



# A Slice of Pi

## Pi Chapter Newsletter

September, 2013

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### Upcoming Meetings

**Pi Chapter Annual Meeting**  
**Tues. Oct. 8,**  
**6:15—7:30 PM**  
 Duluth Entertainment  
 Convention Center

**National ESP Conference**  
 (part of Galaxy IV)  
**September 16 – 20**  
 Pittsburgh, PA

### **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** by Holli Arp



Dear ESP Members –

As we reflect on another year and prepare for our annual meeting, my mind quickly wonders: Did each of our members find value in ESP this year?

Given an ever changing environment all organizations need to continue to think about maintaining and growing membership. This year, the ESP board has spent a lot of time exploring what our membership values about ESP as we

think strategically about how to maintain and grow membership. We plan to continue this important conversation at our annual meeting.

We sincerely hope you will take time to join us in Duluth, on October 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate another year of working together. I look forward to the recognition of Excellence in our colleagues work; highlighting our association's accomplishments; and planning for our future.

It has been a pleasure to serve as ESP President this year and to work with such a stellar group of professionals. The dedication, commitment and concern for others that I see in so many of you, make this an organization I will continue to promote!

All the best,  
Holli

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#### **ESP Mission Statement**

Epsilon Sigma Phi is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional.

#### **ESP Vision Statement**

Epsilon Sigma Phi leads the Extension System in promoting and supporting professionalism in Extension.

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#### **PI Chapter Annual Meeting and Activities**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

See page 2 for agenda and details

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## **2013 ESP PI Chapter Annual Meeting and Activities**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

**4:30-6:00 PM** — Extension Lightning Talks

**5:30 PM** ESP Social (coffee and water available - room 204)

**6:15-7:30 PM** (ESP Pi Chapter Annual Meeting – room 204)

**Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC)**

350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN

### **Meeting Agenda:**

1. Call to Order – Holli Arp, Chapter President
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Treasurer's Report/Audit report– Sara Croymans, Chapter Treasurer
4. Proposed 2013-14 Budget
5. Secretary's Report – Suzanne Driessen, Chapter Secretary
6. Election of Officers
7. 2012-13 Highlights:
  - a. Awards
  - b. Scholarship
  - c. Fundraising
  - d. Retiree's
  - e. Legislative
  - f. Professional Improvement
  - g. Membership
8. Membership Discussion
9. ESP Memoriam – Gwen Gmeinder, Retiree/Life Member Committee Chair
10. ESP Awards & Recognition – Marcia Woeste, Member Recognition Committee Chair
11. 2013-2014 Officer Installation – Kia Harries, Chapter Past President
12. Meeting Adjourned

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### **Extension Lightning Talks**

**Tuesday, October 8, 5 p.m.**

On the agenda for the fourth year are **Lightning Talks** – a fast-paced, structured session. Topics can be related to your program area, professional interests, or avocations, and are a great way to become more familiar with co-workers and their programs and interests. Programmatic and personal lightning talks are both encouraged!

Join emcees, Eli Sagor and Renee Pardello, as they host this fun, informal early evening event. Tasty refreshments will be provided and drinks can be purchased. Come and learn something new about your amazing Extension colleagues!

### **HOW IT WORKS**

The presenter has exactly 5 minutes, using exactly 20 PowerPoint slides that auto-advance every 15 seconds. After one presentation is finished, the next one will begin right away.

## **President-Elect Notes** **by Chuck Schwartau**

For your ESP board, 2013 has been like many other years when we consider such things as membership, scholarships, fund-raising, participation in national ESP activities, etc., but it has also been an entirely new experience in another way. This was the first year we operated as part of the Minnesota Council of Extension Professionals (MnCEP). All the associations have been working to figure out their position and role in the Minnesota Extension professional's life.

The general consensus has been that ESP would be a professional development developer and provider, with input from the other associations helping determine what topics would be addressed. In the first year of MnCEP, that is no small task. That process is on-going, and hopefully we will be back in the 'delivery' mode next year after a 'discovery' mode in 2013. If any of you have particular topics that you think would be of interest to a broad cross-section of Extension professionals in the state, please make that topic known to the ESP board or your individual association leadership so it gets into the hopper for consideration. If we don't hear from you, it is only the impressions of a small group that determines what is offered.

