



Epsilon Psi Newsletter

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,
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MISSION

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: JoAnn Short



JoAnn Short
President 2018-2020



Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

As I begin this biennium as serving as president, I feel humbled and blessed! I am so excited about the opportunity to continue our traditions and to share our organization with others!

Julie and I had the opportunity to attend the 89th convention of Texas State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Waco, Texas. Even though this year's convention BUILDING BRIDGES was shortened, it was packed with training, learning, fellowship and fun!

Dr. Jo Murphy, Delta Kappa Gamma Texas State Organization President, challenged all presidents to share our organization with other inspiring women and to build our membership! She shared the message of "Building a Bridge to our Future." Our organization is so unique and inspiring! We celebrate each other's unique talents and build each other up! We must continue the traditions our founders established and embrace the innovative minds of today to bridge our future. What an amazing inspiration we can be to others as we grow!

S. Lopez said, "A friend is someone who inspires you, who challenges you, who sends you in search of some truer sense of yourself!" I have been inspired and challenged by our members and grown because of YOU! I have made so many friendships over the last few years as being a member, and I am blessed and inspired by each of you! Each of YOU make the difference in our society's future!

I look forward to taking on the challenge of growing our society's membership and continuing our tradition of celebrating outstanding women in our communi-

Next Meeting:

August 11, 2018

Golden Corral, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Meeting

Annual Breakfast and Recognition of Retirees

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.

Hostesses: Julie Kellner, chairman; Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Laura Kellner

Please bring school supplies to donate to a local school.

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



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 Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International and Alpha State

You can check out the pictures from the International convention at www.dkg.org and the TSO Convention at www.dkgtexas.org.

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.

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

Hospitality and Other News:

Please let Joan Mangum know of any hospitality news.

Joan Mangum

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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 **August** meeting: **Alicia Brooks, chairman; Treva**

Brown-Askey, Joyce Cloudt, Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling

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. 27, 2018

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

5:00 p.m.

Holistic Healing

A representative from The Health Way in Baytown will enlighten members of different types of essential oils and vitamins that can improve their health.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Judi Mitchell, chairman; Donna Mohlman, Carol Peterson, Cara Skinner, Laura Smith, Kathryn Wright



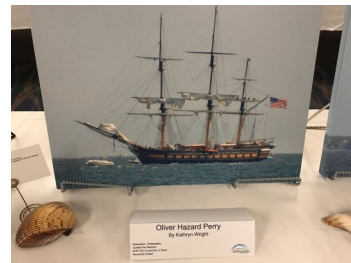
TSO Convention 2018



Epsilon Psi and Gamma Nu sisters



President JoAnn Short,
Kathryn Wright, and Julie



Kathryn Wright's Photography on Canvas displayed
in the Visual Arts gallery at the TSO convention.

State Awards

Epsilon Psi has earned the following awards at the

Five Star Newsletter
TSO Certified Chapter Website
Society Compliant TSO Chapter Website
Exemplary Yearbook Award
Annie Extravaganza Presentation for "Help in Time of Need"
ASTEF Scholarship Double Honors (\$2 per member)
ASTEF Honors for 10 or more years
ASTEF Leadership Trailblazers (\$2 per member)

**Congratulations to Kathryn Wright and Joan Mangum
for being Road Scholar recipients!**

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
April 26, 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 5:00pm.

Joan Mangum led the Chapter Collect, and Joyce Cloudt led the Response.

President Kellner welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Debbie Denson and her committee for the refreshments to be enjoyed after the meeting. Debbie's committee members were Tommye Glynn Clark, Juanita Hatfield, Meagan Lowery, and Joan Mangum. President Kellner also thanked her Project Graduation committee for this month: Laura Kellner, Therese Ruff, Dorothy Shields, Cara Skinner, and Michelle Verdun.

Grant-in-Aid: Michelle Verdun, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, welcomed the 2018 Epsilon Psi grant-in-aid recipients and their families. Scholarship recipients are Abby Tindol – Sterling High School, Naomi Carney – Lee High School, and Arianna Avila – Goose Creek Memorial High School.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

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

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

May Program: Epsilon Psi will host the Founders' Day Banquet on May 10, 2018, at Eagle Pointe Conference and Banquet Facility in Mont Belvieu. Forms for attending the banquet are online.

