



Alpha Rho – Kansas Chapter

**Epsilon Sigma Phi**

**2014**

**Alpha Rho Chapter  
Epsilon Sigma Phi  
Annual Report**

**Officer Reports:**

**President's Report – Chuck Otte**

I want to start by thanking the members of Alpha Rho Chapter for the privilege and honor to serve as your president during the past year. The months have gone by quickly and there have been many opportunities to serve the chapter and grow as a professional. Thank you to you all and I will continue to serve Alpha Rho in any way that I can.

Following are a few of the highlights for the 2013-2014 year.

- President-elect Stacey Warner and I were able to attend the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Leadership Workshop in Nashville in February. We were able to network with other ESP members from across the country, meet as regional ESP members and have a

very enjoyable and educational program from Dave Mitchell about how to better understand the people we work with and serve. We found out about romantics and warriors, experts and masterminds. Just don't ask which one I am!

- We had ten members attend the National ESP Conference in early October in Indianapolis. Stacey and I served as your voting delegates at the National Council Annual Meeting. We had several Alpha Rho Chapter members receive awards! Barbara Stone received the Visionary Leadership award for the North Central Region and Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena received the Diversity, Multi-Cultural Individual award for the North Central Region. We were also very pleased to see Steven and Kay Irsik receive national recognition as one of three ESP's Friend of Extension. The Irsik's were able to be with us at the awards banquet. We all know what great supporters they are of K-State Research and Extension and now the rest of the country knows as well!
- We again had several Alpha Rho members serving on National ESP committees. Stacey Warner has

served on the Membership Recruitment and Retention; Marie Blythe on Professional Development and we've had two members, Sandra Wick and Doug Jardine serving on the Marketing committee. If you want to learn more about our national association, consider serving on one of the national committees in coming years.

- One of my goals has been to move the Kansas Extension Agents Association (KEAA) to a new Kansas Joint Council of Extension Professionals. At one time KEAA was an organization of the three "agent" associations (Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents) with ESP on the "outside". At the time that KEAA was formed, only county extension agents could be members of the three associations while ESP allowed membership for all Extension professionals. Over the years times have changed and we realize that all four associations are for the purpose of Extension professional development. ESP has been working with the KEAA associations to host new agent

association awareness lunches as well as the annual "Meet with the Administrators" event. The four associations have been working as a joint council organization for several years and it's time to formalize this. I have been able to get the wheels of progress moving and in the coming year I look forward to working with members of the three KEAA associations to develop a new constitution and bylaws that will transition KEAA to a KS-JCEP organization. I know that there will be numerous positive outcomes of this as we all strive to be better Extension Professionals!

- Your state council has met on bimonthly conference calls through the year dealing with many of the issues that all associations must take care of. Sandra has done a great job in getting newsletters out in a timely manner and I've welcomed the opportunity to contribute to those. I want to give a special thank you to Sandra Wick and Chapter Secretary Nadine Sigle. They stepped in last year to fill unexpired terms of officers who had left Extension. Thank you so much for the hard work that both of you took on for the chapter.

And that brings us to the end of another year. As I move to that esteemed (and highly desired) position of Past President I know that I leave our chapter in the good hands of Stacey Warner and the rest of the board. I still have duties and responsibilities to perform, but thank you once again for the opportunity to serve our Extension Professional's Association.

### **President-elect – Stacey Warner**

I have appreciated serving as president-elect of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi this year and anticipate the opportunity to work with all of you during the next year as your chapter president.

I've always placed a priority on my ESP membership. I appreciate the global perspective of the organization – as ESP members we take off our filters of subject matter and physical office location and focus on advancing the extension profession and the extension professional as a whole.

A number of years ago the national ESP board appointed a task force that highlighted some skills of an extension professional. I have a copy of this on my desk where I can see it frequently. To me it's an encouragement to continue to examine my proficiency and to devise some strategies to reach the skills that

we strive toward. Some of the skills are listed below.

An extension professional:

- Adheres to high standards of personal and professional ethics
- Teaches in formal and informal settings as appropriate
- Is a life-long learner
- Exhibits excellent oral and written communication skills
- Embraces and adapts to change
- Is a scholar and demonstrates scholarship throughout his/her work
- Is nationally engaged with educational presentations, research and professional development

To read more go to:

<http://espnational.org/about-us/what-is-an-extension-professional.html>

During my term as president of our chapter I look forward to exploring ways we can work as a group to move toward enhancing our professional skills.

