



Alpha Lambda Chapter

Epsilon Sigma Phi

“The Cooperative Extension Professionals’ Organization”

President’s Message —

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Greetings from your leadership of Alpha Lambda! Having recently returned from the JCEP Regional Meeting in Milwaukee it’s very evident that Indiana still remains a chapter of envy by many. Our membership remains strong, our retiree activities are a model for other chapters, and we continue to look for ways to strengthen our chapter. It’s exciting to learn what other chapters are doing and even more exciting to be able to bring back new ideas to enhance what we are doing in our chapter. Our own Mark Russell, Regional Vice-President did an outstanding job of chairing the session that included reviewing the goals in the 2005 ESP National Plan of Work and the goals and objectives of each 2005 ESP National Committee Plans of Work. There was also an excellent session for Chapter Leadership Orientation. Bill Rice, Cathy Burwell, and I were pleased to represent you at this meeting and hope we can extend the enthusiasm to the rest of the chapter in some of what we hope to accomplish for our chapter.

I hope you’ll be as excited as we are for a brand new project we are launching this year. Cathy Burwell has come up with a terrific idea to preserve a history of Extension and at the same time earn funds for our chapter. She is spearheading this project that you can read more about it further in this newsletter.

Speaking of newsletters, we also feel a need to communicate with you more frequently than one time per year....so

we are. Look for more news, more often.

We have submitted a Mini-Grant application and hope to learn soon if we will be awarded the funds that will be used for staff development.

There is an Oriental proverb that captures the essence of a futures perspective for Cooperative Extension and Epsilon Sigma Phi...

To plant a seed is to think a year ahead.

To plant a tree is to think ten years ahead.

To educate the people is to think 100 years ahead.

With this in mind, you as a member of ESP can help our chapter maintain the standards, preserve the traditions, and support the vision of your professional organization as we face the future together.

It has been aptly said that progress is made by people who dare. And where there is no vision, the people perish. Is our chapter one with vision and one that dares? Your chapter leadership thinks so!

- - Natalie Fowler, ESP President

Purdue Extension History Book -



The Alpha Lambda Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi is gathering anecdotes and stories about the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service from Extension Educators, Specialists, Retirees, and Extension’s Friends.

It is our goal to preserve the rich heritage of Extension work in Indiana through the last half of the last century up until today. Each and everyone who has spent time working in the field of Extension has wonderful tales and accounts of the people they met, the communities they lived in and the trials and tribulations of Extension work.

We’re looking for those Extension stories that can make you laugh, or cry, or just pull at your heart strings. We will compile them into a booklet and make them available by this year’s Professional Development Conference.

Here are the categories in which we want you to contribute. Share information in as many categories as you would like. Be sure to include your name and your position, county or state, and the approximate year(s) in your story. If you want your story reported anonymously, we can do that, but make sure you tell us you want it that way.

- Back when I was in Extension
- My Mentor
- My Most Memorable Extension Experience
- My Most Successful Method
- My Most Memorable Character
- The Funniest Thing that Ever Happened to Me

- The Worst Thing that Ever Happened to Me
- Proud Leadership – People Who Stepped Up and Made A Difference in My Program
- Stories of Deans, Directors, and Program Leaders
- What has changed the most since I started is....
- Exciting Area Events
- Stories from Extension Friends who remember Educators or Specialists
- My (or Extension’s) greatest impact on people was ... AND the Rest of the Story.....

If you can, send your stories and anecdotes in a WORD or Text file to Cathy Burwell at ceb@purdue.edu

If you just want to write your stories out, please do so and send them to:

Cathy Burwell
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West Lafayette, IN 47907

If you want to tell your story, please contact Cathy at 765-494-7795, and she will make arrangements for someone to meet you to tape your story.

If you have questions about the Extension History Book Project, please contact one of this year’s ESP officers.

