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Nebraska Chapter  

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gamma Sigma Delta has a long, proud history at the University of Nebraska. The historical files document the commitment to knowledge that has been exhibited by our University of Nebraska colleagues. It is because of this proud history and the value placed on education and learning, that this honor society continues to attract talented members.

There will again be an opportunity this summer to nominate students and colleagues for membership. I encourage you to think now about one or two (or more) individuals that you will nominate for membership. Membership forms will be included with the summer newsletter. Please use them. Approach a colleague about becoming a member.

The first major event of the year will be the Scholarship Recognition Dinner scheduled for April 9, 2000, at the East Campus Union. Sophomore and junior students with outstanding scholastic records will be recognized and two students, a sophomore and a senior, will receive special recognition. Registration forms for this dinner are included with this newsletter. My appreciation to the Planning Committee chaired by George Pfeiffer. Other members of the Planning Committee are Gail Brand, Susan Fritz, Rick Grant and Christie Jensen.

During the past two years, Roy Frederick, Ken VonBargen and Keith Niemann submitted applications seeking a grant from the International Society. They were successful. This grant will be used to bring a speaker to Lincoln for our annual meeting planned for September 28th. A committee chaired by Ken VonBargen and including Drs. Roy Frederick, Rita Kean and Ann Vidaver, are responsible for this special event. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in September. Announcements and publicity for our speaker will be sent as soon as confirmation is received.

Another major event for Gamma Sigma Delta will be the November Initiation and Awards Banquet scheduled for November 19th. The Planning Committee headed by Arlen Etling and including Paul Read and Mary Jane McReynolds will provide details later in the year for this banquet.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Roy Frederick who served as President for the chapter in 1999. Dr. Frederick provided excellent leadership for the organization. I end with a statement included by him in the March 1999 newsletter;

“We want to continue to work toward making the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, one of the best of the International Society’s 48 chapters.” This sentence says it all. I look forward to seeing you at the Scholarship Recognition Dinner on April 9th.

Beth Birnstihl, President  
Nebraska Chapter

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA ACTIVITIES

Scholarship Recognition Dinner
6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union  
April 9, 2000

Executive Committee Meetings
May 10, 2000  
August 9, 2000  
October 11, 2000  
December 13, 2000

Annual Business Meeting
September 28, 2000

Initiation and Awards Banquet
6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union  
November 19, 2000

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

I wish to thank all of you who have responded to my February 1, 2000 dues notice. So far 103 have made dues payments, so there are a number of you that need to get your $10 dues to me by March 31. Fourteen of you retired members, who are exempt from paying dues, haven’t responded, so please do that also before March 31. If I don’t hear from you by then, we will need to remove your name from our mailing list in order to save postage costs. Also, since the
dues notice was mailed, 18 members have prepaid their dues to 2001 or beyond and five members who have retired have been added to the list of retirees.

Last year I added 59 new names, removed 90, and changed 41 addresses on our mailing list. So far this year, I have added 52 new names and addresses, made 12 changes, and I still have 20 changes to be made before the Newsletter is mailed.

I encourage all of you who are UNL staff to check with your new staff persons to see if they were initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta at another chapter. We have had only a few members transfer this past year, so maybe we have missed some who should be invited to join here. It is simple to transfer. All we need is their name, address, date of initiation, chapter name, major, and whether they were initiated as a senior, graduate student, faculty or staff member or an alumnus. Their cost is only $10 as dues payment for the current year, and we will put them on our mailing list.

I appreciate the personal notes many of you include with your responses. That is the only form of payment I get for doing this job, so THANK YOU very much and please keep in contact with me.

Charles Adams, Membership Chair

NOTES FROM THE HISTORIAN

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta honors the lives of the following members who have died since the last newsletter.

Glenn H. LeDioyt died August 28, 1999. He was initiated on May 6, 1941 as a University of Nebraska graduate student. He owned LeDioyt Land Co. and LeDioyt Farm Management Co. in Omaha.

Dwane R. Zimmerman died November 8, 1999. He was initiated May 22, 1962 as a faculty member in the Department of Animal Science. He received the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Excellence in Teaching Award in 1978. Dwane was an Animal Science faculty member at the time of his death.

Leslie F. Sheffield died January 11, 2000. He was initiated on January 16, 1950 as a Senior with a Technical General Agriculture major at the University of Nebraska. He served in many roles at the University including several years as an Extension Farm Management Specialist in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Les was known for his leadership in irrigation development and the Water Conference Council water tours. He retired in 1992.

O. Burr Ross died January 26, 2000. He was initiated on May 13, 1936 as a Senior in Animal Science at the University of Nebraska. He received the Nebraska Chapter Award of Merit in 1978. He was on the Animal Science faculty of the University of Illinois and Oklahoma State University and retired from ConAgra. Dr. Ross received an Honorary Doctor of Agriculture from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1982.

