

*Spring 2014*



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The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to maintain the standards and ideals, and morale, prestige and respect of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service support staff, to develop an effective working relationship and a spirit of fraternal friendship among the employees; to encourage professionalism; and to recognize, share, and reward professional excellence in job performance.

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# *Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter*

*A message from our President  
Heather Russell*

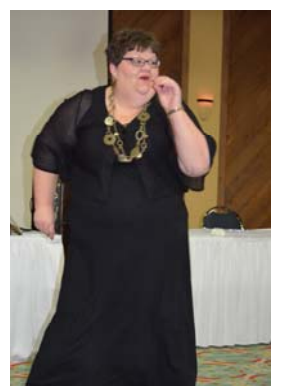
*I would like to start out by saying what a privilege it is to be a part of a wonderful organization like Chi Epsilon Sigma. I look forward to serving as your President for the 2014-2015 year. I encourage each of you to take part of all this organization has to offer.*

*If you were unable to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at KY Dam Village April 9-11, you missed a great meeting. It was jam packed full of informational sessions and getting to know each other. I want to say a big THANK YOU to Sharon Edwards on a great job planning this year's annual meeting. I think the highlight of the meeting was our opening speaker Scott Guzzo. Scott has Crane-Heise Syndrome. You can google Scott Guzzo for a story of his life and journey. He was the life of the party. Scott is such an inspiring young man. I highly commend his parents for what they have done for this young man and his life so far. I also want to thank Jeff Young for his presentation on **E-Xtension** as well. Thanks for coming and being a part of our program this year.*

*I hope everyone has a great summer I know things are getting busy around the office with 4-H, Ag and FCS programs gearing up for the spring and summer. Please stay safe and we hope to see you in the fall at Staff Appreciation Day on campus.*

*Best Regards,  
Heather Russell  
President  
Chi Epsilon Sigma*

2014 Annual Meeting  
Reflecting on the Past - Celebrating the Future  
Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park  
Gilbertsville, Kentucky  
April 9-11, 2014



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*And the award goes to:*

<b>Distinguished Service Award</b>	Kitty Simpson, Hopkins County	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Linda Tapp, Webster County	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Lorene Coots, Leslie County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>New Achiever Award</b>	Angie Padgett, Daviess County	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Sherry Head, Hopkins County	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Vicki Boggs, Leslie County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>Communication Award</b>	Tabatha Carman, Daviess County	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Sara Givens, Warren County	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Kisha Atwood, Casey County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>Outstanding Program Award</b>	Sherry Belcher, Warren County	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Pearlie Eversole, Leslie County	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>Good Friend Award</b>	Pearlie Eversole, Leslie County	
<b>Jovial Award</b>	Brenda Perryman, Hopkins County	
<b>Higher Education Scholarship</b>	Heather Russell, Harrison County Christin Hope Roberson, Laurel County	
<b>Professional Improvement Scholarship</b>	Kelly Denise Dockter, Henry County Lisa H. Stevens, Pulaski County Lorene Coots, Leslie County Linda Tapp, Webster County Hudie Wilson, Lewis County	



**Congratulations to all award winners!**

**Also, thank you all the 2013-2014 committee members who helped to make the CHIES Annual Meeting such a success.**

# Officers & Directors for 2014-2015

President: Heather Russell, Harrison County  
 President Elect: Sharon Edwards, Webster County  
 Past President: Sherry Taylor, Warren County  
 Vice President: Brenda Gregory, Simpson County  
 Secretary: Linda Martin, Logan County  
 Treasurer: Tabatha Carman, Daviess County  
 Annalist: Misty Dubre, Cumberland County

