



The National
Cooperative Extension
Support Staff
Fraternity of the
University of Kentucky

The purpose of this
Fraternity shall be to
maintain the
standards and ideals,
and morale, prestige
and report 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,
reward professional
excellence in job
performance.

Sister Chapters

- Ohio State
Alpha Chapter
- Arkansas
Beta Chapter
- West Virginia
Delta Chapter
- Louisiana
Epsilon Chapter

Chi Epsilon Sigma

Gamma Chapter



MARCH 2016

A Message from Our President

As many of you know, Sharon Edwards, our president, has been seriously ill for the past year. Since she is unable to fulfill her duties as president, I have been asked as vice-president to step into the role. I am honored to have been selected to represent our membership and I will do all I can to help promote and grow our fraternity. I would ask that everyone keep Sharon in your thoughts as she continues her ongoing battle toward better health.

Our annual meeting is right around the corner! This year's conference will be at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville from April 13th through 15th. The board of directors met last week to finalize

some of the details. They have done an outstanding job meshing together educational workshops, fascinating guest speakers, entertainment, crafts, tours, and other fun things to do. . .all while celebrating the rich history and culture that makes the Paintsville area so unique.

You should be receiving your registration forms, awards nomination forms, and scholarship applications in the next few days. With all the bad weather and office closings that we had to contend with, the turnaround time for the forms is very brief this year. Please make your class selections and send in your registration forms as soon as possible. I would also

encourage you to submit nominations for the various awards. We all have co-workers who go above and beyond, and this is a great way to show our appreciation.

As we go forward with planning the annual meeting and other activities for the upcoming year, I would very much like to hear any feedback or ideas you have that could make our organization even better. Please feel free to call or email me at any time.

I look forward to seeing you in Paintsville!

Eileen Kopp
CAES President



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February Board Meeting

The board met in February at the Nelson County Extension to finalize this year's annual meeting

activities. We are excited about the agenda and having taken into account all of the feedback on the evaluations from

last year. Reservation forms should be out in a couple of weeks!

**Professional/
Personal
Improvement
Scholarship
Higher Education
Scholarship**
All scholarship forms are due **March 18, 2016** to **Deb Litteral** and/or **Gwen O'Cull**

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!

Special recognition is made at the CHIES 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.

The application should be out in a couple of weeks! Let's see your creative side!!

Community Service Project

The board has voted on Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center in Paintsville as our fundraiser project. The Perkins Center serves

individuals with many types of disabilities that include, but are not limited to, learning disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorders,

traumatic brain injury, intellectual disability, deaf/hard of hearing, and physical disabilities.

Officer Positions

It's time to think about becoming an officer or director!!

CHIES has various leadership positions available for members to become involved.

We need nominations for the following offices:

Vice President (one year term) Assumes duties of the President the following year. Chairs the Annual Meeting Committee. Serves as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Arranges for the Treasurer's records to be audited.

Secretary (one year term) Maintains complete minutes and records of meetings and correspondence. Updates letterhead after election of officers and directors. Prepares meeting minutes for presentation to membership. Prepares and maintains correspondence of Fraternity.

Treasurer (two year term) Receives and disburses all funds of Gamma Chapter. Signs all financial documents for Gamma

Chapter. Provides reimbursement forms for member expenses (travel, postage, etc). Sends letter of invitation to honorary members and retirees for annual meeting. Serves on budget committee and submits budget at first Executive Board meeting. Receives membership dues and maintains a roster of dues-paying members.

Annalist (one year term) Maintains historical records of Fraternity. Keeper of the Fraternal banner. Compiles information on past officers, directors and award winners. Prepares and distributes newsletter.

Directors (two year term) Responsible for sending cards of congratulations, condolences, etc to members in their represented area on behalf of the Fraternity and remind members about annual meeting. Provides news articles for inclusion in newsletter highlighting members from represented area. Contact new employees in area represented to make

aware of Chi Epsilon Sigma. Perform other duties as requested by the President and/or assigned by the Executive Board.

Directors are needed from the following areas for a 2 year term to serve on the board:

Fort Harrod
Lake Cumberland
Louisville
Quicksand
UK Campus (main)
Green River
Purchase
Wilderness Trail
Bluegrass Area
Northern Kentucky

If anyone is interested in one of these leadership positions, please contact Heather Russell, Past President at heather.russell2@uky.edu or call 859-234-5510.

Come on, Ladies and Gents, help us continue to make this association grow by becoming an Officer or Director. WE need new faces with bright IDEAS!

Officers

President
Eileen Kopp
Vice-President
Linda Martin
Secretary
Tabatha Carman
Treasurer
Kathy Ballard
Annalist
Heather Russell
Past-President

Directors

Kelly Rexroat
Bluegrass Area
Abby Sorrell
Fort Harrod Area
Linda Tapp
Green River Area
Lisa Stevens
Lake Cumberland Area
Gwen O'Cull
Licking River Area
Sue Ann McCandless
Lincoln Trail Area
Rachelle Sharar
Louisville Area
Sherry Taylor
Mammoth Cave Area
Debra Litteral
Northeast Area

Northern KY Area
Sherry Head
Pennyrile Area
Susan Rice
Purchase Area
Diane Warren
Quicksand Area
Tina Bledsoe
Wilderness Trail Area
Pamela Holbrook
UK Campus(Main)
Marilyn Hooks
UK Campus(Princeton)

Best Wishes,

Kathy Ballard, CHES Annalist

Birthdays

Shellie	Castle	2-Jan
Margie	Horning	3-Jan
Cindy	Sullivan	5-Jan
Damaris	Sexton	6-Jan
Kim	Middleton	8-Jan
Brenda	Saylor	9-Jan
Judith	Bates	11-Jan
Rhonda	Welch	16-Jan
Debbie	Ball	22-Jan
Donna	Ridener	25-Jan
Cathy	Howell	26-Jan
Lois Diane	Warren	28-Jan
April	Lorenzana	1-Feb
Deena	Myatt	4-Feb
Kelly	Dockter	11-Feb
Heather	Shaw	12-Feb
Sherri	Friend	17-Feb
Pearlie	Eversol	19-Feb
Sandra	Gilliam	21-Feb
Fran	Troglauer-Hodges	24-Feb
Jeanne	Adkins	28-Feb
Tyler	West	29-Feb
Corene	Trent	5-Mar
Evonne	Blackburn	9-Mar
Sherry	Coffey	10-Mar
Cindy	Myers	10-Mar
Mischelle	Pinkston	13-Mar
Genevieve	Roso	13-Mar
Debra	Litteral	21-Mar
Linda	Tapp	23-Mar
Mary	Lucas	24-Mar
Danny	Adams	25-Mar
Chaunta	Himes	25-Mar
Mary	McAdoo	26-Mar
Sara	Givens	27-Mar
Margie	Hernandez	9-Apr
Christy	Kincer	9-Apr
Angie	Johnson	10-Apr
Jill	Walch	17-Apr
Elizabeth	Horn	18-Apr
Marcy	Ward	22-Apr
Sue Ann	McCandless	28-Apr

“On this special day ... I wish you all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!”