



Senior Moments



The official Newsletter for ESP/Alpha Delta Life Members

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In Memory

*Remembering our Friends and
Colleagues*

B. J. Allen (4-H)

Born 1929 Died: 1/11/2007

Kent Cushman (Horticulture)

Born 1956 Died: 3/8/2007

Woodrow Glenn (Agriculture)

Born 1918 Died: 1/30/2007

Barney Harris Jr. (Dairy)

Born 1931 Died: 5/7/2007

Mary McLeod (FCS)

Born 1915 Died: 11/16/2006

Meredith Taylor

(4-H/FCS/CED)

Born 1947 Died: 9/1/2007

Thomas Townsend (4-H)

Born 1924 Died: 2/19/2007



The Director's Corner...

We were very pleased to see several of our Extension retirees at the EPAF meeting in St. Augustine. This year's


EFAF meeting was a tremendous success with over 300 faculty participating. It was exciting to distribute over 20 Faculty Enhancement Awards at the administrative breakfast on Thursday morning. Our faculty are conducting creative programs and are being recognized nationally for their excellence in Extension programming.

It has been a mixed year as far as budgets for Extension. We had a very successful legislative session including receiving funding for our workload increase in research and extension. However, as you have surely read in the newspapers, the revenue projections have plummeted since the legislature adjourned. There has been a major call back of funding. IFAS has returned \$7.3 million to the University of Florida as our portion of the budget cut. We are also facing some challenges in county budgets as a result of property tax issue that is currently being debated in Florida. At this point, a few of the counties have received some cuts. We are very pleased at the manner in which our clientele have spoken up regarding the importance of their local Extension programs. We will keep you informed of budget issues as we proceed through the fall and the spring.



We are very pleased to announce that thanks to a gift from Alto and Pat Straughn, we will be constructing a Center for Extension Professional Development on campus. This will give us a building dedicated to professional development. Please join us in thanking Alto and Pat for making this possible. Their address is 11322 SW 122 Street, Gainesville, FL 32608-5846.

If you are not receiving our monthly electronic newsletter from the Office of the Dean, please contact Kim or Liz at (352) 392-1761, and we will be happy to add you to the list to receive the monthly newsletter. Typically the monthly newsletter highlights some Extension programs, provides various administrative updates, and provides a list of extension faculty who are retiring and/or entering the Extension system in Florida. *Larry R. Arrington*



Be A Contributor: Send in your items for the next **Senior Moments** to: Mike McKinney
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**ESP
Retiree
Spotlight:**

Bob Whitty. . . . Bob started his extension career in 1965 as an acting assistant county agent in Suwannee County. He was responsive for the 4-H program and was to help with the commercial agricultural program as needed. In 1971, Ben Perry, District Agent for the east coast offered Bob an opportunity to move to Stuart and become the CED in Martin County. Give Bob credit for getting funding for the 4-H position and bringing the county into the computer age. Bob retired July 31, 1996. We all remember Bob for his positive and friendly attitude along with his leadership. He and his wife Mary Ruth spend time traveling and seeing the US, Canada and Mexico and volunteering and spending time with children and grandchildren. You can contact Bob at: rmwhitty@bellsouth.net.

In His Own Words . . . From John Woeste. We are well. Unfortunately, one of my national board responsibilities seems to be scheduled on top of the annual meeting each year. We continue to be busy with University, Fraternity and community fund raising. We just completed service on the board for the National Rural Rehabilitation Association. In September we accepted for another year the chair of the UF-SHARE council. Hopefully, we can raise a little more money to support the outstanding Extension programs.

We continue to stay active in our church community. Tightly woven

John Woeste (Continued)

among the day to day projects are the priority demands by 17 grandchildren. We enjoy them immensely and consider ourselves truly blessed. We see a number of our colleagues at meetings, University events, and travel, which we still do every summer from late May until the first football game. We enjoy learning of the joys and challenges other retirees are experiencing. We look forward to seeing other retirees in the months ahead. Until we meet, good health and keep enjoying it!

John Woeste

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Be A Contributor: . . . Send in items you feel have interest to other retirees. . .

IFAS/Extension Web Sites of Interest to Retirees

- <http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu> includes UF/IFAS Extension Goals, Accomplishments, Marketing, Solutions for Your Life, Extension Comings & Goings, EDIS Publications, IFAS Research, Extension Events Calendar, IFAS Events Calendar
- <http://www.FloridaYards.org> "How To" apply the FLY&N principles
- <http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu> Extension's subject material, link to local county office & individual county website
- <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/> publications
- http://emr.ifas.ufl.edu/inside_ifas/about.html new hires & appointments, awards & honors, news
- <http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu> UF/IFAS Personnel, jobs available, retirement questions
- <http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/> highlights information regarding Florida annual professional meetings (schedule, registration, abstract presentations schedules)
- <http://espnational.org> national website

Submitted by Mary Chernesky

NARFE. . . . One of the National initiatives concerning "premium Conversion". Active employees pay for their health insurance with pre-tax dollars; retirees pay with after tax dollars. It is a major fairness issue. We seem to be making progress, but the battle is not over. It will make a real difference in the tax burden for retirees if we can get it passed. Submitted by John Woeste

Sad News Out of Gainesville

Marshall Hall Breeze, PH.D., 62, of Gainesville died Friday, November 23rd from complications following a second lung transplant. He was a professor in the IFAS Ag. Communications Dept and retired in 2004.

What Are They Doing Now?

Alice Ayers...retired in 1992 from Lake County and spends her time volunteering for 4-H events, in the Gold Handbell Choir for 22 years. Enjoys trips in her motorhome with husband David.