Membership is always another topic of discussion. A significant topic for the board this year has been to work on defining what ESP membership means, or should mean. We are especially looking at the definition and impact of the term "honorary". Should membership be so wide open it loses significance as something to be desired and coveted, or should it be defined in a manner that when one is asked to become a member, it is truly viewed as an honor to become a member of an association of excellence in Extension education? That discussion will be continuing under the leadership of our membership committee. Your input is welcome here as well.

As for me, I am pleased that by the time we attend annual program conference, my time as Galaxy IV chair will be pretty much behind me (probably some final reporting to wind up). I can again focus more of my attention on my other professional association affiliations and look at ways to improve ourselves as educators. Thanks for your faith in me, and I look forward to your help in accomplishing that task.

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### **Galaxy IV Update** **by Chuck Schwartau** Chair, Galaxy IV Steering Committee **"Bridging the Centuries – A New Era for Extension"**

From September 15 – 20, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA, will be the place to be if you are an Extension educator in the US. Around 2500 Extension educators/agents/advisors will be in Pittsburgh for Galaxy IV. Every 5 years all the members of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) come together for one joint meeting – Galaxy. One significant note is that Galaxy IV is the first time all six associations have been fully engaged with this as their sole annual meeting for the year.

Highlights of the program include Dr. Lowell Catlett, New Mexico State University, and Dr. Bruce McPherson, Ohio State University, on future trends for extension education. We will hear from Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, head of NIFA, and from Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack. The Extension Committee on Policy (ECOP) will be meeting, state Directors of Extension from several regions and program leadership groups will all take advantage of having so many of their members in one place. Over 300 abstracts and a similar number of posters will be presented by Extension educators. When you add to all that a trade show of over 100 exhibitors, it's set up to be a big week for Extension in Pittsburgh.

Thanks are also extended to our own Neil Broadwater who represented ESP on the steering committee and chaired the major finance and exhibits sub-committee. That was a big job needing good organization and Neil fit that bill very well.

Be sure to check with Galaxy attendees at the program conference to find out more about Galaxy IV.

## ESP Recognition

by Marcia J Woeste, ESP Awards Chair

### Applications for ESP-Pi Chapter Recognition **due Wednesday, September 25, 2013**

One of the benefits of ESP membership is the opportunity for chapter and regional recognition.

Sometimes, however, we get so caught up in the work that we fail to take a moment in our busy lives to celebrate our own accomplishments or to recognize the contributions of our colleagues. Now is your chance!

Please pause to consider:

- ⇒ Which contribution have I made this year as an employee or retiree that fits within the categories for ESP recognition?
- ⇒ Which of my colleagues have made a contribution this year, or over their career, that I believe is deserving of recognition?
- ⇒ Which of the individuals or groups with whom I work have helped to advance the overall mission and vision of Extension?

Applications for ESP recognition are due on **Wednesday, September 25, 2013**. To nominate yourself, another deserving colleague (active or retired), or a friend of Extension for ESP recognition, please review the descriptions of the member recognition categories and application process on the ESP- Pi Chapter website, awards page: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/mnextweb/esp/awards.html>

Awards available and the individuals recognized by ESP-Pi Chapter in 2012 include the following chapter and regional winners:

1. Distinguished Service - *Toni Smith*
2. Mid-Career – *Suzanne Driessen (Regional Winner)*
3. Early Career – *Antonio Alba Meraz*
4. Continued Excellence – *(No Award)*
5. Visionary Leadership – *(No Award)*
6. Administrative Leadership - *Kelly Kunkel*
7. Distinguished Team Award - *Educational After A Disaster Tool Kit Team (Regional Winner)*
8. International Service - *(No Award)*
9. Diversity/Multicultural Recognition – Individual: *Deb Zak*, Team – *No Award*
10. Meritorious Support Service - *(No Award)*
11. Retiree Service – *No Award*
12. 25 years of Service – *No Awards*
13. Friend of Extension – *Dwayne Bakke*

The presentation of the 2013 ESP-Pi Chapter awards will occur during the ESP meeting at the Extension program conference. Chapter winners in categories 1-9, listed above, will automatically be nominated for regional awards using the online application required for chapter recognition. With the Dean of Extension's support, the Friend of Extension nominee will also be forwarded. Please submit an application and allow ESP-Pi Chapter to celebrate the many contributions employee, retirees, and friends make every day on behalf of the mission of the University of Minnesota Extension!

To read the Citations on the Award winners as well as who were past years winners, go to the Awards page on the Pi Chapter web site at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/mnextweb/esp/>.