### **Secretary – Nadine Sigle**

Minutes of the Council Meetings were written and posted to the web site. Officers and Committee Chairs provided submissions for the 2014 Annual Report.

### **Treasurer – Jennifer Wilson**

As of September 30, 2014 the checking account balance is \$10,896.45 and the CD balance is \$5,680.30 for total assets of \$16,576.75. Receipts for 2014 were \$10,305.41 and expenditures were \$8,984.85.

### **Editor – Sandra Wick**

The winter and summer newsletters were prepared and posted on the Alpha Rho website along with a link that was e-mailed to all ESP members. Hard copies of the newsletter were mailed to all retirees by the Extension Operations Office (Martha Monihen). The ESP Annual Recognition Event program booklet was prepared and will be available at Annual Conference.

### **Annalist/Historian – Doug Jardine**

The chapter has received some historical materials from Susan Hansen of the Nebraska Alpha Upsilon Chapter. Susan served on the ad-hoc ESP History Committee and obtained the materials from the national office. The materials are mostly nomination statements for various members who were nominated for national awards. They also include a very antiquated initiation ceremony. The materials will be placed with other Alpha Rho historical items at the Hale Library Archives.

### **Past President & Endowment – Gayle Price**

#### **Endowment Fund Grants**

- **Jamie Rathbun**, Midway Extension District, Family and Consumer Sciences, Grant Amount: \$200.00, Professional Development, National Extension Disaster Education Network Conference (EDEN); Prepare Kansas breakout session presenter; October 2014.
- **Amy Lorenzen**, Golden Prairie Extension District, Family and Consumer Sciences, Grant Amount: \$300.00, Program Innovation, “Preserving the Family with Estate Planning”, 2015.
- **M. Gayle Price**, Extension Specialist, Southeast, Family and Consumer Sciences, Grant Amount: \$2000.00, Program Innovation, “Kansas Regional Farmers Market Vendor Workshops”, 2015.
- **Sandra L. Wick**, Post Rock Extension District, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Grant Amount: \$1000.00, Program Innovation, “Strengthening Rural Families Educational Series; 2015.

## Scholarships:

### Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership

**Elizabeth “Liz” Brunscheen-Cartagena**, Sedgwick County Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences, Scholarship Amount: \$1200.00, Professional Development, National Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference, ESP Award Recipient-Diversity Multi-Cultural- Individual; 2014.

**Connie Hoch Leadership-** No applications received for 2014. Endowment Fund Marketing Brochure was update, October 2014.

## Standing Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Reception – Chelsea Richmond

The 2014 Annual Recognition Reception will be held on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the K&S Ballroom in the K-State Union. Flavours by Sodexo at the K-State Student Union will provide the catering service for the reception, offering desserts and beverages. Table decorations will commemorate the Smith-Lever Act and Extension’s 100-year anniversary.

### Recognition – Sheryl Carson

Alpha Rho Chapter had seven nominations submitted to National Epsilon Sigma Phi. Those were Friend of

Extension - Mr.& Mrs. Steve Irsik; Administrative Leadership – Paula Peters; Mid-Career Service – Raymond A. Cloyd; Early-Career Service – DeAnn Ricks Presley; Visionary Leadership – Barbara Stone; Diversity & Multicultural Individual – Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena; Diversity Multicultural Team – Ruddy Yanez, Alejandra Romero, Bertha Mendoza, Debra Bolton and Rod Buchele.

Of the seven Kansas national nominations three achieved recognition: Friend of Extension, Diversity and Multicultural Individual, and Visionary Leadership. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Irsik, Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Extension Agent, Sedgwick County, Barbara Stone, Department Head and Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development.

Thank you to all of our Alpha Rho members who represented Kansas on the national level.

We had 26 nominations this year. There were no nominations for Area Meritorious Service, International Service, Diversity/Multicultural Team, or Retiree Service.

### **2014 ESP Alpha Rho Award Winners:**

- Administrative Leadership: Laurie Chandler
- Horizon County/District (2): Lisa Newman and Anna Schremmer
- Horizon Area: Jaymelyn Farney
- Horizon State: Jared Hoyle
- Early Career: Ginny Bernard
- Mid-Career: Ethel Schneweis
- Visionary Leadership: Jamie Hancock
- Meritorious Service County/District (2): Jennifer Wilson and Sandra Wick
- Meritorious Service State: Marie Blythe
- Distinguished Service: Doug Jardine
- Distinguished Team: *Preserving the Family with Estate Planning* – Linda Beech, Amy Lorenzen, Anna Schremmer, Libby Curry, Julianne Shoup, Karen Shepard, Jen Schoenfeld, Diann Gertsner
- Diversity/Multicultural Individual: Debra Bolton
- Friend of Extension: Lucas Shivers

### **Budget & Audit – Susie Latta**

In September the committee met with the treasurer via conference call to develop a budget proposal for the 2014-2015 year. The budget was reviewed and the committee recommended presentation to the membership at the annual meeting.

