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

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President's Message

by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

Dear Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters,

As Barbara Bush once said, "Family, friends, and faith are the most important things in your life and you should be building friendships." As I begin this biennium of being your president I hope to build many friendships along the way. This is an exciting time, and I think back to where my journey began in Frisco, Texas at the Alpha State Convention. I had the pleasure of attending wonderful programs that provided me with information about being an effective president. I enjoyed meeting other Delta Kappa Gamma sisters from around the state and reconnecting with several Gamma Nu members. I look forward to our upcoming breakfast on Saturday, August 13th at Golden Corral. Hopefully, you will be able to attend to once again fellowship with each other and learn about the programs and activities of the year.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

back to
School



Next Meeting:

August 13, 2016

Golden Corral, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome Back!

Membership Committee will ask for nominations. We will recognize 25-year and 50-year members. Epsilon Psi will unite members in vision and growth, and honor mem-

bers who have completed their tenure in the field of education.

Hostesses: Paula Jackson, chairman; Tommye Glynn Clark, Mary Cooling

Please bring school supplies to donate to a local school.

Julie Kellner and Kristen Davis, editors
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Upcoming Projects



August: Please bring your school supplies to be donated at area schools.

December: We will bring baby items to donate to the daycare at Peter Hyland Center.

February: We will donate

stuffed animals to the local police and fire departments.

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for First Baptist Church



Web Watch: International

DKG International has a Project Spotlight area on the website. Individual, chapter, or state organization projects can be sent in to be featured on the website. The current project featured is from San Antonio which was developed by the members in Zeta Beta Chapter involving two Girl Scout Troops. You can earn a council patch for projects in your community. Check out the website to read about the DKG Girl Scout Patch!



News from
Alpha State
and
International



Web Watch: Alpha State

On November 15, 2016, the Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee will hold The Texas Conference for Women. This conference will be held in Austin. This conference will be a great opportunity for you to grow personally and professionally with other women across the state. Here is the link for the convention if you are interested:

www.txconferenceforwomen.org

Hospitality and Other News:

Bobby Wright, husband of Shirley Wright, had surgery to remove his leg below the knee and is now learning to walk with his new prosthesis.

Milton Kellner, husband of Laura Kellner, has undergone several surgeries and procedures this summer to remove or replace bones that have been destroyed by tumors. He will soon begin his cancer treatments at M D Anderson.

Leslie McAlee is having sur-

gery at M D Anderson to remove a mass in her sinus cavity.

Luke Kellner, son of Martin and Julie Kellner, is having ear surgery at Texas Children's Hospital.

Karen Coffey continues her cancer treatments at M D Anderson.

Bruce Davis, husband of Kristen Davis, has had his last surgery and gets his "all clear" Sept. 1st.

Robert Francis, husband of Carolyn Francis, has completely recovered from prostate surgery performed this summer.

If anyone has bud vases they would like to donate, bring them to Diane Keene at the next meeting.

Please let Diane Keene know of any hospitality news.

Diane Keene

281-383-2056

rdkeene@aol.com

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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 **August** meeting: **Joyce Cloudt,**

chairman; Ouida Carroll, Judy Abshier, Judi Craig, Shirley Wright

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*

September Meeting:

There is a slight change for our meeting in September.

Sept. 22, 2016

First Baptist Church

New Teacher Appraisal

Paula Jackson, Academic Dean, will inform members about the new Teacher Appraisal System, T-TESS.

We look forward to hearing about this wonderful experience.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Joan Mangum, chairman; Karen Coffey, Laurie Curry, Kristen Davis, Dorothy Shields



Membership Dues

Treasurer Carolyn Francis will be accepting dues payments at the breakfast or you can mail your check to her at 2104 Buchanan Drive, Baytown 77520-5607. Please pay dues as early as possible. Contact Carolyn if you would like to set up a payment plan for dues. She can be reached at 281-427-5930 or by email at crfranci@earthlink.net.

Membership dues form is included with the newsletter or may be downloaded from the chapter website at www.deltakappagamma.org/TX-epsilonpsi.

