

**2015 Epsilon Sigma Phi
Alpha Kappa Chapter
Annual Meeting
Signature Club of Lansdowne
Lexington, KY
March 18, 2015**

Prior to the meeting's call to order, registration, networking and silent auction bidding began at 1:30pm. The retirees and lifetime members met at 12:30pm under the leadership of Martha Nall, Chair.

The membership of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi met on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at the Signature Club of Lansdowne for the 81st annual meeting.

President Natasha Lucas called the 81st Annual meeting and Awards Program of the Epsilon Sigma Phi-Alpha Kappa Chapter to order at 2:00pm. She gave a brief history of the Signature Club of Lansdowne.

Dana Anderson led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Taylor Dye, an Owsley County 4-H alumni and senior at Georgetown College sang the National Anthem.

President Natasha Lucas gave a few brief comments about the silent auction and lifetime and retiree members.

Dr. Ken Jones, Director of Program & Staff Development, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service brought greetings to the membership on behalf of Dr. Jimmy Henning who was unable to attend the meeting. He spoke about Dr. Henning's support and value of Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Administrative update: Martha Thompson has retired and Thomas Keene has been hired as Extension Personnel Director. A new associate dean for research has been hired, Dr. Rick Bennett from the University of Arkansas who will begin in June of this year. Strategic planning is in the process, listening sessions, interviews, surveys and many other processes have been used in this planning. They are working on a new four year of plan of work, currently in 4th year, working on 2016 and beyond.

Dr. Javviette Samuel, Associate Extension Administrator and Associate Professor with Kentucky State University, met with the life members during their meeting. She was unable to stay for the annual meeting.

Daniel Wilson, President of KACAA, brought greetings on behalf of the Kentucky Association of County Agriculture Agents.

Charles Comer, President of KAE4HA, brought greetings on behalf of the Kentucky Association of Extension 4-H Agents. He read a quote about being a team and the importance of Extension and ESP.

Edith Lovett, President of KEAFCS, brought greetings to the group on behalf of the Kentucky Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She reported that there are 124 Kentucky Extension Homemaker Association members, and 54 lifetime members.

Jeffrey Lehmkuhler, President of KASEP, Kentucky Association of State Extension Professionals, brought greetings to the group. He reported that KASEP will have their annual meeting on April 7th. He stated that he welcomes to hear input from agents and others. They are looking forward to working with everyone.

Louie Rivers, brought greetings on behalf of the new president of Kentucky State University. KSU is still growing and they are just beginning a new Family and Consumer Sciences program, and the 3rd Thursday program is still going strong. They are working on getting new members for ESP from KSU.

Initiation of New Members

Paula Jerrell, Chair of the Membership Committee initiated new members. Dayna Parrett will be co-chair of membership committee. Six new members joined this year.

They are:

Eric Comley

Winston Dunwell

Toni Humble

Courtney Jenkins

Dayna Parrett

Dora Webb

Congratulations to our new members of Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Paula Jerrell closed by reading the Extension Professionals Creed.

President Natasha Lucas brought attention to her Presidents Report that is in the meeting program.

The 2014 annual meeting minutes were submitted by Katie Alexander, Secretary Alpha Kappa Chapter. Chuck Stamper made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Louie Rivers second. Motion voted and passed.

Donna Fryman gave the financial report on behalf of Reva Mitchell, treasurer. Mason Morrison made motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Darold Akridge second, voted and motion passed.

Following the treasurer's report a Networking time was in place for members to network, have refreshments and place final bids for the silent auction.

Committee Reports:

Membership Recruitment & Retention, Paula Jerrell, Chair. The chair reported that Dana Anderson will be chairperson next year for this committee. The chair also reported that we have 112 members so far, due to inclement weather a final report will be given later. Five new lifetime members were gained this year.

Professional Development, Joan Martin, Chair. She thanked her committee for working on this meeting and recognized them. Over 70 people are registered to attend the in service tomorrow.

Scholarships, Grants and Recognition, Janet Turley, Chair. New chair will be Julie Brown. The chair stated that they liked the networking time in the meeting. Awards information was given about how to apply and the judging process.

Marketing, Edith Lovett, Chair. Tyrone Gentry and Jessica Ritchie were also recognized for being on the committee. Chair stated that there is ESP National Conference information available about the 2015 National Meeting in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

Public Issues, Donna Fryman, Chair. She promoted the PILD meeting that is coming up in April. Excellent opportunity for members to go, you do not have to be an officer to attend.

Chapter Relations, Sarah Brandl, Chair. This committee works with ESP bylaws and history. Jennifer Bridge and committee worked on the bylaws and constitution and organizational guidelines. They are looking for more committee members. They will be working with Joe Williams to place the ESP historical documents in the Young Library.

Global Relations, Debbie Temple, Chair. She thanked Joan Martin and commended her for a job well done on being on the National Global Relations committee and giving information to our state committee to help them. A world map has been placed on table for members to mark where they have been internationally to work with families. A national initiative that has been started is to provide protective clothing to other countries for pest control spraying.

Retirees & Lifetime Members, Martha Nall, Chair. 16 people attended the meeting this morning. A scholarship will be given. Retirees will be planning another get together this year. The new chair of this committee will be Martha Thompson.

