

# 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 by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,  
President 2016-2018



Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer! The Alpha State Convention in Houston was an exciting time of information and fellowship with our members. I appreciate all who were able to attend and help Judi Mitchell with her duties on Friday evening. It was such an honor to receive the distinguished PACE award. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming August meeting on the 12th. As always we will enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear more about the convention and plans for future meetings.

Sincerely,

Julie Kellner



## Next Meeting:

August 12, 2017

Golden Corral, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Meeting

*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 members who have completed their tenure in the field of education.

Aida Dyer— 50-yr member

Suzi Powers and Benny May Thomas— 52-yr members

Ouida Carrell and Annette Harrison— 57-yr members

Hostesses: Pat Cauley, chairman; Judy Abshier, Ruth Blake, Richie Butler, Ouida Carroll

Please bring school supplies to donate to a local school.

Julie Kellner and Kristen Davis, editors  
jkellner12@gmail.com and davisk0928@gmail.com

# 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

Now is the time to give your feedback! On the DKG International website, you can complete a survey to offer feedback and suggestions for the website. They want to be able to make it better and have it be a positive experience for all! You can access the survey on the home back of [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).



News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International

## Web Watch: Alpha State

The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin this year. You can find out about this convention held July 16-20, 2018 on the home page of DKG Texas ([www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)).



# Hospitality and Other News:

Please let Judy Abshier know of any hospitality news.

**Judy Abshier**

**281-422-9249**

**gjabshier@comcast.net**

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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: **Diane Keene,**

**chairman; Alicia Brooks, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, and Ginger McKay.**

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:

**Sept. 28, 2017**

**First Baptist Church**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Color Me!**

Paula Jackson will facilitate a color inventory in which members will dis-

cover their guiding color based on preferences chosen. Members will recognize the importance of knowing personal differences and how it impacts the way we interact with each other.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Tommye Glynn Clark, chairman; Joyce Cloudt, Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling, Judi Craig



# Membership Dues

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

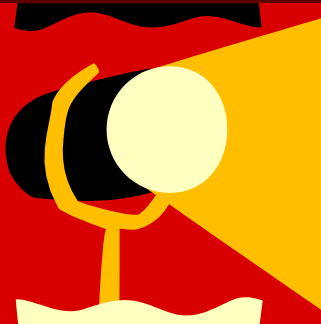
Treasurer Carolyn Francis will be accepting dues payments at the breakfast or you can mail your check to her at 2104 Buchanan Drive, Baytown 77520-5607. Please pay dues as early as possible. Contact Carolyn if you would like to set up a payment plan for dues. She can be reached at 281-427-5930 or by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

Membership dues form is included with the newsletter or may be downloaded from the chapter website, <http://epsilonpsitexas.weebly.com>.

## State Awards

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

PACE Award (Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence)  
 Member in Print Award- Cara Skinner, for her book, *General Houston's Little Spy*  
 Five Star Newsletter  
 TSO Certified Chapter Website  
 Early Bird Yearbook Award  
 Exemplary Yearbook Award  
 Tudor Rose Award  
 ASTEF Scholarship Double Honors (\$2 per member)  
 ASTEF Honors for 10 or more years  
 ASTEF Leadership Trailblazers (\$2 per member)  
 ASTEF Projects Builders (\$2 per member)  
 Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Contributing Chapter



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta  
Kappa Gamma Society International  
April 27, 2017

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Baytown Historical Museum on April 27, 2017. Twenty-seven members and eight guests were in attendance. A quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Laura Kellner led us in the Chapter Collect followed by the response led by Joyce Cloudt.

President Kellner welcomed everyone to the April meeting of Epsilon Psi and introduced Marilyn Gregory, Alpha State President, as our special guest. She thanked Lori Woods, our April hostess chairman, and her committee for providing refreshments. The April hostess committee members were Benny May Thomas, Michelle Verdun, and Shirley Wright. She also thanked Carolyn Francis, April chairman for Project Graduation, and her committee: Sarah Guarnere, Dewolyn Hullum, and Paula Jackson.