**The 2013-14 Pi Chapter Officers will be:**  
(following Annual Membership meeting on Oct. 8)

**President** — Chuck Schwartau

**Past-President** — Holli Arp

**Treasurer** — Sara Croymans (appointed by the Board)

**Director, Active Members** — Dave Werner (2nd yr of 2 yr term)

**Pi Chapter Officer Candidates**

**President-Elect Candidate**

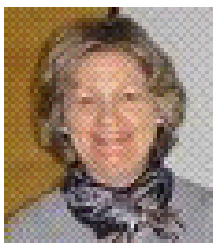
**Pending**

**Secretary Candidate**



I am **Judith Conway**, Extension Educator for the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development. After spending my first five years with Extension in the SW part of the state, I have most recently joined the Central Region team and office in Farmington. I remain excited to work with many aspects of quality non-formal learning opportunities for young people through development of programs to help young people to learn, lead and contribute as global citizens by utilizing the 4-H Youth Development model. Prior to my work with Extension, I have spent 25 years with my passion of expanding both youth and adult knowledge of the best practices in positive youth development with a focus on citizenship and service-learning both in formal and non-formal learning environments. Having been a member of ESP since I joined Extension in 2008, I understand the impact that membership can have on fostering the growth and development of Extension Professionals. I bring an association experience serving from 2009-2011 as the past MAEE Professional Improvement Chairperson providing leadership and direction to the MAEE Staff Development Days; face to face in 2010 and technology based in 2011. I would find it rewarding serving as Secretary of Epsilon Sigma Phi.

**Director Candidate**



**Colleen Gengler** is a former Regional Extension Educator in Family Relations who retired in 2012. As part of a long career in Extension, she worked in Cottonwood and Nobles Counties with Family Development positions and in Murray County in Youth Development. Colleen was initiated into ESP in 1983 and worked on a variety of committees including the Fundraising Committee, serving as chair from 2001 to 2007. She currently serves on the Scholarship Committee. Colleen works part time as a Children, Youth, & Family Coordinator with projects at the University's Southwest Research and Outreach Center. She recently took the Master Gardener training, works with her community's Friends of the Library group, volunteers with her church, and enjoys reading and gardening.

**Note:** One director on the Board represents Active membership and one director represents Life membership.

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**Trivia** —

- ⇒ In what year was the Secretary/Treasurer position split into two positions?  
You will find the answer somewhere on the web site!

**What will you donate  
to the Silent Auction and Dollar Auction Items  
to Support MEWS Fund?**

by **Ellie McCann**, Fundraising Committee Chair

**Silent Auction**

The **ESP Silent Auction** will be open in the afternoon on **Monday, October 7, 2013** and will close at the conclusion of the Awards Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The **ESP Dollar Auction** will take place during the Program Conference Lightening Talks on **Tuesday, October 8, 2013 between 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

NOTE: The ESP member meeting will follow the Lightening Talks on Tuesday from 6:15-7:30 which is a change from previous years.

Plan to show your support for ESP at the 2013 Extension Program Conference by **donating** an item that reflects your passion to the Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Silent and Dollar Auctions. Do you like to paint? Knit? Golf? Go to your lake cabin? Think about donating a basket of items that coordinates with what you love to do. A basket with a 'masterpiece' you've created, one full of knitted items you have made, one with golf equipment, or how about a weekend at your lake cabin?

All proceeds for the Silent and Dollar Auctions go to the MEWS Fund supports Extension worker scholarships for staff development and graduate study. Extension retirees who are Life ESP MN Pi Chapter members may also qualify for scholarships.

To show your support of MEWS:

- ⇒ Donate an item to the auctions as an individual or with a group. Approximately six items will be selected for the Dollar Auction, with the remaining items being offered on the Silent Auction.
- ⇒ Take bids from colleagues who are unable to attend (such as retirees who may only be in attendance one of the two days).
- ⇒ Assist others with getting donations for the auctions.
- ⇒ Volunteer to help with setting up the Silent Auction on Monday afternoon (contact Ellie McCann, [mccan023@umn.edu](mailto:mccan023@umn.edu) if you are available to help).
- ⇒ Make a cash donation to MEWS if you are unable to attend either or both of the auctions.

**To register a donation for the Silent & Dollar Auctions:**

To help with planning, please send the following information to Ellie McCann, [mccan023@umn.edu](mailto:mccan023@umn.edu) via email by Wednesday, September 25, 2013. (Of course, items will be welcomed after this date as well!)

