

Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter



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Happy Holidays Chi Epsilon Sigma! With the excitement of the holiday season fast approaching, I want to let you know that your Chi Epsilon Sigma officers and directors are working on plans for your annual meeting next spring. The annual meeting will be at the Barren County State Lodge. Evonne, your vice president, is already working hard on classes, activities, and contacts for speakers. I hope you will make plans to attend the annual meeting. Linda Tap, our present Chi Epsilon Sigma Queen, will be crowning our new queen at the annual meeting. Linda has been a great representative of this organization and we do appreciate her so much!

Not only during the holiday season, but every day we have so much to be thankful. As I get older, I have so many memories of the past with my family and friends. I have lost two family members this year and it makes the holidays sad, but then we are reminded of those childhood, teenage, and later years of the memories those people have impacted in our lives and what a joy that fills me with. I am so thankful for my family, my husband and our two daughters. Also my two son-in-laws that chose my daughters and have presented me with three grandchildren that are so precious.

*I am also thankful for this organization. I have made so many new friends through this organization and I truly value each friendship. The members of Chi Epsilon Sigma believe in this organization and we can each make a difference for the support staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. I am so thankful to have a slate of officers and directors that work so hard to make my job so easy. I do appreciate each of you and want to say big **THANKS** for all you do. Everyone is so eager to help and work on the different committees that make our annual meeting a success.*

As we reflect on the many things we are thankful for, please remember those that are less fortunate and remember that the smallest of things can bring joy to their faces. I hope each of you have a happy holiday season and a very prosperous new year.

I love snow and can't wait until it finally gets cold and we have some snow flakes, then it will truly feel like the holidays! Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Brenda Gregory

President

Chi Epsilon Sigma

Our President leaves you with this

“Christmas gift suggestions:

- *To your enemy, forgiveness.*
- *To an opponent, tolerance.*
- *To a friend, your heart.*
- *To a customer, service.*
- *To all, charity.*
- *To every child, a good example.*
- *To yourself, respect.*

-- Oren Arnold

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The board had a very productive meeting in November. We were able to set a theme for the 2013 Annual Meeting, we decided on our Community Service Project for this year and discussed other pertinent items pertaining to the organization. Thanks to all those who attended and made it a great meeting. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving



The theme for the 2013 Annual Meeting was decided on at the November board meeting. As I'm sure you can tell from the picture above it has something to do with growing. The theme is "We Grow People: CES and You". With this theme we can do lots of educational along with fun activities. Please plan on joining us April 10-12, 2013 at Barren River State Resort Park for the Chi Epsilon Sigma Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone and having a great time reconnecting with friends we don't see often.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

There was lots of discussion and lots of good organizations suggested for this year's community service project. With the recent passing of Lane Goodwin, the board decided to make our Community Service Project this year the Lane Goodwin Childhood Cancer Foundation. This young boy touched so many hearts along his journey. We hope you feel this was a good choice and we also feel that the money raised will be used for a great cause on trying to cure childhood cancer or even just helping find better treatments for these young children battling these diseases.

CHILD / GRANDCHILD SCHOLARSHIP

Sherry Taylor reports we received a total of four (4) applications this year. Congratulations to Cody Michael Coleman and Jacob Urey Thompson winners of the 2012 Chi Epsilon Sigma Child/Grandchild Scholarship.

Cody is the son of Tammy Damron, Pike County Staff Associate and is attending Eastern Kentucky University where he eventually wants to work in law enforcement.

Jacob is the son of Lillie Thompson, Daviess County Office Support Staff and is attending Oberlin College – Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio continuing his musical education.

Best wishes to all four of this year's applicants and hopes for continued success!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The CHIES Conference Committee is seeking input and suggestions for speakers for our upcoming conference in 2013. We are currently seeking an opening or closing speaker and a featured speaker. Please send any information as soon as possible.

The committee is looking for someone that can not only educate the group, but also inspire with their story or cause and help set the tone for the conference. We are looking for someone that will have the attendees talking about it for months to come. One way to measure that is by asking yourself this question. How many speakers can I name from previous conferences I have been to, and why were they memorable?

We need the following information:

Speaker Name

Any and all contact information

Have you heard them speak before? If so, where and when.

What about their presentation inspired you or made them memorable to you?

Audience response to the speaker.

Any fees that you are aware of?

Do they represent a specific cause or organization?

Do you know the speaker personally and/or professionally?

Any additional information that you can provide about them.

