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Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter

Greetings fellow Chi members:

I hope you have enjoyed these lazy, hazy, HOT days of summer and are looking forward to some cooler weather! With 4-H Camp and County Fairs behind us, I know everyone is busy getting ready for State Fair, 4-H School and Projects clubs, Homemakers Clubs, and the many projects that fall programming brings. I hope you will take time to participate in and take advantage of some of the benefits of being a Chi Epsilon Sigma member: Staff Appreciation Day, our Annual Membership Drive and Community Service project, Scholarships and Awards, and attend our Annual Meeting in April 2011.

Staff Appreciation Day is Wednesday, September 15th and Chi Epsilon Sigma will have our annual Member Reception in the Culton Suite of the E.S. Good Barn from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please make plans to join us to catch up with old friends while making some new ones! Invite that staff member in your office or department that isn't a member to come with you and experience the excitement and camaraderie of our organization. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and displays will be in Gorham Hall of the Good Barn. CHIES will have a table and we need YOUR help to welcome and encourage new members to join and hand out promotional items. *If you are willing to volunteer for a 30 minute shift, please contact Linda Martin, Annalist in Logan County at 270-726-6323.*

Our Annual Membership Drive has begun and our Community Service Project this year is the **Bluegrass Chapter of the American Red Cross**. The Board of Directors chose this organization to support this year so that we might be able to help our brother and sisters who have been devastated by all of the flooding in Eastern Kentucky. *Please consider donating this year; no amount is too small and will help aid in rebuilding their lives.* Your donation may be added to your membership fee.

Also, don't forget to renew your membership before the October 15th deadline!

Please take advantage of our scholarships and awards that are offered this year!

Do you have a child or grandchild who will be attending college or vocational school this year? If so, would you like a little financial help? Chi Epsilon Sigma will be awarding (2) \$250 scholarships this year to students who are enrolled in 6 hours or more at an institute of higher learning. Please have them fill out the scholarship application (on our website) and return to Sherry Taylor in Warren County before September 10th.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and plan to attend our 2011 Annual Meeting to be held April 13th-15th at General Butler State Park, Carrollton!

Your Board of Directors voted to bring back our theme contest this year, so I *challenge* you to put your thinking caps on, turn in your proposals, and help make this the best annual meeting yet! *Be creative ~ a cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the individual(s) whose theme is selected.* Watch your email for details coming soon!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for 2010-2011. I consider it an honor and privilege and I look forward to another great year in this wonderful organization! Please don't hesitate to contact me or any board member if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns. This is your organization and YOU make Chi Epsilon Sigma the awesome group that it is!

Looking forward to seeing you on Staff Appreciation Day!

Kym

2010 Annual Meeting

We had a wonderful
"Hawaiian Vacation"
April 14-16, 2010
at Lake Cumberland
State Resort Park.

Here are a few pics from
our annual meeting at
Lake Cumberland State
Park





AWARDS

Congratulations to all for a job well done!!!

Thanks to everyone who nominated the following:

Distinguished Service Awards

Charolette Arnett, Monroe Co	1st place
Brenda Gregory, Simpson Co	2nd place
Gay Ledford, Trigg Co	3rd place

New Achiever's Award

Kim Hollinsworth, Monroe Co	1st place
Tabatha Carman, Daviess Co	2nd place
Debra Litteral, Greenup Co	3rd place

County Web Site

Brenda Gregory, Simpson Co	1st place
Sara Gossett & Penny Hughes, Warren Co	2nd place
Gay Ledford, Trigg Co	3rd place

Media Award

Sherry Taylor, Warren Co	1st place
Brenda Gregory, Simpson Co	2nd place
Donna Mullins, Menifee Co	3rd place

Good Friend Award

Brenda Gregory, Simpson Co

Jovial Award

Sharon Edwards, Webster Co

A Special "Thank You" to all who served on committee's to make our annual meeting happen!!

