President’s Message
Thanks for the past year in ESP!

As we approach the holiday season and the end of 2017, it’s a great time for reflecting on the past year and for sharing gratitude. Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of ESP this past year! It’s meaningful that we have a great group of members who celebrate their association with Extension and see the value of their ESP membership in professional development, scholarship and recognition.

Thank you to the 2017 Executive Board members who were so engaged and faithful! This year we made much needed revisions to our Operating Guidelines, carried out a successful association-wide community service project, provided scholarships to several members including those traveling on an ag trip to Spain, had a successful fundraiser and recognized outstanding work of our members.

Thanks especially to Jacki Paone for her help and the expertise that she brought as Past President and to Martha Sullins who was so thorough as our secretary. Thanks to the incoming Executive Board, especially to those who stepped up to run for office, Judy Barth and Alison O’Connor, and to our new President, Sheila Kelley. I look forward to seeing what new and exciting things you come up with for Zeta Chapter!

Thank you to Mark Platten and his committee who put together our bid to host the 2019 National ESP Conference. Getting the needed information assembled was a huge task and one well-rewarded when the bid was accepted. We have big times ahead in Colorado ESP!

Finally, thanks to all for your support and encouragement during my year as Zeta Chapter president! It has been a wonderful experience that gave me an opportunity to learn and grow and be of service to our chapter. I have so appreciated the trust you put in me.

Best wishes to all for a holiday season filled with everything that makes you happy and for a 2018 that is your best year yet in Extension.

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**Zeta Chapter News**

**Did You Forget to Renew your ESP Membership! Have a friend or new colleague you want to invite to join!!**

While Annual Forum is over for this year, it’s not too late to join Zeta Chapter or to invite a friend or new colleague to join. All you have to do is send your dues to:

Dennis Kaan, ESP Treasurer  
Colorado State University Extension  
Golden Plains Area Director  
181 Birch, Akron, CO 80720

Dues for continuing members are $80. If you invite a new member to join, their dues are only $70. If you are about to retire and want to become a life member, dues are a one-time payment of $200.

As a member, you will find helpful resources from the ESP national web site ([http://espnational.org](http://espnational.org)) where you can apply for scholarships, learn about webinars, sign up for national conferences and join national committees.

Minutes of Zeta Chapter meetings, scholarship information and other details about the Colorado Chapter of ESP can be found at [http://esp.colostate.edu](http://esp.colostate.edu).

We have a great year coming up so don’t miss out—join ESP now!!

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**Members—Time to Update Your Member Profile**

If you did join Zeta Chapter ESP for 2018, don’t forget to go into the ESP website and update your profile information. Executive Secretary Luann Boyer kindly entered your basic membership with your dues payment, but other information can also go into your profile.

Go to [https://epsilonisgmaphi.wildapricot.org/](https://epsilonisgmaphi.wildapricot.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 all!
Congratulations to....

**Eight Individuals and One Team Awards Moving on to Regional/National Competition**
Sheila Kelley, President and Awards Committee Chair

Zeta Chapter is proud to submit eight individuals and one team state award winners for competition at the regional/national level after recognition at the forum banquet in October.

Seventeen applications were submitted and reviewed by the EP Awards and Scholarship committee.

Thank you to the committee for all the work you put in evaluating the applications. This is the first year in my being chairperson that there was a tie—in fact, there were two, so know that competition was tight.

Congratulations to the following on their awards:

- Continued Excellence – Gisele Jefferson
- Distinguished Service – Kurt Jones
- Mid-Career Service – Karen Massey
- Early Career Service – Gus Westerman
- Diversity/Multicultural Individual – Robert Franklin
- Diversity/Multicultural Team – Children, Youth and Families at Risk Team (Jan Carroll, Kyle Christensen, Rusty Collins, Benzel Jimmerson, Laurel Kubin, Lupe Lemos-Sigward, Jan Miller-Heyl, Aimee Walker, David MacPhee, Patti Schmitt, Ruth Willson and Ken Grimes)
- Visionary Leadership – Jane Crayton

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**National ESP News**

**National ESP Connections Newsletter**
The latest National ESP Connections Newsletter is full of helpful and interesting information!

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

The 2019 National ESP Conference will be held in Colorado Springs, October 13-16. To pull this off, and to build cohesiveness across our Zeta Chapter, I’ll need all the help I can get. If you were at our Forum meeting, I handed out a committee signup sheet.

If you didn’t sign up, please consider one of the following committees:
1) Co-Chairing with me since I’m also the western regional VP;
2) Keynote Speakers - 3 needed by May 1, 2018;
3) Fundraising/Development Fund/In-Kind Donations;
4) Pre-Conference Tours/Activities – 4-6 half or full-day;
5) Registration;
6) Entertainment/Decorations/Honor Guard/etc;
7) IT and Media Coverage;
8) Auction;
9) Life Member.
Email Mark to sign up [mark.platten@colostate.edu](mailto:mark.platten@colostate.edu)

We also need to come up with a theme by May 1, 2018. The theme usually reflects the location or opening event. Our opening event will be at the Olympic Training Center, so something around bringing home the gold, reaching for gold or something like that would be ideal. The 2017 theme for Wilmington was: ESP in NC, Nothing Could be Finer. The 2018 theme for Manhattan Kansas is: Vast Prairies – Endless Possibilities. I think we can do better than both of these and use the theme to create the professional development content of the conference.
Committee Updates

Get Involved! Join a Committee!

