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# Zeta Chapter News Notes

## President's Message

Happy (or not so happy) TAX Day! Whatever your opinion is on April 15, this is an **great** day to be a member of Zeta Chapter of ESP! Check out all the exciting activities in this issue of **News Notes**:

- Want some national exposure? Look for several articles on the 2019 National ESP Conference—how you can get involved, how to receive a stipend of \$300 to attend, and exciting news on what the committee is planning for this great event!
- Interested in traveling? Explore the Global Issues Committee update on how you might get involved and see the world!
- Want to congratulate your colleagues? Check out Zeta's 2018 Chapter Award Winners who are moving on to regional and national consideration!
- Retiree? Or wishing you were? Consider the upcoming Retiree Social on June 14th.
- Need some recharging? Look for the articles on Professional Development opportunities *and* all the PD funds available from Zeta Chapter and National ESP!

Like I said - It's a great day to be a member of Zeta Chapter! Happy Spring (as soon as it actually arrives!) **Judy Barth**, *President*

## ESP National Conference

### **Colorado Springs: October 14-17, 2019**

If you have never attended an ESP National Conference, put October 14-17 on your calendar and plan to be in Colorado Springs as the CSU Zeta Chapter hosts the conference in 2019. It's been 15 years since Colorado has hosted, so this is a great opportunity to attend while it's in your "own backyard."

The Planning Committees can always use some extra help with various activities during the conference – registration, hospitality, workshop moderators, decorations, tour hosts, auction, etc. Give Luann Boyer a call (970-768-0322) or email ([luann.boyer@colostate.edu](mailto:luann.boyer@colostate.edu)), and let us know how you would be willing to help.

The Conference Schedule and more information will be coming soon on the ESP website (<https://espnational.org>), so even if you can't attend the full conference, pick one or two days and join us for a great time!

**Luann Boyer**, *Executive Secretary*

## ZETA CHAPTER AWARDS NEWS

ESP Colorado Zeta Chapter Award Winners were submitted to the National ESP Recognition Committee to be considered for National Awards.

Congratulations to the following 2018 winners who have been submitted:

**Friend of Extension-** Dr. Temple Grandin- Professor of Animal Science and Autism Advocate

**Distinguished Service-** Barbara Fahey Jefferson County Natural Resources Agent and Native Plant Masters State Coordinator (retired)

**Distinguished Team-** CYFAR FLTI Team: Lisa Auer, Larimer County Agent, Jan Carroll, Director, Civic & Federal Engagement, Kyle Christensen, Douglas County Assistant Director, Rusty Collins, Denver County Director, Ken Grimes, Denver County Agent, Benzel Jimmerson, former Denver County Coordinator, Laurel Kubin, Larimer County Director (retired), Heather Meyer, FLTI Assistant Coordinator, Patti Schmitt, FLTI Project Coordinator, Jan Miller-Heyl, DARE to be You Author, Sue Schneider, Larimer County Agent, Ruth Willson, Director, Technology, David MacPhee, Professor Emeritus, Aimee Walker, Assistant Professor

**Diversity Individual-** Susan Carter, Horticulture and Natural Resources Agent, Tri River Area

**Early Career Service Award** – Carla Farrand, Garfield County Extension Director

**Visionary Leadership Recognition Award** – Carla Farrand, Garfield County Extension Award

*Susan Carter and Deryn Davidson, Co-Chairs, Scholarships, Grants, and Recognition*

### MEMBERS—REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

If you joined Zeta Chapter ESP for 2019, don't forget to go into the ESP website and update your profile information. Executive Secretary Luann Boyer entered your basic membership with your dues payment, but other information can also go into your profile.

Go to <https://espnational.org/> Go to Log In in the upper right hand corner. If this is your first visit, you will be asked to set up a password. When you are in, go to the bottom of the Become a Member page and it will say You are already a member. Click on Edit my Member Profile. Then fill in all of the missing information and Save. That's it!

