

Senior Times

Summer 2014

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

Greetings IFAS Extension Retirees,

Summer has arrived and it is time to make plans for attending the 2014 EPAF Conference. Information regarding the meeting is highlighted below including the link for on-line registration. You will note that there is a schedule change this year. The Retirees and Friends of Extension Luncheon and the Meeting with the Dean have been moved to Wednesday instead of our traditional Tuesday. The ESP Membership Meeting will continue to be on Tuesday but in the afternoon.

One highlight for the 2014 EPAF Conference will be the attendance of Jeff Myers, National ESP President. He will participate in ESP activities and conduct a professional development session for all attendees.

I am sorry that I will not be participating in EPAF this year. I serve as the President of our local NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) Chapter. During the same week as EPAF, NARFE is holding its national meeting in Orlando. If you are one of Florida Extension's federal retirees and not a member of NARFE, I strongly encourage you to give it consideration. They have an active presence in Washington and are helping to protect the retirement that you earned.

I have appreciated your support over the past two years as I have worked to be your Retiree Representative to the ESP Board. I have appreciated the help of Joy Jordan in making the *Senior Times* newsletter look so good. At this time, I am feeling the need to step aside and give someone else the opportunity to provide leadership for you. I am trusting that someone will step to the plate and take the reign for the next few years.

Have a terrific summer and be safe! *Linda Cook*

2014 EPAF Conference

The Bay Point Wyndham Resort at Panama City Beach is the site of our 2014 EPAF Professional Development Conference. The dates are Monday, August 25th - Friday, August 29. Hotel reservations must be made online by following the link below. A confirmation number is required before proceeding with the conference registration.

Registration Link: <http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/epaf-conference.shtml>

**Schedule –
Tuesday, August 26th**

3:30 ESP Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 27th

6:30 AM 8:00 AM ESP Breakfast (\$35)

11:30 AM 1:45 PM Retirees and Friends of Extension Luncheon (Free for retiree and one guest)

2:00 PM 3:00 PM Retirees meeting with the Dean

Extension Comings & Goings: The following link will take you to the May issue of Extension Comings and Goings. Extension Comings & Goings

http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/comings_and_goings/extcg06062014.pdf

Dan Culbert Elected Southern Region VP for ESP

Dan Culbert, Alpha Delta Chapter of ESP President, has been elected Southern Region Vice President and will join the national ESP leadership team following installation at the National ESP Conference in October.

Congratulations to Ray Zerba...2014 Retiree Service Award Recipient

Ray Zerba has worked with the ESP Retiree Representative since 2012 to expand the IFAS Retiree address database and has served as the EPAF Retiree Representative for the past two years. In this capacity, he has represented IFAS retirees on the EPAF Planning Committee to assure that the needs of retirees are being addressed at the Annual EPAF Conference.

Additionally, Ray has worked diligently to keep the database of IFAS Extension retirees updated with current surface mail and e-mail addresses. Keeping the database current is quite a challenge. Since privacy rules do not permit the University to provide us with an updated address list for retirees, we have had to create our own database and system for maintaining it. To do this, Ray mailed a letter to every retiree without an e-mail address and/or a non-functioning address to determine their correct information. As a result, of the 190 retirees who are in the database, we have e-mail addresses for 104. With postage rates continuing to rise, this is a huge savings when sending out the *Senior Times* newsletter. Additionally, it helps us be in contact with retirees on a more frequent basis and keep them alert to happenings within the IFAS retiree community and in IFAS as a whole.

Ray will be recognized at the Retiree and Friends of Extension Luncheon during the EPAF Conference in Panama City.

Smith-Lever 100th Year Celebration Continues... Mary Chernesky - Retiree
Rep. for the Smith- Lever 100th Anniversary activities.

- **EPAF- Wednesday, August 27, 2014** - Plan to attend the ESP Annual Membership meeting & Retiree Luncheon
- **August 29, 2014 - EPAF– Dean’s Administrative Luncheon** - Wrap up of 100 year Anniversary Celebration. The speaker will emphasize the future direction of Extension’s programming as we look ahead to future opportunities. See information in the included EPAF Retiree Registration packet.
- **October 14 – 16, 2014** (Tuesday – Thursday) – **Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA.** Florida will have a building with a variety of displays. Retirees can help with staffing the building for this 3 day event. For more information contact: Dr. Pete Vergot, District Extension Director – 850-875-7137 or (<http://sunbeltexpo.com/>) to see_overall details about the event.
- **Contact local Extension offices** to see if any celebrations are planned (we are aware that some are planned for this coming fall). Offer to help as needed & plan to attend.
- **Send address corrections** (e-mail and postal) to Ray Zerba - rzerba@ufl.edu - The "keeper of the list."
- **Look for old Extension files or pictures** that show Extension in Action. Offer them or scans/copies to the local Extension CED or other Extension staff.