Send information to: Gil Thurman gil.thurman@uky.edu

Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service

101 Lakeview Court

Frankfort KY 40601

(502) 695-9035

He would prefer that submissions be in writing if possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Don't forget about the Professional / Personal Improvement Scholarship and the Higher Education Scholarship as well. The applications are on the website. If you are interested in applying, please mail them to Evonne Blackburn, Harrison County Extension Office, 668 New Lair Road, Cynthiana, KY 41031 by no later than March 1, 2013.

Please remember that the Professional / Personal Improvement Scholarship can be used for annual meeting expenses.



If you have not paid your TERSSA Dues you still have time. The deadline to pay them is December 31st. Dues are only \$10. This is another wonderful organization to be a part of. Following is the site you can download a copy of the membership for and get the address to send in your dues. Let's keep this great organization going in KY.

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/terssa/>

AWARDS

Don't forget about the Chapter Awards that are given away each year at Annual Meeting. Please visit our website and download a copy of the nomination form. This is a great way to acknowledge our membership with showing what great work we all do. If you have any questions regarding any of the awards, please contact Marilyn Lauer in the Campbell County Extension Office at 859-572-2600.

BIRTHDAYS!!!!

NOVEMBER

Stephanie Howard	November 9	Gaye Ledford	November 19
Amanda Howard	November 9	Karen Rich	November 19
Gaye Hutchison	November 11	Misty Dubre	November 20
Vickie Htler	November 12	Tabatha Carman	November 23
Lorene Coots	November 13	Clarice Wolfinbarger	November 25
Diana Mitchell	November 13	Mary Cannon	November 26
Alicia Coop	November 15		

DECEMBER

James Leslie	December 4	Mollie Denney Koontz	December 12
Marie Bechstein	December 7	Maye Applegate	December 13
Lori Whitlow	December 8	Crystal Singleton	December 17
Lasasha Grissom	December 9	Kacy Wiley	December 22
Kitty Simpson	December 9	Nancy Wallace	December 23
Velma Mullins	December 11	Jenny Yarbrough	December 23
Cheryl Stepp	December 11	Lissa Albright	December 24
Stephanie Gamblin	December 26	Wanda Moberly	December 31

JANUARY

Shellie Castle	January 2	Sherry Taylor	January 7
Anrea Corbin	January 3	Brenda Saylor	January 9
Margie Horning	January 3	Judi Bates	January 11
Susan Shaw	January 5	Brenda Perryman	January 12
Cindy Sullivan	January 5	Rhonda Welch	January 16
Jamie Ray	January 6	Debbie Bohrn	January 22
Cathy Howell	January 26	Diane Warren	January 28
Carol Brumlow	January 30		

FEBRUARY

Linda Will	February 2	Heather Shaw	February 12
Amanda Jo Howard	February 4	Sherry Friend	February 17
Deena Myatt	February 4	Pearlie Eversole	February 19
LaDonna Dawes	February 11	Susan Martin	February 19
Kelly Dockter	February 11	Kristy Stevens	February 24
Jeanne Adkins	February 28		

Happy Birthday to everyone! Hope you all have a great celebration day!!

BRAG CORNER



Linda Childress, Support Staff Hart County Extension Office will be retiring in January. She is a founding member

Nelda Snead, Staff Assistant for the Todd County Extension Office, retired on Friday, September 30th with 48 years & 3 months of service.

We wish Nelda a wonderful retirement!



Linda Tapp, Webster County welcomed another great grandchild, Daniel Bruce Knight, on November 9. This makes a total of 9 great grandchildren. With this latest addition the guys outnumber the gals with 6 boys and 3 girls. Pictured with Daniel are his two sisters, Cara (holding him) and Piper



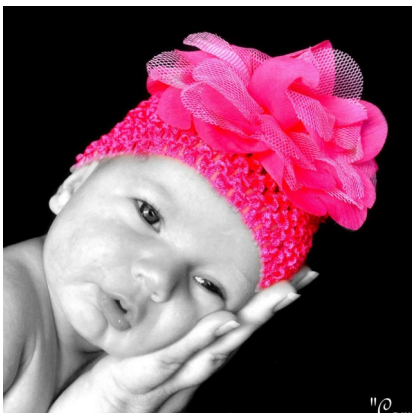
"Jennifer Litteral, daughter of Deb Litteral (Northeast Area Director), married Nate Worthington on October 20, 2012, at Greenbo Lake State Park."



Betty Warren, Administrative Staff Associate for the District 2 Office, retired on Friday, November 16th 2012, with 29 years of dedicated service! She was honored by Chi Epsilon Sigma with an ornament.



Max Barrett Hooks born Oct. 22, 2012
Grandson of Marilyn Hooks.



