GREETINGS ESPA MEMBERS AND ALL ALABAMA A&M AND AUBURN SUPPORT STAFF!

Happy Spring! Daylights Savings Time started this past weekend and it usually takes us a few days, weeks, or even months to get use to the time change. Sometimes I wish they would leave it alone. I hope you are planning for the upcoming ESPA Conference to be held in Fairhope, AL (Baldwin County), May 15-17, 2019. The board has met for last minute ideas, decisions, and finally planning for this conference. We are very excited to announce the following professional development that will be offered during the 3 day meeting.

- Opioid Dangers
- Office Safety/Active Shooter/Self Defense
- Wednesday night meal at the Experiment Station and Speed Networking Activity
- Leadership Workshop by Beth Flynn, Ohio
- Vision Team Building- Hands on activity
- Health & Exercise
- Tour of Greek Orthodox Church
- Banquet & Auction is at Oak Hollow Farms
- Motivational Speaker Friday Morning is Ben Ragsdale

As we continue to prepare and finalize our program, please continue to recruit new members and bring back members that might have left for a while. It takes all of us working as team to make the ESPA Conference a huge success.

If you haven’t booked your room yet, the Deadline is April 1st, 2019.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE MAY 15-17, 2019, IN FAIRHOPE, AL.

KAREN BIXLER, 2018-2019 ESPA PRESIDENT
CONFERECE LOCATIONS

Per Sandra Walton, follow these directions to the Research Center. These directions are a safer route compared to the one that pulls up on MapQuest.

Gulf Coast Research and Extension Center, 8300 State Hwy 104, Fairhope, AL 36532

1. **Directions**: from I-65 take Exit 37 (Gulf Shores Parkway), then turn left onto 287. Follow 287 to Bay Miette on US-31 S/AL-59. Continue to travel on US-31 (approximately 11 miles) to Stapleton, turn right onto US-31 S (Tom Thumb is in the center of US 59 and 31). Then travel approximately 10 miles.

2. Turn left onto State Highway AL-181. Then travel approximately 15 miles.

3. Turn right onto State Highway AL-104. Then travel approximately 5 miles.

   Gulf Coast Research and Extension Center is on the right.

Hampton Inn and Suites, 23 N. Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532

Oak Hollow Farms, 14210 Greeno Road Fairhope, AL 36532

Malbis Plantation Greek Orthodox Church, 29300 AL-181, Daphne, AL 36526

There will be lots of stores near the Greek Orthodox Church for you to stop into and shop in your spare time following the tour before the banquet.

HOTEL INFORMATION

ESPA Conference Hotel
Information
Hampton Inn Fairhope
23 N Section Street
Fairhope, AL 36532
Phone # - 251.928.0956
Assistant General Manager- Megan Pettis
www.fairhope.hamptoninn.com

Reservations can now be made. Deadline to book is **April 1, 2019**
Rates apply the day before and day after the conference. Rates are for 2 person occupancy. Additional adults will be charged $10 per room per night.

King- $115.00 a night
Queen- $115.00 a night

To make reservations, call the phone number listed above and ask for the ESPA 2019 special group rate.
OAK HOLLOW FARM

Our banquet and auction will be held at Oak Hollow Farm this year. Surrounded by historic oak trees and lush green fields, the Barn is the center of Oak Hollow Farm. Oak Hollow Farm, as it is known today, was established in 2001, but the history of the farm itself dates back to the early 1800s. It began as a traditional farm raising cotton, sugar cane, potatoes, corn, and livestock.

Due to dirt floors and sitting at picnic tables, we chose a theme of Denim and Diamonds for the dress code. You will want to dress comfortable enough to walk on the floors without worrying about tripping or having difficulties walking and you will want to wear pants that will not get pulled or worn out sitting on the wooden tables. You can add your own touch of glam with a shirt and jewelry of choice to dress up a little for the occasion.

FUNDRAISING

Please remember to consult with your district regarding the auction item that you will be bringing to the auction the night of the banquet.

We will have a ticket sale to anyone who would like to make a donation towards ESPA and support our organization.

If you have any questions, please contact Rayonna Sims or Beth Glasscock.

Don’t forget your door prize!

Each member is asked to bring a door prize to be given during the conference.

Dress code for the conference is business casual for workshops and casual for the tours.

The banquet theme is Denim and Diamonds.
TERSSA

TERSSA registration is listed on our website if you are interested in joining and attending the conference this fall. Annual Dues are $10.00 and Membership deadline is May 31, 2019.

The Membership form is located on the TERSSA website: terssa2017.wixsite.com/terssa

The conference location for 2019 will be announced at a later time. In 2018 it was in New Orleans, LA.

More details regarding registration fees and hotel pricing will be given closer to the event date.

Funds are no longer available from Auburn to attend this conference, but you may get Official Leave with the approval from your CEC.

