

Alpha Rho Chapter

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President's Message — Autumn 2021

Engagement in your Professional Association, like engaging audiences through your Extension work, is incredibly rewarding – but you get out of it what you put into it. The Cambridge Dictionary has several definitions of the word “engage” and most of them are applicable to our work. My favorites are “to interest someone in something and keep them thinking about it” and “to become involved, or have contact, with someone or something.”

“To make one part of a machine fit into and move together with another part of a machine” is a different, technical application of the term, but I like the idea of bringing moving parts together to create synergy. However you engage with ESP-Alpha Rho, remember that it starts with an invitation. If you don't receive an invitation, find yourself on the other end – extending an invitation to engage your peers. Together, we can make this association stronger for our colleagues – today and tomorrow.

As summertime comes to a close I encourage you to focus on the things that you love about being an Extension Professional – that's a hard thing to do in the throes of any busy season, but it's important and necessary. I hope that your list is long and that visiting those things for a moment brings a smile to your face.

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