State Awards

Epsilon Psi has earned the following awards at the State Convention:

Five-Star Newsletter
Early Bird Yearbook
Exemplary Yearbook
TSO Certified Chapter Website
Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Contributing Chapter
ASTEF Scholarship Double Honors - \$2 per member
ASTEF Scholarship Honors for 10 or More Years
ASTEF Leadership Trailblazers - \$2 per member
ASTEF Projects Builders - \$2 per member



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter
of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
April 28, 2016

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International gathered for fellowship at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2016. President Paula Jackson called the meeting to order in the chapel of First Baptist Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, at 5:05 p.m., the secretary being present. Roll was checked, and there were 23 members and 6 guests present.

Kristen Davis led the Collect and Response. Paula thanked the hostesses Cara Skinner, chairman; Laura Smith, and Shirley Wright for the refreshments. She also thanked members for bringing food items to restock the food pantry at First Baptist as a way to show appreciation for the church allowing us to use the facility free of charge. Kristen Davis encouraged us to be present for the Founders' Banquet to be held at the Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway, La Porte, at 6:00 p.m. on May 12, 2016. Today is the last day to make reservations.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Carolyn Francis filed the treasurer's report for audit. Carolyn Francis reminded members who are not wearing their DKG keypins to contribute 25 cents to the piggy bank. The money collected will benefit ASTEF.

Hospitality Chairman Diane Keene thanked us for remembering those mentioned in the newsletter. She reported on Bobby and Shirley Wright. In addition, she asked us to remember the family of her daughter's brother-in-law who died suddenly.

Cara Skinner, who has written and published a book entitled *General Houston's Little Spy*, invited us to join her at one of her upcoming book signings.

Corresponding Secretary Diane Keene read a note from Therese Ruff thanking us for the red rose spray at her mother Carmel (Boudy) Norton's service. Carolyn Francis reported Epsilon Psi made donations to the Emergency Fund in memory of Natalie Huckabee and to the World Fellowship Fund in memory of Boudy Norton.

The Alpha State Convention will be June 24- 26 in Frisco. Hotel and registration information is available on the website. Minor league team Rough Rider game tickets are available. Julie Kellner and Carolyn Francis are planning to attend.

Paula Jackson reported that Epsilon Psi would be hosting Gamma Nu at the Founders' Banquet, Thursday, May 12, 2016. A room at the Monument Inn has been reserved. In order to finalize plans, the Banquet Committee met at Barbers Hill High School at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 6. The theme is "DKG Is the Heart of the Society." BH Art Department is preparing a large "puzzle" heart with each piece of the puzzle representing one of the founders. Those who volunteered to represent founders are asked to meet at the front office of Barbers Hill High School at 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, to practice the program. Debbie Denson will be baking mini Bundt cakes for favors. Please offer your mini Bundt pans to her so she can bake more at one time. Michelle Verdun is in charge of sign-in sheets. Dewolyn Hullum is in charge of decorations. Four state officers are planning to attend. Other assignments for the banquet are listed in the yearbook on page D-12. Be ready to do whatever your chairman asks you to do to make our banquet a success.

Carolyn Francis reported that Relay for Life was a tremendous success. Epsilon Psi was a member of the \$500 Luminary Club. A total of 2,133 luminaries lined the path. It is hoped that proceeds will exceed \$650,000.

Laura Kellner represented Scholarship Chairman Shirley Wright. Laura introduced the 2016 Grant-in-Aid re-

cipients: Erica Erwin from Ross S. Sterling High School, Akila Patel from Goose Creek Memorial High School, and Destiny Senegal from Robert E. Lee High School. We will award \$200 to each of these outstanding students.

Laura Kellner also announced that Meagan Lowery, who is pursuing her master's degree, will be awarded our \$200 scholarship. Carolyn Francis will receive the \$100 state convention incentive, and Donna Mohlman will receive the \$100 international convention incentive.

Installing Officer Carolyn Florus led installation of new officers for the 2016-2018 biennium:

President Julie Kellner
First Vice President Paula Jackson
Second Vice President Meagan Lowery
Recording Secretary Judi Mitchell
Corresponding Secretary Kristen Davis
Treasurer Carolyn Francis
Parliamentarian Laura Kellner
Immediate Past President Paula Jackson

Lori Woods conducted the Project Graduation raffle. Thank you to Julie Kellner, Chairman; Richie Butler, Carol Peterson, and Lori Woods for contributing prizes.