By maintaining the current membership and keeping expenses to a minimum the committee was able to propose a balanced budget. We need to continue to encourage Extension Professionals to become a part of this professional association so we don't have to increase dues in the future. A big thanks to Fred Delano for auditing the association books for the last several years. Duane Hund was recruited to head up the review of the treasurer's books for this past year and will report at the business meeting.

### **Constitution and Bylaws – Carl Garten**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee had no changes or recommendations this year.

### **Global Relations – Denise Dias**

The Global Relations Committee provided information on possible international opportunities through the newsletter.

### **Membership Recruitment & Retention – Andrea Burns**

The Membership Recruitment and Retention committee had two goals this year- first, update the website and membership brochure with the approved changes regarding the ESP Constitution (requirements for associate

and annual membership) and second, conduct a successful annual membership recruitment and membership retention campaign.

The campaign was a success as we have 11 new members who have joined or transferred since Annual Conference in October of 2013.

**New Associate Members:**

- Jaymelynn Farney, Southeast Area
- Teresa Hatfield, Sedgwick County
- Angela Jones, Sedgwick County
- Janel Koons, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Service
- Olivia Moore, Wyandotte County
- Jaime Menon, Community Vitality
- Nora Rhoades, Post Rock District
- Nicolette Unruh, Midway District
- Sarah Zukoff, Southwest Area

**New Annual Members:**

- John Beckman, Scott County
- Bruce Chladny, Wyandotte County
- Holly Dickman, Ellis County

**New Life Members:**

- Doug Beech, Agricultural Economics
- Bev Dunning, Sedgwick County
- Margaret Phillips, Assistant Program Leader for Extension
- Phil Sloderbeck, Southwest Area Director

**Nomination – Gayle Price**

Nominations were received for the following offices:

President Elect- Nozella Brown

Secretary- Nadine Sigle

Editor- Sandra Wick

Northeast Council Director- Jamie Hancock

Southeast Council Director- Gayle Price

Retiree Council Director- Mary Lou Odle

Endowment Trustee- Denise Dias

**Professionalism – Ginny Bernard**

No report

**Retiree – Ann Domsch**

An invitation letter was sent to all retirees that highlighted the activities for retirees at annual conference. The annual retirees' session will follow the awards luncheon. After the luncheon, Dr. Daryl Buchholz and incoming ESP chairperson Stacey Warner will speak to the group. A Barbershop Quartets will perform a few numbers. Following the quartet there will be time for visiting and catching up on what all the retirees have been doing since last October.

**Tenure Recognition – Jeanne Falk Jones**

**50 Years**

**Beverly Dunning**

Sedgwick County, 1964 to 2014.

### **40 Years**

#### **James Lindquist**

Riley County, 1974 to 1989;  
Extension Personnel and  
Recruitment, 1989 to 1995;  
Northeast / Metro Area, 1995 to 2005;  
Field Operations, 2005 to present.

### **35 Years**

#### **J.D. McNutt**

Oklahoma State University, 1979 to  
1991;  
University of Missouri, 1991 to 1995;  
South Central Area, 1995 to 2002;  
Northeast Area, 2002 to 2004;  
Southeast Area, 2004 to present.

#### **Linda Beech**

Hodgeman County, 1979 to 1988;  
Stevens County, 1988 to 1996;  
Finney County, 1996 to 2012;  
Ellis County, 2012 to present.

#### **Robert Neier**

Reno County, 1979 to 1988;  
Sedgwick County, 1988 to present.

#### **Barbara Stone**

University of Nebraska, 1976 to 1984;  
Oregon State University, 1984 to 1992;  
Texas A & M University, 1992 to 2000;  
North Carolina State University, 1999 to  
2002;  
Texas A & M University, 2001 to 2003;  
National 4-H Headquarters, 2003 to  
2008;  
4-H Youth Development, 2011 to  
present.

### **25 Years**

#### **Sandra Wick**

Smith County, 1989 to 2012;  
Post Rock District #1, 2012 to present.

