you Know?

Our regional structure is anticipated to change after January 1, 2014.

More information will be available as the regional director search committee begins its work. Information for the public will be developed this fall.

For more information and a larger version of the map, [click here](#).

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EXTENSION SUPPORT STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Do you know someone who should be a member of this elite group?

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. Criteria includes sustained excellence in overall job performance, consistent demonstration of a cooperative and positive attitude, exemplary service in leadership positions, exceptional participation in professional development opportunities, and outstanding achievement or creative contributions in problem solving.

Watch for the application in September.



CES Personal Glimpse ■ Faye Wilson, Licking County

When asked to write something about myself to share with my fellow CES members my first thought was, "what would I have to share? I'm rather boring..." This is one of those times when a coupon for a free coffee would benefit the reader.

As briefly as possible: I am originally from Nelsonville, OH transplanted at a young age to Licking County (Utica), and then I went full circle back to Athens County via Ohio University and Hocking College. I have two degrees in Business; one of which my husband thought would save us money in the long run as it is a degree in Business Consultation and Spa Management. He was under the impression this would eventually save us money on my Mommy Spa Days. No such luck.

Todd and I met when I picked him up in the local homeless shelter in Athens. OK, I confess; he was doing an internship for his OU studies and I was a volunteer but nonetheless it was still at the local homeless shelter. We were engaged after three months, and this past May celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary.

Two children, nine years apart, round out our family. Alexander is our 17 year old cardiac kid heading off to Ohio Christian University in a few weeks to start his collegiate matriculation. Phoebe is our soon-to-be 9 year old cheerleading princess. Seriously. She cheers for Alexander Local Schools 3rd – 6th grade football program

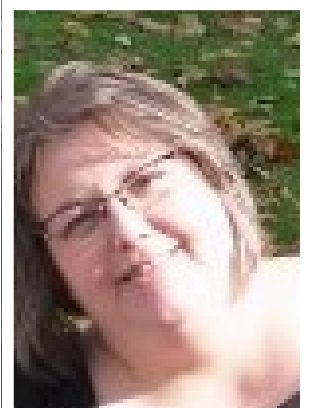
during the school year; and Daddy calls her Princess.

When people ask if she was a 'surprise' I usually respond with, "No, we chose to have two college tuitions 8 years apart so we could save money in between." In reality, Yes, she is our Thanksgiving surprise.

I come to OSU Extension with a varied past. Store manager for a record store chain in Columbus, OH; front desk manager for a hotel chain; accounts payable/payroll clerk for a local manufacturer; licensed realtor and a resource development coordinator for a local non-profit round out my pathway to OSU-Extension.

My passion is learning, planning events and helping others find ways to be the best that they can be at whatever they attempt. My hobbies are as varied as they can possibly be: scrapbooking, reading, Dr. Who, the Cleveland Browns and creating new recipes in the kitchen.

Now you have glimpsed through the window of my life and as I said at the onset of this personal glimpse, I'm rather boring.



Update from TERSSA

The Extension and Research Support Staff Association

Plans are heating up for the 2013 TERSSA Conference September 25 – 26 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Conference theme is: Revving Up for Success! Early registration has passed (\$100); but late registration is going on (\$120)

CES folks who are planning to attend the TERSSA Conference: Patty Corfman, Leah Meranda, Vickie Snyder, Lea Ann Johnson, and myself. Anyone else?

As TERSSA Nominating Committee chairperson, I can report that at least one person has been nominated per position for 2014:

Membership Secretary
President elect (Mississippi)
Recording Secretary
Webmaster

The 2014 TERSSA President will be: Danielle Donahue Bayham from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (You may notice that the 2014 TERSSA Conference will be in Louisiana.)

There was a question of when Ohio falls into the host list rotation: the possible rotation (because a state may not be prepared to accept in their year)

2013 North Carolina
2014 Louisiana
2015 Mississippi
2016 Kentucky
2017 Alabama
2018 Arkansas
2019 Ohio
2020 South Carolina
2021 West Virginia

If you have any questions concerning TERSSA, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Good

Past President

Being defeated is often a temporary condition. . .

Giving up is what makes it permanent.

-- Marilyn vos Savant



an American magazine columnist, author, lecturer, and playwright who rose to fame through her listing in the *Guinness Book of World Records* under "Highest IQ". Since 1986 she has written "Ask Marilyn", a Sunday column in *Parade* magazine in which she answers questions from readers on a variety of subjects.

CES Membership Drive

Chi Epsilon Sigma membership is open to all support staff who have at least a 45 percent appointment with Extension, and to all OSUE support staff emeriti.

Annual CES membership dues are \$15 with free lifetime membership for emeriti. Membership in TERSSA is \$10 per year. OSU Extension administration has affirmed that dues may be paid from county/department budgets with unit director approval. CES offers six 'scholarships' to encourage staff in situations where budget constraints would otherwise prevent their participation.

Membership information and the application will be available later this month at <http://ces.osu.edu/membership>.

Please join CES this year! Membership forms must be postmarked by October 15 in order to be eligible for awards and scholarships, to vote on Chapter business, or be a candidate for CES Director/officer positions.



Make a Splash...

by sending a 'sunny something' to your Secret Friend this week!

Remember to sign up for our Secret Friend program in 2014.

Just complete the information sheet included in the membership packet.

You will receive information about your secret friend and a "getting started" packet in December.



CES Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

The fundraising committee plans to continue the TRADITION (and we all know that TRADITION is BIG at OSU) of holding a Silent Auction during Annual Conference. We would like to challenge every office in the state to participate by creating a themed basket... Perhaps something unique to your county.

Watch for more information!

Registration will be included on the Annual Conference Registration Form.

Save the Dates!

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



Wednesday, December 4 Ohio Union

Keynote Speaker: Dr Marshall Stewart
Department Head,
4-H Youth Development and Family
& Consumer Sciences,
North Carolina State University

go.osu.edu/2013EAC



This is your opportunity as a CES member to get recognized for your hard work and creative skills. Make sure to apply soon to meet the October 31st deadline.

Visit our website for the official applications at extensionstaff.osu.edu/chi-epsilon-sigma/awards-recognition

Webpage/Newsletter/Brochure Contest

Submit up to three issues of a newsletter, flyer/brochure or web page printed original, directed to a specific audience (in-house or external). Material may be educational, informational, or promotional; typeset or typewritten and photocopied or offset printed. Entries will be evaluated for layout placement, treatment of graphics, printing, and use of color, if a page is organized to speed retrieval of information, links provided, special effects (animation) used.

Send your entries to:

Nationwide and Ohio Bureau 4-H Center
c/o Crystal Ott
2201 Fred Taylor Drive
Columbus, OH 43210

Dorothy Rex Inspirational Award

This award is given in honor of the founding mother of Chi Epsilon Sigma, Dorothy Rex, who is an Ohio State University Extension support staff emeriti. She was Ohio's first president of Chi Epsilon Sigma and she was instrumental in doing the background work for developing the first Extension support staff organization.

No official form is required. Nominations can be made via e-mail to Kathy Gamble at gamble.2@osu.edu and must include the nominee's name and a brief explanation of how that member has been an inspiration to you and others. Dorothy herself will review the nominations.

Contributed by Crystal Ott, Chair, Recognition Committee