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Letter from the President:
I hope this letter finds you all well. It was so good to see everyone at our annual meeting in April and I can't wait until we are all together again! I always learn so much from all of you. It amazes me how we all have the same job titles but very different jobs! That's one of the things that makes our organization so beneficial. I have made so many friends throughout the state by serving on this board and I encourage all of you to take an active role as well!

Many attended the the Annual Staff Appreciation day on September 11. It was great to visit with everyone at our reception breakfast.

We are working hard to bring you another successful annual meeting. LOTS of work goes into this meeting, so if you get a chance, thank your area directors for all they do. Also, we read every single evaluation each year and we try really hard to adjust things to bring you a better experience every year. One thing we absolutely have no control over though is food. Sometimes we can choose the menu but we have limited options due to pricing restrictions. We all hope we get a great caterer, but it is definitely not something we can control because they are with the establishment.

Also, you may have noticed the last two years that we have to sign in to the classes. This is a requirement from UK. The classes offered were also scrutinized, so we have made adjustments there as well. We walk a fine line with the length of the classes. We want to allow extra time for some classes while not dragging others on for longer than necessary. This year, we really wanted to go to the South Eastern part of the state, but they just didn't have the facilities to accommodate us. So since we polled everyone, Lexington was the next choice. We looked at several other hotels in Lexington to mix things up, but folks, they have lost their minds with the prices they were giving me! We are going to be at Embassy Suites on Newtown Pike and it's going to be great! If there are certain classes you feel would be beneficial to your job, please let your area directors know and they can bring that to the board meeting in November. I make no promises, but I can promise that we will try!

Again, I look forward to serving as your President this year and can't wait to see you all in April 2020!

Kelly Dockter
Henry County Extension

## 2019 CHIES AWARDS

Listed below are the winners of each of the awards that were given out at the annual meeting. Thanks to everyone who entered or was nominated. We have so many talented and caring people in our organization. Congratulations to everyone.

## New Achievers Award

Janie Oliver - 1st
Robyn Edgell - 2nd
Emily Pruneda - 3rd

## Good Friend Award

Cynthia Larkins - 1st
Cindy Maggard - 2nd
Kimberly Faulk - 3rd

## Jovial Award

Mae Nash - 1st
Amanda Howard - 2nd
Corene Trent - 3rd

## Distinguished Service Award

Lorene Coots - 1st
Cindy Sullivan-2nd
Stephanie Howard-3rd

## Outstanding Program Award

Nan Montgomery -1st
Emily Pruneda - 2nd
Meg Owen - 3rd

## Communications Award

Ashley Reynolds - 1st
Brandy Garcia - 2nd
Emily Pruneda - 3rd

## RETIREMENTS

June Johnston (1/9/19) UKREC 31
Sally Boulton (7/20/18) Ballard - Purchase 30
Vernell Sheets (2/15/19) Morgan - Licking River 14
Debbie Dunn (1/2019) D4 Staff Assistant (Campus) 40
Ann Kennedy (8/18) Kenton 17
Kathy Clark ( Fall 2019) Mercer Fort Harrod 24


## Officers and Directors



Officers Georganne Collins, Annalist, Brandy Garcia, Secretary, Sherry Stith, Treasurer, Kelly Dockter, President, \& Nancy Williams, Vice President


Directors 1st row Eileen Kopp-Wilderness Trail, Pam HolbrookUK Campus, Lesley Miracle-Fort Harrod, Rhonda Owsley-Licking River, Salina Gibson-Quicksand, Kelsey King-Green River, Nan Montgomery-Mammoth Cave, 2nd Row Emily Pruneda-Lincoln Trail, Lisa Stevens-Lake Cumberland, Kimberly Faulk-Pennyrile, Kim Campbell-Northeast Absent: Donna Brown-Louisville, Jill Walsh-Northern Kentucky, Marilyn Hooks-UK Campus, Princeton


The director position is still open in the Bluegrass area please consider representing your area for Chi EpsiIon Sigma. If you are interested contact Kelly Dockter.

## Area News

## Green River Area



Harper Addison Wyatt!
Born at 12:04 pm on August 28, 2018, 8 pounds 3 ounces and 20 inches long!


Linda Tapp welcomed great grand child \#25 and \#26. Congratulations Linda!


Dixie Marie Braden
Born February 21, 2019
Weight: 4 pounds, 6 oz.
18 inches long


Beth Horn's son Matthew Horn married Paige Sherzinger on October 14, 2018 at the Pioneer Village at Yellow Creek Park in Philpot, KY.


Paige \& Matthew now have their first baby Colten Lee Horn, Born July 26, 2019 at 8:58 PM.


Angie Padgett graduated with her bachelor's degree from Western
Kentucky University

## Northeast Area

Kelsey King graduated with her bachelor's degree in Systems Management from Western Kentucky University and is now pursuing a Master's Degree in Child \& Family Studies.


Mark Anthony Campbell, son of CHIES member, Kimberly Campbell, married his bride on Saturday, June 8, 2019 in Salyersville, KY.

- Congratulations on soutr



## Lake Cumberland Area



Mammoth Cave Area


Kim Hollinsworth's granddaughter Elizabeth Grace Hollinsworth turned one on 8-18-19


## Staff Appreciation Reception



# Chi Epsilon Sigma Annual Conference 

Save the date! April 15-17, 2020




We are still early in the planning stages so if you have an idea for a theme or for a class or an activity please let your area director know or feel free to contact any of the officers. We would love to hear from you.

We will be back in Lexington. It was not the top choice but it was the top choice that has enough room for everyone. Lexington does offer lots of resources for instructors given we will be so close to campus. Also, this location also offers enough space that we do not have to leave their facility for class room space.