Fort Harrod: Abby Sorrell, Jessamine County  
 Green River: Lori Whitlow, Daviess County  
 Lake Cumberland: Lisa Stevens, Pulaski County  
 Louisville: Rachelle Sharar, Shelby County  
 Purchase: Susan Rice, McCracken County  
 Quicksand: Dianne Warren, Breathitt County  
 Wilderness Trail: Eileen Knopp, Laurel County  
 Licking River: Diane Wilson, Lewis County  
 Lincoln Trail: Sue Ann McCandless, Larue Co.  
 Mammoth Cave: LaSasha Grissom, Metcalfe Co.  
 Northeast: Debra Litteral, Greenup County  
 Northern KY: Marilyn Lauer, Campbell County  
 Pennyriple: Sherri Friend, Hopkins County  
 UK Campus Princeton: Marilyn Hooks, UKREC  
 UK Main Campus: *vacant*  
 Bluegrass: *vacant*



*Welcome back Debra Litteral!*

Debra Litteral, Greenup County Staff Assistant and Northeast Director for CHIES recently returned to work part time. Please remember to keep her in your prayers as she soon begins Chemotherapy treatments.



*A Note of Thanks from Sherry Taylor*



**thank you**

Thank you all so much for the cards, prayers and thoughtfulness that you all showed during the loss of my father. Your expressions of sympathy have definitely helped during this time. I would also like to thank you all for the honor of allowing me to serve as president of this wonderful organization. I truly value each and every one of you. You are a great bunch of people!  
 Sincerely - Sherry Taylor

# Bright Life Farms Community Service Project

Each year, Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter chooses a community service project to participate and donate to at the annual meeting. This year, the project was Bright Life Farms, Inc. in Princeton. The organization is a faith-based, non-profit group home for mentally or developmentally challenged adults, 18 years and older, who can do many things, just should never live alone. While Bright Life is state licensed, it is not state supported.

At this date, Bright Life has three residential homes with private rooms/baths for 24 special men and women. Plans include a fourth home that will have eight additional rooms. As a faith-based facility, their goal is to provide care for the whole person – body and spirit – within an environment of love and safety, structure, training and enrichments with the goal of each individual living to the fullest. Bright Life's philosophy is that they have the right to develop independent living skills, become productive citizens, maintain an attitude of self-

worth, attain their highest degrees of mental, spiritual, physical and vocational achievement, and most importantly, participate as members of a family.

This year, CHIES raised and presented \$381.50 to Bright Life Farms, Inc. Marilyn Hooks is pictured here presenting the donation to Bright Life Farms representative.



If you have suggestions for the community service project for 2015, please share those with your area's CHIES director or any officer.

## Mark your calendars



The 2015 CHIES Annual Meeting will take place at Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort April 15-17, 2015.

### August Board Meeting

The next board meeting for the Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter Officers and Directors will be **August 12, 2014** at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort beginning at 11 am EST. All officers and directors need to make plans to attend.



# It's your birthday!

## May

Kim Hollinsworth, May 2  
Sabrina Carter, May 3  
Christin Roberson, May 6  
Kelly Carney, May 7  
Letita Caldwell, May 8  
Kevin Horn, May 8  
Jerlean Crace, May 11  
Connie Conlee, May 13  
Seth Hart, May 13  
Mary Jane Gaines, May 19  
Lisa Pritchard, May 20  
Abby Sorrell, May 20  
Jimmy Chambers, May 24  
Tina Bledsoe, May 27  
Juanita Herron, May 30  
Linda Sanders, May 30

## June

Lisa Vierstra, June 3  
Jessica Lawrence, June 5  
Bobbie Hancock, June 6  
Linda Spence, June 6  
Linda Martin, June 8  
Kathy Clark, June 11  
Susan Wiley, June 11  
Sheilah Childers, June 14  
Paige Alexander, June 16  
Kym Pope, June 18  
Pamela Gillim, June 20  
Stephanie Caldwell, June 20  
Bob O'Brien, June 26  
Marla Young, June 26  
Cynthia Larkins, June 28  
Lesley Miracle, June 28  
Hudie Wilson, June 29  
Alice Perry, June 30

## July

Heather Russell, July 3  
Linda Burgard, July 5  
Lisa Stevens, July 6  
Mae Nash, July 6  
Felicia Davenport, July 7  
Sharon Edwards, July 7  
Marilyn Hooks, July 7  
Sue Rice, July 7  
Donna Napier, July 8  
Sally Boutlon, July 12  
Allison Taylor, July 15  
Alice Craft, July 16  
Lee Adams, July 16  
Kaye Johnting, July 18  
Sandy Rosenberger, July 22  
Sara Studler, July 24  
Teresa Bright, July 25  
Debbie Covington, July 31