The March minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:**

The April treasurer's report was printed in the April newsletter and will be filed for audit. President Kellner reminded the membership of the Delta Kappa Gamma Founders' Banquet to be held May 11, 2017, at Monument Inn. Payment is to be sent to Mona Bonds. Gamma Nu is hosting this year. The theme will be *Hats Off to Founders*. Michelle Verdun presented Epsilon Psi Grant-in-Aid Scholarship recipients Kimberly Ceja-Celis, Robert E. Lee High School; Mary Ann Martinez, Ross S. Sterling High School; and Rubi Marquez, Goose Creek Memorial High School. Meagan Lowery received the Epsilon Psi Chapter Scholarship. Kristen Davis presented Paula Jackson with this year's Achievement Award. Paula thanked everyone for the honor. There was no correspondence. Pat Cauley, membership chairman, announced the mystery member for April, Mattie Sharp, and presented her with a plant. The Texas State Organization Convention incentive was given to Judi Mitchell and Carolyn Francis. Marilyn Gregory, Alpha State President, brought greetings, reports from Alpha State and a reminder about the upcoming 88<sup>th</sup> TSO Convention to be held at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, June 22-24, 2017. Marilyn's theme for her biennium as state president has been *The Heart of the Society Is Its Members*.

**Reports of Special Committees**

A hospitality report was called for. The report included Jean Lee, Bruce Davis, Shirley Wright and husband Bobby, Karen Coffey, and Milton Kellner.

**New Business/Old Business**

None

**Other Business**

Wynona Montgomery and Kay Hill, Gamma Nu members, were in attendance at the meeting.

**Program**

Dewolyn Hullum introduced the program. A handout entitled *Did You Know?* gave facts about things we would be able to see during our tour of the Baytown Historical Museum. Members were then free to tour the museum on their own. The tour was informative, educational, and memory provoking for many.

A Project Graduation reminder was given: If you are unable to attend a meeting and you are on the committee to bring a gift, please send your gift with someone who is attending the meeting. The Project Graduation raffle was conducted.

After the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary      Julie Kellner, President

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta  
Kappa Gamma Society International  
May 11, 2017

The members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were the guests of the Gamma Nu Chapter for the joint Annual Founders' Banquet at the Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway South, La Porte, Texas. There were 15 Epsilon Psi members in attendance.

The decorations echoed the theme of the banquet, *Hats Off to Founders*. A time of registration and fellowship began at 6:00 p.m. Gamma Nu President Faith Smith-Chew called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Following the Collect and Response, Gamma Nu President Smith-Chew introduced and welcomed special guests, Kathryn Wright, Diane Moose, Mary Ann Waldon, and Ella Gauthier. She also welcomed Epsilon Psi members and other guests.

Kathryn Wright, TSO Parliamentarian and Epsilon Psi member, brought greetings from Alpha State President Marilyn Gregory. She invited all Delta Kappa Gamma members to the TSO Convention to be held at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, June 22-24, 2017.

Epsilon Psi President Julie Kellner gave the invocation, and dinner was served.

Gamma Nu members presented the program, *Hats Off to Founders*. Twelve members wore hats appropriate to the information given for each of our twelve founders.

Following dinner, President Julie Kellner recognized and thanked Epsilon Psi officers. Michelle Verdun recognized Meagan Lowery as the recipient of the Epsilon Psi Chapter Scholarship this year.

Dr. Mary Ann Waldon conducted the Rededication Service.

Gamma Nu President Smith-Chew thanked everyone for attending. The benediction was given, and the meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song."

Judi Mitchell  
Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner  
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



#### Checking:

Balance, July 1, 2017 .....	\$3,720.21
Receipts .....	0.00
Total Available.....	\$3,720.21
Disbursements.....	0.00
Balance, July 31, 2017 .....	\$3,720.21

#### Savings:

General Fund.....	\$ 3,991.20
Scholarship Fund .....	14,316.37
Savings Balance, July 31, 2017 .....	\$18,307.57
Total Funds Available, July 31, 2017 .....	\$22,027.78

## 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 commitment 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 had nine members who had perfect attendance for 2016-2017, a 200% increase over 2015-2016. Congratulations! Those receiving perfect attendance certificates at our August breakfast will be: Pat Cauley, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Francis, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Judi Mitchell, Mattie Sharp, and Kathryn Wright. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, [crfranci@me.com](mailto:crfranci@me.com) or 281-427-5930.

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

#### 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



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

### 2017-2018 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.

<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 in yearbook ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Cell Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish in yearbook ☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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