Core Committee:

Stephanie Crouch-Chairman,
Kym Pope, Marie Bechstein,
Julie Stallings, Kathy Ballard &
Lillie Thompson

Food Committee:

Gail Rice & Sherry Taylor

Speaker Committee:

Charolette Arnett &
Marie Bechstein

Decorations Committee:

Brenda Saylor & Velma Mullins

Awards Committee:

Marilyn Lauer & Lillie Thompson

Welcome Committee:

Donna Knebel, Evonne
Blackburn, & Olivia C Jones

Entertainment Committee:



Sally Boulton & Marilyn Hooks

Greeting Committee:

Evonne Blackburn, Olivia
Coleman Jones, Donna Knebel

Door Prize Committee:

Kathy Clark & Evonne Blackburn

Program Committee:

Julie Stallings

Registration Committee:

Kathy Ballard & Genevieve Roso

Officers and Directors for 2010-2011

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Annalist

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Julie Stallings

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Donna Browne

Sherry Taylor

Gail Rice

Marilyn Lauer

Olivia Coleman Jones

Sabrina Carter

Diane Warren

Tina Bledsoe

Marie Beckstein

Marilyn Hooks

Bluegrass Area

Fort Harrod

Green River

Lake Cumberland

Licking River

Lincoln Trail

Louisville

Mammoth Cave

Northeast

Northern KY

Pennyrile

Purchase

Quicksand

Wilderness Trail

UK Campus

UK Campus



**District 4
Ft. Harrod/Bluegrass**



**District 1
Northeast/Licking River**



**District 7
Purchase/Pennyrile**



**District 6
Green River/Mammoth Cave**

**District 2
Quicksand/Wilderness Trail**



**District 3
Louisville/Northern KY**



**District 5
Lincoln Trail/Lake Cumberland**

If you have anything you would like to go in the newsletter, please feel free to email me at Ismart3@uky.edu

Here's several pics of the annual meeting. Hope you enjoy these.



Lillie Thompson, Past President (left) & Kym Pope, President (right)

represented Chi Epsilon Sigma at Dr. Paul Warner's retirement reception on May 4th in Lexington.



New Officer Ceremony



Again, thank you for taking time to
attend the annual meeting!!

Announcements!!!!



Sara Gossett, Warren County
Extension Staff Assistant,
became the bride of Brandon
Givens, June 26,
2010.



**Audrey Marie Shaw was born April 21, 2010
at 10:26 AM. She weighed
7 lbs & 15 ounces & was 20" long.
She is the daughter of Heather Shaw,
FSNE Program Assistant for Metcalfe
County. Congratulations!!**

Recently District 4 held a Staff Assistant Training at Natural Bridge State Resort Park. Pictured are participants at that training taking a lunch break on the balcony outside the meeting room.



*We're sorry to see you leave,
but wish you the best!!*

Barbara Jackson, Barren County
Office Support Staff, will retire
this fall after over 41 years of ser-
vice.

Way to go Barbara!

May Birthdays!!!



Kim Hollinsworth	May 2nd	Mary Jane Gaines	May 19th
Sabrina Carter	May 3rd	Abby Sorrell	May 20th
Stephanie Johnson	May 4th	Annie Gish	May 21st
Kelly Carney	May 7th	Darlene Hall	May 22nd
Kevin Horn	May 8th	Anna Chancellor	May 22nd
Jerlean Crace	May 11th	Gail Brock	May 25th
Joyce McDole	May 11th	Tina Bledsoe	May 27th
Connie Conlee	May 13th	Patricia Thompson	May 28th
Tracy Blevins	May 15th	Juanita Herron	May 30th

Brenda Harrison

May



June Birthdays!!!

Donna Browne	June 2nd	Kym Pope	June 18th
Jessica Lawrence	June 5th	Pamela Gilliam	June 20th
William Allen	June 5th	Donna Knebel	June 22nd
Linda Spence	June 6th	Venita Wood	June 23rd
Theresa Chandler	June 6th	Cheryl Mattingly	June 26th
Linda Martin	June 8th	Bob O'Brien	June 26th
Amy Bailey	June 9th	Lesley Miracle	June 28th
Susan Wiley	June 11th	Cynthia Larkins	June 28th
Sheilah Childers	June 14th	Olana Wilson	June 29th
		Alice Perry	June 30th



July Birthdays!!