# Celebrate YOUR day!



# Brag corner

## *District 5 Staff Assistant Annual Training*

*District 5 Staff Assistants gathered for their annual training in Frankfort on March 25. Following their training with special guest speaker Grace Gorrell, they toured the Buffalo Trace Distillery. Pictured at left are some staff assistants and Adair County Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent Nick Roy listening to the guide while on the tour.*

*Carolyn Morris, Taylor County, is proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of her son Shane to Katie Curry on June 21, 2014. The couple will be making their new home in Elizabethtown.*

*Linda Tapp of Webster County has a lot to keep her hands full these days: 14 great grandchildren to be exact!*

*Pictured at right is #12, Miss Morgan Elise Baumhofer, born December 23. Far right is great granddaughter Miss Emily Lynn Posey, born April 8. Below is little Connor Snyder who was born March 19. That is 7 great granddaughters and 7 great grandsons for Linda.*



*Welcome to the world, Sadie Kay Bright! Sadie (at right) is the granddaughter of Teresa Bright, Adair County. She was born February 24, 2014 and weighed 8 lbs 10.4 oz.*



*Oh Baby!!  
Oh Baby!!*



## ListServ Email Etiquette

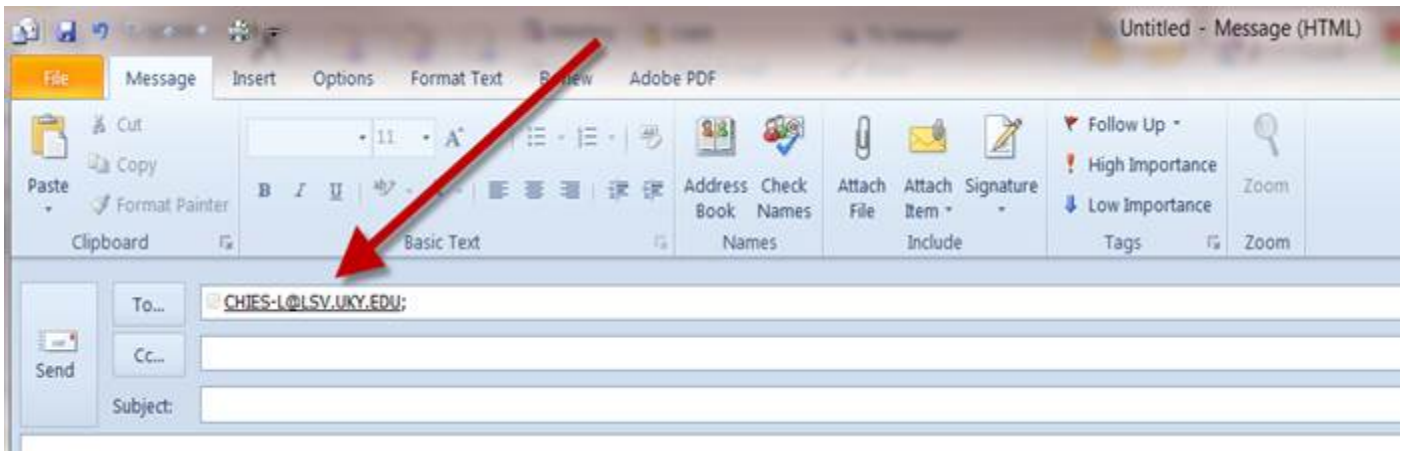
As former CHIES Treasurer Kathy Ballard noted during our business meeting, the ListServ not only includes paid members but also honorary members. It is important to show our professionalism to administration since they are on the Listserv. Please remember to keep emails sent to the CHIES ListServ relevant to Chi Epsilon Sigma matters.

When replying to an email sent to the entire list, please refer to the following procedures to eliminate unnecessarily bombarding inboxes.