Granddaughter of Linda Martin

Jenna Leigh Campbell was born September 24, 2012. She weighed 9 lbs 1 oz and was 21 ½ inches long.

Tabatha Carman, Daviees County is a proud grandma to this cute little girl Ava Elizabeth Withers born September 5, 2012



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A Message from our President
Brenda Gregory



Hello Chi Epsilon Sigma Members!

Summer is over and students are beginning to return to school and college after the summer break. I hope you and your family have had a great and safe summer although the weather has been unpredictable. We have had tornadoes, hot temperatures, and flooding across Kentucky. Maybe the mysterious weather trend will continue with lots of snow this year (I love snow!). Now I am dodging because I know a lot of you want to throw something at me! I am looking forward this year serving as your President. I want to thank you for putting your trust in me.

Our next event will be the Chi Epsilon Sigma Annual Breakfast at Staff Appreciation Day on September 12th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Culton Suite of the E.S. Goodbarn. Hope you will make plans to join us.

Your officers and directors are already in full swing planning next year's annual meeting at Barren River Lodge. I know we have a lot of creative members, so start putting your ideas together for the theme contest.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Brenda S. Gregory
President, Chi Epsilon Sigma

August Board Meeting

The board had lots of things to discuss at the August Board meeting. We are in need of a few things from you the membership. We felt this would be a great opportunity to get your input and find out what you have to say about a few things. So please feel free to let us know what you want and what you think.

Staff Appreciation Day

Wednesday, September 12 2012
E.S. Good Barn
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come join us at 9 in the Culton Suite for a small reception and refreshments and then visit vendors and receive some great information.

Don't forget to stop by the Chi Epsilon Sigma Booth and sign up to be entered for a free gift.

Community Service Project



Fellow Chi Epsilon Sigma Members the board is in need of some ideas for our Community Service Project. If you have any suggestions and would like to share them please e-mail them to Heather Russell at heather.russell2@uky.edu by no later than **October 26** to be considered at the November Board Meeting.

Theme Contest for 2013 Annual Meeting

We have once again decided to have a theme contest for the Annual Meeting. If you have any good ideas you would like to be considered, please send them to Evonne Blackburn at eblackbu@uky.edu to be considered. The winner (s) will receive a cash prize for the winning idea. **The deadline to enter the theme contest is Wednesday, October 31.**

Evonne has already had a couple of great ideas come in so put them thinking caps on and submit your ideas.

2012 Community Service Project Update

Stephanie Gamblin would like to invite everyone to join her on the Alzheimer's Walk Team. The event will be held on Saturday, September 29 at 9 a.m. in Hopkinsville, KY. For more information please contact Stephanie at stephanie.gamblin@uky.edu.

She would love to have some fellow CHIES members join her in her walk for Alzheimer's.

Child / Grandchild Scholarship

If you have a child or grandchild going to college this year, don't forget to apply for the **child / grandchild scholarship**. There are 2 \$250 scholarships available. The application deadline is **September 7, 2012**. For more information please contact Sherry Taylor at sherry.taylor@uky.edu. The application can be found on our website.

Don't forget about the **Personal & Professional Improvement and the Higher Education Scholarships** as well. There will be more information on these later in the year. But just keep in mind that they are here for you.



Thank You

Linda Spence sends the following thanks.

“I truly appreciate the cards, e-mails, and especially the prayers since I was diagnosed with breast cancer in January. I can never express enough gratitude for the support of the Extension family. I have a ways to go so continue to remember me in your prayers. You have helped me get this far with my treatments.”

*2013 Annual Meeting at Barren River
April 11-12, 2013*

Be on the look for more information

*Don't forget to submit your suggestions for the
Theme Contest*

April Birthdays

Cathy Smith April 1
Kelly Gash April 2
Margie Hernandez April 9
Angie Johnson April 10

Penny Hughes April 17
Marcy Ward April 22
Sue Ann McCandless April 28

May Birthdays

Kim Hollinsworth May 2
Sabrina Carter May 3
Letitia Caldwell May 7
Kelly Carney May 7
Kevin Horn May 8
Ashley Stevens May 9
Jerlean Crace May 11
Jeannie Garrison May 12
Patricia Thompson May 28
Brenda Williamson May 30

Connie Conlee May 13
Seth Hart May 13
Tracy Blevins May 15
Joni Phelps May 18
Mary Jane Gaines May 19
Abby Sorrell May 20
Tony Burnett May 21
Annie Gish May 21
Juanita Herron May 30