Tammy Damron	July 1st	Sally Boulton	July 12th
Heather Russell	July 3rd	Allison Taylor	July 15th
Lisa Stevens	July 6th	Lee Adams	July 16th
Sue Latino	July 7th	Gail Rice	July 18th
Marilyn Hooks	July 7th	Kaye Johnting	July 18th
Felicia Davenport	July 7th	Janet McDowell	July 21st
Sharon Edwards	July 7th	Sandy Rosenberger	July 22nd
Carol Maynard	July 10th	Teresa Bright	July 25th
		Debbie Covington	July 31st



August Birthdays!!

Wanda Denniston	August 6th	Charolette Arnett	August 19th
Joyce Cardenas	August 7th	Barbara Campbell	August 19th
June Johnston	August 10th	Donna Mullins	August 25th
Mindy Wood	August 13th	Vernell Sheets	August 29th
Melody Mays	August 15th		

Happy Birthday!!!!



2010



Chi Epsilon Sigma Child/Grandchild Scholarship

What is the purpose of this scholarship?

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a high school graduate who desires to further their education at an institute of higher learning.

Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

Children and grandchildren of current Chi Epsilon Sigma members who have graduated from high school and are enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours per semester.

When should you apply for this scholarship?

Applications can be received now.

Upon what will the scholarship be based?

The scholarship will be based on a 500 word essay written by the applicant on why they would like to further their education. Grades, school/community activities, and special interest of the student may be listed in the essay but the scholarship will not be awarded based on these items.

Two \$250.00 scholarships will be awarded

Applications must be in hand by: September 10, 2010

After judging of essays, scholarship funding will be awarded to recipient after proof of enrollment is confirmed by the institution and approved by the scholarship committee.

**CES Scholarship Committee Members:
Sherry Taylor, Warren County**

Chi Epsilon Sigma Child/Grandchild 2010 Scholarship Application

(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

First, middle and last name of applicant:

SS# _____ Date of birth _____

Home address _____

County _____ High School _____

Name of parent/grandparent that is a current CES member:

How are you related? _____

Name of institution you plan to attend

Please include with this application:

- Class schedule
- Proof of enrollment
- 500 Word essay typed on a separate sheet of paper

Completed applications must be mailed to:

Sherry Taylor
Warren County Extension Service
3132 Nashville Road
Bowling Green, KY 42101



Thank you for the opportunity
to serve as an analyst of
Chi Epsilon Sigma.

Linda



2010-11 Membership

Our 2010-11 Membership campaign is underway. New member dues & renewals are \$15 per year. New employees may join anytime within 6 months of their start date & you must be a paid member of Chi Epsilon Sigma to attend the annual meeting.

Membership year is October 1-September 30.

2010-11 Memberships received after October 15th are \$25.

Our Community Service Project donation for this year is to the American Red Cross of Kentucky.

Please join this year & learn what Chi Epsilon Sigma is all about.

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Gamma Chapter

Message from your President

With springtime fast approaching, we can look forward to warmer days and mild evenings. It is a time for renewal as the trees and flowers begin to bud, and the lawns and landscape turn beautiful shades of green again.

Annual meeting is a time for renewal as well. We can renew friendships we've already developed and take time to meet some new people from across the state. As the matter of fact, I challenge each of you attending annual meeting to take time to introduce yourself to one or two people that you don't already know. Just talk for a few minutes about what county you are from, how long you have been with extension, whether you are a staff assistant or program assistant. You will be amazed at how much you have in common. We all face the similar challenges and experiences to share with one another. In Chi Epsilon Sigma, a new acquaintance can quickly become a friend. Remember, we're all in this together.

We have less than a month until annual meeting. Can you get excited and yell, WOO-HOO!?! The deadline for registration is fast approaching so get those sent in as soon as you can. With well over 100 people registered now, the Hawaiian Vacation annual meeting will be a great mix of personalities to share in the professional development opportunities as well as the fun.

I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all those who have stepped up and are moving in to a leadership position in Chi Epsilon Sigma for this coming year. We'll have some familiar faces



on the board of directors, but will also see some new ones. Change is good and the prospect of getting more different people with fresh ideas to help guide this organization into the next decade and beyond is so exciting. We just need to do our best to support these officers and directors as they work for us throughout the year.

