

ESP Life Members & All Extension Retirees

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ESP Extension Connections
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Staying Connected

We are hoping to use this newsletter as a way of keeping in touch after retirement. You invested so much time and effort to a mission of helping others through education. Along the way you made many new friends and became a part of our Extension family. With your help, we can keep track of our retirees, share stories, and maintain this important connection.

FLORIDA
Agricultural
HALL OF FAME

The induction ceremony was held at the Florida State Fair's Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet on February 14, 2023.



Dr. John T. Woeste (2023) is a longtime champion and tireless supporter of Florida agriculture, now a retired dean and professor emeritus of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).

Dr. Woeste was appointed in 1976 as the dean and director of the Extension Service at UF/IFAS, a role he held until he retired 19 years later. With visionary leadership and an innovative approach, Dr. Woeste championed the selection, professional growth and development of 400 Extension Service faculty, specialists, agents and staff who served the entire state of Florida.

A former captain in the U.S. Air Force, examples of his leadership are numerous. During his tenure, he revived the agricultural law program at UF, adding funding and organizational guidance for the program. That work earned him the U.S. Department of Agriculture Unit Award for Distinguished Service in 1987. Courses in agricultural law are now taught in the UF Levin College of Law. He encouraged the development of a national agricultural weather working group, which he chaired, and the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN), a program still used extensively by the industry during the winter months to this day. He also encouraged and supported focused programs by multi-county agent teams, several of which received national recognition for extension program effectiveness.

Throughout his career and upon his retirement, his commitment to the development of future leaders in the agricultural industry carried through. During his time as dean, he was greatly involved in developing the Florida Agriculture in the Classroom program. Since his retirement, Dr. Woeste has served as a member of the board of the Florida Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (FRRRC) and has been president since 2001. Citing a need to support students from rural areas and farms who wanted a college education in agriculture, the FRRRC established its first scholarship with CALS in 1985. These scholarship funds have supported hundreds of students over the years.

<https://southeastagnet.com/2022/11/01/2023-florida-agricultural-hall-fame-inductees-announced/>



Last year's retirees at the luncheon: (left) **Mike Sweat** (Duval) • **Marjorie Moore** (Bay) • **Pam Allen** (Escambia) • **Elaine Courtney** (Okaloosa) • and **Dr. John Woeste**.



2023 EPAF CONFERENCE

AUGUST 28 - 31

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<https://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/epaf/epaf-conference/>



Jacquelyn Gibson - FCS Miami-Dade

Jacquelyn Ward Gibson is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

She was born in Birmingham Alabama, where she grew up around many amazing cooks. Those influences inspired her to attend Tuskegee University. At Tuskegee she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Administration and a Master of Science degree in Public Health Nutrition.

Her professional career began when she moved to Miami, Florida, where she worked as an Extension Agent in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences for 26 years. Additionally, Jacquelyn had a parallel career as co-owner of Royale Catering Services with her husband, Richard for several years.

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May & Sept. 2022 • Members Update by Georgene Bender • FAE4-HYS Life Membership/Retirees Chair - '21-'22

Linda Denning, Diana Smith and Pam Philippe met at our Retiree Gathering in Manatee – Gamble State Park. Diana Smith

(Manatee) is Secretary for one of her organizations. Linda Denning (Collier) has been doing some writing. Pam Philippe (Charlotte) is not substitute teaching anymore. She is busy with projects and family and enjoying life!

Florida 4-H Foundation Virtual Silent Auction the following Life members/Retirees contributed items: **Marilyn Norman, Elva Farrell, Georgene Bender, and Joy Jordan.**

The 4-H goal was \$20,000 – and they raised over \$22,394!

Elva Farrell (Sarasota 4-H/FCS) travelled to Virginia this Spring to present her daughter, Loretta's Memorial Scholarship. She was honored to present the scholarship. Of course, she is still making quilts and has donated one to the 4-H Auction along with **Marilyn Norman** (Florida 4-H Program Leader).