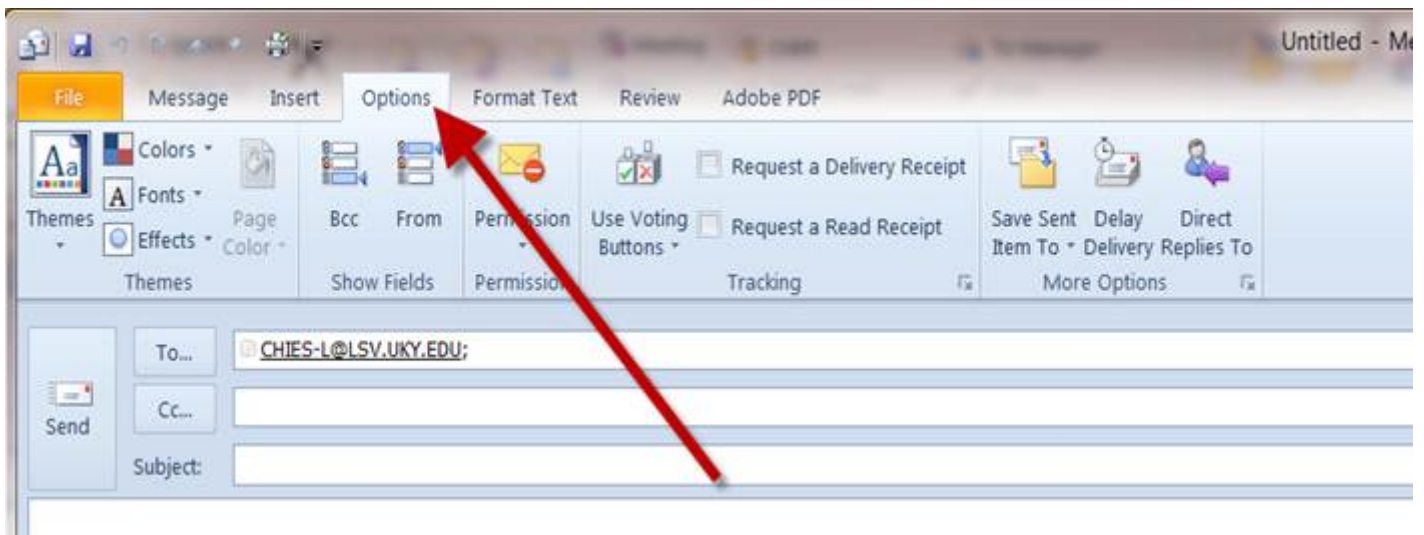
Thank you to Kathy Ballard and Kevin Horn for sharing the following steps.