Lester F. Larsen died February 2, 2000. He was initiated April 13, 1939 as an Agricultural Engineering graduate student. Les was Engineer-in-Charge of the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory at the University of Nebraska from 1946 until his retirement in 1975. After he retired, Larsen founded a museum in the original tractor test facility on East Campus that has been named the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum.

DeLynn R. Hay
Historian

INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET
RECIPIENTS
November 21, 1999

Excellence in Extension
Dr. Dale M. Grotelueschen, Professor
Panhandle Research and Extension Center
and Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences
Presented by Associate Dean Elizabeth A. Bimstihl
Cooperative Extension Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Research
Dr. Terrance P. Riordan, Professor
Department of Horticulture
Agricultural Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Leon G. Higley, Professor
Department of Entomology
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources,
University of Nebraska

Award of Merit for Distinguished Service
Dr. Karen E. Craig, Dean
College of Human Resources and Family Sciences
Presented by Vice Chancellor Irvin T. Omtvedt
Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources
2000 Scholarship Recognition Dinner

Each spring, a Scholarship Recognition Dinner is hosted by the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. Sophomores and Juniors in the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Human Resources and Family Sciences with outstanding scholastic records will be recognized and be our guests. Outstanding Senior and Sophomore recognitions are also made.

The 2000 dinner will be held in the Nebraska East Union, Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 pm. Our speaker for the program will be Dr. Charles W. “Bill” McLaughlin from the Department of Chemistry.

Your attendance at the Scholarship Recognition Dinner will help our chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta honor these outstanding students. It will demonstrate to the students the importance that we place on high scholastic achievement in our honor society, Gamma Sigma Delta. Please make your reservations by returning the form at the bottom of this page before 5:00 pm, Tuesday, April 4.

Please reserve ______ places at $16.00 each for the Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Recognition Dinner to be held at the Nebraska East Union, 6:00 p.m., April 9.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Gamma Sigma Delta) for $___________; or $___________ cash.

Your name—Please print

Name(s) of your guest(s)—Please print

Reservations are to be received by Tuesday, April 4 before 5:00 pm. Please send to:

Marilynn Schnepf, Secretary
Gamma Sigma Delta
University of Nebraska
316B Ruth Leverton Hall
P.O. Box 830806
Lincoln, NE 68583-0806

Reservations must be honored unless canceled by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 7.
# GAMMA SIGMA DELTA COMMITTEES, 2000

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- **President**: Beth Birnstihl     2-2966
- **President-elect**: Merlyn Nielsen  2-6406
- **Secretary**: Marilynn Schnepf   2-3735
- **Treasurer**: Terry Riordan      2-1142
- **Membership Chair**: Charles Adams     466-4053
- **Historian**: DeLynn Hay          2-1625
- **Past president**: Roy Frederick   2-6225

## AUDITING COMMITTEE
- **Phil Miller (2000)**  2-6421
- **Dan Lutz (2001)**    464-3571

## AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE
- **Martin Massengale (2000)**  2-4101
- **Robert Koch (2001)**     2-8337
- **Julie Johnson (2002)**   2-2923

## EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE
- **Don Steinegger (2000)**   2-1144
- **David Keith (2001)**     2-8918
- **Dale Grotelueschen (2002)**  (308) 632-0442

## INITIATION AND AWARD BANQUET
- **Arlen Etling (2000)**     2-9008
- **Paul Read (2001)**       2-2854
- **Mary Jane McReynolds (2002)**   441-7180

## INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
- **Steve Baenziger (2001)**  2-1538
- **Ellen Paparozzi (2000)**   2-1129
- **Dick Fleming (2002)**    2-8742

## AD HOC COMMITTEE
- **Ken Von Bargen**         489-3552
- **Roy Frederick**          2-6225
- **Rita Kean**              2-1911
- **Anne Vidaver**           2-2858

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
- **Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio**  2-1629
- **Marybeth Helmink, Ex Officio**  2-2916
- **Lance Meinke (2001)**       2-8707

## OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- **Loyd Young (2000)**       (402) 643-4709
- **Ken Von Bargen (2001)**   489-3552
- **Keith Niemann (2002)**    2-2965

## RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE
- **Larry Cundiff (2000)**     (402) 762-4171
- **David Baltensberger (2001)**   (308) 632-1261
- **Terry Riordan (2002)**     2-1142

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
- **Charles Adams, Ex Officio**  466-4053
- **Fayrene Hamouz, Ex Officio**
- **Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio**  2-1629
- **Alan Corr (2002)**          (308) 832-0645

## SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER
- **George Pfeiffer (2000)**   2-1775
- **Rick Grant (2001)**        2-6442
- **Christe Jensen (Chi Omega House)**  436-7069
- **Susan Fritz (2002)**       2-9559
- **Gail Brand (2000)**        (402) 643-2981

## TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE
- **Dennis McCallister (2000)**  2-6312
- **Steve Jones (2001)**       2-5566
- **Leon Higley (2002)**       2-8689

*Chairperson