Sue Munyan (St. Lucie) and her husband, David travelled to Bordeaux, France for a wedding. She seems to enjoy her time with travel, fishing, and Grandma in January '23!

Cathy Suggs (Lee) sold her home in Southwestern Florida and now a resident of the Panhandle in Destin. She and her husband have been traveling and enjoying her grandchildren.

Cindy Higgins (Columbia) and Danny returned from a 5 day Easter cruise to Caymans and Cozumel. More trips are planned. Enjoys teaching art to students K-8 at a private school – now in her 4th year.

Carolyn Wyatt (Hardee) is our Jazzercise Guru and loves the activity to stay fit!

Jean Hink (Pasco) has become a Cabin landlord in North Carolina ...she is getting them ready to rent. She is differently enjoying retirement.

Jean Rogalsky (Pinellas) 4-H continues to camp monthly in Florida. In the fall she is camping near Gainesville for those great Gator Games.

Marvin Weaver (Gilcrest CED) was inducted into the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame in July. He started his Extension career with 4-H and continued to support and participate all through his career in youth development. Congrats!



FLORIDA 4-H *Hall of Fame*

The 2023 induction ceremony will be held Thursday, August 3 at the University of Florida J. Wayne Reitz Union.

This year's inductees are:

Betsy Barfield

Jefferson County

Todd Bundy

Gadsden & Leon Counties

William "Bill" Hill

Polk & Hernando Counties

Larry Middour

Orange County

Christopher Tompkins

Hillsborough County

(Posthumously Awarded)

EVENT REGISTRATION

August 3, 2023

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<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/>

<https://www.facebook.com/florida4h>



Nan Jensen - FCS Pinellas

The Second Act - Part 2

As I look back on the article I wrote for the Spring 2019 newsletter, I reviewed some of the goals I had hoped to accomplish. Fast forward three years and I find that some of those goals have changed. Both traveling and teaching nutrition at one of our social service agencies have been limited due to the pandemic. Things have opened up so those options are still on the table.

In retirement, I still try to keep a balance between physical activity, keeping my brain sharp, staying connected to people, and having fun. Volunteering has been the key to helping me achieve that balance.

Every morning, my neighbor and I walk the beach and pick up trash. You would be surprised at what we find. I benefit from the physical activity while helping our environment. As an added bonus, I have added to my beach towel and hat collections.

I continue to be active with several community organizations, including Action 2000 (<https://www.irbaction2000.com/>) where I am serving as the secretary for the fourth year and the Indian Rocks Beach Historical Museum (<https://www.irbmuseum.com/>). Both of these groups have allowed me to stay connected socially and participate in events that benefit the community. Action 2000 has hosted a Music in the Park event, hold annual Oktoberfests which help us earn money that we donate back to the City of Indian Rocks Beach, and organize park cleanups quarterly to keep our city looking good.

As a volunteer for the IRB Historical Museum, I work as a volunteer docent monthly, hosting visitors who are able to learn about the history of the city and how it came to be.

Finally, I continue to work with Extension as a member of the local overall advisory committee and as a reviewer for the 4-H Scholarship Applications submitted by youth from throughout the state.

Volunteering has helped me put my passion to work for my community and has allowed me to stay active and engaged. The second act is proving to be just as much fun as the first.



7/29/22 • My husband and I are looking forward to traveling again. Heading to Scotland and England in the fall and have a Rhine River cruise planned for the spring. There will probably be some volunteer work in the future, but I am enjoying my “free” schedule for now!

~ **Sharon Treen** • FCS Putnam County

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• If you have any information about yourself or your County that you would like to share in the next issue, please contact Betsy or Chris.

Websites • • •

• **ESP** – Alpha Delta Chapter <http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/esp/>

• **EPAF** – Conference <http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/>

• **FCS** – Profiles <https://www.floridafcs.org/>

FCS agents past and present, be sure to fill out a profile (*click on the puzzle*) so that we can stay connected!