NAME of Donor  
ADDRESS of Donor  
EMAIL of Donor  
ITEM DESCRIPTION (20 words or less)



**Pi Chapter Annual Silent Auction**

The Silent Auction will take place **Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Items will be in the Lobby area at the top of the escalator.

Photo from Google Image

## **Four ESP Members Receive MEWS Help** by Rosemary K. Heins, ESP MEWS chairperson

MEWS financial support to attend either the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference in Washington, D.C. or a special University of Minnesota training was granted to [Ellie McCann](#), [Jennifer Garbow](#), [Rebecca Hagen-Jokela](#) and [Margo Herman](#) during spring 2013. They shared reflections on their learning experiences in their scholarship reports.

Three recipients, Ellie, Jennifer and Rebecca attended PILD in April. They experienced the view of Extension from a national level including Capitol Hill visits with Senator Franken and his staff, Senator Klobucher's staff and MN congressional representatives' staff. All three cited a session, ***Secret Language of Grassroots Leadership: Storytelling***, as particularly meaningful.

“This session helped me to really think about all of the personal stories that I can share, and about how meaningful storytelling can be.” - Jennifer

“It helped me understand the powerful use of and create my story to advocate for Extension.” - Ellie

“The session assisted my identifying family resource management success stories and thinking of ways to promote our program area, as well as other program areas across Extension.” - Becky

Becky also represented a U of MN Extension cross-program team, which included both Family Resource Management and Natural Resource program areas, to present information on the Intergenerational Land Transfers program which received the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Teamwork Award.

Margo didn't need to travel out of state for an extra special learning experience. She attended the three day ***Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter*** training for University of Minnesota employees, which is done nationally and internationally. Margo wrote:

“The challenge that meets all who attended is when and how to begin using skills learned. Other Extension employees who attended with me are hoping to continue the conversation about how these facilitation skills fit within our organization. I am drafting a proposal to incorporate the World Café process as part of our first Youth Development Regional Forum to be scheduled before the end of December.”

All were grateful for the financial support to attend these enriching experiences. Ask yourself, “is there a new learning experience in my plan of work or for retirement enrichment” that MEWS funds would help me experience? Think about applying for the scholarship help!

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### **Did you know.....**

- ⇒ MEWS Applications are taken on a quarterly basis with deadlines of January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1?
- ⇒ Life Members can apply for a MEWS Scholarship?
- ⇒ You can donate to the MEWS Fund on-line by going to the Scholarship page of the Pi Chapter web site and click: **MEWS GIVING?**

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For further information on the MEWS Scholarship as well as ESP national scholarships that are available go to the Pi Chapter web site at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/mnextweb/esp/> and click on the Scholarship page.

## Membership Report: On the Shoulders of Giants

by Eric Vogel, Membership Chair

As membership chair I have a document that until now, has been almost uniquely mine to read; it is the names of our retiree members. These are the names of people who I hold in very high esteem. They influenced me in so many ways for so many years. Read the names and consider the programs in which they were involved that continue to shape who we are as an organization today.

