



# Senior Moments

Summer 2010

*The Official ESP Newsletter for Florida's Alpha Delta Life Members*



## Director's News

Greetings to all retirees,

A lot has happened since I last wrote.

We survived the budget! For a while, we thought the House and Senate would not be able to work out all the differences in the two budget proposals, but they did. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement through a tough legislative session. The "freeze" that was announced on hiring new faculty was lifted.

Our new Sr. Vice President, Jack Payne arrived June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Payne is on a fast learning track and is delighted to be part of IFAS. He has been meeting with the different clientele groups, industry folks and faculty. He plans to attend the Extension Professional Association meeting (EPAF) which will be held August 30<sup>th</sup>- September 2, in Orlando Florida. I hope you will be able to attend.

I would like to share with you an update on some administrative

changes. As you all know, Larry Arrington served as Interim Sr. VP for about 16 months. Larry made a decision not to return to his position as Dean for Extension. He will spend a couple of months assisting Jack in his transition and then he will be doing some special projects to help the organization move forward. A national search for the Dean for Extension will be forthcoming.

Dr. Kirby Barrick, dean for IFAS College of Life Sciences (CALs) will be stepping down as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. He will return to his department, Agriculture Education and Communication where he will have a teaching and extension appointment. An interim dean is yet to be announced. There will also be a national search for the Dean for CALs.

We just completed a national search for the Associate Dean for Extension 4-H and Youth Development. We interviewed two highly qualified candidates, Dr. Lisa Guion from North Carolina State University and Dr. Keith Diem from Oregon State. I am

awaiting feedback to make the final decision. Dr. Marilyn Norman, our Associate Dean for 4-H and Youth Development will be retiring August 2010. Her dedication and commitment to 4-H has been exceptional. We will miss her.

Finally, I want to let you know that our faculty continues to be loyal to our mission. Extension has responded proactively to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Our Solutions for Your Life website has an "Oil Spills: What You Can Do" link

(<http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu>) and weekly conference calls with Sea Grant agents are being carried out to coordinate educational efforts. In addition, we are working with several gulf state Land-Grant Universities to address this crisis. The creation of four task forces - Food Safety/Consumer Confidence, Disaster Assistance, Communications, and Family Stress and Financial Management, has resulted from these collaborative efforts.

I hope to see all of you at the retiree's luncheon at EPAF. Until then, try to keep cool and don't let this heat get to you.

Best regards,

*Millie*



## **Alpha Delta Chapter President's Thoughts**

Greetings Everyone:

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Extension Professionals Associations of Florida (EPAF) meeting in Orlando, August 31, 2010. The theme this year is ""Still Leading in Dynamic Times"". I'm sure we will have a dynamic time. Please come join us in Orlando.

The ESP web site has been redesigned. It's up and running. The new web address is: <http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/esp/> .

Thanks to Dan Culbert for all of his hard work and patience in making this transition possible. Dan spent a lot of time working with IFAS Information and Communications Services.

The Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents is hosting the 2012 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Meeting in Orlando, October 21-25, 2012. You can play a vital role in this conference. A letter from Judy Butterfield requesting your participation in the conference is

enclosed with this newsletter. The 15 committee's chairs are looking for additional committee members like you with an abundance of knowledge and expertise. I'm certain committee chairs will welcome you with open arms. Monetarily contributions are always welcome to fund the conference. If you decided to attend the conference, you can participate in some of the workshops, seminars and tours designed specifically for you. If you have questions regarding the 2012 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Meeting, please contact Judy Butterfield at 352-846-0996 or email her at [jrbu@ufl.edu](mailto:jrbu@ufl.edu).

This will be my last president column for the Senior Moments Newsletter and I want to let you know that it has indeed been a pleasure serving as your president of the Alpha Delta Chapter. I am certain that Joan Bradshaw will do a phenomenal job next year. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president.

*John Lilly*  
ESP President  
The Alpha Delta Chapter

## **Keeping in Touch**

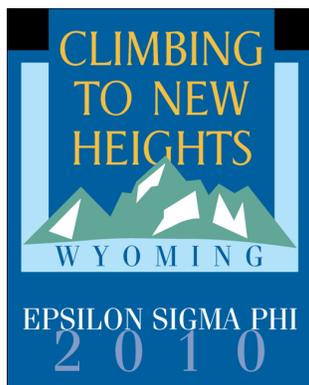
*Information shared by retired co-workers*

**Ann Parramore** keeps very busy & has just spent 6 months working on her mother's estate, traveling with friends - 2 weeks in Alaska, drove to Omaha for the College World Series ate steak & beat the Gators (remember she is an avid sports fan from that "other college). She sees Lawrence Heitmeyer often & helps him with transportation as needed. She had lunch with E.J.Cowen in June, & is planning football travel for fall, a cruise on the Rhine in December & much more. She says "Retirement is GREAT."