Please check out the NEW TERSSA Facebook page! - search @TERSSA2 to easily find the page. Be sure to send some love by "liking" the page and share with friends and peers!

VISION TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

For our team building activity we need everyone to bring a photo of themselves, a 4x6 should be a good size.

Everything else will be provided at the workshop.

ESPA SERVICE PROJECT—RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Three ways to contribute to the Ronald McDonald House this year:

- Drink tabs
- Donate by giving cash or check to Brandy Phillips, ESPA Treasurer and she will write a check to the Ronald McDonald House. Checks should be made to ESPA/Ronald McDonald Service Project
- Bring items from the Ronald McDonald Wish List to the meeting
- Gift Cards to Lowe’s, Wal-Mart, Publix, Costco, etc. can also be given.

Our first donation to the Ronald McDonald House from the ESPA Board meeting was made following the board meeting on March 8.

Thanks to Randi Wright for getting your daughter’s school involved in the drive.

Sandra will make sure the tabs and donated items get to the Ronald McDonald House in Mobile after the Conference.
NEW MEMBERS

Thanks to all of the District Reps and ESPA Members for talking with support staff that are not members of ESPA or are new to Extension.

We had 4 new members join this year because of your efforts. Erica Dillard, Madison County; Zandi Floss, Dale County; Natalie Rimel, Autauga County; and Angela Batemon, Blount County.

The new members will be recognized at our upcoming annual conference, May 15-17, 2019 in Fairhope, AL. Let’s be sure to tell them how glad we are to have them join our association.

Welcome to the ESPA family!

BIRTHDAYS

March
05- Meaghan Taylor – Lauderdale
21- Sharon Tate – Mobile

April
22– Raydonna Sims—Cullman
26– Patricia Dixson—Jackson
27– Joanna Jettson (Cullman Retiree)
30– Larie Washington—Lauderdale

May
06 -Angie Moore – Marshall
19– Erica Dillard— Madison
20- Desiree Bates—Jefferson
27- Jennifer Whitman – 4-H Center
28- Cheryl Simmons – Tuscaloosa
29- Elaine Densmore – Chilton
ESPA 2018-2019 Board Members

President
Karen Bixler

Vice President
Sandra Walton

Treasurer/Past President
Brandy Phillips

Secretary
Vicky Yarbrough

President Elect
Kay Arnold

ESPA 2018-2019 District Representatives

District I— Randi Wright

District II— Helen Drake

District III—Shannon Murray

District IV—Laurie Howe

District V—Kathy Gonterman

District VI—Deborah Crawford

District VII—Brandy Phillips

District VIII—Lisa McCullough

District IX—Diane Anthony
Wish LIST

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile relies upon donations of these household items and supplies to care and provide the comforts of home in our Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms. Up to 38 families stay with us every night at Ronald McDonald House and many more use our Ronald McDonald Family Rooms for respite at USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital. Your donations help make their stay as comfortable as possible so they can care for their hospitalized child.

Next time you are out shopping for items for your own home, we would be grateful if you picked up a few things for ours, too. You can also host a donation drive for “The House That Love Built” and collect wish list items at your office, church, school or with a community group.

FOR OUR KITCHEN
Bacon
Butter
Sandwich meat
Cream Cheese
Eggs
Fresh Fruit
  Apples, oranges, bananas
Milk
Shelf Stable Milk
Paper bowls (microwavable)
Paper towels
Plastic cutlery
  Knives, forks, spoons
Plastic cups (disposable)
Paper plates
Coffee cups
  (12 oz size- To go cups)

FOR OUR FAMILIES
Toilettry Items - Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Lotion, Deodorant, Razors
Personal hygiene products
Diapers
To KEEP THE HOUSE CLEAN
All purpose cleaner
Furniture Polish
Clorox Bleach
Disinfectant spray (Lysol, etc.)
Disinfectant wipes
Laundry detergent pods
Dish Detergent (for dishes)

FOR OUR HOUSE
Can Liners (8-10 gallon)
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
Ziploc Bags (Snack and Sandwich Size)
Bath Towels (White)
Bath Mats (White)
Donations to help us purchase new comforters for guest rooms
Gift cards to Lowe’s, Walmart, Publix, Costco, etc.

FOR THE PANTRY – FULL SIZES
Breakfast foods
Bottled/boxed juice
Cases of Bottled Water
Coffee creamer pourable canisters
Sugar - bags & pourable canisters
Sweetener packets
  Splenda, Sweet & Low, etc.
  Coffee stirrer sticks

FOR THE PANTRY – SINGLE SERVING SIZES
Applesauce/fruit cups
Breakfast foods
Granola/breakfast bars
Chips and salty snack varieties*
  (Individually Wrapped, Please)
Microwavable soups/meals
Microwavable mac & cheese
Snack crackers & cakes*
  (Individually Wrapped, Please)

To HELP OUR OFFICE
Postage Stamps (Forever)

Items in RED* are our immediate needs and items in BOLD are our most pressing needs.