- - Cathy Burwell, ESP Vice President

2005 ESP Alpha Lambda Chapter Officers

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Purdue Extension 1905 — 2005 100 Years of Excellence* —

“Extension” activities were being conducted by Purdue University as early as 1882, consisting of an occasional address by a member of the university faculty to an agricultural organization, but even more so starting in 1889 with the creation of the Farmers’ Institute headed by Professor William C. Latta. Extension officially began in 1905 when the General Assembly passed the Smith Act providing annual appropriations to the Experiment Station “for Extension work such as publications and dissemination of results among the people of the state”. Professor G. I. Christie, Assistant in Field Crops, was named Associate in Agricultural Extension. This marked the beginning of organized activities known as “Extension Work” at Purdue University, under the auspices of the Experiment Station.

An act of the General Assembly in 1907 provided for county appropriations for the Farmer’s Institute work and authorized the legal procedure for their use. In

1909, the General Assembly passed the Maish Act, an amendment to the Smith Act of 1905. This act organized the Department of Agricultural Extension under the Experiment Station, and Professor Christie was named its Superintendent. In 1911, the Clore Law provided solely for Agricultural Extension work, and the Extension Department became a separate entity from the Experiment Station.

October 1, 1912, marked the beginning of the County Agent work in Indiana with the first County Agent employed in LaPorte County. Early in 1914, Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act providing for Cooperative Agricultural Extension work between land grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Prior to 1937, County Agents in Indiana were appointed annually by the County Boards of Education, and thus, became short-term political employees, with all that this implies. In 1937, the General Assembly

passed a law providing for the appointment of County Agents, Home Demonstration Agents, and 4-H Agents by the Board of Trustees of Purdue University.

Indiana is of interest in the early development of Extension because much of the structure that Indiana developed or adopted before the Smith-Level Act of 1914 was similar to that which was adapted nationwide after 1914.

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* The content of this paper was taken from the following two sources:

1. 25 Years of Extension Work in Indiana, Historical Narrative and Achievement Summary by H. E. Young, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Extension, 1939.
2. Taking the University to the People, Seventy-five Years of Cooperative Extension by Wayne D. Rasmussen, Iowa State University Press, 1989.

Working with Elected Officials —

Some good tips for working with elected officials were given at the NCR Workshop in Milwaukee this past February.

Use the SECS Framework. This stands for Statement, Evidence, Conclusion, Shut up! When you communicate with elected officials you need to be clear in your statement, give your supporting evidence, make your conclusions and then stop. They will not give you extra points for verbosity.

Develop a one page summary about your issue using the above framework to let them know what is going

on in their district. You need to be able to let them know what it is you do and why it is relevant to them as a decision-maker.

An example for Extension Educators might be “I work with youth and adults to help them gain skills in making decisions and to become future leaders”. This gives them an idea of what your focus is.

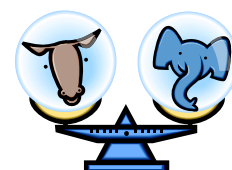
You can then point out the specific issue you are focusing on and show them the relevance to the decision they are facing.

Your information needs to have rele-

vance and value to their stakeholders. Prior to visiting with an elected official take the time to understand your own talking points. If you cannot answer a specific question just say you will be happy to get that information to them as soon as possible and then do it.

Let them know you can be called on to serve as a resource person if needed.

- - Bill Rice, ESP Secretary



Epsilon Sigma Phi/Alpha Lambda Chapter Annual Banquet Award Recipients October 20, 2004 - The Trails, West Lafayette, IN



State Distinguished Service Award
Mary Ann Lienhart-Cross
Extension Educator, Elkhart County

Mary Ann began her Extension career in 1975 in Elkhart County as 4-H Youth Agent and then transferred to Consumer Family Science Educator. She earned a B.S. in Consumer & Family Science Education and a M.S. in Extension Education from Purdue University.

She teaches classes in program areas of Family Resource Management, Foods and Nutrition and Leadership Development. Mary Ann has facilitated two of the IP Video i-LEaD Leadership Series and assisted with two different series of the Leadership 2020 programs.

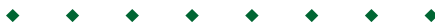
For nine years, she hosted "What's Cooking with Mary Ann" a Saturday morning, hour long, call-in radio program. She writes a weekly column appearing in three daily and seven weekly papers as well as working with reporters on special feature stories.