**Jim Stricker** & wife Melba drove across the country to Canada & ultimately to Fairbanks, AK by highway & ferry where they visited their daughter, grand daughter & son-in-law for several weeks. They took a "side trip of 1,300 miles" with daughter & granddaughter to Homer, AK. Then drove back home. Jim says that "words cannot describe the beauty of this country."

**Lawrence Heitmeyer** is improving slowly & still using a walker. His balance continues to improve slowly. He will get a hearing aid soon & he starts back to therapy in the fall. He enjoys being outside, mowing the yard on a riding mower & picking up sticks with a gator that he drives around the property. Lawrence & his wife Jeanne traveled to Niagara Falls & visited Jeanne's sister in Toronto in June. They also spent a week caring for their two grandsons in Atlanta while the parents took a vacation & have spent time at their mountain house in Hayesville, NC.

**H.E. "Ed" Jowers** received one of 3 College of Agricultural & Life Sciences (CALs) 2009 Awards of Distinction for his outstanding contributions to UF, IFAS, CALs & related professions as part of the Tailgator celebration last November. (Full story in the summer issue of IMPACT)



## **ESP Life Member & Retiree Committee**

By: Mary Chernesky, Chairperson

### **Plan to attend EPAF!!**

We hope to see you at the EPAF meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at the Buena Vista Palace in Orlando. Special events for retirees include the ESP State Meeting (10:30 am – 12:00 pm), Retiree Luncheon (12 – 2 pm), & Retiree Reception with the Dean (2 -3:30 pm).



The retiree letter with details & registration forms was mailed to you June 1. If you haven't yet sent in your registration, they need it soon so that they can plan on you. If you've misplaced your letter let me know soon & I can get you another copy. Retirees must register by mail & NOT on-line. See you there!!



### **National 4-H Annual Coming to Florida.**

The Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents will be hosting the 2012 National meeting in Orlando – October 21 – 25, 2012. Committees are already hard at work, but more help is needed. See the attached letter explaining details of how you can be involved.



**New ESP Web site** features Life member list & application, Senior Moments Newsletter back issues, officers, award winners, National ESP Connection newsletter issue.  
<http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/esp>

### **USPS & E-mail Address**

If you change your postal or e-mail address please send Linda Cook or I your new address so that we can keep you up to date on what is happening.

### **"Keeping In Touch"**

If you would like to share what you are doing, awards received or what's new in your life with other retirees please send "a few short sentences" to be included in future newsletters to me at the address below.

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## **Growing ESP Opportunities for Retirees**

The two recent ESP Family & Friends cruises to the Caribbean and the Panama Canal have been hugely successful. Now the Life Member & Retirees Committee is looking at other travel opportunities for ESP members in 2011. They are currently looking at a Global Education Study Tour that would explore the culture, food, agriculture, religion, and educational systems of various global locations and still offer opportunities to photograph and visit famous sites in the host country. Dan James (TX) is organizing this opportunity for the committee. The study tour would include seven to ten days in a country and two to four days of travel. In some countries a weekend host family experience may be arranged.

Possible locations are:

<i>Country</i>	<i>Time of Year</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Japan	Spring 2011 (Cherry blossoms)	
Japan	Fall 2011 (Fall foliage)	\$4,500.00
Australia	Mid-January to April 2011	\$4,500.00
Costa Rica	January to April 2011	\$3,500.00
Germany	Fall 2011	\$3,000.00
Greece	Spring through Fall 2011	\$3,000.00
Denmark	Late May through Sept. 2011	\$3,000.00
Poland	Summer 2011	\$3,000.00

Participation fee would include airfare from one U.S. city, international insurance, in-country lodging and tour and travel guide services. Life Members will be surveyed by email and at the Conference in Jackson Hole to determine level of interest and points of interest.

The Life Member & Retirees Committee recently granted ad hoc status by the ESP Board, is currently drafting a proposal that would elevate the committee to standing status. They are also looking at way to expand communication between and among retirees and the ESP organization as well as keeping everyone informed on issues relating to seniors. The Life Members now make up over half of the ESP membership.

*Michael McKinney* (FL) Life Member & Retirees Committee, Chair