June Birthdays

Donna Browne June 2
Jessica Lawrence June 5
Theresa Chandler June 6
Cynthia Larkins June 8
Linda Martin June 8
Susan Wiley June 11
Sheilah Childers June 14
Kym Pope June 18
Alice Perry June 30

Pamela Gillim June 20
Donna Knebel June 22
Venita Wood June 23
Cheryl Mattingly June 26
Bob O'Biren June 26
Marla Young June 26
Lesley Miracle June 28
Diana Wilson June 29

July Birthdays

Tammy Damron July 1
Heather Russell July 3
Ashley Milby July 5
Robbyn Wainscott July 5
Lisa Stevens July 6
Felicia Davenport July 7
Sharon Edwards July 7
Marilyn Hooks July 7
Lisa Wabon July 18
Sandy Rosenberger July 22
Teresa Bright July 25

Donna Napier July 8
Carol Sue Thompson July 10
Sally Boulton July 12
Melissa Daniel July 15
Allison Taylor July 15
Lee Adams July 16
Kaye Johnting July 18
Gail Rice July 18
Judy Creech July 22
Marlene Studler July 24
Debbie Covington July 31

August Birthdays

Abby Tate August 5
Joyce Cardenas August 7
Cassie Munsey August 7
June Johnston August 10
Donna Mullins August 25

Annette Buckman
Melody Mays
Charlotte Arnett
Barbara Campbell
Vernell Sheets

August 12
August 15
August 19
August 19
August 29

September Birthdays

Tasha Hoskins September 3
Darice Russell September 8
Carolyn Morris September 15
Brenda Gregory September 21
Marilyn Lauer September 30

Sally Gambill
Carla Wilkey
Nakisha Atwood
Joanna Risner
Joy McGinnis

September 11
September 11
September 15
September 26
September 19

October Birthdays

Kathy Adams October 1
Cathi Jordan October 1
Judy Hisel-Rose October 2
Kathy Ballard October 6
Julie Stallings October 7
Eileen Kopp October 9
Stephanie Conrad October 3

Kelly Mathis October 11
Lillie Thompson October 27
Jan Law-Stevens October 14
Bonnie Norton October 15
Stepahnie Crouch October 16
Alice Craft October 20
Heather Spencer October 20

Gil Thurman October 20
Nikki House October 21
Cathy Lyons October 31
Christy Ricketts October 23



Brag Corner



Tammy Damron, Pike County Staff Assistant is a first time Mamaw. Reagan Irene McKinley Perrigan was born on April 16, 2012.

Rachel Hance, Logan County FCS Agent gave birth to a baby boy, Perry Thomas Hance on July 14.



Jennifer Litteral, daughter of Deb Litteral (Northeast Area Director), graduated from Ohio University Southern Campus with a RN degree in June 2012



Gwen O’Cull and Barbara Campbell from Fleming County and Diana Wilson from Lewis County will be attending the Southern 4-H Forum in Arkansas October 3-7, 2012. These ladies have been going for several years and have had the opportunity to not only take classes and bring back new information to their counties but to teach classes as well.

Walk for ALS

Deborah Bohrn, Franklin County Staff Assistant has a close friend who was diagnosed with ALS. She is walking at Murry State on September 29. If anyone would be interested in walking with her or making a donation for this great cause, please contact her at dsbo223@uky.edu or call the Franklin County Extension Office.

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Hello Fellow Chies and Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had wonderful holidays with your friends and families and were able to include some rest and relaxation into your time off as well.

Thanks so much to those who helped in any way at this year's Chi Epsilon Sigma Breakfast at Staff Appreciation Day. It was a great beginning to a fun filled day with friends.

As we begin the new year, we are hard at work planning the upcoming annual meeting in April. Our location is the Embassy Suites in beautiful Lexington, Ky. This year's theme will be "The County Fair". I hope you can all make plans to attend. There will be so much fun, learning and camaraderie that I am sure you won't want to miss it. More details on annual meeting will be forthcoming, so stay tuned!

In closing, I will leave you with this quote from Joey Adams, "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!"

Stephanie

November Board Meeting

There was lots to discuss at the November Board Meeting. The board voted and our Community Service project for the year is the Greater Kentucky & Southern Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. More information will be sent out about the organization as we get closer to Annual Meeting and paying dues. Thanks to Marilyn Hooks for suggesting this organization. If you would like more information, please contact Marilyn Hooks.

Staff Appreciation Day

Staff Appreciation Day was a big success again this year. We had many new and old faces stop by the booth. We had a great reception and a great guest speaker for the day's activities. Thanks to all the District Directors and everyone else who helped with preparing and serving the meal this year. Pictured below is Stephanie Crouch, our President, with guest speaker Joker Phillips.

