



A Slice of Pi

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Pi Chapter President's Report

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The following are some highlights of Pi Chapter this past year:

- ◆ Our biggest challenge was to develop and complete a web site for the chapter. All content for the site is now complete and ready to go, but we are still working on getting the site to become active with U of M Extension. This web site will be a great benefit to our membership. It will allow our members to keep abreast of chapter activities and provide the opportunity to find all the information in one place. The site includes board meeting and annual meeting minutes, annual reports, chapter newsletters, scholarship opportunities, membership information, award application forms and other items.
- ◆ A new membership brochure has been developed. This is part of a planned membership campaign we are emphasizing this fall. A copy of the brochure will be on the web site under the Membership section and is also included in this newsletter. Please print off a copy and give it to individuals who qualify to be members. Help us increase the membership in the Pi Chapter. There was an increase of 3 this year to 47 active members. New members can energize the organization and are always needed to sustain the organization for the future. New members are always welcome whether they are Extension administrators, state specialists, educators or others who have Extension employment positions.
- ◆ The schedule for the two chapter newsletters that are sent to the membership each year will change for 2009-2010. Look for one to be in your hands before the end of the year and the other around late spring. This will provide members with quicker information on the annual meeting results and the fall Board meeting when goals for the year are established. The spring newsletter will allow all members to receive a mid-year report on activities and progress of goals. Of course, there will still be an annual meeting notice sent to all members at least 10 days before the event.
- ◆ Congratulations to Dr. Dorothy Freeman, State 4-H Youth Development Program Leader & Assistant Director since 2003 and Pi Chapter member, who was named 2009 ESP *Distinguished Service Award* recipient for the North Central Region. Dr. Freeman was a 4-H Extension Specialist and active ESP member with Virginia Cooperative Extension before coming to Minnesota.

- ◆ President-Elect Marcia Woeste and Past-President Kay Stanek were the two delegates representing the Pi Chapter at the ESP National Conference in Fargo in mid-September.
- ◆ It is important to reach out to our membership to maintain the vitality and interest in the organization. In addition to sending the two chapter newsletter to all members, I have sent out a few updates throughout the year to those who have e-mail addresses on our list. This keeps us in touch with the majority of our membership, but not all Life members. Therefore, if any Life member has an e-mail address and is still receiving the two yearly newsletters by regular mail please send me your e-mail address. It helps the chapter save mailing costs and it helps you be more up to date on Pi Chapter issues.

I look forward to seeing those of you who can attend the annual meeting and banquet on Tuesday, October 6 at the Crowne Plaza in downtown St. Paul. More details are in this newsletter. Thank you for the privilege to serve as your President this past year.

ESP Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

By Neil Broadwater and Marcia Woeste

The ESP Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, October 6, 2009**, at the **Crowne Plaza St. Paul—Riverfront**. The hotel is located at 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, in downtown St. Paul, MN. This year's meeting and banquet are scheduled around the statewide U of MN Extension Program Conference to be held October 5—7. All Pi Chapter members are invited to attend the ESP annual meeting starting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6 and attend the banquet starting at 6:30 p.m. The banquet is being held jointly with the Minnesota Association of Extension Educators (MAEE). The Pi Chapter will also be holding a Silent Auction from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. to raise money for the Minnesota Extension Workers Scholarship (MEWS) fund.

The ESP annual meeting and MAEE/ESP awards banquet schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 6

12 noon—7:00 p.m.	ESP Silent Auction
5:00—6:30 p.m.	Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Meeting—Hotel
6:30—9:00 p.m.	MAEE/ESP Awards Banquet – celebrate with dinner, cash bar, a magic act and awards in the Crowne Plaza Windows on the River Restaurant (same hotel but in the revolving restaurant at the top). Attendees will see a 30-minute magic show by Kristoffer Olson. You can see a sample video at www.KristofferOlson.com .

Registration steps: due Monday, September 28, 2009

1. Fill out enclosed banquet registration form (see page 3) with banquet entrée selection. If a Life member will be bringing a guest or spouse, use same form.
2. Make check payable to: **MAEE**
3. **Send to:** Cindy M. Petersen, MAEE Treasurer, U of MN Extension, 1390 Highway 15 South, Suite 201, Hutchinson, MN 55350.
4. **Note:** You need not sign up for the banquet again if you did so through the MAEE mailing. ESP Life members were mailed a first notice for the meeting and banquet earlier. If you signed up for the banquet using the form of the first mailing, you need not sign up again.

If you have questions regarding the annual meeting or banquet, please contact me, Neil Broadwater, ESP President, broad007@umn.edu, 507-536-6300.



