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MISSION STATEMENT:

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

VISION STATEMENT:

Leading Women
Educators Impacting
Education
Worldwide.

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President's Message



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

I know we are all enjoying this beautiful spring weather. And for those of us who are still teaching the end of school is right around the corner. I look forward to the upcoming meeting on April 26th at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church where we will install new

by: Julie Kellner

officers for the 2018 – 2020 biennium. We will recognize our scholarship recipients from the area high schools and honor our 2018 Epsilon Psi Achievement Award winner.

Our Founders' Day Banquet committee has been busy preparing for the upcoming banquet on May 10th at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Eagle Pointe Conference and Banquet Facility at 12450 Eagle Point Drive in Mont Belvieu. Please send your reservation form and \$26 to Carolyn Francis at 2104 Buchanan Drive, Baytown, TX 77520-5607. The deadline for reservations is May 1st. Please make every effort to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

April 26, 2018
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, Baytown
4:30 p.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. Meeting
Where Are They Now?

Former Grant-in-Aid recipients will be invited to share their teaching experience or progress in their current university studies. The 2018 Grant-in-Aid and Chapter Scholarship winners will be recognized. New officers will be installed and the Chapter Achievement Award will be given to a deserving member.

Hostesses: Debbie Denson, chairman; Tommye Glynn Clark, Juanita Hatfield, Meagan Lowery, Joan Mangum.

Please bring your canned goods for the FBC Food Pantry.

Julie Kellner and Kristen Davis, editors
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Remembering Bernard Olive

We are so grateful we got to hear Asst. Fire Chief Bernard Olive speak in February to Epsilon Psi. We were very saddened by his death on April 5th. Thank you to all that donated to our stuffed animal drive.



Congratulations, Cara!

Cara Skinner has written her second book, an historical fiction called *Sophie's Storm*.

If you would like to purchase a book, you can contact Cara.

We are so proud of you!!



Residents of Goose Creek CISD are urged to vote in the upcoming bond election. Early voting is April 23-May 2. Election Day is May 5. Information about the bond proposals can be found at <http://www.gccisd.net/>

Web Watch: International

If you are interested in learning about the proposed amendments, you can be educated by viewing a Proposed Amendments Webinar. The dates are April 25th, May 8th, or May 19th. Check out the website for times and instructions on registering.

Web Watch: Alpha State

If you visit DKG Texas website, you will see a section for the 89th convention, *Building Bridges in Waco*. You can find lists of what you will see or will not see at the convention. One interesting thing you will NOT see is Annie Boards. This year everything will be digital!

News from
Alpha State
and
International



Hospitality and Other News:

Please let Judy Abshier know of any hospitality news.

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Project Graduation

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

The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the **April** meeting: Julie Kellner, chairman; Laura Kellner, Therese Ruff, Doro-

thy Shields, Cara Skinner, Michelle Verdun

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 10th at Eagle Pointe Conference and Banquet Facility (12450 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu) at 6 p.m.



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
March 22, 2018

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church on March 22, 2018. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Joyce Cloudt led the Chapter Collect and Response.

President Kellner welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Joyce Cloudt and her committee for the refreshments before the meeting. Joyce's committee members were Mary Cooling, Kristen Davis, Karen Coffey, Judi Craig, Laurie Curry and Paula Jackson. President Kellner also thanked Meredith Durham, Project Graduation chairman for March, and her committee this month: Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Ginger McKay and Nova Stippel.

Program: Speakers representing the *Chain Breaker* program at Rollingbrook Fellowship and *Beauty Will Rise* out of Mont Belvieu gave us information about slave trafficking in the Baytown area and what these programs are doing to help with this situation. Kathy Tadlock, representing *Chain Breaker*, shared the statistics of sex trafficking of minors in the U.S. She also shared how traffickers operate and where victims are recruited and sold. The *Chain Breaker* program has several components. One group actually goes out and tries to get in touch with victims where they are working. They pass out lipsticks and other small make-up items that have the National Trafficking Hotline's telephone number on it. They witness to the girls and explain that there is a way out of their current situation. While this group is on the street, another group at the church is praying for them and another group is contacting the girls on the phone and offering encouragement, advice and prayer. Dorothy Strouhal, representing *Beauty Will Rise*, spoke about what her organization is doing to help alleviate this situation. She believes education and awareness is the key. Young people need to be taught to recognize red flags when contacted by someone on social media. *Beauty Will Rise* works with the local police department and Polaris Project to rehabilitate these trafficked women. Parent education and fundraising for money to transition victims is also a big part of this program. They left us with the National Trafficking Hotline number: 1 888 373 7888.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were printed in the Newsletter and were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The February treasurer's report was printed in the Newsletter. It will be filed for audit.