Reports of Special Committees

Hospitality: Milton Kellner had a shot in his back for pain.

Achievement Award: Judi Mitchell presented Debbie Denson with the 2018 Epsilon Psi Achievement Award.

Announcements: Kathryn Wright reminded us of the TSO Convention in Waco, Texas, June 14-16, 2018. Hotel rooms are going fast. The DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas, July 16-20, 2018.

There will be a Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council meeting in October.

Following announcements, installation of 2018-2020 Epsilon Psi officers was led by Michelle Verdun. New officers are:

JoAnn Short – President, Julie Kellner – 1st Vice President, Judi Mitchell- 2nd Vice President, Carolyn Florus – Recording Secretary, Joyce Cloudt – Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Francis – Treasurer, and Kathryn Wright – Parliamentarian.

Project Graduation: President Kellner conducted the Project Graduation raffle. Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm with the singing of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song* and refreshments were served.

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta
Kappa Gamma Society International
May 10, 2018

Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International hosted the Gamma Nu Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for the joint Annual Founders' Banquet at the Eagle Pointe Convention and Banquet Facility in Mont Belvieu. The decorations echoed the theme of the banquet, *Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow*. A time of registration and fellowship began at 6:00 p.m. Epsilon Psi President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

President Kellner welcomed Gamma Nu members and introduced and welcomed special guests: Dr. Mary Ann Waldon, Denise Charlston, and Kathryn Wright. She also acknowledged her mother-in-law, Laura Kellner, for all the love and support she has given during Julie's biennium. Joan Mangum introduced her guest, Lisa McBride.

Kathryn Wright, TSO Past Parliamentarian and Epsilon Psi member, brought greetings from Alpha State President Dr. Jo Murphy. She invited all Delta Kappa Gamma members to the TSO Convention to be held in Waco, Texas, and the DKG International Convention to be held in Austin, Texas, this summer.

Denise Charlston, Area III Coordinator, invited everyone to the Area III meeting to be held this fall at Garden Oaks Montessori Elementary School in Houston, Texas.

Faith Smith-Chew, Gamma Nu President, gave the invocation, and dinner was served.

Karen Smith, Gamma Nu Scholarship Chairman, presented the Gamma Nu Grant-in-Aid Scholarship to Gamma Nu member Ann Garrett.

The Founders' Program, *Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow*, was presented by Epsilon Psi. A PowerPoint with pictures of the founders and quotes was shown, and 12 Epsilon Psi members presented a shot bio with appropriate props to honor the founders.

Following dinner, Dr. Mary Ann Waldon, Alpha State Past President, led both chapters in the Rededication Service.

Outgoing Gamma Nu President Faith Smith-Chew and outgoing Epsilon Psi President Julie Kellner recognized and thanked their 2016-2018 officers and introduced the 2018-2020 officers.

The benediction was given by incoming Epsilon Psi President JoAnn Short, 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
27 Treva Brown-Askey
29 Aida Dyer
30 Diane Keene
31 Meagan Lowery

September

8 Nova Stippel
28 Ouida Carroll
28 Kristen Davis



Checking:

Balance, July 1, 2018	\$3,960.48
Receipts	0.00
Total Available	\$3,960.48
Disbursements	0.00
Balance, July 31, 2018	\$3,960.48

Savings:

General Fund	\$ 2,905.79
Scholarship Fund	16,234.87
Savings Balance, July 31, 2018	\$19,140.66
Total Funds Available, July 31, 2018	\$23,101.14

Perfect Attendance

It's the beginning of a new year and time to renew 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 five members who had perfect attendance for 2017-2018, a 44% decrease over 2016-2017. Let's see if we can improve this year! Those receiving perfect attendance certificates at our August breakfast will be: 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.

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2018-2020 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

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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

Name of Member _____

2018-2019 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 August 31.**

Active Member Dues and Fees	\$93.00	_____
Reserve Member Dues and Fees	65.00	_____
Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship Funds	20.00	_____ 20.00
Chapter Newsletter Subscription (<i>€78 for members preferring a printed copy</i>)		_____
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: _____

Name of Member's Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code (9 digits): _____

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

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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: (____) _____

Birthday: _____

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

Approximate Year Entered Teaching: _____

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

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