Business was completed at 6:05 p.m., and the meeting closed with the singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Paula Jackson, President

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter
of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
May 12, 2016

The members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International welcomed members of Gamma Nu and guests to the joint Annual Founders' Banquet at the Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway South, La Porte, Texas. The decorations echoed the theme of the banquet, *The Heart of the Society Is Its Members*. A time of registration and fellowship began at 6:00 p.m. Epsilon Psi President Paula Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. with a quorum established and the recording secretary being present. Roll call was taken from the sign-in sheets. There were 21 Epsilon Psi members and 4 guests present.

Following the Collect and Response, Epsilon Psi President Paula Jackson welcomed guests (Dr. Barbara Baethe, Diane Moose, Dr. Mary Ann Waldon and Kathryn Wright), Gamma Nu members, and all those in attendance for the occasion of the 87th birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma. Paula Jackson introduced those seated at the head table.

Texas State Organization Parliamentarian and Past President of Epsilon Psi Kathryn Wright brought greetings and inspirational thoughts from Alpha State.

Gamma Nu President Karen Stephens gave the invocation.

Following dinner, members of Epsilon Psi presented the Founders' ceremony that echoed the theme of the banquet: *The Heart of the Society Is Its Members*. We honored each Founder by remembering her unique contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma. Each Founder was represented by a puzzle piece that eventually became a large heart when completed.

Texas State Organization Past President Dr. Mary Ann Waldon conducted the Rededication Service.

Epsilon Psi member Donna Mohlman encouraged Delta Kappa Gamma members to become involved in implementing a very generous grant she recently was awarded that is designed to solidify reading skills. She will take your contact information so that she can reach you with further information.

President Paula Jackson thanked everyone for attending and for their participation in the banquet. The decorations, the program, the special dessert, and camaraderie all combined to make the banquet a celebration. Gamma Nu President Karen Stephens thanked Epsilon Psi for hosting the festive banquet and for the tribute to our Founders. Incoming Epsilon Psi President Julie Kellner gave the benediction. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Paula Jackson, President

Happy Birthday!

August

8 Dewolyn Hullum
 9 Karen Coffey
 21 Ruth Blake
 21 Pat Cauley
 29 Aida Dyer
 30 Diane Keene
 31 Meagan Lowery

September

28 Ouida Carroll
 28 Kristen Davis



Treasurer's Report

Balance, July 1, 2016	\$ 4,763.08
Receipts	0.00
Total Available.....	\$ 4,763.08
Disbursements.....	100.00
Balance, July 31, 2016.....	\$ 4,663.08
Community Resource Credit Union	
General Fund	\$ 3,962.40
Scholarship Fund	11,478.73
CRCU Balance, July 31, 2016.....	\$15,441.13
Total Funds Available, July 31, 2016.....	\$20,104.21



Perfect Attendance

It's the beginning of a new year and time to re-new your commitment to support DKG and Epsilon Psi. Make a new resolution to attend all meetings; after all, we only meet once a month for about 1½ hours. The Executive Committee has been working hard to try to find programs that will be of interest to every member. You will learn about these programs at the annual breakfast. We need everyone to commit to attending meetings so our percentage of attendance will increase this year.

We only had three members who had perfect attendance for 2015-2016: Carolyn Francis, Julie Kellner, and Laura Kellner. That is the lowest number of perfect attendees since we have been keeping attendance records. We had 15 members who did not attend any meetings. Surely we can do better in 2016-2017. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@earthlink.net or 281-427-5930.

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Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, Corresponding Secretary

Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

Laura Kellner, Parliamentarian

Paula Jackson, Immed. Past President

Name of Member: _____

2016-2017 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 October 1.**

Active Member Dues and Fees	\$93.00	_____
Reserve Member Dues and Fees	30.00	_____
Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship Funds	20.00	_____ 20.00
Chapter Newsletter Subscription (\$12 for members preferring a printed copy)		_____
A Storybook Christmas Donation		_____
Gift to Chapter		_____
Total amount of check		\$ _____

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

Name of Member: _____

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Street Address: _____

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Home Phone Number: () _____ Permission to publish Yes No

Home Fax Number: () _____

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Cell Phone Number: () _____ Permission to publish Yes No

Name of School: _____

Work Email Address: _____

Subject/Grade Level/Current Position: _____

Work Phone Number: () _____

Work Fax Number: () _____

Birthday: _____

(Chapter Profile purposes) (Month) (Date) (Year)

Approximate Year Entered Teaching: _____

Degrees Held: " Bachelor " Master " Doctor " Other: _____

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