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STATEMENT:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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President's Message

by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

Our chapter was privileged to initiate two new members, Treva Brown- Askey and Nova Stippel, into Delta Kappa Gamma. If you did not have the opportunity to meet them in March please do so at the upcoming April 27th meeting. They are both outstanding educators who have en-

riched the lives of many students over the years.

Marilyn Gregory, Alpha State President, will be our special guest attending the April 27th meeting at the Baytown Historical Museum. She will bring greetings from Alpha State and enjoy Epsilon Psi's fellowship as we take a brief tour and learn more about the Baytown Historical Museum located at 220 West Defee Street. If you haven't made your reservation yet to the Founders' Banquet at the Monument Inn Restaurant on May 11th please send your money to Mona Bonds at 436 South Burnett Drive in Baytown. Your check should be made payable to Gamma Nu for \$26.00. I hope to see all of you at our upcoming meeting this month and the Founder's Banquet.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

April 27, 2017
Baytown Historical Museum, Baytown
4:30 p.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. Meeting
A Trip Back in Time

Dewolyn Hullum will lead members on a guided tour of the Baytown Historical Museum. Members will be informed and educated on important events in the history of Baytown.

Hostesses: Lori Woods, chairman; Benny May Thomas, Michelle Verdun, Shirley Wright

Please bring your canned goods for the FBC Food Pantry.

Julie Kellner and Kristen Davis, editors
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New Members:



Treva Brown-Askey is the Division Chair Developmental Education at Lee College. She has 13 total years as a professional educator. She received her master's degree in Curriculum Instruction in 2000. She was one of three nationwide finalists in 2016 for the American Association of Community Faculty Innovation Award, 2016 - 10 years or less Faculty of the Year Award. Community activities include NAACP member, NADE member, TCCTA member and state committee member, CASP member, and Children's Church Volunteer at Good Hope Baptist Church. She was endorsed by Donna Mohlman and Dewolyn Hullum.

Nova Stippel is a teacher for GCCISD at Austin Elementary. She has 34 years as a professional educator. She received her Med degree in education in 1996. Her professional accomplishments include Golden Foundation of Excellence, Teacher of the Year, and James Becker Thomson Award Outstanding Teacher. Her community activities include member of the Methodist church and Daughters of the American Revolution. She was endorsed by Joan Mangum and Laura Smith.



Welcome Back, Kathryn!!

Kathryn Wright has transferred her DKG membership from Xi chapter in Austin to Epsilon Psi.



News from
Alpha State
and
International

Web Watch: International and Alpha State

Register now for the DKG Regional conferences at www.dkg.org.

Don't forget to check out the 2017 Texas State Organization Convention information at www.dkgtexas.org. Remember it is in Houston, so everyone try to attend!



Hospitality and Other News:

Kristen Davis' husband, Bruce, had emergency surgery on March 23rd for a leak in his colon. He is on the mend. Thank you for your prayers.

Please let Judi Abshier know of any hospitality news.

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Project Graduation

Members are to bring monetary donations for Project Graduation benefiting the four Goose Creek high schools.

The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the **April** meeting: Carolyn Francis, chairman;

Sarah Guarnere, Dewolyn Hullum, Paula Jackson.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please give your prize to another Epsilon Psi member who will be in attendance.

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*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."
John Dewey*

May Banquet:

Please see page 6 of this newsletter for the Founders' Day Banquet form. The banquet is May 11th at Monument Inn. Gamma Nu is hosting the banquet this year. We look forward to everyone attending!



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
March 24, 2017

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at First Baptist Church on March 24, 2017. A quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and welcomed everyone to the March meeting of Epsilon Psi.

Initiation Ceremony

Nova Stippel and Treva Brown were ushered in by Membership Chairman, Pat Cauley. A beautiful and meaningful initiation ceremony was conducted by President Kellner and the Epsilon Psi officers. Joyce Cloudt provided the music. The membership welcomed our two newest members.

Donna Mohlman presented a program informing members about the grant project, *Mobile Book Bus*, as well as events and outcomes of the project. Donna's project, *Ebooks on the Go*, was recently awarded \$10,000 by the DKG Educational Foundation. The *Mobile Book Bus* was on the FBC campus for members to tour.

President Kellner led the Collect and Response. She thanked Mattie Sharp and her committee consisting of Therese Ruff, JoAnn Short, Cara Skinner, Laura Smith and Carolyn Francis for providing the cake and punch for the reception to be held after the meeting. She also thanked Kristen Davis, March Project Graduation chairman, and her committee members, Laurie Curry, Debbie Denson, and Meredith Durham.