## When emailing to a ListServ:

1. Enter the listserv address in the “To” column of the email as follows:

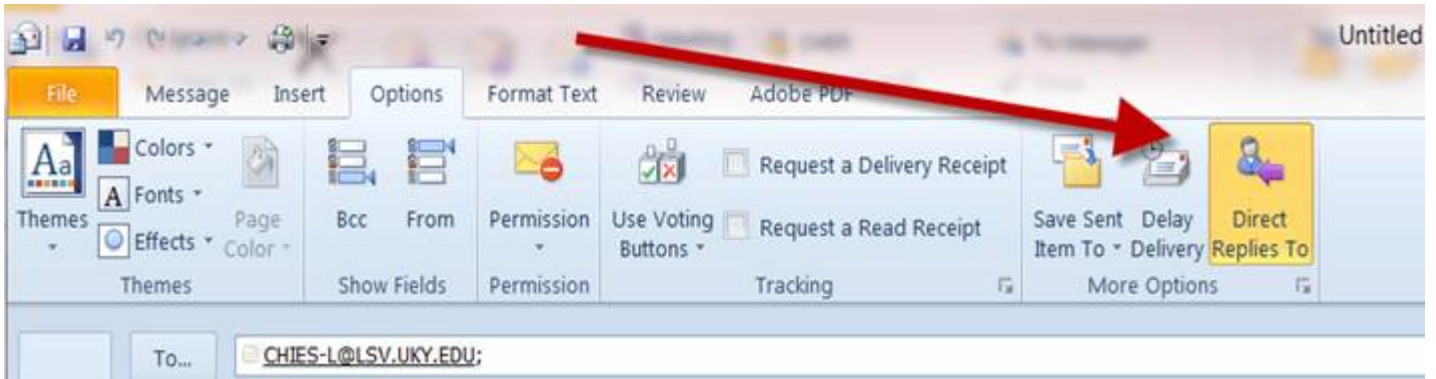


2. Click on the “Options” tab as follows:

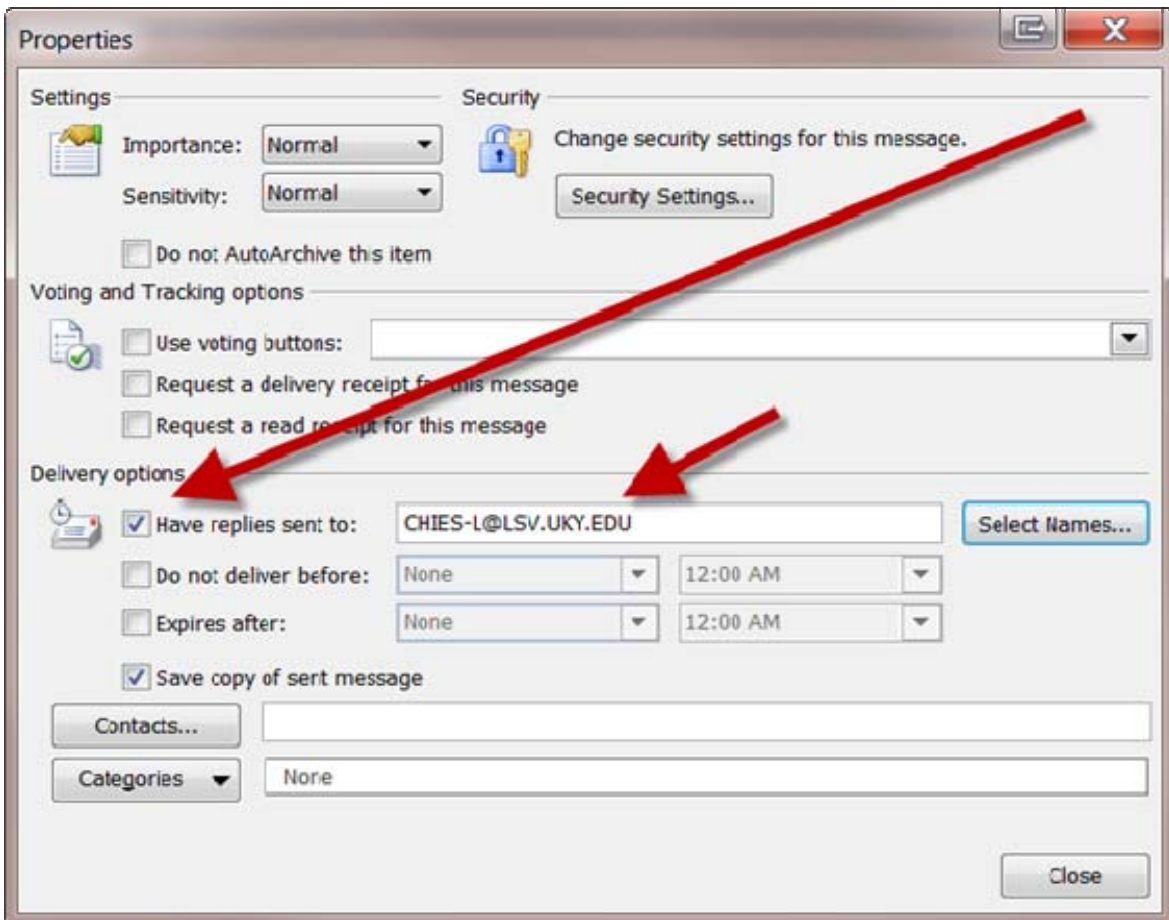




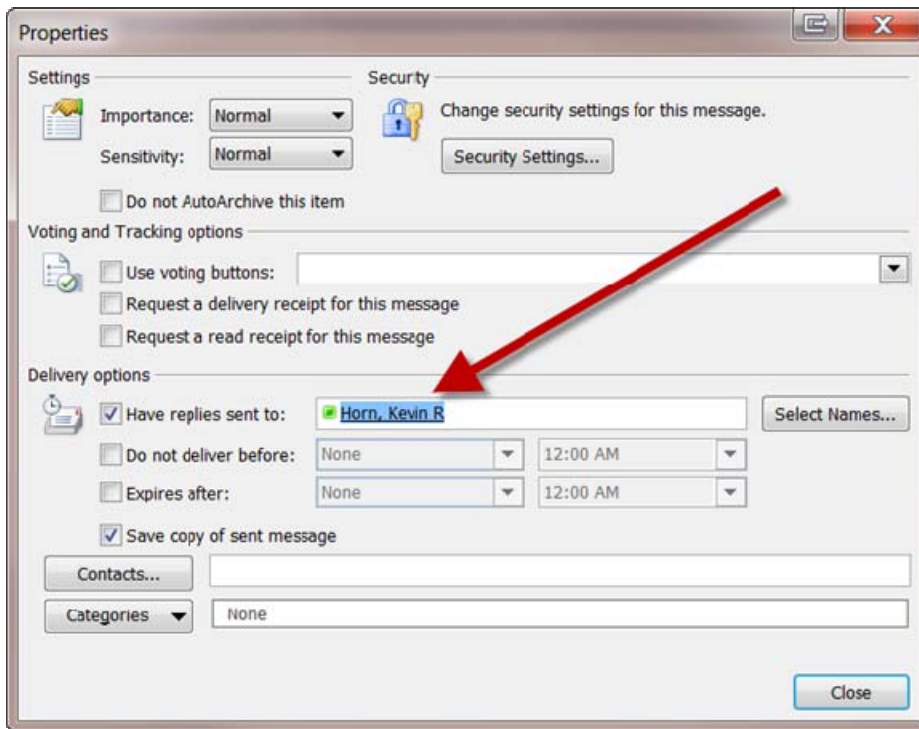