Her work is not limited to Consumer & Family Science. She has been the 4-H Dairy Goat Show Manager at the Indiana State Fair, and also a member of the "Midwest Women in Ag" team. Most recently, she earned

"Master Matrixx Real Colors Trainer" certification.

Mary Ann is an active member of National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Science. She has attended over 20 national meetings and presented poster sessions and an educational concurrent session.

In the Indiana Extension Educators Association, Mary Ann is currently serving as secretary and will be president in 2006. Purdue University School of Consumer Science recognized her as one of 75 "Hidden Diamonds" for the school's 75th Anniversary. She will also be recognized in Strathmore's Who's Who for 2004-2005. Additional awards include: Paul B. Crooks Outstanding Purdue Extension Educator 2001, and NEAFCS Continued Excellence in 1994 and DSA in 1990.



State Distinguished Service Award
Tom Jordan
Assistant Director &
ANR Program Leader, CES

Tom Jordan began his Purdue Extension career in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology in 1978. While he was a specialist in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Tom focused on the control of

weeds in agronomic crops. His advice was sought by educators, farmers, private pest management consultants, and commercial industry. Much of his effort was devoted to training Extension Educators, farmers, and private consultants in the proper diagnosis and prescription control of weed problems. Tom's research interest was investigating a system approach to controlling weeds using fewer chemical inputs.

Since 1999, Tom has served as Assistant Director and ANR Program Leader. During this time, he has helped launch the New Ventures in Food and Agriculture for Indiana Team, facilitated a variety of Common Interests Groups, and organized many professional development opportunities for specialists and educators.

Tom has served ESP as Vice President, President, Past President, and Annalist. In addition, Tom served the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Specialists Association (PUCESA) as Vice President, President, and Past President. Tom has been recognized by his peers with the PUCESA Junior Award and the Special Team Recognition Award. He received the National Council of Epsilon Sigma Phi State Team award in 1993 and the Eric G. Sharvelle Distinguished Extension Specialist Award in 1996.

Tom and his wife Kathy reside in West Lafayette, IN and have two children, Jonathan and Kate. They enjoy visiting and entertaining their two grandchildren Kismet and Kai.

Epsilon Sigma Phi/Alpha Lambda Chapter Award Recipients Continued —



Administrative Leadership Award
David C. Petritz
Associate Dean, Director Cooperative
Extension Service
Associate Vice-Provost for
University Engagement

Dr. David C. Petritz was born and raised on a small grain, livestock farm near Rockford, Illinois. After receiving his B.S., M.S. and PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois, he joined Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics in July 1972. His main areas of responsibility included livestock marketing and outlook, farm management with emphasis in beef cattle, sheep and forages. Before becoming Director of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service in July 1999, he served as Assistant Director and Agricultural and Natural Resources Program Leader for 10 years.

Dave is a member of several professional and honorary societies and has served in many leadership roles. He has also received many awards throughout his career, including the Sharvelle Distinguished Extension Specialist Award and the Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana.

Dave Petritz has been a tremendous leader in the Extension system. His work is recognized not only in Indiana but also throughout the country. In his role as Director of Extension, Dave continues to champion the cause for educational outreach in the

state and has implemented many new project initiatives to better educate Indiana citizens. Dave believes in professionalism and inspires staff to professional greatness. He is an accessible director who takes time to know his staff personally.

Purdue's Extension Service is envied throughout the U.S. because of the fine support and endorsement by clientele. Much of the recent success of Purdue Extension is due to the dedication Dave Petritz has for Extension.

Dave and his wife Cornelia have two children, Katherine and Steven, and a grandson, Nathan.



Visionary Leadership Award
Keith Johnson
Professor, Agronomy Department

Keith Johnson joined the Purdue staff in May 1981. Dr. Johnson has lead the state in forage production and utilization education. He established a national hay finder's program in years when drought reduced or eliminated forage production in various areas of the nation. He heads-up the Forage Management Extension Work Team and is a member of the Beef Integrated Resource Management program. He has developed numerous forage publications and web-based resources for livestock producers. His research focuses on the efficient use of resources for the produc-

tion of livestock products without adverse effects on the environment. Keith's leadership in the production of the Forage Production Pocket Guide has brought national recognition to Purdue and the forage program of Purdue Extension.