### **20 Years**

#### **Rebecca McFarland**

University of Arkansas, 1994 to 1996;  
Franklin County, 1996 to 2010;  
Frontier District #11, 2010 to present.

### **15 Years**

#### **Anna Muir**

Rooks County, 1999 to 2005;  
Phillips-Rooks District #5, 2005 to  
present.

#### **Ethel Schneweis**

Ford County, 1999 to present.

#### **Raymond Cloyd**

University of Illinois, 1999 - 2006;  
Entomology, 2006 to present.

#### **Mary Higgins**

Human Nutrition, 1999 to present.

#### **Will Boyer**

Agronomy, 1998 to 2003;  
KCARE, 2003 to present.

### **10 Years**

#### **Jeanne Falk Jones**

Wallace, Sherman & Cheyenne Counties,  
2004 to present.



**Barbara Ames**

Montgomery County, 2004 to 2011;  
Wildcat District #14, 2011 to present.

**Scott Barrows**

Ness County, 1989 to 1995;  
Trego County, 2009 to 2010;  
Golden Prairie District #12, 2010 to  
present.

**Sarah Maass**

Lyon County, 2004 to 2007;  
Central Kansas District #3, 2007 to  
present.

**Carolyn Blocksome**

Agronomy, 2003 to 2013;  
Horticulture, Forestry, and Recreation  
Resources, 2013 to present.

**5 Years****Debra Wood**

Ft. Riley Extension Military Program,  
2009 to 2010;  
Geary County, 2010 to 2013;  
Central Kansas District #3, 2013 to  
present.

**Memorial Tribute:**

**Christine Buchanan** was appointed as an Assistant Extension Editor, Publications in 1982. In 1983, she became the Extension Publications Editor. Christine was named News Coordinator in 1993, and she held that position until her retirement in 1995.

**Charles “Tom” Hall** began as a County Agricultural Agent in Wilson County in 1933. In 1934, he moved to the Jefferson County Extension Office as the Agricultural Agent. He moved to the Johnson County Extension Office in 1939. He remained the Agricultural Agent in Johnson County until his retirement from Extension in 1973. Tom received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1945.

**Clifford L. Meireis** was hired as a County Club Agent in 1955 in Pratt County. In 1962, he became the County Club Agent in Sumner County. He moved to Norton County in 1967 and was the County Agricultural Agent where he remained until his retirement as the County Extension Agricultural Agent and County Director in 1984.

**Dixie I. Molz** was hired as a Home Demonstration Agent in Stafford County in 1953. Her title changed in 1956 to Stafford County Home Economics Agent

and again in 1967 to Stafford County Extension Home Economist. She retired from that position in 1983.

**Nada Thoden** began her career as Extension Home Economist for Miami County Extension Service in 1965. She became the Johnson County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in 1985. As a master organizer, Nada, along with her colleagues, spearheaded the Master Foods Program in Kansas. She retired from Johnson County Extension in 2004.

## 2014 Life Members

Mariellen J. Appleby  
Mary P. (Clarke) Barkley  
John J. Barnes  
Doug Beech  
Dennis D. Bejot  
Flo Biehl  
William H. Borst  
Robert W. Bozworth  
Herbert W. Bulk  
Glenn M. Busset  
Edward P. Call  
Lois Carlson  
Linda Carr  
Crystal Coffman  
Bill D. Collins  
Larry R. Corah  
Jeanice A. Cress  
Donald D. Dauber  
Robert Davis  
Fred DeLano  
William M. Dickson  
Beverly Dunning  
Naomi England  
Cecil L. Eyestone  
Philip B. Finley  
Steven D. Fisher  
Leslile P. Frazier  
Alice L. Frey  
Kenneth W. Fromm  
Nancy Gafford  
Ralph Germann  
Mary Lou Gibbs  
Evon Goettel  
Clarene Goodheart  
A. Harold Gottsch  
R. Jean Hodges  
Arless E. Honstead  
Darrel Hosie