Linda Cook...has announced to the National ESP Board her desire to retire following the 2009 ESP Conference in Fargo, ND.

Did you know....Senator Bill Nelson was a 4-H member of **Joy Satcher**.

Jay Hebert's... new email address is jabear@embarqmail.com.

Helen Flemming...has volunteered to serve as our ESP Retirees NARFE contact person.

Bill Summerhill...email address is fwsu@juno.com.

Nancy Whigham, Nettie Ruth Brown and Clara Ann Smith... held a mini-reunion in St. Augustine in May.

James Watson...former CED in Duval County, now 91, retired in 1975. He wrote his memoirs entitled, "The Life and Times of Jim Watson".

Tom Braddock... former CED in Duval County retired in 1995. In retirement he enjoys serving with Jud Fulmer and Jesse Godbold in coordinating an annual retreat for retired ag. Agents at 4-H Cherry Lake each spring. He is also active in ranching and growing timber.

Cliff & Barbara Taylor...are our newest ESP Life Members.

Retirees Turn Out for Annual Luncheon

Over twenty retirees and their guests attended this year's Annual Retirees Luncheon held in conjunction with the EPAF Annual Conference. This year the event was held in St. Augustine, Florida. Those attending included: Sarah Bailey, Tom Braddock, Nettie Ruth Brown, Mary Chernesky, James Dilbeck, Helen Fleming, Jesse Godbold, Nadine Hackler, Roberta Hall, Joe and Marilyn Halunsky, Bert Henderson, Loretta Hodyss, Lester Kalch, Chuck Lippi, Mike McKinney, Damon Miller, Ruth Milton, Cliff and Barbara Taylor, Marilyn Tileston, and Bob Whitty.

We wish to sincerely thank the EPAF and ESP Boards for sponsoring this event.



To The HIGH 10

Contributors. . .Special thanks to the following retirees and agents who supported the HIGH 10 campaign. Richard Aalbert, Austin Tilton, Jay Herbert, Lester Kalch, Linda

Cook, Roger Newton, Mike McKinney, Robert Strain, James Watson, Henry Davis, Tom Braddock, Ann Jetter, Nadine Hackler, Alice Ayers, Doris Tichenor, Cliff & Barbara Taylor, Ruth Milton, Eleanor Foerste, Mary Keith, Rita Law-McCumber, Robert Halman, Jennifer Welshans, Karen Headlee, Elaine Courtney, Katherine Allen, Brenda Williams, Helen Fleming, Marilyn Tileston, Joe & Marilyn Halunsky, Mary Lamberts, Tamer Britton and Celia Hill. The combined group raised \$695.00 in the HIGH 10 campaign.

Where To Retire. . .

You can live in Arizona where you can drive for hours in one direction and never leave town, or you have over 100 recipes for Mexican food. Or, you can live in California where you make over a million dollars a year and you still can't afford to buy a house. Or better yet, you can live in NYC where you think Central Park is "nature" and you think eye contact is an act of aggression. But, you chose Florida where you eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon, all purchases include a coupon of some kind, everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist, and cars in front of you are often driven by headless people.



Lisa Leslie Takes Over ESP Leadership for 2008.

... Taking over as President of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi is Lisa Leslie. Lisa has been the Family and Consumer Services Agent in Hillsborough County since 1997. Her educational focus areas are personal financial management, volunteer development, and sustainable homes. In addition to her ESP leadership duties, she also serves on the University of Florida Extension Financial Management Focus Team and in this capacity she provides support to county extension faculty throughout Florida. She holds a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in environmental science, both from the University of South Florida.

Lisa is known in her community as a team player and collaborator and is well respected by those who worked with her in various leadership capacities. She served on the Board of the League of Women Voters in Hillsborough County as their Community Outreach coordinator.

We welcome Lisa as our new President.

*** Personal Note:** I have had the pleasure of working with Lisa for the last ten years both as a colleague and as a citizen. She is truly cut out of the traditional Extension mold of service and dedication. She is one of the bright spots on our Extension horizon.

M. McKinney

Looking for Volunteers to serve on the Life Member & Retirees Committee as well as someone to take over the Editor duties starting at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Please voice your interest.

HELP US PROMOTE LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN ESP!

I am sure you all know retirees who are not Life Members. Extension professionals have had a fulfilling career of service to clientele, university, Extension, and to the profession. Even though some may feel they want a break

there are others who want to stay connected with their colleagues and the organization. They want to give service as they have time and resources and will benefit from the continued association with Extension professionals. Did you know over 50% of ESP's membership are Life Members? Help us expand the role of retirees and Life Members by first becoming members and then getting involved. ESP will be providing more opportunities for retirees both locally and on the national level. **Florida Life Member dues are \$200.00.** Help us promote Life Membership. Those interested can contact the editor for more information. Feel free to pass this publication on to other who might not be on the mailing list.

Thank You Marjorie. ... The Retirees and Life Members wish to sincerely thank Marjorie Moore for her leadership this past year as President of the Alpha Delta Chapter. Marjorie represented our chapter with Class, Competence, and Style as she attended regional and national meetings as our President. Marjorie took the time to recognize and motivate her board and members. Under her leadership, the Life Member and Retirees group flourished. **THANK YOU Marjorie! Job well done.**

Remembering

- When just about every County Agent had their own radio farm show.
- When you had to make sure you had enough ashtrays for your committee meeting.
- When the word "SERVICE" was proudly included in our name.
- When you could smell the aroma of Dean Woeste's cigar in the halls of McCarty Hall.
- When young agents made a lifelong commitment to make Extension their career.
- When the term Home Economics really had prestige.
- When UF was only known as a football school. Try telling that to Billy.

Yes.....the times are really changing. Some good and some not so good.