Extension Personnel Update, Thomas Keene, Director of Extension Personnel.

Natasha Lucas gave a brief welcome to Mr. Keene. Thomas Keene spoke to the group and gave more of his background and family information. He reported that over 40 interns will be working with extension this summer. He commended Martha Thompson for her hard work. He reported that an additional HR specialist will be hired to oversee the internship program and other duties.

The group was entertained by the Overtones, local Barbershop Quartet.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

In Memorial, Sarah Brandl, Chapter Relations Chair. This memorial honors the contributions of members no longer with us.

Jeff Porter, Henderson County Extension Agent for Horticulture, 2005-2014.

Harold Crenshaw, Casey County Extension Agent for Agriculture 1940's, Metcalfe County Agent for Agriculture, retired 1981.

A.W. Roland, Muhlenberg County Extension Agent for 4-H, 1947-1980.

Harold Vaught, Clinton County Extension Agent and Area Forage Specialist, 1970's.

Nell Joe Click Marshall, County Extension Agent for Home Economics, Greenup County 1941-1946, Mason County 1946-1948.

Estill Noffsinger, County Extension Agent for Agriculture, Gallatin and Nicholas County.

James Edwards, Ballard County Extension Agent for Agriculture, 1956-1986.

A moment of silence was observed.

2015 Proposed Budget, presented by Donna Fryman in Reva Mitchell's absence.

Motion made by Darold Akridge to accept the proposed budget, second by Janet Turley, motion passed to accept the proposed budget.

Awards and Recognition: Janet Turley, Chair, Scholarship, Grants and Recognition Committee reported.

Friend of Extension Awards:

- **Quicksand Area:** Dean Craft, huge supporter of Cooperative Extension Service and leader in the agriculture community. He is a retired Kentucky State Trooper and is very involved in the Knott County Community.
- **Lincoln Trail Area:** Senator Dennis Parrett. Senator Parrett is a UK College of Agriculture graduate; he has been successful as an Extension Agent, an Agribusiness man, community leader and State Senator.

Retiree Awards: Martha Nall, Chair – Retiree & Life Members

Outstanding Retiree Service Award:

- This award is presented to the nominee since retirement and must be a life time member of ESP. This award was proudly presented to Brenda Estes Cook, retired from the position of Green County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences after 33 years of dedicated service. Her commitment to Green County continues as she now serves as the state coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide Program working with 500 volunteers at 70 plus sites. She is also a counselor at a local site assisting taxpayers with preparation and E-filing. She is also active with the local Blood Mobile program. She works at the Community Food Bank, teaches Sunday School, volunteers with the Sunday night children's program, is an officer and leader in many church activities and prepares all tax reports and makes online payments for the church. She has participated in six week-long work/mission trips with the KY Changers, a youth repairing sub-standard housing program. She is also a member of the Green County Extension Homemakers providing leadership to county activities, fundraising events and serves as Food and Nutrition Chair for the county. Congratulations to Brenda!

Retiree Scholarship for Undergraduate Student:

- The recipient is M. Addison Whitaker from Letcher County. He is a native of Letcher County, was active in 4-H at the county, area and state levels. He is majoring in Ag Econ with a minor in Business. He plans to graduate in December 2015. He is the son of Mitch Whitaker, a program assistant with the Letcher County Extension Office. Congratulations Addison!

Recognition: Paula Jerrell, Chair – Membership, Recruitment & Retention

Lifetime Members: Gae Broadwater, Jeanne Davis, John H (Jack) Ewing III, Pat Margolis and Rebecca Nash.

Service Awards:

25 Years:

Jennifer Bridge, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Meade County

Jimmy Henning, Associate Dean for Extension Director

Diane Kelley, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Kenton County

30 Years:

Sarah Brandl, EFNEP Coordinator

Nellie Buchanan, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Morgan County

Mary Hixon, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Garrard County

Gary Palmer, Assistant Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources

35 Years:

Glenna Wooten, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Perry County

Service Recognition Awards, Janet Turley

- Early Career (less than 10 years) – Christy Nuetzman, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Clinton County
- Mid-Career (10-20 years) – Tyrone Gentry, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Green County
- Distinguished Service (20 years) – Dana Anderson, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Mercer County

Visionary Leadership Award: Tyrone Gentry, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Green County.

Administrative Leadership: Rosie Allen, Northern Kentucky Area Extension Agent for Nutrition Education Programs.

Individual Program Achievement Award: Eugenia Wilson, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Martin County. *Raising a Community Together*, this project included collaboration with the Martin County Family Resource and Youth Service Center directors to increase parenting skills for grandparents serving in parenting roles.

Team Program – County Award:

Team Members: Linda Combs, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Knott County and Dora Webb, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Knott County.

Mommy and Me is a program that highlights what working together can accomplish.

Distinguished Team Program Award:

Team Members: Lynnette Allen, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Breckinridge County, Alexandria Bryant, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Breckinridge County

Carol Hinton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, Breckinridge County

2014 Breckinridge County Youth Ag Expo: Grow It, Eat It, Wear It provided an educational tool for the students to gain a broader view of their community. They had the opportunity to interact with many professionals and local leaders who represent the agriculture industry in a positive and innovative way.