The February minutes were corrected to read: Kathryn Wright, **current** Alpha State Parliamentarian, gave a report from Alpha State. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

The February treasurer's report was printed in the February newsletter and will be filed for audit. President Kellner announced that the program for the April 27, 2017, meeting would be held at Baytown Historical Museum. Chapter Achievement Award, Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship recipients will be announced. Dewolyn Hullum will lead members on a guided tour of the Baytown Historical Museum. Members will be informed and educated on important events in the history of Baytown. There was no correspondence. Kathryn Wright informed members about the 88th Texas State Convention being held at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, June 22-24, 2017. Westin Galleria Hotel does not charge for parking. Southwest Regional Conference (held in odd years) will be in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 4-7, 2017, and the 2018 International Convention (held in even years) will be at the J W Marriott in Austin, Texas, July 16-20, 2018. Pat Cauley, membership chairman, reported there were three who met for dinner this month. Interested members will meet April 10 to eat at Cheddar's Restaurant. Our mystery member, Carolyn Francis, was raised on a farm. The farm had no indoor plumbing.

Reports of Special Committees

President Kellner called for hospitality reports. Bruce Davis recently had abdominal surgery and is doing well. Debbie Denson's husband is dealing with complications of Parkinson's Disease. Karen Coffey is finally back in her home. Lori Woods' dad is at home dealing with bone health. Judi Mitchell's daughter recently had torn rotator cuff surgery and is recuperating at home with lots of help.

New Business/Old Business

None

Other Business

Mattie Sharp invited everyone to a book review on *The Alchemist*. Carolyn Francis announced Relay for Life would be held April 7, 2017. Luminaries are on sale. Therese Ruff is putting names on luminaries at 9:00am, April 6, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church if anyone can help. Carolyn Francis will be attending the State Retired Teachers meeting in Austin this next week. Richie Butler reported that 68 stuffed animals were taken to the Baytown Police Department and to San Jacinto Emergency Room to be given to the children.

The Project Graduation raffle was conducted.

After the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song", members enjoyed a cake and punch reception to honor our new members.

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President

Happy Birthday!

April

5 Meredith Durham
25 Suzi Powers

May

1 Ginger McKay
29 Donna Mohlman



Treasurer's Report

Balance, April 1, 2017.....	\$ 7,178.30
Receipts	0.00
Total Available.....	\$ 7,178.30
Disbursements.....	41.20
Balance, April 21, 2017.....	\$ 7,137.10
Savings Accounts	
General Fund.....	\$ 3,939.88
Scholarship Fund.....	15,910.82
Total Funds Available, April 21, 2017.....	\$23,247.92



Perfect Attendance

The following members have perfect attendance for 2016-2017: Treva Brown-Askey, Richie Butler, Pat Cauley, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Judi Mitchell, Mattie Sharp, Nova Stippel and Kathryn Wright. Attending another chapter's meeting, such as a Gamma Nu meeting, may make up absences. Just let Carolyn know if you have made up a meeting.

If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@earthlink.net or 281-427-5930.

Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August.....	20 = 42.55%
September	22 = 46.81%
October.....	26 = 55.32%
November.....	20 = 42.55%
December	21 = 44.68%
January	25 = 53.19%
February	19 = 39.58%
March	20 = 40.00%
Average.....	21.63 = 45.59%

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Richie Butler, Meredith Durham, Carolyn Francis, Meagan Lowery, JoAnn Short

2016-2017 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

Julie Kellner, President

Paula Jackson, First Vice President

Meagan Lowery, Second Vice President

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, Corresponding Secretary

Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

Laura Kellner, Parliamentarian

Paula Jackson, Immed. Past President

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Annual Founders' Banquet
Gamma Nu & Epsilon Psi Chapters
Hosted by Gamma Nu

Thursday, May 11, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Monument Inn Restaurant
4406 Independence Parkway South
La Porte, TX

The menu will include tossed green salad, baked potato, rolls,
iced tea, coffee and dessert along with a choice of :

Fried Shrimp (12)
Blackened Fish
Grilled Chicken Breast

Please RSVP by May 1.

Please mail this form along with \$26 (payable to Gamma Nu) to:

Mona Bonds
436 S. Burnett Drive
Baytown, TX 77520

Name _____

Chapter _____

Guest _____