*Luann Boyer, Executive Secretary*

## NEWS FROM THE ZETA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Gisele Jefferson, Chair, Professional Development Committee**

There are several opportunities for financial support of professional development coming up! There are **National Conference Stipends: Life/Retiree Member Registration Defrayment - ESP Life and Retiree members** attending the National ESP Conference are eligible for a reduced registration fee.

**But Wait! Zeta Chapter also has 20 \$300 stipends for Colorado Zeta Chapter members to register, participate and VOLUNTEER at the National ESP Conference in Colorado Springs on October 14-17, 2019!** The Professional Development Committee and Chapter Treasurer are working on an application to be released when National Conference Registration opens around June 1<sup>st</sup>!

### **National ESP Scholarships**

#### **Angus Professional Development Scholarship (Due May 1)**

Provides \$2,000 annually to fund scholarships not to exceed \$500 per member to encourage, stimulate, and support professional development through participation in courses, seminars, conferences or workshops.

#### **Redinger Administrative Leader Scholarship (Due May 1)**

This scholarship promotes continued professional development for eligible members to attend the National ESP Conference. The scholarship is to be used to defray the cost of attending the National ESP Conference. Four scholarships of \$500.00 each will be awarded annually to outstanding administrators/leaders based on accomplishments

**Check out** the ESP National Website for information and applications!

## UPDATE ON RETIREE SOCIAL

*June 14, 2019*

The 2019 Retiree Social will be **Friday, June 14**, but **due to a conflict at the venue, it will be a mid-day lunch this year rather than dinner**. Details will be coming soon but tentative plans are to begin around 10:30 am with time to visit followed by a buffet lunch and more time for sharing as well as finding out how “lucky” you are in winning one of the attendance gifts. This annual event is held at Pelican Lakes in Windsor, Colorado.

The invitation to this social is open to all CSU Extension staff – this is not just for retirees. For those still putting in their “8 to 5” schedule, plan some time to attend - it is a great opportunity to re-connect with some of your former colleagues while enjoying an early summer day by the golf course and lake.

**Luann Boyer, Executive Secretary**



## 2019 NATIONAL ESP CONFERENCE

We have three great keynote speakers for the 2019 ESP National Conference. The first will be **Dr. Rick Perea**, a psychologist who works with the Denver Broncos and numerous Fortune 500 Companies on performance psychology and getting the best out of yourself. The second keynote speaker is **John Register**, a Paralympic athlete who won a silver medal. He will speak with us about a winning attitude and overcoming our obstacles. You can see a YouTube video of John here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQDa\\_c9u5zk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQDa_c9u5zk). The third keynote speaker is **Chuck Hibberd**, Dean of Extension for the University of Nebraska Extension, who has just stepped down as the president of ECOP. He will share with us the possibility of where Extension could be in the next 50 years!

**Mark Platten, Chair, 2019 National ESP Conference Committee**

**GLOBAL RELATIONS:**  
**CONNECTING EXTENSION TO THE WORLD**  
**Spring 2019**

***Abiya (Abi) Saeed & Christy Fitzpatrick, Co-chairs, Global Relations Committee***

Global Relations is an ESP Committee that most people know little about, but it is one that can open the world to our members! The National ESP Global Relations Committee currently has lots of goals and projects under construction, and we are hoping to connect Zeta Chapter to similar activities. Two of these goals are planning international travel to bring new ideas and methods to Extension and recognizing those in our states who are doing international work.

To meet one of these goals, we will be sharing international opportunities with you in each newsletter.