This will be my last newsletter article as President. Time goes by so quickly...I'm not sure where the year has gone. I have been very fortunate to work with the folks currently serving on the Chi Epsilon Sigma board. They have provided me with the benefit of their leadership skills and experiences, but the greatest treasure is the friendship. They've made my job easy and helped make this term as president go smoothly. I am grateful to each and every one of them more than I could ever say. I have also appreciated the opportunity you all have given me to serve as your president again and have been so very proud to represent this awesome organization.

See you all in a few weeks.
Aloha for now.

Lillie



11th Annual Chi Epsilon Sigma Meeting

April 14 - 16



Aloha!

“Hawaiian Vacation”

Lake Cumberland State
Resort Park

Registration forms
due by March 26th



Looks like Marilyn and
June, Princeton
Research Center, are
getting in the mood for
our Hawaiian Luau!!

Hope U R 2!

Schedule of Events



Wednesday, April 14

Check-in Time
Dinner at your leisure in Dining Room
Houseboat Ride (optional)

Thursday, April 15

Breakfast in Dining Room

Activity Center

Aloha! Welcome and Registration
Opening Session, Grace Gorrell, *Edutainer*
Greetings from President, Lillie Thompson
Buffet Lunch
Welcome to Lake Cumberland, Park Representative

Breakout Session 1

A – *Want to retire in Hawaii?* Fidelity
B – *Want to retire in Hawaii?* TIAA/CREF
C – *Blue Hawaii* - See Blue, Go Green
D – *How full is your Sand Bucket?*
E - *True Colors*
F – “Wai” (*Water*) Testing

Breakout Session 2

Repeat of Sessions A - D above

Breakout Session 3

A – *Relax Like You’re on a Hawaiian Vacation* - Yoga
B – *Leave All Your “Pilikia” (Troubles) Behind* –
Using Humor for Stress Relief
C – *Don’t Worry, Be Happy* –
Count Your Blessings from A to Z
D – “Wai” (*Water*) Aerobics

**Break to Check in Rooms & Visit
Business Meeting**

Dinner
Evening Entertainment, Luau by the pool
Back by Popular Demand...Mini Mall!
New for this Year...Craft Make-it/Take-it!

Friday, April 16

Breakfast in Dining Room
Board of Directors Meeting

Breakout Session 1

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Anna Smith, District Director, District 5
Keynote Speaker, Laura Emberton-Owens
Area/District Pictures
Lunch in Dining Room



4:00 p.m.
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
11:45 a.m. – noon
12:00 p.m.

1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

2:15 - 4:15 p.m.

2:15 - 3:00 p.m.

3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00
7:30 p.m.

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m.

Door Prizes

The highlight of Annual Meeting!
Again this year, it is a

BRING ONE, GET ONE

situation so if you expect to take home a door prize, you need to bring one!!

Mahalo!

Make sure to bring extra spending money! If you are interested in displaying a table at the Mini Mall or would like to share a craft for the Make-it/Take-it, please contact Kym Pope at kpope@uky.edu. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.



The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees for officer and/or director positions for vote at Annual Meeting:

Vice President - Brenda Gregory, Simpson County
Secretary- Heather Russell, Harrison County
Treasurer- Kathy Ballard, Nelson County
Annalist- Linda Martin, Logan County
Sally Boulton, Ballard County

Directors: 2 year terms

Fort Harrod- Gil Thurman, Franklin County
Green River- Julie Stallings, Daviess County
Lake Cumberland- Carolyn Morris, Taylor County
Licking River- Donna Mullins, Menifee County
Louisville- Donna Browne, Jefferson County
Purchase- Sabrina Carter, Fulton County
Quicksand- Diane Warren, Breathitt County
Wilderness- Tina Bledsoe, Laurel County
UK Campus- Marie Bechstein, UK Campus

Back by Popular Demand...Mini Mall!

Want to share your handmade items and crafts or your home-based business products? Reserve a table at the Mini Mall and share your talents/products with our members, while quenching our thirst for shopping!

New for this Year...Craft Make-it/Take-it!

Enjoy ideas for quick and easy crafts. Instructors will demonstrate how to make these quick and easy items and for a small fee, you will leave with a sample to take home.

The Extension and Research Support Staff Association (TERSSA)



WOW! To date we have 122 members with 40 of those from UK, 9 from Alabama, 1 from Ohio, 1 from West Virginia, 1 from South Carolina, 14 from LSU AgCenter, 21 from Mississippi State, 26 from North Carolina State, and 9 from University of Arkansas,

Any support staff employed by an Extension or Research organization in any state is eligible to become a member of this growing Association. States already involved are North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, West Virginia, Arkansas, Ohio, and Kentucky.