3. Click on the “Direct Replies To” button:



4. The window noted below will appear. Click on the “Have replies sent to:” box and change the address from the list serve to your personal address like below:



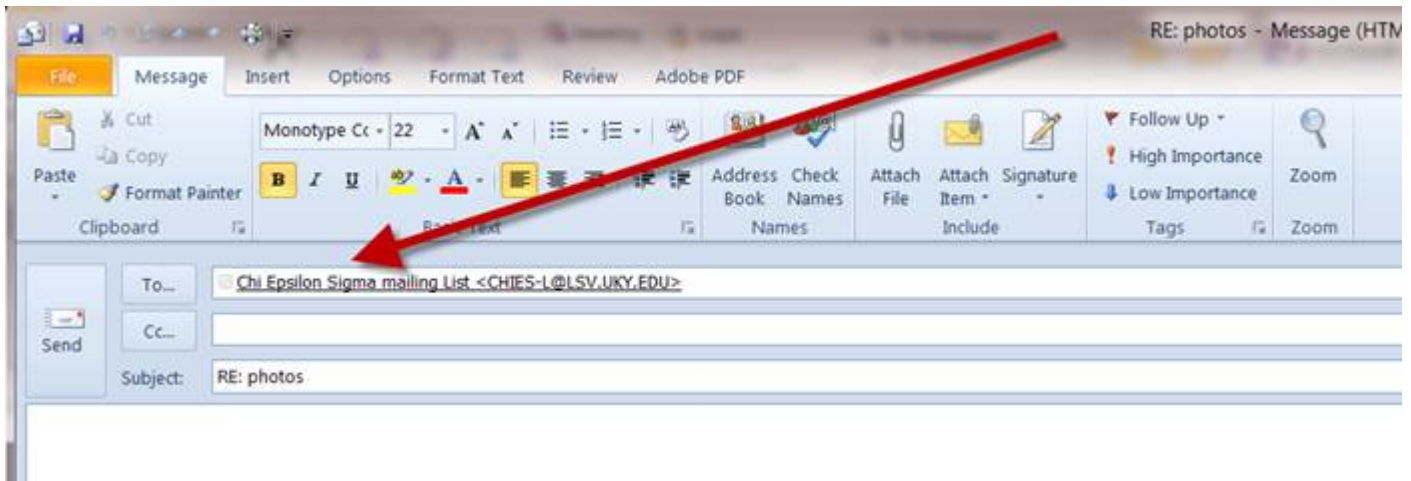
## Change to YOUR ADDRESS:



