

On Nov. 11, the PA Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science (PEAFCS), a professional association of Penn State Cooperative Extension educators, selected, Jorja Barton, director of agency relations for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, as the honorary award winner given to individuals who give exemplarily support to Penn State Cooperative Extension family living programming in a county or region. Jorja resides with her husband, Roger in Hummelstown and is an active member in several community organizations. Her role at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPFB) has enabled her to work closely with Penn State Cooperative Extension in the Capital Region in developing and initiating new programs to feed the hungry, to work collaboratively to engage others in reducing and eliminating hunger, and promote healthy eating choices through educational programming for adults and youth.

Cook's Tips

PUMPKIN DESSERTS

• Pumpkin is a good source of betacarotene, a nutrient that may help reduce the risk of developing certain types of cancer, and offers possible protection against heart disease.

• TOPPINGS: Use nonfat ice cream, or frozen yogurt and fat-free whipped topping for a lighter version.

The best way to soften ice cream is to let it sit out at room temperature for about 15 minutes or in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Note that low-fat ice creams and frozen yogurts melt faster than full-fat varieties. Avoid repeatedly softening and refreezing ice cream as it gets icy.

• If you don't have pumpkin pie spice, for each teaspoon of pumpkin pie space, you can substitute a combination of:

- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
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- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves



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Strickler Receives Prestigious Award

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Fay B. Strickler, Berks County family and consumer sciences educator for Penn State Cooperative Extension, was recently recognized as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by Alpha Omicron Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), the national organization for extension profes-

Strickler, a 30 year veteran of cooperative extension, was recognized for her programming in diet, nutrition and health, and food safety education. Specific examples of successful accomplishments for programming in food safety certification for individuals who work in the food service industry, nutrition education programs for the public, leadership education and outreach to diverse audiences were cited during the presentation of the award.

Strickler was also recognized for excellence in programming through cooperation and collaboration with a variety of local and state organizations and agencies. In addition to developing and presenting educational programs, Stickler makes extensive use of media to distribute foods and nutrition information to the public.

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B. Strickler, who writes the Consuming Thoughts newspaper column, is a recipient of a national consumer science educator's Distinguished Service Award.

She writes a regular column for Lancaster Farming "Consuming Thoughts" and is often featured in articles in The Reading Eagle/ Times; and appears on Berks Community Television and on local Berks County talk radio on

Throughout her career, Strickler has been involved in the National Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences (NAEFCS) and Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) and the state affiliates of the two organizations. She has served in key leadership positions at national and state levels for both of these professional associations. Elected as second vice president for professional devel-opment in 1997, she provided leadership for all educational sessions held in conjunction with two national annual meetings of NEAFCS. In 1999 she was elected to the leadership board of ESP, ultimately serving as national president of the fraternity in 2001-2002. In May 2003, Strickler had the distinction of being selected as one of five fieldbased educators to serve on the extension committee on organization and policy national leader-

ship advisory council.

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