It's not too late for you to join. Membership brochure and application form can be found on our CHIES website, or on the TERSSA website, <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/terssa/index.html>.

March Madness Travels to NCAA



Kentucky Makes Record 50th NCAA Tournament Appearance



Congratulations to Kentucky Wildcats 2010 SEC Champs and Lady Wildcats for a great season!

We are PROUD of U!!

Check out the interactive bracket at <http://www.ncaa.com/sports/m-baskbl/champpage/m-baskbl-div1-index.html> click on NCAA 2010 Mens Final Four tab on the right, click on ncaa.com interactive bracket.



Member Profile

President-Elect

Kym Pope has been with UK CES for 8 1/2 years. She is currently staff assistant for Woodford County.

Kym was born in Nashville, Tennessee, raised in Elizabethton, Tennessee and moved to Washington, D.C. in 1988 where she met her husband and married in 1991. Moved to Kentucky in 1995 and has lived in Versailles since 1996.

Kym is married to David, who is President of Siena Farm in Paris, KY. They have no children but do have 3 wonderful **furry** babies: Buttons (Miniature Schnauzer) and 2 cats, Lil' Bit and Cricket.

In her spare time, Kym enjoys scrapbooking, rubber stamping, beading, reading, sports, being outdoors, and playing with her animals.

These are a few of Kym's favs:

- Favorite Color— **Pink**
- Favorite Food— **Mexican & loves Margaritas!**
- Favorite Music— **Contemporary Christian and Country**
- Favorite Song— **"Rocky Top"**
- Favorite TV Show— **"24"**
- Favorite Movie— **"Grease"**
- Favorite College Sports Team — **Tennessee Volunteers**
- Favorite NFL Team — **Dallas Cowboys**

Happy Birthday

- Opal VanHoose, retiree, March 1st
- Brenda Bevins, Pike County, March 4th
- Kriste Bryson, Simpson County, March 4th
- Corene Trent, Leslie County, March 5th
- Patricia Case, Scott County, March 6th
- Jessica Board, Caldwell County, March 7th
- Patricia Wethington, retiree, March 8th
- Evonne Blackburn, Harrison County, March 9th
- Cindy Myers, Boyle County, March 10th
- Genevieve Roso, LaRue County, March 13th
- Mischelle Pinkson, McLean County, March 13th
- Linda Childress, Hart County, March 18th
- Nancy Hudson, Grant County, March 19th
- Jeanie Casteel, Barren County, March 20th
- Debra Litteral, Greenup County, March 21st
- Linda Tapp, Webster County, March 23rd
- Chaunta Himes, Ohio County, March 25th



- Darlene Mylin, UK Campus, April 2nd
- Rhonda Fannin, Morgan County, April 3rd
- Bessie Smith, Lincoln County, April 8th
- Margie Hernandez, Russell County, April 9th
- Cathy Smith, Calloway County, April 17th
- Penny Hughes, Warren County, April 17th
- Susan Ausbrooks, Allen County, April 23rd
- Sue Ann McCandless, LaRue County, April 28th





Check out Linda Martin, Logan County, who also works as a part-time clown entertainer. One day she was to entertain at a local daycare center so she also entertained her co-workers. Way to go Linda! Spread those smiles around!



Message Board

WOW! Patt Thompson, UK Campus, has a book coming out April 26, entitled *Kentucky's Famous Racehorses*. All proceeds go to Old Friends at Dream Chase Farm in Georgetown. Old Friends is a retirement farm for thoroughbred race horses and one of the few locations to take retired stallions. Check out the farm at <http://www.oldfriendsequine.org/>

Sincere sympathy to Brenda Saylor, Rockcastle County, on the loss of her sister. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Have started the process of changing our website over to Drupal thanks to Integrated Media. Hope to send out an updated link soon!

GREAT NEWS! Eric, Erica and Kitty Simpson, Hopkins County, returned from U of L Kidney Transplant Center on March 11th. As soon as they receive one more clearance letter from another doctor, Erica will officially be added to the transplant list. Kitty wants to thank everyone for all their prayers and concerns. God is Good All the Time, and All the Time, God is Good!

