

# Senior Times

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

## News from the Director



*Placeholder—*

*Dr. Nick Place began his appointment as the Dean and Director of University of Florida/IFAS Extension in September 2012. In this role, Dr. Place is responsible for meeting the mission and goals of the University of Florida Extension program, and serves on the IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) Administrative Team.*

*From 2007 through 2012, Dr. Place served as the Associate Dean and Associate Director of the University of Maryland Extension. Prior to the University of Maryland, Dr. Place was a faculty member at the University of Florida in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication (AEC) from 1999 - 2007.*

## IFAS/Extension Web Sites of Interest to Retirees

<http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu> IFAS Administration site, includes UF/IFAS Extension Goals, Accomplishments, Marketing, Solutions for Your Life, Monthly Extension Comings & Goings, EDIS Publications, IFAS Research, Extension Events Calendar, IFAS Events Calendar

<http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu> UF/IFAS Personnel, jobs available, retirement questions, UF Rules & Policies

<http://directory.ifas.ufl.edu> Employee & unit directory – addresses & e-mail addresses of IFAS employees

<http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu> highlights information regarding Florida annual professional meetings (schedule, registration, abstract presentations schedules)

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu> Extension publications

<http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu> Extension's subject material, link to local county office & individual county website

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SolutionsForYourLife> Extension YouTube videos posted for your use in Extension—sharing on your social media pages, in e-mail newsletters, on your website, or any other digital communication outlet.

<http://www.floridayards.org> "How To" apply the FLY&N principles to your own yard

<http://esp.ifas.ufl.edu> State ESP, current & back issues of Senior Times newsletter

<http://espnational.org> National Epsilon Sigma Phi website

<http://joe.org> – Journal of Extension

Also, don't forget the UF radio stations that also are important for reporting on Florida agricultural topics: 89.1 (WUFT-FM) and 90.1 (WJUF-FM) and 850 (WRUF – AM)!



**A Few Words from Your ESP President**—Robert Halman, ESP Alpha Delta Chapter

As the new President of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, I want to personally thank you for all your service to the University of Florida and its institutions. As I

proceed through this year I would hope that you would assist me in making this chapter a thriving one and one that you can be proud to be a member. I may from time to time mess up and not be as responsive as you feel I should be, that would be the time to give a call and let me know that I messed up so I can correct myself. As a retired member of the Extension family you have witnessed many changes in Extension, experienced the hard times and I am sure, passed on your knowledge to those coming after you. For this we are very thankful.

On behalf of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, my deepest regards and best wishes for a great new year!

**ESP Life Membership and Retiree Committee** — Linda D. Cook, Chairperson

Hello IFAS Extension Retirees,

I am your new Retirees representative for the Alpha Delta Chapter of ESP Board. I want to give kudos to Mary Chernesky who served in this capacity for several years and did such an outstanding job. I can not replace her but will work to keep the lines of communication open between Gainesville and us retirees. A special thanks goes to Joy Jordon for agreeing to be the editor of the *Senior Times* newsletter.

During the meeting with the Dean’s representative at EPAF, we were offered the opportunity to receive the Extension Comings and Goings communication from the Dean’s office. You can find the most recent edition at: [http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/comings\\_and\\_goings/extcg09182012.pdf](http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/comings_and_goings/extcg09182012.pdf)

Another way we can stay connected is through our *Senior Times* newsletter which is published 2-3 times per year based on the news. One important part of that communication is you sharing your happenings and updates. Please send your items to share to [jimlinda@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimlinda@bellsouth.net) any time.



When you move or get a new e-mail address, please let me know. We do not want to lose contact with you. Once again, I look forward to working with you.

Here are updates from those I have heard from recently:

**Elva Farrell, Sarasota County**—As I read through the *Extension Comings and Goings* it brought back many fond memories of my years with Extension. That said, I wouldn't trade retirement for the work days. My most recent venture this past summer was a Volga River cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Russia is a beautiful country and the trip dispelled many of my preconceived notions about the country. I loved St. Petersburg...the Russian ballet, the Hermitage, Peterhof, etc., etc.

**Jim Northrop, State 4-H Office**—celebrating my 20<sup>th</sup> year of retirement and this is my busiest ever! I have moved to Lutz, FL to be near the family, lost 20 lbs. and am really beginning to feel like the 82 years God has given me! I am staying busy with refurbishing the Lutz house and getting the Brooksville house ready to sell. Then, I think I will really retire!

**Ann Jeter, Okaloosa County**—recently celebrated my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with all my children, four grandsons, six great-grandsons, and one beautiful granddaughter! I sure reached 80 fast and have so many more things I wanted to do and I waited too late to get it going! Sure miss being in Crestview but I am blessed to have a daughter and husband next door to take care of me (here in the mountains). This week my son-in-law gave me a lecture about climbing when he is tall enough to reach any thing and could have been here in 3 minutes rather than me climbing on a chair three days ago and falling backwards. My potted plants were in for winter and needed watering....I forgot I was too old to do that job....HA. I have learned to turn on the car lights from inside my house at night and also blow the horn to scare deer out of my yard. So far I have scared 7 deer away since it is against the law to kill deer in this area!