Are you on a committee yet?? If you missed our Annual Meeting at Forum, or just missed the committee sign-up sheet, it appears that we have quite a few members who have not yet signed up for a committee. Not sure which committee you would like to be part of? The standing committees of Zeta Chapter and the people who have stepped up thus far (thank you very much!) are:

Global Relations
Chair: Christy Fitzpatrick
Roshan Nayak

Awards/Scholarship
Chair: Susan Carter
Ruth Willson
Kurt Jones
Ron Meyer
Deryn Davidson
Glenda Wentworth

Public Issues
Chair: Judy Barth
Benzel Jimmerson

Bylaws
Chair: Jacki Paone
Carla Farrand
Judy Barth

Nominating
Chair: Christy Fitzpatrick
Martha Sullins

Membership/Retention
Chair: Christy Fitzpatrick
Laurel Kubin

Awards/Scholarship
Jan Carroll
Diane Kern
Jackie Paone

Professional Development
Patti Schmitt
Benzel Jimmerson
Sheila Gains
Judy Barth
Robert Franklin
Roshan Nayak

Resource Development/Management
Chair: Dennis Kaan
Martha Sullins

Whether you have been in ESP for a while or you are a brand new member, we hope you will join at least one committee and give your support to ESP in 2018! If you need more information on what each of these committees do, please review the updated Operational Guidelines at: http://esp.colostate.edu/docs/operational-guidelines.pdf.

As President-Elect, it is my job to work with all the committees to see that they are staffed and understand their responsibilities. So, if your name is not on the list above, please let me know which committee you’d like to join! Otherwise, you can expect an unending series of emails from me :)

Thanks! Judy Barth

A BIG Fundraiser Thank You

We had a set of very successful fundraisers during Annual Forum and thanks are due to those who made it all possible. First, a huge thanks to Bill Nobles who offered a vacation package at his rental in Pagosa Springs. The lucky winner was Christy Fitzpatrick. (What can I say, I bought a lot of tickets!) Thanks also to everyone who brought items for our Silent Auction and to everyone who bid on and won the items.

The money raised supports our professional development scholarships!
Life Member News

Retiring this Year? Consider Joining as a Life Member

The annual Extension Retiree Social is scheduled for Friday, June 8 at Pelican Lakes Restaurant in Windsor, Colorado. All Colorado State Extension retirees will get information in the spring with details and registration, but it’s never too early to get it on your calendar so you can attend and enjoy a reunion with others. Thanks to the Retiree Committee – Alvie Rothe, Norm Brown, Darrel Schafer, and Milan Rewerts – for their work on this event.

Mark Your Calendar – June 8, 2018

Welcome to new ESP Life Member Laurel Kubin and a reminder to others who have retired the past year, the ESP Life Member dues are a one-time $200 sent to Zeta Chapter Treasurer Dennis Kaan. Unlike some associations, ESP Life Members continue to be active in ESP by serving as chapter and national officers as well as serving on chapter and national committees. You can submit for a workshop presentation at National ESP Meeting and there is usually a workshop track just for Life Members. With the 2019 National Meeting in Colorado Springs, the planning committee will be designing Life Member tracks and input from Life Members will be eagerly accepted!

Extension Retirees who passed during the past year were honored at the Memorial Service during the ESP Luncheon and Annual Meeting in October.

Bert Bohmont (State Specialist, Pesticide Programs) ESP Life Member
Libby Colbert (Weld and Arapahoe counties) ESP Life Member
Mel Eckard (Extension Administration) ESP Life Member
Ina Hansen (University of Missouri) ESP Life Member
Larry Henry (Golden Plains Area) ESP Life Member
Frank Kaehler (State 4-H Specialist)
Mildred Schaub Masterson (Fremont/Otero; Ass’t State Leader/Specialist Health & Safety)
Eldon Rice (Archuleta County) - ESP Life Member
Joan Scarpella (Extension Administration)
Betty Jo White (State Specialist, Housing)

Results of Our 2017 Extension/ESP Community Service Project

Denver Homeless Receive Bounty of Products from ESP and Extension

By Sheila Kelley, President

Facing Homelessness-Denver is the recipient of the ESP Community Service project of hygiene supplies collected at Forum. Seven boxes of products were donated including soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, mouthwash, cotton swabs and more. These items were donated by ESP members and other Extension personnel. The items were picked up when we traveled and gifted to the homeless.

Minister Teri Todd of the Elizabeth Methodist Church in Elizabeth, CO says that the homeless are especially pleased with the donations since they are in individual sized containers. “Most of them can’t carry much with them and these items tend to be bulky if bought in the regular size. These little ones are wonderful for them.”

Thank you to all who participated.
Know that your donation is much appreciated.