Brag Corner



Kyle Joseph
March 9th, 6 lbs. 12 ozs.
grandson of Chaunta Himes,
Ohio County.



Shelby Carney, daughter of Mark and Kelly Carney (Taylor County) was one of 122 students from Taylor County Middle School to compete in the talent group competition at State Junior BETA in Louisville Kentucky on March 4th. The group took 1st place and will be competing at nationals in June. Congrats!

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Message from your President



Can you believe that annual meeting time is almost here?! I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am! The learning and fun at annual meeting absolutely rejuvenates those who attend and this one is shaping up to be one of the best yet. At our last board meeting a couple of weeks ago the committees made a tremendous amount of headway in finalizing plans for the "Hawaiian" conference. I wish you could see your directors and officers in action. What a wonderful group you have chosen to represent you! They all have a job to do and come together to get it done. Believe me when I say, "You can be proud."

This will be one of the last newsletter updates that I write as president of Chi Epsilon Sigma. Needless to say, I have mixed emotions. I guess the one that stands out the most at this point in time is "pride"...pride in what we have accomplished as an organization over the years and pride in the membership and leadership that make up Chi Epsilon Sigma. Being president of Chi Epsilon Sigma has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my extension career and one of which I am very proud.

I truly hope that some of you will consider a leadership position with this awesome organization. YOU CAN DO IT! Information on available positions for the coming year is located in this newsletter. We'd love to have some new faces with fresh ideas on the board. Check it out then contact Charolette Arnett if you would like more information, or I am always available if you have questions.

Thomas Edison once said, "If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves." Think about it...

Membership does have its perks. Don't forget to take advantage of the scholarship opportunities available to Chi Epsilon Sigma members. The Higher Education Scholarship and the Personal/Professional Improvement Scholarship information were emailed out this past week.

Recognition by our peers is such an honor. Remember to nominate someone, or you can nominate yourself for one of the many awards available to Chi Epsilon Sigma members. They are the Distinguished Service Award, New Achiever's Award, County Web Site Maintenance Award, Media Award, Good Friend Award, and Jovial Award. More information about scholarship and awards opportunities are available on our website.

We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something. -Sandra Day O'Connor.

And thinking of this quote...what an amazing network of friends we have created and weaved through Chi Epsilon Sigma. These wonderful relationships will last for years to come as we work, learn, and laugh together.

See you all soon, *Littie*

11th Annual Chi Epsilon Sigma Meeting



Aloha!

Are you ready for our Annual Meeting? Well, mark your calendars now. The Core Committee plans to make this the best meeting yet!



"Hawaiian Vacation"

Lake Cumberland State
Resort Park

Houseboat ride on
Wednesday evening
Luau on Thursday evening

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Due back by March 26th

Watch the website for
finalized details.

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WOW! Ladies and Gents, what a great thrill to tell you that as of today, **Kentucky Chi Epsilon Sigma has 39 members who have joined TERSSA.** Thirty-five of them are considered Charter Members because they joined during the Membership Drive timeline, October 1st – December 31st, 2009. WAY TO GO!!!

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Higher Education and Professional & Personal Improvement Scholarships

Higher Education Scholarship: Please mail your completed application to Evonne Blackburn, Harrison County. Your application must be **received** by April 9, 2010. Requirements and the form are available on our CHIES web page.

Important -the following items must be included with your application:

- Class Schedule;
- Proof of Enrollment;
- 500 word essay typed on a separate sheet of paper;
- Proof of payment from the college or university.

Two individuals will receive the **Higher Education** Scholarship. Each for \$100.00.

If you have any questions about the Higher Education scholarship, contact Evonne Blackburn: eblackbu@email.uky.edu

Professional & Personal Improvement: Please mail your completed application to Gail Rice, Greenup County. Your application must be **received** by March 15, 2010. Requirements and the form are available on our CHIES web page.

Important -the following items must be included with your application:

- Proof of Enrollment;
- Proof of Payment;
- 300 word Essay (at least 300 words, but no longer than 350 words must be typed by applicant, under separate cover.

Two individuals will receive the **Professional & Personal Improvement** Scholarship. Each up to and including \$100.00.