April Program: On April 26, 2018, former Grant-in-Aid recipients will share their teaching experience or progress in their current university studies. The 2018 Grant-in-Aid and Chapter Scholarship winners will be recognized. New officers will be installed, and the Chapter Achievement Award will be given. Check the upcoming Newsletter for names of hostesses and Project Graduation Committee members.

Reports of Special Committees

Founders' Banquet will be held on May 5th, 2018, at the Eagle Pointe Banquet Room. The theme will be "Bridging the Gap between Yesterday and Tomorrow." Judi Mitchell and Debbie Denson reported on banquet decorations, and Julie Kellner presented the proposed menu for the banquet. The cost of the banquet per attendee will be \$26.00. A motion was made by the banquet committee to take up to \$300 out of the General Fund savings account to cover any additional expenses. The motion carried.

Hospitality: Bennie May Thomas has been in the hospital due to gall bladder issues.

New Business: Carolyn Florus, Ceremonials Chairperson, reported that the Constitution and Bylaws now allow for an abbreviated installation ceremony and an abbreviated initiation ceremony.

Announcements: June 5-16, 2018 is the TSO Convention in Waco and July 16-20, 2018 is the DKG International Convention in Austin. Conventions are a good way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones. It is a good networking event and offers professional development as well. Shirley Wright thanked all members for the Harvey Relief money. She purchased a winter coat and some much needed shoes with the money. Carolyn Francis reminded the membership of Relay For Life on April 6, 2018. She has luminaries for sale.

Project Graduation: President Kellner conducted the Project Graduation raffle with the help of Richie Butler. Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Happy Birthday!

April

5 Meredith Durham
25 Suzi Powers

May

1 Ginger McKay
29 Donna Mohlman



Treasurer's Report

Balance, April 1, 2018	\$4,309.12
Receipts	<u>0.00</u>
Total Available	\$4,309.12
Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>
Balance, April 18, 2018	\$4,309.12
Savings Accounts:	
General Fund	\$ 4,043.91
Scholarship Fund	<u>16,176.74</u>
Total Funds Available, April 18, 2018	\$24,529.77



Perfect Attendance

The following members have perfect attendance for 2017-2018: Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner and Judi Mitchell. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com or 281-427-5930. 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.

Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August	16 = 32.65%
September	19 = 39.58%
October	25 = 49.02%
November	17 = 34.69%
December	22 = 44.90%
January	12 = 24.49%
February	22 = 44.90%
March	16 = 32.65%
Average.....	18.63 = 37.86%

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2016-2018 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
FOUNDERS' BANQUET**

Hosted by Epsilon Psi Chapter

Reservation Form

I will be attending the Delta Kappa Gamma Founders' Banquet to be held at Eagle Pointe Conference and Banquet Facility, 12450 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu, on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 6 p.m. I understand the price is \$26 per plate. Please make a reservation in my name. Registration will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

MENU

**Herb Roasted Chicken
Garden Salad
Grilled Asparagus and Baked Potato
Rolls
Water, Iced Tea, Coffee**

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I will be bringing ____ guest(s) @ \$26 each.

Name of guest(s): _____

Chapter of guest(s): _____

If guest is state personnel, please give position so she can be recognized:

☐

I will **not** be bringing a guest.

Please mail this form and a check made payable to **Epsilon Psi** to:

Mrs. Carolyn Francis
2104 Buchanan Drive
Baytown, TX 77520-5607

Deadline for reservations: **Tuesday, May 1, 2018.** No monies will be refunded after the deadline.

Name of Delta Kappa Gamma member: _____

Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma member: _____

State/International Personnel position: _____