

# Epsilon Psi Newsletter

Epsilon Psi Chapter (#143), Area III, Baytown  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,  
Texas State Organization

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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



**Joann Short,**  
**President 2018-2020**

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

Spring has finally arrived! I wasn't sure that it was truly going to show up with the frequent return of Jack Frost! But it's here!! The sun is out and we are looking forward to celebrating Easter with our families. I love the celebration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This time of year reminds us of the grace and forgiveness we enjoy because of HIS sacrifice. I hope that you, as I am, are able to relax and enjoy the celebration and the beautiful weather

## Next Meeting:

**April 25, 2019**  
**Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, Baytown**  
**4:30 p.m. Fellowship**  
**5:00 p.m. Meeting**  
*Women Health Awareness*

Dr. Mary Hewitt will present a program on women's health awareness.

We will also be awarding scholarships and the Achievement Award.

## by: JoAnn Short

with your family and friends!

We have several wonderful events scheduled for the upcoming weeks. I hope you plan to attend these to fellowship with one another! Our April meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church. We will have a "Women's Health Awareness" program presented by Dr. Mary Hewitt. This should be an informative session for all of our members.

Though there have been a few unforeseen challenges with the location due to ITC fire, through diligence our Gamma Nu sisters have planned an exciting program for our annual Founder's Day Banquet. The celebration will be held on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at Monument Inn Restaurant, 4406 Independence Parkway South in La Porte, Texas. Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. The Founders' Program will be held immediately following dinner. Please send your reservation form and \$26 to Mona Bonds at 436 S. Burnett Drive, Baytown, Texas 77520. The deadline for reservations is May 1<sup>st</sup>. I will also have forms at the April meeting for those who need one.

I know that each of us will enjoy these events and be edified by them! You don't want to miss out on them so, please put these events on your calendar and plan to attend them!

Sincerely,

JoAnn Short

Hostesses: Julie Kellner, chairman; Laura Kellner, Therese Ruff, Cara Skinner, Michelle Verdun  
Please bring your canned goods for the FBC Food Pantry.

JoAnn Short and Kristen Davis, editors  
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## SPRING DUES COLLECTION HAS BEGUN

Treasurer Carolyn Francis is collecting dues for 2019-2020. The deadline for dues payment is **May 31, 2019**. If you need to pay dues in installments, please see Carolyn to make arrangements. Dues will no longer be collected in the fall. A dues form can be found on page 8.



## Web Watch: International

Check out the Go Ahead Tours section on the International website. Upcoming tours include Iceland, San Francisco/Napa Valley, and Costa Rica.



Picture from DKG International

News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International

## Web Watch: Alpha State

<https://dkgtexasconvention2019.weebly.com/>

The link above gets you to the 2019 Convention. You can get all the information you need to attend June 20-22 in Arlington! Make your plans now to attend!



## Hospitality and Other News:

Please keep JoAnn Short in your prayers as she recovers from knee surgery.

Kristen Davis could use your prayers as she prepares for a biopsy on her thyroid.

We can't wait to hear about Carolyn Florus' trip to Egypt!

Let's not forget to keep Milton and Laura Kellner in your prayers as he continues his cancer treatment.



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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: **Debbie Denson, chairman;**

**Juanita Hatfield, Joan Mangum.**

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 7 of this newsletter for the Founders' Banquet form.

Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:30 p.m.  
Monument Inn Restaurant  
4406 Independence Parkway South  
La Porte, TX



*Bridging  
yesterday and tomorrow*

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Epsilon Psi Chapter  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Thursday February 28, 2019

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was held at Rollingbrook Fellowship, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, TX. Epsilon Psi President JoAnn Short called the regular meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. with the secretary being present. A thank you was given to Richie Butler and her committee for refreshments. Roll was taken by Treasurer Carolyn Francis.

Julie Kellner led with the Collect and all members gave the Response.

**Business:**

The minutes were approved after a correction on the workshop in Galveston. The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Julie Kellner, First Vice-President, reminded us that the March program will be given on the Bay Area Relay For Life. The next meeting is March 28, 2019 at Rollingbrook Fellowship, 4:30 for refreshments and the meeting will start at 5:00.

Richie Butler, chairman of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, thanked everyone for bringing stuffed animals to be given to children on both fire and police calls.

Kathryn Wright has been appointed as a member of the Texas State Organization Finance Committee.

Kathryn Wright also reported that donations from TSO because of Hurricane Harvey did not include Baytown schools. This was remedied with a \$200 donation to Clark and SFA elementary schools and Gentry Junior High.

The excellent program was given by Robert Francis on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Rodeo Houston is currently going on 87 years old. Its work is done by 30,000 volunteers. It currently has about 34,000 entries with livestock, the rodeo, and school art. It also was a great look into the history beginning with the men who started it until today. Thank you, Robert Francis, for a great presentation.

Dues will now be collected by the end of May. Carolyn Francis passed out forms.

The graduation raffle drawing was held by Therese Ruff. Her committee was Mattie Sharp and Shirley Wright.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Carolyn Florus  
Recording Secretary

JoAnn Short  
President

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
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Thursday, March 28, 2019

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JoAnn Short welcomed those present. The Collect was given by Meredith Durham and the Response was sung by those present. A thank you was given to all who brought refreshments. There was also a reminder to bring our Food Pantry gifts.

The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter and will be filed for audit. Our speaker for the April 23 meeting will be Dr. Mary Hewitt, who will speak on women's health.