Updated February 14, 2019

♥ Your donations can be delivered between 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. seven days a week at our Ronald McDonald House located at 1626 Springhill Avenue – Mobile, AL 36604.
You can also shop from home with our Amazon Wish List by visiting RMHCMobile.org/wish-list
♥ For more information or to schedule a drop-off time, please call (251) 694-6873 or visit www.rmhcmobile.org.
  Follow our #WishListWednesday posts on Facebook by visiting facebook.com/RMHCMobile
MEMBER REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: $60.00

Name: ____________________________
Office Address: ____________________________
Phone: ______________ County: ____________

☐ ESPA Member  ☐ County Staff  ☐ State Staff  District: ________
☐ Non-Member (complete Guest Registration, Page 2 attached)

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DIET?? ☐ I HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS – PLEASE WRITE YOUR REQUESTS ON THIS FORM

Return completed registration form with payment (check or money order) payable to ESPA in c/o:
Brandy Phillips
Choctaw County Extension Office
218 S. Hamburg Street
Butler, AL 36904

DEADLINE: April 19, 2019 (Postmarked)
Late fee Registration: additional $10.00 (after April 19th)
additional $15.00 (at the conference)

For Guest Registration see attached.

REMINDER
ESPA Members, please remember to bring a door prize or two if you have a guest and a picture of yourself.

Conference Highlights

Wednesday, May 15, 2019–

11:00 am to 12:30 pm  Registration-Experiment Station
12:45 pm  Welcome- Ellen Huckabay, Baldwin CEC
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  Opioid Dangers & Drug Take Back Campaign by Roosevelt Robinson, UREA Montgomery Co.
2:30 pm to 2:45 pm  Break/Door Prizes
2:45 pm to 3:30 pm  Office Safety/Active Shooter/Self Defense – Fairhope Police Department
3:30 pm  Check into Hampton Inn Fairhope Hotel
4:45 pm to 5:00 pm  Travel to Experiment Station
5:00 pm to 5:15 pm  ESPA Memorial-Sandra Walton
5:15 pm to 5:30 pm  Stan Windham-Assistant Director, County Office Operations
5:30 pm to 6:15 pm  Malcom Fegues-Extension Experiment Station
6:15 pm to 7:15 pm  Meal catered by James Miles (Sponsored by James Miles, Amelia McGrew & Ellen Huckabay)
7:15 pm  Speed Networking-Sandra Walton

Thursday, May 16, 2019–

6:00 am to 8:00 am  Hot Breakfast at Hampton Inn Fairhope
8:00 am to 8:30 am  Travel to Experiment Station
8:30 am to 10:30 am  Leadership – Beth Flynn, OSU Leadership Center
10:30 am to 10:45 am  Break/Door Prizes
10:45 am to 12:00 pm  Vision Team Building with Jovita Lewis, Extension Specialist, EFNEP
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  Lunch by Baldwin County Master Gardeners
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm  Our Health & Exercise-Sarah Butterworth, 4-H FREA & Quick Stretch-Sandra Walton
1:45 pm to 2:00 pm  Travel to Greek Orthodox Church
2:00pm to 3:30 pm  Tour Greek Orthodox Church-Nafseka Malbis, Tour Guide
3:30 pm-5:15 pm  Break (Auction/Banquet Set-up)
5:15 pm  Load Bus to Oak Hollow Farm
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  Awards Banquet and Auction–Oak Hollow Farms, Denim & Diamonds Theme
Speakers-ACES Administration
Music: Denver & Kara Hawsey
Group Photo; Auctioneer: Kent Stanford & team

Friday, May 17, 2019–

6:00 am to 8:00 am  Breakfast & Hotel Check-Out
8:00 am to 8:30 am  Travel to Experiment Station
8:30 am to 9:30 am  Motivational Speaker-Ben Ragdale
9:30 am to 9:45 am  Break/Door Prizes/Pay Dues
9:45 am to 12:00 pm  ESPA Annual Business Meeting & Installation of Officers
Adjourn (Lunch on your own)

Thanks to all who helped make this year’s conference a success. Have a safe trip home or explore Fairhope while you are here.

Karen Bixler – President 2019
GUEST REGISTRATION

Name _____________________________________________

Are you a guest of an ESPA member? (Member Name) __________________________ County: ____________

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SUB-TOTAL (Member Registration)

GRAND TOTALS FOR REGISTRATION (Enclosed)

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: ________________

☐ Check #
☐ Money Order #
☐ Other _______________________

Total Amount Received: $ ____________
Received by: ______________________