William C. Hundley  
Robert L. Johnson  
Glenda Keller  
Gary Kilgore  
Beverly Kindler  
Glinda B. Leach  
Jim Lindquist  
Lindy. R. Lindquist  
Sally Lindquist  
Ray H. Mann  
Emily Mark  
Donna Martinson  
Marcia McFarland  
Kenneth L. McReynolds  
W. Gale Mullen  
Mary Munson  
Ross M. Nelson  
Dorothy H. Neufeld  
Ocie A. Neuschwander  
Bob Newsome  
Sy Nyhart  
Mary Lou Odle  
Leonard C. Parker  
Juanita Johnson Payne  
E. J. Peterson  
Margaret Phillips  
Morgan Powell  
Warren L. Prawl  
A. Lois Redman  
Wilber E. Ringler  
Jean Rowland  
David Shafer  
John R. Schlender  
Mary D. Schroeder  
Mark Schwarzentraub  
Ensley J. Sisk

Charles W. Smith  
Jenell Smith  
John F. Smith  
Fred D. Sobering  
Ann Sparke  
Janet Stephens  
Catherine Thorsell  
Earl L. VanMeter  
Doris Katey Walker  
Mildred L. Walker  
Eldon R. Weaver  
Marsha Weaver  
Ruth I. Wells  
Leo T. Wendling  
Steven A. Westfahl  
Herman W. Westmeyer  
Don K. Wiles  
Dick Wootton  
Carol Young

### Kansas Only Life Members

Donald L. Faidley  
Dorthea Schroeder  
Soe F. Slinkman

94 - Life  
3 - Kansas Only  
97 - Total

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## 2014

### Membership – Annual and Associate Members

#### Northeast Area

Deb Andres\*  
Gina Aurand  
Virginia Bernard  
Nozella Brown  
Travis Carmichael\*  
Jennifer Carr\*  
Laurie Chandler  
Gary Cramer  
Valeria Elwards  
Dale Fjell  
John Forshee  
Lindsey Friesen\*  
Carl Garten  
Rhonda Gordon  
Jamie Hancock\*  
Sharolyn Jackson  
Ginger Kopfer  
Susan Latta  
Dan Lekie  
Sarah Maass  
Diane Mack  
Bryan Manny  
Jill Martinson  
Candis Merrpohl\*  
Nancy Nelson  
Lisa Newman\*  
Charles Otte  
Corrine Patterson  
Nancy Pihl  
Chelsea Richmond\*  
Jan Steen\*  
Brenda Taxeras  
Deanna Turner  
Jennifer Wilson  
Debra Wood

#### Northwest Area

Scott Barrows  
Linda Beech  
Libby Curry  
Holly Dickman  
David Dunn  
Jeanne Falk Jones  
Sandra Johnson  
Amy Lorenzen\*  
Patsy Maddy\*  
Anna Muir  
Chris Onstad  
Erin Petersilie\*  
Jamie Rathbun  
Anna Schremmer\*  
Nadine Sigle  
Deryl Waldren  
Tranda Watts  
Sandra Wick  
Aliesa Woods

#### Southeast Area

Barbara Ames  
Jodi Besthorn  
Elizabeth  
Brunscheen  
Dianne Burnett  
Denise Dias  
Elizabeth Drescher  
Jaymelynn Farney\*  
Nancy Gardner\*  
Beth Hinshaw  
Rebecca McFarland  
Janice McMahan  
JD McNutt  
Charlene Miller\*

Robert Neier  
Gayle Price  
Fran Richmond  
Julie Traxson\*

#### Southwest Area

Jonathan Aguilar\*  
John Beckman  
Debra Bolton  
Rodney Buchele  
Andrea Burns  
Sheryl Carson  
Sharon Erickson-  
Fryback\*  
Robin Eubank  
Bertha Mendoza  
Mark Ploger  
Ethel Schneweis  
Phil Sloderbeck  
Barrett Smith\*

#### State

James Adams  
Karen Blakeslee  
Carol Blocksome  
Marie Blythe  
Cheryl Boyer  
Will Boyer  
Daryl Buchholz  
L. Ann Domsch  
John Floros  
Gary Gerhard  
Gregg Hadley  
Mary Higgins  
Jared Hoyle\*

Duane Hund  
Douglas Jardine  
Elaine Johannes  
Sarah Keatley  
Elizabeth Kiss  
Catherine Lavis\*  
Joe Lear  
Jaime Menon\*  
Pat Murphy  
Charlotte Shoup  
Olson  
Paula Peters  
DeAnn Presley  
Sandy Procter  
Trudy Rice  
Roberta Riportella  
Cary Rivard\*  
Barbara Stone  
Pam Van Horn  
Stacey Warner  
Bradford Wiles\*

#### **Key to Membership**

##### **Status**

\* Associate  
Member

##### **Dues Summary**

93 - Annual  
27 - Associate  
120 - Total

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