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# Chi Epsilon Sigma News

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# **Dear CES Members**

The year is off to a rapid start! I am amazed of how quickly the season change came this year, and now before we know it, January is over. I hope you are finding yourself settling into the planning for the upcoming year as you support all the wonderful Extension programs. We have many exciting things ahead in 2016.



Before we move too far forward in 2016, I want to quickly reflect on our 2015 Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, December 8 at the Ohio Union. It was a pleasure to be together with everyone and officially welcome our new members to Chi Epsilon Sigma. Our support staff members enjoyed a meet and greet networking opportunity and were even leaders in a session on mentoring. I want to extend a special thank you to all of our board and committee members who served in 2015. I also want to congratulate our award winners! We are lucky to get to work with such a great group of professionals.

Our first board meeting for 2016 will be February 11th, 10 a.m. at the 4-H Center . I would encourage anyone to join us if you are interested in getting more involved with CES. We will be looking ahead to set goals for 2016 and create a plan to get started! A Carmen Connect link will be provided to all members. There will be great opportunities to get involved with committees this year, as well as the 2016 TERSSA Conference. In case you are not familiar, TERSSA stands for The Extension and Research Support Staff Association, and we are privileged to be hosting the national conference this year. Please mark your calendar for October 18 and 19 if you have not already done so. A special thanks to Linda Good and Kathy Mohler for their dedication and leadership in the planning of this event.

We are in the season of planning. I hope you are able to take pride in the important work that you do to support Extension programming.

I want to leave you with a quote by Winston Churchill.

"Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning."

I look forward to the exciting plans we have ahead.

Crystal Ott

President, Chi Epsilon Sigma



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# Secret Friends Revealed

Here's the listing of 2015 Secret friends

- > Nancy Bennett was secret friend to Patti Holbrook
- Teresa Funk was secret friend to Barbara Rowe
- Linda Good was secret friend to Erin Mancuso
- > Becky Guinther was secret friend to Linda Newman
- Patti Holbrook was secret friend to Paige Matney
- Jenny Lindimore was secret friend to Teresa Funk
- Erin Mancuso was secret friend to Beth Young
- Paige Matney was secret friend to Jenny Lindimore
- Phyllis McMasters was secret friend to Linda Good
- Cathy Minor was secret friend to Phyllis McMasters
- Linda Newman was secret friend to Becky Guinther
- > Barbara Rowe was secret friend to Cathy Minor
- Beth Young was secret friend to Nancy Bennett

Note: Secret Friends for 2016 were assigned to members who signed up with their membership. If you've misplaced your Secret Friend Info Sheet, contact CES Annalist, Peg Meents



# Tips from a Secret Friend...

It's always heartening to know someone cares.

Keep note cards and pre-stamped postcards handy so you can easily jot a letter to someone who needs a boost.

You can't make someone else happy without making yourself happy. It will surprise you how much better you feel.

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## **New CES Board**



**2016 Board Installation:** Back Row: Ashley Gerber, Peg Meents, Tonya Adkins, Lisa Murphy, Julie Evans,

Emily Cordes, Teresa Funk, Faye Wilson

Front Row: Michelle Moon, Paige Matney, Angie Keshock, Crystal Ott, Debbie Delp

Not pictured: Dawnn Brown, Beth Young, Lee Ann Hiatt, Amanda Forquer

#### What a great group!



established 1987

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.

# **CES Personal Glimpse: Angie Keshock, Northeast Region**



Hoping all of my fellow CES members are enjoying the beginning of 2016!

My name is Angie Keshock and I joined the staff at Columbiana County in June of 2014. It has been an exciting journey in Columbiana County.

It is something new every day. I help to support the 4-H Educator and the youth programming that is offered throughout the county.

My husband Dan, and I have two beautiful boys—Austen and Branden. Austen is a freshman in high school, and Brandon is in 7th grade. They both are very active in extracurricular activities such as football and basketball. All their activities take up lots of our time. We are enjoying every minute as we know how quickly these years go. Before we know it, we'll be thinking about graduations.

Our family also enjoys many outdoor activities. We like to hike and enjoy seeing various sites, and we also enjoy participating in 5k walk/runs.

I am looking forward to getting to know more of my fellow CES members and learning all that I can about Extension in the months to come.

Angie Keshock
Columbiana County

Angie is CES's Northeast Regional Director



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# 2015 Support Staff Excellence Award & Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award – Linda Good



Linda Good of Miami County was the recipient of both the CES Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award, and the Ohio Support Staff Excellence Award.

This is Linda's 20th year with Extension and her nominators noted her outstanding work ethic and character. She provides outstanding service in everything she does and across multiple program areas. Even in the face of sometimes difficult or challenging situations, Linda consistently maintains the highest level of professionalism and offers solutions that satisfy those involved.

Another nominator commented on her tireless dedication to her work, committees, and projects. Stating that it is amazing to see Linda juggle responsibilities with all the many projects going at one time. Her unique talents and qualifications make her perfect for the Excellence Award.

Linda served as president of Chi Epsilon Sigma in 2011-2012, and during her tenure she moved CES into the national spotlight by re-igniting connections with a growing national professional fraternity, The Extension and Research Support Staff Association (TERSSA).

A charter TERSSA member served as a nominee for the Excellence Award and praised Linda as representing the very best in professionalism and dedication to Ohio State University Extension.

In 2016 Linda is serving as National President of TERSSA and also is co-chair for their annual conference to be held October 18-19 in Columbus, OH.