LORI J. ANDERSON	JEANNETTE HAUSCHILD	DAVID E. PACE
SHIRLEY ANDERSON-PORISCH	ARNOLD J. HEIKKILA	KENNETH PAZDERNIK
EILEEN ANDERSON	MARIE HENRIKSEN	EDITH PIKE
JEAN L. ANDERSON	RICHARD HERMAN	JEANETTE PITT
MARIAN ANDERSON	JAMES HOFFBECK	THOMAS QUANN-MARY KOHLI
JOHN ANKENY	THOMAS C. HOVDE	JAMES L. RABEHL
BONITA AUGST	WILLIAM F. HUEG	JUANITA J. REED-BONIFACE
SHIRLEY BARBER	FRANCIS JANUSCHKA	GORDON D. ROSE
SHEILA A. BARBETTA	GLENICE V. JOHNSON	KENNETH ROSE
MALCOM BARLASS	HERBERT J. JOHNSON	DOROTHY ROSEMEIER
ROBERT W. BERG	HARLAN L. JOHNSRUD	HARLAND ROUTH
FREDERICK G. BERGSRUD	FLOYD JORGENSEN	BETH RUSSELL
JANET BEYER	JAMES KEMP	THERON M. SALMELA
ROSELYN BIERMAIER	ELAINE KLINGEBIEL	ROLYN E. SAMUELSON
CINDY BIGGER	SHARON KNUTSON	MARGUERIETE SANFORD
HOWARD BISSONNETTE	RUSSELL KRECH	KAREN M. SCHAFER
UEL BLANK	RICHARD KRUEGER	ADA SCHROEDER
HENRY BOLLUM	BYRON KUNKEL	RON SEATH
PATRICK J. BORICH	MARIAN LARSON	DENNIS D. SEEFELDT
ANN E. BOSCH	PAUL LARSON	GORDON R. SHAFER
MURIEL BRINK	OTTO I. LEE	WARREN N. SIFFERATH
NEIL BROADWATER	NANCY LENHART	ERVEN SKAAR
EUGENE V. BROMENSHENKEL	KAY M. LOUIS	GAIL SKINNER-WEST
CHRISTY BUBOLZ-EARLEY	KATHLEEN D. LOVETT	WILLIAM J. SLINEY
CAROL ANNE BURTNES	ROGER E. MACHMEIER	JARED M. SMALLEY
WAYNE E. CARLSON	PATRICK J. MAHER	TONI SMITH
DOROTHY J. CASTLE	LOIS MANN	ROBERT SNYDER
GLEN R. CHAMBERS	JEANNE E. MARKELL	RAYMOND SOLAC
CHARLES J. CHRISTIANS	EVELYN MC DONALD	ROBERT E. SOPOCI
BERNARD J. CONLIN	SUSAN S. MEYERS	ROGER STEINBERG
DIANE CORRIN	GERALD R. MILLER	GORDON W. STOB
SHEILA CRAIG	MARY ELLEN MILLER	GERALD J. SULLIVAN
JOHN P. CUNNINGHAM	DENNIS MOELLER	BERT T. SWANSON
DIANE F. DAMEROW	JOHN E. MORRIS	HAROLD B. SWANSON
MARY DARLING	BOB MUGAAS	RICHARD E. SWANSON
TIM DOLAN	AUNE NELSON	SANDRA K. SYVERSON
KENNETH E. EGERTSON	CURTIS D. NORENBURG	KENT THIESSE
PERRY FALES	MARY KAY O'HEARN	AUDREY TOLZMANN
JOSEPH L. FOX	MARVIN OLSON	DONALD P. UNTIEDT
CAROLINE FREDRICKSON	DONALD P. OLSON	RALPH L. VAN DIXHORN
LA VERNE FREEH	KATHLEEN OLSON	GERALD WAGNER
DOROTHY M. FREEMAN	SUSAN B. OLSON	ROGER WILKOWSKE
NAOMI FRUECHTE	WANDA W. OLSON	CAROLE YOHO
DONNA GEISER	ONSTAD, PHYLLIS	LARRY J. ZILLIOX
COLLEEN GENGLER	LUCIA M. ORCUTT	MICHAEL ZINS
GAIL GILMAN-WALDNER	IRENE OTT	
KENT GUSTAFSON	CURTIS OVERDAHL	

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## Membership Report continues from page 8...

(According to the records, Ada Schroeder currently has the earliest initiation date (1945) of any living life member.)

We who knew you, know that in many ways, our careers are built on your shoulders. If there is any work we have done that has made a difference, it is in part to the leadership you gave us.

For those of us with some years in Extension, we have seen a lot of coworkers come and go. Many continue to stay connected as life members of ESP. Look over the list of our life members. Consider how these people have shaped us individually and as an organization. We owe so much to those who have gone before us in Extension. A person may join as a life member upon retirement or any time after retiring. In addition to these 139 life members, 43 current staff are on the ESP roles as regular or “future life members”.

ANDERSON, BEN  
ARLT, TIM  
ARP, HOLLI  
BOTZEK-LINN, DEB  
BRANDT, KATHERINE  
BREMSETH, TAMARA  
BURNS, CONNIE  
CONWAY, JUDITH  
CROYMANS, SARA R  
DRIESSEN, SUZANNE  
GARBOW, JENNIFER  
GMEINDER, GWEN A  
GUPTA, ANGELA  
HARRIES, KIA  
HARRINGTON, REBECCA

HAUGEN, HEIDI L  
HEGLAND, NANCY  
HEINS ROSEMARY  
HERMAN, MARGO  
HINIKER, LUANN  
HORNTVEDT, JODY A.  
JOHNSON, JANE  
JOKELA, REBECCA HAGE  
KUNKEL, KELLY  
MARTENS, DANIEL  
MC CANN ELLIE  
ALBA MERAZ, ANTONIO  
PETERSEN, CINDY  
PETERSON-VANGSNESS,  
GLENYCE

