

Spring 2015



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Sister Chapters

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

Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter

Notes from the Officers & Directors

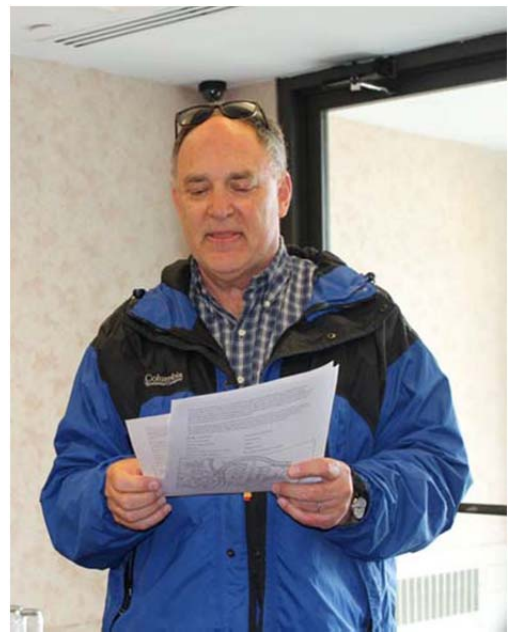
The officers and directors would like to send Get Well wishes to our new President Sharon Edwards who has been under the weather lately. Sharon was unable to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting and was missed terribly! She has also had to be in the hospital lately and have some tests done. Sharon, your entire CHIES Family sends well wishes, good thoughts and prayers for your health.

Also, the officers and directors would like to wish Marilyn Lauer a happy retirement. Marilyn will be greatly missed as a member of the CHIES Board. But we know she will have her hands full and enjoy every second of this new chapter in her life!



The CHIES Facebook page often features notes of interest such as retirements, prayer requests and praise reports of members. Be sure to check it out and "Like" it to keep informed of your fellow members.

*2015 Annual Meeting
Capital Plaza Hotel
Frankfort, Kentucky
April 15-17, 2015*



*Connect with us on Facebook for frequent updates & additional pictures from recent events. Also visit our website at:
<http://ces.ca.uky.edu/chies>*



And the award goes to:

Distinguished Service Award	Marilyn Hooks, Princeton	1 st Place
	Debra Litteral, Greenup County	2 nd Place
	Kathy Ballard, Nelson County	3 rd Place
New Achiever Award	Christin Roberson, Laurel County	1 st Place
	Georganne Collins, Nelson County	2 nd Place
	Kisha Atwood, Casey County	3 rd Place
Communication Award	Debra Litteral, Greenup County	1 st Place
	Lorene Coots, Leslie County	2 nd Place
	Gil Thurman, Franklin County	3 rd Place
Outstanding Program Award	Tina Bledsoe, Laurel County	1 st Place
	Vicki Boggs, Leslie County	2 nd Place
Good Friend Award	Carolyn Morris, Taylor County	
Jovial Award	June Johnston, UK Campus, Princeton	
Professional Improvement Scholarship	Lisa Adams, Hickman County	
	Abby VanMeter, Nelson County	
	Lisa Stevens, Pulaski County	
	Debra Litteral, Greenup County	



Congratulations to all award winners!

Also, thank you all the 2014-2015 committee members who helped to make the CHIES Annual Meeting such a success.

Officers & Directors for 2015-2016

President: Sharon Edwards, Webster County
 Past President: Heather Russell, Harrison County
 Vice President: Eileen Kopp, Laurel County
 Secretary: Linda Martin, Logan County
 Treasurer: Tabatha Carman, Daviess County
 Annalist: Misty Dubre, Cumberland County

Fort Harrod: Abby Sorrell, Jessamine County
 Green River: Lori Whitlow, Daviess County
 Lake Cumberland: Lisa Stevens, Pulaski County
 Louisville: Rachelle Sharar, Shelby County
 Purchase: Susan Rice, McCracken County
 Quicksand: Dianne Warren, Breathitt County
 Wilderness Trail: Tina Bledsoe, Laurel County
 Licking River: Gwen O’Cull
 Lincoln Trail: Sue Ann McCandless, Larue Co.
 Mammoth Cave: LaSasha Grissom, Metcalfe Co.
 Northeast: Debra Litteral, Greenup County
 Northern KY: Rennie Corbin, Pendleton Co.
 Pennyrile: Sherry Head, Hopkins County
 UK Campus Princeton: Marilyn Hooks, UKREC
 Bluegrass: Mason Forsythe, Scott County
 UK Main Campus: *vacant*



Notes

Meagan Lucas, daughter of Mary Lucas will be serving as a summer intern in the Marion County Extension Office. Her first day was May 11th. Marion County CES is looking forward to working with her this summer. Meagan has grown up in Extension as she has been very active in 4-H.

Evonne Blackburn will be a first-time GREAT grandmother in November.



A Note of Thanks from Joni Hill

Joni just wanted to say how much she appreciated the interest in her “junque” at the annual meeting!

Deb Litteral, CHIES Northeast Area Director, welcomed her first granddaughter, Preslie Rian Worthington (right), on December 2nd. Preslie weighed in at 6 lbs 12 oz and was 19 ½ inches long. Preslie and Nanny Litteral are spending lots of time together and having a blast!



CHIES Community Service Projects

Each year, Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter chooses a community service project to participate and donate to at the annual meeting. This year, two projects were chosen. Green House 17 and the Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County both were helped through the generous efforts of Chi Epsilon Sigma members.

Green House 17 is an advocacy agency committed to ending intimate partner abuse in families and the community. They offer specially trained crisis counselors any time of the day, every day of the year. The main facility is located on a beautiful, 40-acre property in rural Fayette County offering an array of crisis intervention and stabilization services. CHIES donated \$815 to the organization this year. President Heather Russell is



pictured at left presenting the check to the organizations representative.

Also, during the 2015 Annual Meeting, members brought non-perishable food items to donate to the Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County. The Pantry is operated entirely by volunteers, no paid staff to help feed hungry families in Franklin County. Each District brought donations and held a little friendly competition. Congratulations to District 1 for contributing the most! The entire donation is pictured at right.



If you have suggestions for the community service project for 2016, please share those with your area's CHIES director or any officer.



The 2016 CHIES Annual Meeting will take place at The Ramada Inn in Paintsville, April 13-15, 2016.

August Board Meeting

The next board meeting for the Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter Officers and Directors will be **August 18, 2015** at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville beginning at 11 am EST. All officers and directors need to make plans to attend.