Keith serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Indiana Forage Council. Since 1995, Keith has received the Sharvelle Distinguished Extension Specialist Award and Certificate of Excellence, Educational Materials Contest, American Society of Agronomy for Internet Web Sites.

Keith and his wife Lou Ann have four children: Crystal age thirteen, plus six year old triplets, Evan, Kristen, and Lauren.



Retiree Service Award
Beverly Morgan
Retired Extension Educator,
Huntington County

Beverly Morgan retired May 31, 2003 as a Consumer and Family Science Extension Educator with Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. During her 34-year career, she worked in Pulaski and White Counties as 4-H Youth Educator and Ripley County as CFS Educator before transferring in 1982 to Huntington County.

Epsilon Sigma Phi/Alpha Lambda Chapter Award Recipients Continued —

Retiree Service Award - Continued
Beverly Morgan

As Consumer and Family Science Extension Educator, her CFS specialties included Clothing and Textiles and, more recently, Human Development.

Beverly has received numerous awards during her career, including County Rural Youth Advisor Meritorious Award, IEAA Senior Home Economics Award, NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award, NEAFCS Continued Excellence Award, ABWA Business Associate of the Year, as well as the Epsilon Sigma Phi State Distinguished Service Award in 2001.

She completed two terms as Epsilon Sigma Phi treasurer. She has also served on several IEEA committees. Beverly's other accomplishments include Huntington County Leadership Class of 2000 and serving as a member of the Huntington County Lifelong Learning Board.

Beverly is married to Donald H. Morgan and resides in Andrews, Indiana. She has two step children and two step grandchildren and is active in the Evangelical United Methodist Church. She enjoys sewing and growing flowers. Beverly stays active in her community through her service to two local agency boards.



Continued Excellence Award
Janet Gordon
Retired Assistant Dept. Head, 4-H

Janet's leadership and initiative in

starting the CED Assessment Center has earned her the award for Continued Excellence. She has been instrumental in organizing and leading the CED Assessment Center since its beginning in Indiana. She continued to provide leadership to the center even after her retirement from the youth department.

Janet Gordon served as Assistant Department Head and Program Leader for 4-H Youth Development from February 1, 2000 through January 31, 2003.

Prior to accepting that position, Gordon served as Central District Director for the Cooperative Extension Service, supervising Extension Educators in the seventeen central Indiana counties.

Before accepting the District Director position in 1997, she worked on campus serving as Interim Program Leader and Interim Assistant Dean for Consumer and Family Sciences; Assistant Program Leader for Consumer and Family Sciences; and Extension Specialist in Leadership Development.

Other experience includes fourteen years as an Extension Educator in Illinois and in two Indiana counties. She holds a Master's Degree in Adult Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics.

Team Award

This year's Team Effort Award winners are the Area XI CFS Educators:

- Cindy Barnett - Whitley Co.*
- Kendra Freeman - DeKalb Co.*
- Beth Green - Noble Co.*
- Vickie Hadley - Allen Co.*
- Merrily Hamp - LaGrange Co.*
- Delores Hippensteel - Steuben Co.*
- Trisha Hockemeyer - Adams Co.*

Judi Merkel - Wells Co.
Beverly Morgan - Huntington Co.
(Retired)

They developed "News Notes to Parents", a monthly newsletter for parents of young children. The up to date, reliable information on nutrition, child development, family communication and strengthening the family enhances positive parenting skills. It currently reaches over 8900 families monthly in northeast Indiana. Congratulations on developing a great educational tool.



Mid-Career Award
Beth Green
Extension Director, Noble County

This year's winner is Beth Green, CFS Educator from Noble County. Beth has been in Extension for 12 years, serving as CED for five. She has developed and presented many educational programs throughout her tenure to meet the specific needs of her county. These have included Angling Indiana, Senior Law Day and a Venison Workshop. She also organized a coalition of agencies which sponsored "Get Healthy Noble County" in which 180 participants walked over 10 million steps in 8 weeks. We congratulate her on her outstanding efforts to improve the health and well being of the people of Noble County.