The Magic Returns: Evolve With Us!!!

Crowne Plaza Windows on the River Restaurant
 Tuesday, October 6, 2009
 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration

Due Tuesday, September 28, 2009

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Registration for the Evening Awards Banquet Celebration: (circle one)

Registration Fee for Non-ESP Members and Guests: \$40.00

Registration Fee for ESP Members: \$35.00

Place a check mark in front of your entrée selection: (see item descriptions below)

_____ **Crispy Dijon Chicken** _____ **Pork Medallions** _____ **Vegetable Kabob**

Crispy Dijon Chicken: Herb Breaded Chicken Breast with Cajun Dijon Cream Garlic and Rosemary Potatoes

Pork Medallions: Twin Herb Pork Medallions Seared with Crushed Pistachio Crust, Apple Cider Reduction with Pineapple Sweet Potato Hash

Vegetable Kabob: Roasted Vegetable and Tofu Kabobs with Five Blend Timbale Rice

These entrées will be served with the following:

Starter: Classic Crowne Salad: Baby Greens with Pear, Dried Cranberries, Red Onions, Cajun Pecans, Bleu Cheese With Pear Fig Vinaigrette

Dessert: Turtle Cheesecake: New York Style Cheesecake filled with Creamy Chocolate and Caramel Topped with Chopped Nuts

Note: No banquet registrations accepted after September 28, 2009

Make checks payable to MAEE and send to: Cindy M. Petersen, U of MN Extension, 1390 Highway 15 South, Suite 201, Hutchinson, MN 55350.

ESP Membership Renewal

By Kia Harries

It's time again to renew your membership with Epsilon Sigma Phi and to encourage colleagues to join the Pi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi!

A yearly membership for Extension Staff who have been employed for 3 years or more is \$70.00. To be an Associate Member, Extension staff who have been employed for less than 3 years are invited to join at a rate of \$30.00. Retirees, or those who wish to join Epsilon Sigma Phi upon their retirement, make a one-time payment of \$250.00.

It is also important to note that voluntary contributions may be made to the Minnesota Extension Workers Scholarship (MEWS) Fund. This may be done on your membership form or by contacting Kia Harries at kharries@umn.edu or 507-372-3908.

Next year's ESP flyer and registration form are included in this newsletter. Let's encourage others to get involved in Epsilon Sigma Phi and continue the great tradition of excellence that is MN Pi Chapter!

To renew your membership or to help a new member to register, please follow these steps:

1. Review the ESP Flyer (see tri-fold flyer in this document).
2. Complete the registration form (see page 5).
3. ***Before Thursday, October 1, 2009***, mail **ESP Dues (Form III) and check made payable to ESP** to: Kia Harries, Worthington Regional Office, 1567 McMillan, Worthington, MN 56187.



Epsilon Sigma Phi—Form III
National Honorary Extension Fraternity Pi Chapter
University of Minnesota Extension

2009 Membership Renewal – Due Thursday, October 1, 2009

Name:

Home Address:

Office Address:

Home Phone #:

Office Phone #:

E-Mail Address:

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Dues

Yearly Membership (Extension staff employed 3 years or more)	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
Associate Member fee (Extension staff employed less than 3 years)	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
National Life Membership—retirees only—one time payment	\$250.00	\$ _____

Contributions

Life Member Pi Chapter Annual Voluntary Contribution	\$ _____
Donation to Minnesota Extension Workers Scholarship (MEWS) Fund	\$ _____
Total Due	\$ _____

Please return this copy with your membership dues **by October 1.**

Make check payable to **Epsilon Sigma Phi, Pi Chapter.**

Mail to: Kia Harries, Worthington Regional Office, 1567 McMillan, Worthington, MN 56187

Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt.

ESP Silent Auction Will Support Minnesota Extension Workers Scholarship Fund

By Shirley Anderson-Porisch

Plan to show your support for the Minnesota Extension Workers Scholarship (MEWS) at the 2009 Extension Program Conference by donating an item to the Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Silent Auction! All proceeds go to the MEWS Fund that supports Extension worker scholarships for graduate study and staff development. Extension retirees who are life ESP MN Pi Chapter members may also qualify for scholarships.

The ESP Silent Auction will be held from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza – St. Paul Riverfront Hotel.

To show your support of MEWS:

- Donate an item to the Silent Auction as an individual or with a group.
- Take bids from colleagues who are unable to attend the Silent Auction on October 6.
- Assist others with getting donations for the Silent Auction.
- Volunteer to help with setting up the Silent Auction between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on October 6. (Contact Shirley – ander308@umn.edu if you would like to help.)
- Make a cash donation to MEWS if you are unable to attend the Silent Auction.