If you have any questions about the Professional & Personal Improvement scholarship, contact Gail Rice: grice@uky.edu.

Mahalo!

Evonne & Gail



Chapter Awards

Distinguished Service
New Achiever's
County Web Site
Maintenance
Media

Jovial
Good Friend

These awards will be presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Applications are due **March 5th** to Marilyn Lauer, Campbell County. Detailed information and application forms can be obtained from the CHIES Website.



CHI EPSILON SIGMA MEMBERS

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-Elect 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 member(s) 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

Green River
Licking River
Purchase
Wilderness

If anyone is interested in any of these leadership positions, please contact Charolette Arnett, Past President at carnett@uky.edu or call 270-487-5504.

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. WE NEED





Be My Valentine

You've Touched My Heart

You've given me a reason
for smiling once again.
You've filled my life with peaceful dreams
and you've become my closest friend.

You've shared your heartfelt secrets
and your trust you've given me.
You showed me how to feel again
to laugh, and love, and see.

If life should end tomorrow
and from this world I should part,
I shall be forever young
for YOU have touched my heart.

**COME ON
SPRING!!**



Happy Birthday

Linda Will, Hardin County, February 2nd
Amanda Howard, Magoffin County, February 4th
Betty Daughtery, Butler County, February 4th
Deena Myatt, Ballard County, February 4th
Joy Rose, Wolfe County, February 7th
Heather Shaw, Metcalfe County, February 12th
Sherri Friend, Hopkins County, February 17th
Susan Martin, Grayson County, February 19th
Cynthia List, Fleming County, February 21st
Fran Troglaues-Hodges, Hardin County, February 24th
Jeanne Adkins, Carter County, February 28th



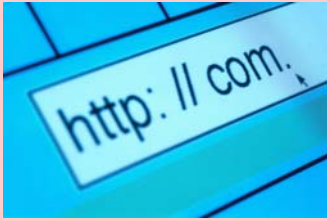
Opal VanHoose, retiree, March 1st
Brenda Bevins, Pike County, March 4th
Kriste Bryson, Simpson County, March 4th
Corene Trent, Leslie County, March 5th
Patricia Case, Scott County, March 6th
Jessica Board, Caldwell County, March 7th
Patricia Wethington, retiree, March 8th
Evonne Blackburn, Harrison County, March 9th
Cindy Myers, Boyle County, March 10th
Genevieve Roso, LaRue County, March 13th
Mischelle Pinkson, McLean County, March 13th
Linda Childress, Hart County, March 18th
Nancy Hudson, Grant County, March 19th
Jeanie Casteel, Barren County, March 20th
Debra Litteral, Greenup County, March 21st
Linda Tapp, Webster County, March 23rd
Chaunta Himes, Ohio County, March 25th
Danny Adams, Wayne County, March 25th
Mary McAdoo, Pulaski County, March 26th
Sara Gossett, Warren County, March 27th



**Happy
Birthday**

**Happy 55th
Birthday**

**Evonne Blackburn
Harrison County
March 9th**



I am in the process of moving our CHIES website over to Drupal. Of course, have to wait on the Red Tape before can get this accomplished but, with the help of Integrated Media, I hope to have it changed over and running before Annual Meeting.

Send information for April newsletter to Sally.Boulton@uky.edu by April 1st.

We're on Facebook now so check it out!!!

Message Board

Get well wishes to Donna Thompson, Jefferson County, who recently had knee surgery. Your co-workers want you to know that they **MISS** you!

WELCOME!
Donna Ridener,
Laurel County
EFNEP Assistant,
November, 2009.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Dolores Fink, Campbell County Horticulture Technician and CHIES Member, February 7th. Dolores had battled cancer since her diagnosis in September. Send expressions of sympathy to:
The Family of Dolores Fink
242 Beechwood Drive
Ft Mitchell, KY 41017



Susan Martin, Grayson County, enjoyed a Caribbean Cruise with her children last fall.

Brag Corner

Lincoln, grandson of Mary Jane Gaines, retiree, Anderson County

Nathan, 9 months old, grandson of Sally Boulton, Ballard County



Paisley Mary Hooks, granddaughter of Marilyn Hooks, Princeton Research Center