Replies will now come to you instead of to the ListServ.

## When REPLYing to a ListServ:

1. **VERIFY** whom you are emailing too! This will eliminate many accidental emails and email clutter. The image below shows what needs to be changed:



2. If the person you are replying to is not listed here, then delete the listserv address and enter the correct recipient.





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We're on the web:

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Hello Fellow Chies!

A few signs of spring are finally starting to appear and I am sure we are all looking forward to warmer days, trees and flowers beginning to bud and lawns turning green again. It is time for "old man winter" to go away.

With the approach of spring also comes our Annual Meeting. The board has been very busy planning this year's meeting. As you are aware we will be at KY Dam Village from April 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year will be "Reflecting on the Past, Celebrating the Future..." and we have many exciting things scheduled. Be on the lookout for the registration information to hit you email by the first of March. Please get this filled out and returned as soon as possible. If there is someone new in your office who is not a member, please make sure they get this too and encourage them to join. Don't forget about our awards either. Please nominate a co-worker or even yourself, we all deserve a "pat on the back!"

We are also in need of officers and directors; please consider taking a more active part in our organization. If you would like more information on current open positions, please contact Brenda Gregory at [brenda.gregory@uky.edu](mailto:brenda.gregory@uky.edu). We have a great organization and I have made many friends by first being a member, then director and then moving on to the officer positions. Chi Epsilon Sigma is made up of many wonderful people and I truly appreciate all that everyone does to make our organization great.

Remember fill out those Annual Meeting registrations, awards and membership forms and see you all in April at KY Dam Village!!!

**Sherry Taylor**

Sherry Taylor  
President Chi Epsilon Sigma  
[sherry.taylor@uky.edu](mailto:sherry.taylor@uky.edu)

## February Board Meeting

The board met on February 17 to finalize this year's annual meeting activities. We are pretty pleased about the agenda and having taken into account all of the feedback on the evaluations from last year, we think you all are going to have a blast this year!

## Community Service Project

The board has voted on Bright Life Farms as our fundraiser project. Bright Life Farms, Inc. is a faith-based non-profit group home for mentally or developmentally challenged adults, 18 years and older, who can do a lot of things, just should never live alone. While Bright Life is state licensed, it is not state supported, being a visible testimony to God's power to provide and dedicated to giving Him the honor for these homes.



<http://www.brightlifefarms.org/>

## Scholarships

Child/Grandchild

Professional/Personal Improvement

Higher Education

- Professional/Personal Improvement can be anything from software training to programs such as Master Gardener. All forms can be found on our website at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/chies/>

### Sister Chapters

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# Chi Epsilon Sigma



## Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter Awards Contest

Would you like to have a chance at recognition for the exceptional work that you've done this past year with newsletters, brochures, flyers or outstanding programs?

Do you think your co-worker deserves the Good Friend or the Jovial award of the year? Apply for the Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter Awards!

Entries are due March 17, 2014.

Special recognition is made at the CES Annual Meeting in April. The winners in each category receive a very nice plaque and some awards even earn a monetary stipend.

Awards include: Distinguished Service, New Achiever, Communications, Outstanding Program, Good Friend and Jovial Awards.

Contact Marilyn Lauer ([mlauer@uky.edu](mailto:mlauer@uky.edu)) or check the website <http://chies.ca.uky.edu/> for application and contest rules.

Come on Chi Epsilon Sigma Members... let's see your creative side!!!