SAGOR, ELI  
SALFER, JIM  
SCHWARTAU, BRUCE  
SCHWARTAU, CHUCK  
SHEEHAN, TRISHA  
STRAUSS, ANDREA LOREK  
TEMPLIN, ELIZABETH  
TESMER, JERROLD  
VINIARD-WIEDEMAN, AMIEE  
VOGEL, ERIC  
WERNER, DAVID  
WINTER, NATHAN  
WOESTE, MARCIA  
ZAK, DEBORAH

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## Renew your membership, before the annual meeting

Active members of the Pi Chapter, it is time renew your membership for the coming year. Yearly Membership (Extension staff employed 3 years or more) is \$ 70.00; Associate Member fee (Extension staff employed less than 3 years) is \$30.00.

The membership form can be found at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/mnextweb/esp/membership.html>, then click **Membership Renewal form — 2013-14.docx** located right at the top of the page.

Send the form and dues to Sara Croymans, Pi Chapter Treasurer, UM Extension Rgl Ofc Morris, WC Research & Outreach Ctr, 46352 State Hwy 329, Morris, MN 56267-1711.

If you have questions on renewal or on how you can become a member of the ESP Pi Chapter, contact Eric Vogel, Membership Chair, at [vogel007@umn.edu](mailto:vogel007@umn.edu), ph: 320-235-1175 #2008

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## Become a Life Member

Did you know you can become a Life Member of ESP even though you were not an Active Member? Retire as an Extension faculty member and receive full membership benefits throughout your retirement. You can become a Life Member even if you were not a member during your Extension employment years. Your membership will transfer wherever you live. Just a onetime fee of \$ 250.00.

## Retiree/Life Member Report

by Gwen Gmeinder, Chair

**In Memoriam** - Retirees who passed away since the last update: [note – sometimes we receive notification well past the time a retiree died]

**Norman H. Adams**, Wadena, was 92 when he passed away on March 7, 2009. He worked in Extension agriculture programs for 10 years and retired in 1985. Norman also served as an adult leader of the Oakdale 4-H Club and participated in many county and state fairs.

**Richard D. Herman**, Duluth, passed away October 21, 2012 at age 86. He was an agricultural Extension county agent and director, first in Mora, MN and then for South St. Louis County until he retired in 1983. Richard was a graduate of the University of Minnesota receiving his bachelor's and master's degree in science.

**James L. Rabehl**, Baxter, died June 4, 2013. After graduating from U of MN with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, he became the Crow Wing County assistant agricultural agent. He spent five years as Scott County extension director and returned to Brainerd as a county Extension director until retiring in 1992.

**Gerald J. Sullivan**, age 88 of Grand Rapids died June 6, 2013. He worked for the University of Minnesota Extension for 13 years and retired in 1980 as Professor Emeritus at the University's Research and Outreach Station in Grand Rapids.

**Mary H. Bandow**, 73, a graduate and longtime employee of the University, passed away on August 17, 2013, Roseville. Her University career included working in the College of Liberal Arts dean's office and as an Extension Human Resource specialist until she retired in 2000.

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### Extension Summer Retiree Lunches with Dean Durgan

Bev Durgan, Extension Dean, hosted two summer luncheon events to honor Extension retirees. On June 24 there were 25 retirees who gathered in Detroit Lakes for the first Northwestern MN retiree event. In addition to great conversations there was an update from Dean Durgan and a program with Don Breneman, co-author of "*Voyageur Skies*."

On July 23 the annual Twin Cities retiree event was held at the Midland Hills Country Club with 73 retirees sharing stories and reconnecting with friends and colleagues. Program highlights included an update from Bev and a presentation from authors Don Breneman and Mark Seeley on the writing and publishing of "*Voyageur Skies*."

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### Retirees by the Numbers

There are nearly 400 retirees in active communication with Extension. In addition to a [newsletter](#) for retirees that provides updates on retired colleagues and Extension programs, there is a [Facebook page](#) for Extension retirees – a closed group with 58 members. If you are not in touch and want to be in connection, send a request to Gwen Gmeinder, [g-gmei@umn.edu](mailto:g-gmei@umn.edu).

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## **2013 ESP Pi Chapter Annual Meeting and Activities** **Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

**5:30 PM** — ESP Social (coffee and water available), room 204

**6:15-7:30 PM** — ESP Pi Chapter Annual Meeting, room 204  
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350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN

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**Pi Chapter Annual Silent Auction**  
**Monday October 7th**

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**due Wednesday, September 25, 2013**

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