## Welcome to the newest retirees!

We would like to recognize these individuals for their years of service, welcome them to the family of Extension Retirees since September. If a member of ESP, we invite you to continue through Life Membership! More information can be found at: <http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu/esp>

- Charles Fedunak, *Residential Horticulture*, Lake County
- David Marshall, *Agriculture*, Leon County
- Theresa Friday, *Residential Horticulture*, Santa Rosa County
- John Alleyne, *Com. Horticulture*
- Bill Heltemes, *4-H Regional Specialized Agent*, State 4-H Office
- Al Ferrer, *Residential Horticulture*, Seminole County
- Jacque Breaman, *Ag/Commerical Horticulture*, Columbia County
- Andy Andreasen, CED and Livestock Agent, Washington County
- Tim Hurner, *Fruit Crops*, Highlands County
- Judy Butterfield, *Regional Specialized Agent*, State 4-H Office
- Patricia Porchey, *Master Gardeners*, Sarasota County

## Photo Highlights from EPAF Retiree State Meeting and Luncheon

State ESP Membership Meeting, Retiree's Luncheon & Retirees Meeting with Administration was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012.

Those present were (left to right in photo): Linda Cook, \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Chernesky, Helen Fleming, \_\_\_\_\_. Second row: \_\_\_\_\_, Donna Peacock, Nadine Hackler, Associate Dean Tom Obreza, Ray Zerba, Mike McKinney, and Damon Miller.



Nadine Hackler and Linda Cook congratulate Dr. Alto Straughn who was recognized for the *Retiree Service Award* for his continued outstanding service to Extension and Florida Agriculture. If you have not visited the new Straughn IFAS Extension Professional Development Center, be sure to make it a campus destination on your next trip. It houses the new headquarters for the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program.

### Mark Your Calendars!!!



**August 26-30, 2013** - Extension

Professional Association of Florida (EPAF) Conference at the Saw-grass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL (<http://epaf.ifas.ufl.edu>) The 2014 EPAF Conference will be held in the Florida Panhandle, location TBA.



## Tributes and Scholarships to Honor the Memory Of Extension Professionals

### 2011-2012 Obituaries of Florida Extension Colleagues – Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Alpha Delta Chapter (listed in chronological order by date of death)

- *Miss Fern S. Nix* – September 19, 2011, Santa Rosa County Home Economics Agent
- *Dr. Hugh Popenoe* – September 21, 2011, Director of IFAS International Programs
- *Dr. Susanne G. (Sue) Fisher* – October 15, 2011, Assistant Dean for 4-H and 4-H Program Leader
- *Ms. Deborah M. (Debbie) Humphries* – October 24, 2011, Taylor County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences
- *Dr. Olive L. Morrill* – November 6, 2011, Assistant Dean and Department Chairman of the Home Economics
- *Dr. Maurice F. Cole* – November 13, 2011, District Extension Director
- *Dr. Doris A. Tichenor* – November 17, 2011, Director of Home Economic Programs and Chair of the Department of Home Economics
- *Mr. Fred Boss* – November 24, 2011, Palm Beach County Extension Agent
- *Ms. Lizette Murphey* – November 28, 2011, Associate Professor for Consumer Food Marketing
- *Gen. Ed Heffelfinger* – December 26, 2011, Associate Director for Planning and Business Affairs, IFAS Administration
- *Mr. Henry F. Swanson* – January 10, 2012, Orange County Extension Director

#### Barbara Taylor

Dr. Barbara Ellis Taylor, 80, passed away on December 7, 2012 after an extended illness. Dr. Taylor was Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida. She devoted her life to education for women and children. She is survived by her devoted husband of 56 years, Dr. Clifton Taylor; her sons Brian Scott Taylor and Dr. Steven Ellis Taylor and grandchildren Joshua Taylor, Amie Imler, Travis Taylor, and Shelby Taylor.

Many of us worked with Barbara throughout our careers and remember her as a caring, dedicated and concerned mentor. She was a staunch supporter of Extension and FCS/Extension Home Economics. She will be missed by all who knew her.

I would like to encourage you to donate to the Barbara E. Taylor Fellowship for Graduate Studies in Family, Youth & Community Sciences at UF-IFAS. Donations may be sent to: UF/IFAS, PO Box 110170, Gainesville, FL 32611-0170.

—Mary Chernesky, Retired FCS/CED – Hillsborough Co.



#### Steven Gaul

On August 31, 2012 we lost a well-respected and highly-valued County Extension Agent. Throughout his 6 years with UF/IFAS Extension at Nassau county, Steven taught naturalist courses while serving as the Natural Resources and Agriculture Agent. To honor his memory, FANREP and the Florida Master Naturalist Program have created the Steve Gaul FMNP/ FANREP Memorial Scholarship.

For more details, please visit this webpage: <http://anrep.ifas.ufl.edu/Scholarship.shtml>

#### Damon Miller, Sr 1946-2012

University of Florida Extension, FAMU and Florida 4-H Programs lost a true leader and friend, November 24, 2012.

Damon started working with Leon County Cooperative Extension Service in 1969 as a general county extension agent specializing in vegetable production, 4-H youth development and community resource development. Damon was a prominent leader in Florida 4-H, working as an extension agent, a program leader, and state 4-H leader. He was instrumental in planning and coordinating the Florida 4-H Legislature, 4-H Public Speaking, and the 4-H Share the Fun programs from 1976 through his retirement in 2002.

Treasuring his love and legacy are his devoted wife, Baby Doll Ardis Miller; sons, Damon Miller, Jr. and Ardis D. Miller; and granddaughter, Bailey Marie Miller.

Memorials can be made to: Tallahassee Sigmas Educational Foundation, Inc. PO BOX 180755 Tallahassee, FL 32318 Attn: Bro. Damon Miller, Sr. Scholarship Fund.

—John Lily, Jefferson County