Joan Mangum updated the members on Andrew McKay; he is more coherent. Also, on Milton Kellner's health; he's holding his own. Debbie Denson's husband, Tom, is currently taking exercises for Parkinson. De-wolyn Hullum's daughter has been in the hospital for 17 days due to a flu medication that caused her kidneys to shut down. It will take a while but she is expected to gain full use of the kidneys.

**BUSINESS:**

Carolyn Francis reminded us that the 2019-2020 dues are to be paid by May 31. This date was changed by International.

There is an April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the Annie Award; also, for the scholarship applications.

Jo Murphy's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated in Arlington at the TSO Convention, June 20-22.

Donna Mohlman is a finalist for the Baytown Sun's Citizen of the Year.

It was good to have Tommye Glynn Clark back with us.

President JoAnn Short introduced Carolyn Francis. Carolyn gave us the history of the Bay Area Relay For Life. **Relay For Life** began in the USA in May 1985 when colorectal surgeon, Dr. Gordy Klatt, wanted to raise awareness of cancer and boost the income of his local cancer charity. He spent a gruelling twenty-four hours circulating a track in Tacoma, Washington, and raised over \$27,000, and showed that one person really can make a difference. Since then, Relay For Life has become the largest fundraising event for cancer in the world. Celebrated by more than 4 million people in over 20 countries, this inspirational overnight event empowers and unites local communities to fight cancer.

Bay Area Relay for Life started in 1998. In 2018 Bay Area was number one in Texas and 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Thank you, Carolyn, for a great program and your dedication (along with husband, Robert). The program came close to home when she talked about those in our chapter whose lives have been touched by cancer.

The drawing for Project Graduation was held. Thanks to those who furnished gifts.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Carolyn Florus  
Recording Secretary

JoAnn Short  
President



## Happy Birthday!

### April

5 Meredith Durham  
25 Suzi Powers

### May

1 Ginger McKay  
29 Donna Mohlman

### June

7 Lacy White  
8 Susan Minix  
28 Carolyn Florus  
29 Laura Smith

### July

3 Lisa McBride  
5 Julie Kellner  
6 Judy Abshier  
6 Carolyn Francis  
7 Alicia Brooks  
13 Debbie Reynolds  
24 Debbie Denson  
25 Judi Craig  
27 JoAnn Short



## Treasurer's Report

Balance, March 1, 2019 .....	\$ 6,793.04
Receipts.....	<u>2,362.00</u>
Total Available .....	\$ 9,155.04
Disbursements .....	<u>548.00</u>
Balance, March 31, 2019 .....	\$ 8,607.04

### Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:

General Fund.....	\$ 2,907.48
Scholarship Fund .....	<u>15,644.18</u>
Savings Balance, March 31, 2019 .....	\$18,550.88
Total Funds Available, Mar 31, 2019 ...	\$27,158.70

## Perfect Attendance

The success of a good DKG chapter depends upon the commitment of its members. The Executive Board has planned programs that should be of interest to everyone, but programs cannot be successful if the members do not attend the meetings. Won't you commit to making Epsilon Psi one of the best chapters in the state of Texas? Commit 1½ hours the fourth Tuesday of each month to Epsilon Psi by attending and participating in its meetings, activities and service projects.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2018-2019: Richie Butler, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Mattie Sharp, JoAnn Short and Kathryn Wright. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com or 281-427-5930.

### Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August .....	14 = 29.79%
September.....	23 = 51.11%
October .....	28 = 53.85%
November .....	20 = 40.00%
December.....	22 = 44.00%
January.....	22 = 44.00%
February.....	15 = 30.00%
March .....	17 = 34.00%
Average .....	20.13 = 40.84%

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### 2018-2020 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

**JoAnn Short**, President

**Julie Kellner**, First Vice President

**Judi Mitchell**, Second Vice President

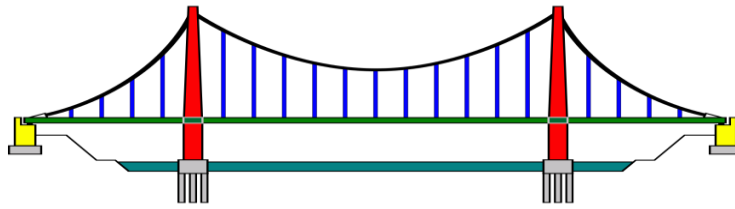
**Carolyn Florus**, Recording Secretary

**Joyce Cloudt**, Corresponding Secretary

**Carolyn Francis**, Treasurer

**Kathryn Wright**, Parliamentarian

**Julie Kellner**, Immed. Past President



## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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

Thursday, May 9, 2019  
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 cinnamon rolls along with a choice of :

**Fried Shrimp (12)**  
**Blackened Tilapia**  
**Grilled Chicken Breast**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

### 2019-2020 EPSILON PSI DUES

Please complete the following form and return it with your check to:

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

Check only those items for which you are paying. Please pay ASAP. **Total amount is due no later than May 31.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Active Member Dues and Fees	\$93.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve Member Dues and Fees	65.00	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship Funds	20.00	20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter Newsletter Subscription (\$12 for members preferring a printed copy)		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Storybook Christmas Donation		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gift to Chapter		_____
Total amount of check			\$ _____

***You may pay with one check made payable to "Epsilon Psi."***

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member's Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code (9 digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish ☐ Yes ☐ No

Home Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject/Grade Level/Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chapter Profile purposes) (Month) (Date) (Year)

Approximate Year Entered Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees Held: ☐ Bachelor ☐ Master ☐ Doctor ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Publication Permission Form

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Date

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