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Meritorious Service Award
Joan Crow
Multimedia Coordinator, ACS

Joan Crow began her Extension career as a video producer in Ag Communications in 1988. Although Joan has produced many videos, she was nominated for her work on “Dos and Don’ts at the Gas Pump”. After Joan was asked to put 3 tapes of refueling fires together for this program, she suggested doing a safety video on proper refueling. This video became the main part of this curriculum. OPW, a nozzle manufacturer, now has the video from Purdue, along with some additional information, on its web site for people to download. The video has been distributed to all filling stations in Oklahoma and South Carolina. Driver’s ed students in Ohio will be required to view the video. “Dos and Don’ts at the Gas Pump” is an excellent example of the way Joan works with clients to develop the best communication tool for their message.

From October 2003 to January 2004, Joan also served as the Interim Coordinator for Distance Education for Ag Communications. In this role, Joan was immersed in 2-way interactive videoconferencing.

Joan’s creativity and collaborative skills get used away from Ag Communications too. Joan and her husband, Lynn, have four children. Joan is active in her community with her involvement in two not-for-profit organizations. She also directs a children’s choir.

Meritorious Service Award
Pat Smoker
Department Head, AgIT

Pat Smoker began his career at Purdue in 1986 and joined the

School of Agriculture in 1991. After serving as the interim head of AgIT for three years, Pat was recently named Department Head. He previously served as operations manager for the department.

Pat was nominated for his leadership in the management of AgIT. Pat has overseen a number of improvements in the technology systems. Under his leadership counties now have use of the AgIT Help Icon on their desktops so they can get computer questions answered promptly. Pat is an excellent resource and guide to technology for all of Purdue Extension.

Pat and his wife, Frieda, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year. They have four children, 3 of them currently attending Purdue. They also have two grandchildren.



Friend of Extension Award
Tom Bechman
Indiana Prairie Farmer

Tom Bechman, Editor, Indiana Prairie Farmer, has been one of Extension’s biggest promoters. Since 1981 when he joined Prairie Farmer as a field editor, Tom has helped publicize a wide range of Extension sponsored programs in the magazine. These have ranged from local meetings and field days to regional and state events. He hasn’t limited his stories, though, to

publicizing Extension events. Although there are usually other sources he could use for his stories, he consistently uses Purdue specialists and educators as experts. It is hard to find an Indiana Prairie Farmer issue that doesn’t have at least one quote from a Purdue specialist or educator. His interest in getting research based information to people who can use it matches our goal.

Tom grew up on a dairy farm near Whiteland in Johnson County. He has a B.S. in Animal Sciences-Ag Education and a M.S. in Animal Sciences-Dairy Science, both from Purdue. Tom has been a member of the Johnson County Extension Board, the Area VI P-CARET committee, and the Johnson County 4-H council. Along with his wife, Carla, he is a former 4-H leader and their four children are active 4-Hers. Tom has also served on the Purdue Extension Entomology Advisory Committee. He has served on the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and has been very active with the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District Youth Board. He is currently serving on the Franklin Agriculture Advisory Board and helps coach the Franklin FFA Soils Judging Team. Tom is also serving on the Franklin Community School Board.

Tom has previously been recognized for his service to Purdue Extension with the Friend of PUCESA Award in 2000 and the 1999 ABE Alumni Outstanding Service Award.

Epsilon Sigma Phi/Alpha Lambda Chapter Award Recipients Continued —

Global Facilitator Award
Chris Johansen
Retired Professor, Agronomy Dept.

Dr. Johansen is recognized as a national and international authority in land use and agricultural applications of remote sensing technology and geographic information systems. He has worked and traveled in 54 different countries. He recently assisted in establishing an MS program in Earth Observations that involves Purdue University and the University of Leuven, Belgium. The program is

designed so that participants can obtain knowledge about spatial technologies, apply them and achieve a Master of Science degree within two years. The third class enrolled for this fall has 10 students (from Germany, Belgium, Italy, India, South Korea, China and the US) taking one semester of course work at Purdue and the spring semester at Leuven. This is followed by one year of research using the technologies. The University of Leuven administration has visited Purdue naming Purdue as their North American international

partner thereby expanding the program to all joint programs with both Universities.