Chapter Recognition Report to the People

Purchase Area – Marshall County

Pennyrile Area – Crittenden County

Green River Area – Ohio County

Mammoth Cave Area – Allen County

Lake Cumberland Area – Pulaski County

Lincoln Trail Area – Grayson County

Louisville Area – Shelby County

Northern Kentucky Area – Boone County

Fort Harrod Area – Boyle County

Bluegrass Area – Scott County

Licking River Area – Morgan County

Northeast Kentucky Area – Lawrence County
Quicksand Area – Breathitt County
Wilderness Trail Area – Whitley County

Leadership Recognition:

- Recognition of Officers, Board Members and National Committee Members
President Natasha Lucas recognized the following officers, committee chairs, national committees and area contacts for their service:

2015 ESP Alpha Kappa Chapter Officers

President – Natasha Lucas, Owsley County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences
President Elect – Dr. Ken Jones, Director, UK Program & Staff Development
Treasurer – Reva Mitchell, Retired Henderson County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development
Secretary – Katie Alexander, Webster County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences
Past President – Lyndall Harned, Boyd County Extension Agent Agriculture & Natural Resources

2015 ESP Alpha Kappa Chapter Committee Chairs

Chapter Relations – Sarah Brandl, Extension Specialist Nutrition Education Program
Global Relations – Debbie Temple, Ballard County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Membership Recruitment & Retention – Paula Jerrell, Ballard County 4-H Youth Development Agent
Professional Development – Joan Martin, Anderson County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Public Issues – Donna Fryman, Fleming County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Marketing – Edith Lovett, Pulaski County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Resource Development & Management – Lynnette Allen, Breckinridge County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Scholarship, Grants & Recognition – Janet Turley, Warren County 4-H Youth Development Agent
Retirees & Life Members – Martha Nall, Retired Extension Specialist for Program and Staff Development

2015 National ESP Committee Members

Resource Development and Management – Louise Moore, CES District 2 Director
Global Relations – Joan Martin, Anderson County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Marketing – Lora Lee Howard, Clay County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Marketing – Jennifer Hunter, CES Specialist – Family Financial Management

2015 ESP Alpha Kappa Chapter Area Contacts

Administration – Anna Smith, CES District 5 Director
Bluegrass – Ray Tackett, Bourbon County Horticulture Agent
Fort Harrod – Dana Anderson, Mercer County 4-H Youth Development Agent
Green River – Lisa Hagman, Hancock County 4-H Youth Development Agent
Kentucky State University – Louie Rivers, Project Manager Small Farms
Lake Cumberland – Tyrone Gentry, Green County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Licking River – Tad Campbell, Fleming County Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent
Lincoln Trail – Jack Ewing, Grayson County Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent
Louisville – Sheila Fawbush, Shelby County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Mammoth Cave – Julie Brown, Warren County 4-H Youth Development Agent
Northern Kentucky – Judy Hetterman, Owen County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Northeast – Eugenia Wilson, Martin County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Pennyryle – Nancy Hunt, Crittenden County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Purchase – LaDawn Hale, Calloway County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Quicksand – Ann Hollon, Wolfe County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent
Specialists – Sarah Brandl, Extension Specialist for Nutrition Education
Wilderness Trail – Lora Lee Howard, Clay County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Officer Elections

Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Ken Jones, President-Elect, Chair

2015 - 2016

President: Dr. Ken Jones

President-elect: Paula Jerrell

Secretary: Katie Alexander

Treasurer: Donna Fryman

Chuck Stamper made a motion to accept the slate of officers.

Gary Michael Templeman, second the motion.

Voted, motion passed.

Officers were installed by Lyndall Harned, Past President.

Natasha Lucas passed the gavel to New President Dr. Ken Jones.

Dr. Jones presented Natasha Lucas with a gift and expressed his thanks and the member's appreciation for her service as President of Alpha Kappa Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi.

New president Dr. Kenneth Jones gave closing remarks.

Evaluation will be sent out electronically. All members attending are asked to complete it.

Silent Auction Results were given by Lynnette Allen. Total from the silent auction was \$600 with \$105 of the total on the item for special endowment.

Crystal Osborne will be chair of the Resource Development and Management Committee next year.

Winners were announced. Thanks to all who donated.

Motion made by David Harrison to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Special Thanks:

- University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension Program for sponsorship and support
- Dr. Henning for his support in many ways but especially for the JCEP Leadership Conference and PILD
- Professional Development Committee – Joan Martin – Chair, Committee members: Elizabeth Creed, Martha Nall, Kim Henken, Amanda Hardy, Julie Brown, Kelli Bonifer, and Nancy Calix
- Scholarship, Grants and Recognition Committee – Janet Turley – Chair and Committee Member: Julie Brown
- Lynette Allen, Chair & Committee Member: Crystal Osborne for coordinating the Silent Auction and raffle
- All Epsilon Sigma Phi Officers, committees, area contacts and members

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katie Alexander, Secretary
Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Kappa Chapter
2015