**CSU Extension International Agriculture and Food Tour Chile 2020**

Interested in Global Engagement and getting a better understanding of international Agriculture and Cropping Systems? Consider participating in the next CSU Extension International Agriculture and Food Tour organized by the Pueblo County Extension Office. The February 2020 trip is taking participants on an exciting and fun-filled tour of Chile! Options (including a 9-day Chile trip and a 5 day optional addition of a Patagonia tour) contains a full itinerary incorporating a variety of experiences including: Alfalfa and Cattle production tours, Vineyard experiences, Seafood market visits, Pasture Management education, Llama and Alpaca farms, seed, fruit and vegetable production, and a wonderful tour of Chilean Food and Wine (along with local cooking classes). The trip itinerary is still in development, but price estimates are available. Main Chile tour cost will be approximately \$3150 based on double occupancy, and the Patagonia (5-day) addition will add an approximate \$1395. This will include accommodations, guides, tours, most meals, entrance



fees, and all gratuities. Airfare is separate.

If you have questions, or want more information, please contact MJ Fisher: (719) 583-6566 or [fisher@pueblocounty.us](mailto:fisher@pueblocounty.us). You can also check the Pueblo County Extension Website for upcoming information <https://pueblo.extension.colostate.edu/>.

Then, did you know that there is both a Zeta Chapter and a National ESP award for International Service available to ESP members who have contributed significantly to the development and/or expansion of an Extension program in another country or countries through in-state and/or overseas work? The Zeta Global Relations committee would like our members to think about someone you know who is doing this kind of work for CSU Extension and help us put together a nomination for our next round of awards in the early fall. We know that there are people going to China, to places in Africa, and probably other places as well. Please help us encourage and recognize this work in the upcoming year!

## **MORE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS!**

**Gisele Jefferson, Chair, Professional Development Committee**

### **Two National ESP Professional Development Grants**

The following grants are open to any ESP members who are interested in building a project or program that would fit the qualifications—a great opportunity to grow your program!

#### **Professional Development Programming Grant (Due December 1 and May 1)**

Grants will be awarded to interdisciplinary teams to plan and conduct a project with an appeal to a broad audience of Extension professionals. Through the ESP Development Fund, funding for at least four \$1,000 grants is available annually and will be awarded through a competitive process.

#### **Rita T Wood Grant (Due May 1)**

This fund provides for one or more grants per year to individual members or chapters of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Chapter grants may be for programs or activities supporting leadership development and chapter growth. Individuals grants may be made for the leadership or professional development of others within ESP. Award amounts may vary. Current maximum annual grant award is \$1250.00.

### **Another Opportunity to VOLUNTEER!!**

We're working on several exciting tours for Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and we'll be needing some AWE-SOME Zeta Chapter tour guides to help us out!! No decisions yet, but in the running: The lovely, Vanessa Tranel is working to plan a Stars & Stripes Military Tour! Our full attention is on a Mindfulness Experience at Glen Eyrie Castle with Sue Schneider. A Mountain High Experience is in sight for a Pikes Peak tour. The Rocks and Caves are calling others to experience the Manitou Springs area. A Spiritual Experience awaits us at the Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City, complete with a monastery and winery tour and sampling! Some are hearing a Call of the Wild from the Colorado Wolf & Wildlife Center as well as the Bella Vista Bison of the Black Forrest area. The Microbrew Enthusiasts will stroll the downtown and sample the region's finest brews. Of course, we're not overlooking the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the Garden of the Gods as all-stars of the area. Anyone willing to help with a tour, please contact Gisele Jefferson and Sheila Gains ASAP!!

## **APPLY FOR ESP ZETA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

There is money budgeted annually for ESP Zeta members who need financial support for upcoming professional development opportunities, including the 2019 National ESP Conference. These funds don't necessarily have to be used for conferences, but can be used for textbooks, curriculum, etc. for helping you on your professional development path.

Awards of up to \$200 are available through a simple one-page application process. The application is on the ESP Zeta web site: [http:// esp.colostate.edu/docs/scholarshipesp.pdf](http://esp.colostate.edu/docs/scholarshipesp.pdf) in the left column under State: Scholarship Application. After completing the application, e-mail to Susan Carter: [susan.carter@colostate.edu](mailto:susan.carter@colostate.edu). Go for it—it is there for YOU!

**Gisele Jefferson, Chair, Professional Development Committee**