To register a donation for the Silent Auction:

Send the following information to Shirley Anderson-Porisch via e-mail (ander308@umn.edu) by Wednesday, September 30, 2009:

1. **NAME of Donor**
2. **ADDRESS of Donor**
3. **E-MAIL of Donor**
4. **ITEM DESCRIPTION (20 words or less)**
5. **ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET DOLLAR VALUE of item**

Bring donated item(s) to the 2009 Extension Program Conference Registration Area between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

ESP Slate of Officer Candidates

By Kay Stanek and Heidi Haugen

We're pleased to announce the following slate of candidates who hope to lead ESP in the future:

- President-Elect - Toni Smith
- Director - Jeannie Markell—2 year term
- Secretary - Sara Croymans—2 year term

Elections will take place during New Business at the ESP Annual Meeting in October.

Scholarship Opportunities for Pi Chapter members

By Neil Broadwater

Minnesota Extension Workers' Scholarship Fund (MEWS)

Pi Chapter members have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship through the MEWS Fund. Income from this fund can be used by members for continuing education scholarships. The MEWS scholarship funds will support: Current graduate education, training provided by other organizations, other professional conferences, national Extension annual meetings, self-study courses from a variety of sources, resource materials, time spent with other organizations, and Elderhostels.

There are four deadlines for applying for MEWS support. They are **April 1, July 1, October 1, and January 1**, due to the chair of the Scholarship Committee, Phyllis Onstad. Eligibility to receive a scholarship is based on the following criteria:

- ◆ The application will identify when and what amount of MEWS funds were received in the past by that individual.
- ◆ Based on that information, the scholarship committee will make a decision based on the applicant pool.
- ◆ Preference will be given to individuals who have not received the scholarship more than 3 times in the last 5 years for the same professional activity opportunity.
- ◆ The total amount of scholarship money given out will be equal to or less than 90% of the interest accrued in the previous fiscal year from the MEWS fund.

National ESP Scholarships and Grants

These opportunities are as follows:

- ◆ *McKinney Public Issues* - One \$500 scholarship to ESP member to attend a professional conference or meeting, or to take formal coursework toward an advanced degree in a public policy/public issues area. Application Deadline: February 1.
- ◆ *Richard R. Angus Professional Development* - \$500 scholarships to encourage, stimulate and support professional development through participation in courses, seminars or workshops. Must be current ESP member. Maximum of four scholarships awarded per year. Application Deadline: March 1.
- ◆ *Administrative Leadership* - \$500 scholarship for unit administrator who is a current ESP member to attend National ESP Conference. Must be first timer. One scholarship is offered per region. Application Deadline: March 1.
- ◆ *Life/Retiree Member Registration Defrayment* - ESP Life and Retiree members attending the National ESP Conference are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Number and value of reduction will vary yearly.
- ◆ *Concurrent Session Presenters at National ESP Conference* - \$200 per concurrent session presentation at National ESP Conference.
- ◆ *Poster Session Presentations at National ESP Conference* - \$100 to the top ten poster presentations during National ESP Conference.
- ◆ *Professional Development Mini Grants (Deadline - February 1)* - Up to \$1,000 for projects that enhance professionalism in the Cooperative Extension System. Project Coordinator must be ESP member. Maximum of four grants given annually.
- ◆ Descriptions and application forms are found on the ESP website at <http://espnational.org>.

In Memoriam: Extension Retirees Who Passed Away Since the Last Edition of ESP

By Gwendolyn A. Gmeinder

Alice “Bette” Hare worked for Ramsey County Extension where she was a program assistant in food and nutrition and a 4-H leader at McDonough Housing. She started the first inner city 4-H club. In addition to raising three sons, she and her husband had 40 foster children. She was named as a WCCO Good Neighbor. Bette passed away on March 25, 2009 at age 90.

Evelyn Harne passed away on July 23, at age 89. She worked her entire career in Minnesota Extension, serving in West Polk, Crow Wing and St. Louis Counties before joining the state 4-H staff on campus, 1952-1975. She held many leadership roles, including associate state leader in 4-H and youth development, president of Phi Upsilon Omicron, and president of Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Geraldine Bobbette “Bobbie” Kern, age 81, died at her home in rural Dodge Center on August 25, 2009. She taught home economics and science and worked in Dodge County as an Extension home agent, as well as with 4-H and adult programs. Bobbie was a leader in her church, taught Sunday school, and partnered in the farm operation. She also enjoyed exploring the cultures of the world through travel and hosting many foreign guests.