Dr. Johansen developed the first Purdue Agronomy Extension position in Land Use in 1963. He led a spatial technology program (remote sensing, GIS, GPS focused on precision farming) until his retirement in 2003. He remained very active within the University participating in numerous international programs.

25 Year Tenure Recipients

Janet Allen
Jane Ann Beard
Natalie Fowler
Dorothy Keeton
Robert McCormick
Renee McKee
Bryan Metzger
Jerry Nelson
Mark Russell
Debra Searcy
Roger Sherer

Retirement Recognition

Mary Ann Dickason
Pat Dunham
Nancy Hunter
Leanna Richardson
Jo Ann Thomas

Initiates

Susan Frischie
Eileen Kladviko
Richard Linton
Eugene Matzat
Susan Tharp

2004 Support Staff Recognition

	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>County or Department</u>
Clara Ruth Bontrager	25	LaGrange
Linda Bushee	10	Wells
Shelba Chenoweth	20	Jay
Debbi Cole	10	Clinton
Deborah Coleman	25	Jay
Diana L. Cook	15	Elkhart
Ola M. Crain	25	Elkhart
Mary Jane Eber	15	Fulton
Linda Fisher	35	Parke
Nina Hackman	15	Jackson
Janet Hindbaugh	10	Whitley
Linda Hines	10	YDAE
Maxine Howard	35	Wabash
Mona Jackson	20	YDAE
Jean Kendall	15	Allen
Betty Kenworthy	25	Morgan
Lorie Larr	15	Vigo
Merdena Lister	40	Kosciusko
Eileen M. Martin	15	Elkhart
Linda Martin	20	Central
Rebecca Sue Morr	35	DeKalb
Lori Porter	10	Vermillion
Ethel Sayler	15	Montgomery
Sharon Schneider	15	Greene
Brenda Shireman	10	Bartholomew
Susan Walschlager	15	Madison



Congratulations to all of the 2004 Alpha Lambda Chapter award recipients!!

2005 Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Lambda Chapter Committee Assignments -

<p><u>Annual Meeting</u> 05 - Jamie Sukala-Chair 06 - Janet Bechman-Vice Chair 05 - Kelly Pearson 05 - Roger Sherer 05 - Jeff Holland 05 - Renee McKee 06 - Jan Sallee 06 - Dick Reel 06 - John Knipp 06 - Steve Nichols 06 - Keith Johnson Tom Jordan - Annalist</p> <p><u>Audit</u> 05 - Tom Bauman-Chair 06 - Janet Allen-Vice Chair 05 - Maureen Cook 05 - Mary Ann Dickason</p> <p><u>Awards and Recognition</u> 05 - Lori Bouslog-Chair 06 - Walt Sell-Vice Chair 05 - Edie Sutton 05 - Sue Berg 06 - Mary Ann Lienhart Cross 06 - Tom Springstun Tom Jordan-Annalist</p>	<p><u>Constitution & Bylaws</u> 05 - Norma Butler-Chair 06 - David Trotter-Vice Chair 06 - Emily Remster 06 - Dave Clamme 06 - David Redman 06 - Chris Johannsen</p> <p><u>Global</u> 05 - Bill Hoover-Chair 06 - Bill Horan-Vice Chair 05 - Gary Horner 05 - Mary Ann Denis 05 - Glenda DeFord 06 - Linda Aldridge 06 - Kendra Freeman</p> <p><u>Legislative Liaison</u> Cathy Burwell, ESP Vice Pres. Mark Russell, Past ESP Pres. Phil Sutton, IEEA President Mary Ann Cross, IEEA VP Mickey Latour, PUCESA Pres. Bill Hoover, PUCESA President- Elect Tom Jordan - Annalist</p> <p><u>Budget</u> ESP Executive Committee</p>	<p><u>Marketing & Public Relations</u> 05 - Linda Souchon-Chair 06 - Donya Lester-Vice Chair 05 - Cindy Barnett 05 - Phil Sutton 05 - Jo Thomas 06 - Terri Newcom 06 - Richard Beckort Tom Jordan - Annalist</p> <p><u>Membership & Initiation</u> 05 - Peggy Titus-Chair 06 - Susie Neher-Vice Chair 05 - Lynn Korniak 06 - Marilyn Wickert 06 - Jan Wahl 06 - Penny Troutman 06 - Rick Chase 06 - Bob McCormick 06 - Ellsworth Christmas Bill Rice - Secretary</p> <p><u>Nominating</u> 05 - Carl Broady-Chair 06 - Karen DeZarn-Vice Chair 05 - Carl Hylton 06 - Janet Gordon</p>	<p><u>Regional/National Awards</u> 05 - Mike Ferree-Chair 06 - Barb Thuma-Vice Chair 06 - Val Slack 06 - Janet Bechman 06 - Gary Steinhardt Mark Russell-Past President</p> <p><u>Retirees</u> 05 - Nancy Schuman-Chair 06 - Beverly Morgan-Vice Chair 05 - Ralph Booker 05 - Sam Parsons 06 - Nancy Wagner 06 - Alan Ader 06 - Darrel Thomas 06 - Linda Garringer Tom Jordan - Annalist</p> <p><u>Executive Committee</u> Natalie Fowler, President Cathy Burwell, Vice President Bill Rice, Secretary Roger Moll, Treasurer Tom Jordan, Annalist Mark Russell, Past President</p> <p>*Year preceding name designates the year the term ends.</p>
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ESP Retirees Committee Report -