Retirements 2022

Laurie Albrecht • Environmental Horticulture EA I, Palm Beach County • 1-22
John Atkins • Agriculture and Natural Resources EA IV, Santa Rosa County • 1-22
Michael Goodchild • Forestry/Residential Horticulture CED III, Multi-County • 1-22
BobbiJo Jarvis • Agriculture & Commercial Horticulture CED IV, Citrus County • 3-22
Christine Kelly-Begazo • Agriculture CED III, Indian River County • 7-22
Mary Salinas • Environmental Horticulture Program EA II, Santa Rosa County • 1-22
Stewart Swanson • Crops EA II, Multi County • 7-22
Sharon Treen • Family and Consumer Sciences CED IV, Putnam County • 7-22

Comings & Goings:

<https://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/communications/newsletternew/>

Beginning January 2023, Extension Comings & Goings will shift to a monthly publication distributed via email. Links to archived issues will be available on the **UF/IFAS Extension Administration website**. **If you would like the monthly email**, contact Darryl Palmer PR Specialist for UF/IFAS Extension at golem@ufl.edu

A Fond Farewell

2022 Memorial Presentation <https://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/esp/memorials/>

- **Dr. Douglas Archer** (Associate Dean) • **Duska Dorschel** (Duval)
- **Kenneth Durrance** (Polk) • **Diane Franzen** (St. Lucie) • **Cindy Harris** (Martin)
- **John Herbert** (Soil Science) • **Andy Rose** (Lake & Citrus)
- **Jerry Southwell** (Hardee) • **John Stevely** (Manatee & Sarasota)
- **Donald Sweat** (Citrus) • **“Whit” Whittle** (FL Ag Hall of Fame)

2022 - 2023 Additional Memorials

- **Dr. Ray Andrew** (6-14-23) Extension Education Program Development & Evaluation
- **Thomas H. Braddock Jr.** (10-31-22) 4-H Agent & CED, Duval County
- **Robert Bruce Christmas** (6-17-22) Poultry Evaluation Center, Orange County
- **Dr. Roger Jacobs** (3-29-23) Poultry Agent, Hillsborough County
- **Earl M. Kelly** (2-19-22) Lake County CED & District III Extension Director
- **Robert “Bob” Renner** (12-18-22) 4-H Agent, Marion County
- **Dr. Clifton L. Taylor** (3-31-23) Associate Dean and Interim Dean for Extension
- **Helen Webb** (6-17-22) Home Economist and Nutritionist, Hillsborough County



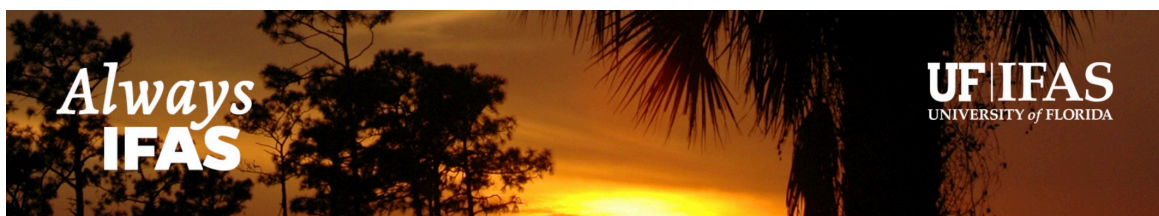
Seated: **Jane Allen, Cathy Rogers, Monica Brinkley, and Betty Miller**

Back: **Elaine Courtney, Ann Parramore, Linda Bowman, Pam Allen, and Marjorie Moore**

NW and NE FCS Agents Get Together for Renewed Friendships and Celebration of the Holidays

Retired FCS Agents from the Northwest and Northeast Districts held a luncheon in Tallahassee on December 16th, 2022. It was a time to visit and catch up with agents who have been retired for a while and also some newer retirees.

If you are an FCS retired agent from the NW or NE Extension Districts and are interested in attending, contact Pam Allen pha@ufl.edu and you will be added to the invitation list. Please include your name, current address, email address and cell number.



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