Linda is a dynamic leader! She leads others by example, works hard and works smart, and is always open to new ideas and willing to step-up. She is inspiring & embodies excellence!

**Congratulations Linda!** 

# **CES 2015 Annual Meeting Recognition**

#### **Newsletter, Brochure & Website**

**Newsletter**—VegNet Newsletter, Charissa Gardner & Brad Bergefurd from South Centers

Website—Joy Bodner, Guernsey County

Brochure—Julie Evans, Pike County



**Greg Davis, Interim Director of Extension** 



Crystal Ott, 2016 President; and Debbie Delp, outgoing president at the 2015 Annual Meeting

#### **Professional Development Awards**

Each year Chi Epsilon Sigma awards two scholarships to CES Members pursuing professional development that will enhance their career. This year's recipients are Christine Brubaker of Henry County, and Lisa Murphy of the Business Office. **Congratulations to you both!** 

We encourage all CES members to apply for CES Professional Development awards. The process is easy and it's a great way to accomplish a goal without straining either local or personal finances.



#### **Years of Service Awards**

#### 5 years of service

Crystal Ott, Campus

#### 10 years of service

Kimberly Howard, Ashtabula County

#### 15 Years of service

Kris Simpson, Huron County Deb Knapke, Van Wert County Peg Meents, Hancock County

#### 20 years of service

Debbra Buehrer, Wood County Linda Good, Miami County Gail Ritzler, Lucas County

#### 30 years of service

Kelly Gonyer, Wood County Kathy Bulka, Medina County Vicki Myers, Northeast Region



New members in attendance at the 2015 annual meeting

## **New Members**

- > Dawnn Brown, Campus
- Shannon Castillo, Ottawa County
- Zac Cooperrider, Campus
- > Emily Cordes, Henry County
- Jennie Ellis, Belmont County
- > Ashley Gerber, Holmes County

- ➤ Heather Keller, Harrison County
- > Angie Keshock, Columbiana County
- Kay Kramer, Union County
- > Bradford Sherman, Jackson County
- Jeanie Stenson, Portage County

A warm CES welcome to all of you!

## Thanks to all who participate in 2015 Silent Auction!

Thanks for helping us raise \$1701 to support CES scholarships and awards!

We appreciate our buyers, our window shoppers and those of you who just like to play the game!

Basket	Donor	Buyer
Go Bucks	OSU Cares	Jackie Wilkins
Skin Care Basket	Hancock County	Kathy Biery
OSU Cookie Jar	Pat Brinkman	B. Forsythe
5 lb. Hershey Bar	Highland County	Marianne Guthrie
Recycled Materials Bird Feeder	Michelle Moon	Nancy Bowen
Taste of Miami County	Miami County	Joy Sharp
Get Well, Feel Better Basket	Ross County	Erin Simpson-Sloan
Movie Basket	Greene County	Judy Villard-Overrocker
Gift Wrap Basket	State 4-H Office	Lisa McCutcheon
Buckeye Baking Tree	Pike County	Shawn Ochs
Taste of Holmes County	Holmes County	Christy Millhouse
Cincinnati Reds Basket	Butler County	B. Forsythe
Homemade Chocolates	Marianne Guthrie	Carol Bottoms
All About Apples	Carroll County	Marianne Guthrie
Buckeye Cork Board	Dave McIlwaine	Nichole Brandenburg
Cozy Up!	Teresa Funk	Debbie Delp
Putnam County Local Foods	Putnam County	Cheryl Mickley
Taste of Darke County	Darke County	Christy Millhouse
Taste of Henry County	Henry County	Kathy Biery
Buckeye Fans!	FCS Administration	Chris Brubaker
COSI Passes & More	COSI	Lisa McCutcheon
Luau!	Champaign County	Julie Fox
Movie Night	Beth Young	Kathy Bruynis
5 lb. Hershey Bar	Highland County	Peg Meents
Top of Ohio Basket	Logan County	Christy Millhouse
Northeast Ohio Local Items	NE Regional Office	Jackie Wilkins
Lucas Localivore Basket	Lucas County	Jane Keyser
Pink Zebra Basket	Mary Beth Mylander	Beth Young
Taste of Ottawa	Ottawa County	Cheryl Mickley
Smuckers Basket	Wayne County	Marianne Guthrie
Leadership Challenge Basket	Alber Enterprise Center	Betty Wingerter
AVON Basket with 31 Bag	SE Regional Office	Peg Meents
Light-up Glass Bock O	Cathy Minor	Kathy Bruynis
Boys Toddler Basket	Crystal Ott & Amanda Forquer	Cheryl Mickley
OSU Ornament	Pat Brinkman	Ray Schindler
Travel with Children	Development of Living Skills	Allen Gahler

Basket	Donor	Buyer
Insulated Coke Bag with 4 Glasses	Carol Bottoms	Shawna Hite
4-H Volunteer Conference Glasses	Dee Jepsen	Peg Meents
4-H Club Congress Picture	Tim Barkley	Janet Wasko Myers
Candle Holder	Carol Bottoms	Cathy Minor
Snowman & Wrapping Paper	Teresa Funk	Kathy Bruynis
Candlesticks	Terri Chatfield	Lori Now
Sauce Boat, Sugar Bowl & Creamer	Terri Chatfield	No bids

# Just a glimpse at some of the great items up for bid at our 2015 Silent Auction