The ESP Retirees committee met in January and are now working on the following events:

1. Spring Fling: The Spring Fling will be held in the Columbus area this year. The date will be either May 17, 18 or 19 depending on which works best for the sites selected to visit. This will not be the architectural tour, but instead will be visiting other interesting sites that the area has to offer. Details and registration forms will be mailed in mid April. In the meantime, put a tentative hold on the above mentioned dates.

2. Fall Fling: The Fall Fling will be held in the Warsaw area. The committee is in the process of securing

the itinerary but are looking at the dates of September 27, 28 or 29. Again, final details will be announced as soon as plans are confirmed.

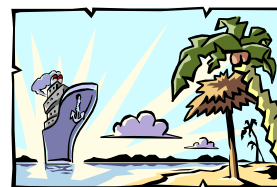
3. Professional Development Conference: Plans are underway for the Retirees to meet on Wednesday, October 19. The theme for the morning seminar will be "Maintaining the Financial Health of our Retirement". The afternoon program will focus on the Purdue campus. More details of the program will be announced closer to the conference.

4. ESP Nifty 50's Cruise: The ESP Nifty 50's cruise will be offered again in 2006 with the destination the Panama Canal.

5. Communications: Utilizing some of the Hansen Award monies, the committee will be sending out a spring newsletter to all retirees. (articles welcome).

The committee welcomes all suggestions/comments and will include a page in the newsletter for you to assist us.

--Nancy Schuman, Chair, Retirees Committee



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anr/field/esp](http://www.ces.purdue.edu/anr/field/esp)

<http://espnational.org/>

Important Dates for Your Calendar -

- ⇒ August 11, 2005 - State Fair Family Picnic - Indiana State Fair - Natalie Fowler, 812/926-9133
- ⇒ October 19, 2005 - ESP Banquet - The Trails, West Lafayette, IN - Natalie Fowler, 812/926-9133
- ⇒ November 9-12, 2005 - National ESP Meeting, Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO - [http://
espnational.org/05conf.htm](http://espnational.org/05conf.htm)

Extension Family Picnic - *August 11, 2005 – We Hope To See You There!!!*

Make plans now to attend this year's Extension Family Picnic! The event will be held in the Hospitality Tent located behind the Farm Bureau Building at the Indiana State Fair on August 11, 2005.

The picnic is a special time each year when all members of the Purdue Extension family can meet together to visit and share stories, new and old, about our Extension experiences, and about friends and family. It is a

time to see old friends, and meet new ones. All Extension staff, active and retired, are encouraged to mark the day on your calendars and join us for this wonderful Extension event.



The famous pork chop dinner will be served at Noon, with welcomes and remarks from State Fair officials and Director Petritz.