Debbie Covington, Kenton County and Cynara Perez-Switzer, Boyle County were the recipients of the Gift Cards from Staff Appreciation Day. Congratulations ladies!



2013

Annual Meeting
Will be held at
Barren River
State Resort Park

If you have not paid your TERSSA Dues you can still do so. If you have not joined yet, please think about it. It is a great organization that is still growing.



Scholarships

This year we had 6 applicants for the Child/Grandchild Scholarship. Congratulations to Amber Lee Chin and Jackson Arnett who were the recipients of the Chi Epsilon Sigma Child/Grandchild Scholarships. Amber is the daughter of Chaunta Himes, Ohio County Staff Assistant and is in the nursing program at Owensboro Community & Technical College. Jackson is the son of Charlotte Arnett, Monroe County Staff Assistant and is attending Union College in Barboursville. Congratulations to both and best wishes.

Congratulations

There is still time to apply for the **Personal & Professional Improvement** and the **Higher Education Scholarship**. If you are taking any college courses or additional training for the office you can apply for these scholarships. We encourage everyone to apply for these and get help with the expenses.

Annual Meeting 2012

It's going to be A County Fair at the
Embassy Suites
Lexington, KY

Come join us for a fun and relaxing time **April 12-13, 2012**
at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

Please look for more information and registration
in the near future.

December Birthdays

Karen Shahan December 3
Marie Bechstein December 7
Lori Whitlow December 8
Kitty Simpson December 9
Velma Mullins December 11
Cheryl Stepp December 11

Mollie Koontz December 12
Joni Hill December 16
Crystal Singleton December 17
Kacy Wiley December 22
Nancy Wallace December 23
Jenny Yarbrough December 23

Lissa Albright December 24
Angie Elliott December 31
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Shellie Castle January 2
Andrea Corbin January 3
Margie Horning January 3
Pat Duncan January 4
Cindy Sullivan January 5
Sherry Taylor January 8

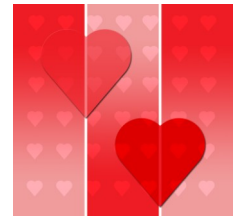
Teresa Powell January 8
Brenda Saylor January 9
Judith Bates January 11
Rosalee Bradley January 15
Debbie Dunn January 24
Donna Ridener January 25

Cathy Howell January 26
Diane Warren January 28
Carol Brumlow January 30
Donna Thompson January 30
Debbie Bohm January 22

February Birthdays

Linda Will February 2
Betty Daugherty February 4
Amanda Howard February 4
Deena Myatt February 4
LaDonna Dawes February 11

Sheryl Friend February 17
Susan Martin February 19
Cynthia List February 21
Fran Troglauers-Hodges February 24
Jeanne Beth Adkins February 28



March Birthdays

Brenda Bevins March 4
Corene Trent March 5
Patricia Case March 6
Jessica Board March 7
Cathy Joiner March 10
Cindy Myers March 10

Evonne Blackburn March 9
Genevieve Roso March 13
Linda Childress March 18
Nancy Hudson March 19
Jeanie Casteel March 20
Deb Litteral March 21

Linda Tapp March 23
Danny Adams March 25
Chaunta Himes March 25
Mary McAdoo March 26
Sara Givens March 27

Happy Birthday!!

Brag Corner

Gwen O’Cull will celebrate 15 years of service as the Fleming County EFNEP Assistant this year.
Congratulations Gwen!

Logan & Simpson Counties welcomed new SNAP-Ed Assistants.
Paige Rodgers, Logan County
Caren Gibson, Simpson County

Diana Mitchell, Jefferson County has been a very busy person this fall. Her first grandchild Kylie Ann Mitchell was born September 6, 2011. Donna says for some reason she can’t seem to stop shopping! Also, her daughter got married on October 22, 2011.
Congratulations to the Mitchell Family!



Evonne Blackburn, Harrison County Staff Assistant became a Nina again in August. Her son welcomed a baby girl Rylee on August 25, 2011.



In July of 2011, Mary McAdoo, Staff Assistant in Pulaski County was appointed as Associate Pastor of Harvest Time Assembly of God in Somerset.
Congratulations Mary!

The Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service recently volunteered at the ACCESS Soup Kitchen and Shelter to serve lunch. Along with the agents, Debbie Bohm, Marlene Studler and Gil Thurman served lunch.



Gil Thurman played Santa at the Franklin County Homemakers Holiday Store this past November