



Epsilon Psi Newsletter

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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,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are rested and rejuvenated! As we begin our new year, I am looking forward to new adventures as we continue to share our traditions and our organization with others.

Due to a death of a close friend, I regrettably was unable to attend convention. Our sister, Kathryn Wright, Member of the Alpha State Finance Committee and STAR3 steering committee, represented our chapter at the 90th convention of Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, "Crossing the Bridge" in Arlington, Texas. This year's convention was a great success and sparked excitement for the new year with "You are the Key" to our success!

Patti Belknap, Delta Kappa Gamma Texas

Next Meeting:

August 10, 2019

Trinity Episcopal Church, 5010 N. Main, Baytown

8:30-9:30 Individual Chapter Meetings

9:30 a.m. Breakfast & Program

**Founders' Breakfast*

Gamma Nu & Epsilon Psi Chapters

Hosted by Gamma Nu

Membership Committee will ask for nominations. We will recognize 25-year and 50-year members. Epsilon Psi will honor members who have completed their tenure in the field of education. Perfect attendance certificates will be presented.

State Organization President, has encouraged all presidents to share our organization with other inspiring women and build participation in our membership. We can do this by remembering each of YOU are the K.E.Y.S. to the organization's success. During our time together, I hope to work toward our state president's goals which are to build:

KNOWLEDGE of the Society's mission, purposes, and traditions

ENGAGEMENT in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement.

YEARLONG involvement in recruiting, mentoring, and leading.

SUPPORT from officers, mentors, and others to increase stronger members and chapters.

You are the KEYS to our organization's success! I challenge you to be the friend Steven Lopez talks about, "A friend is someone who inspires you, who challenges you, who sends you in search of some truer sense of yourself!" Take a moment to rekindle a friendship with a sister who inspires you. Be the friend that sends someone in search of a truer self and invite that friend to our breakfast! I am blessed and inspired by each of you because you make a difference in our society!

I am looking forward to Epsilon Psi being a key to the success of women in our community by growing our membership and continuing to celebrate our tradition of celebrating outstanding women in our community!

Sincerely,
JoAnn

Hostesses: Alicia Brooks, chairman; Joyce Cloudt, Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling, Joan Mangum

Please bring school supplies to donate to a local school.

*RSVP was required by Aug. 1st

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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 day-care at Peter Hyland Center. We will also deliver the books for Storybook Christmas to local elementaries.

February: We will donate stuffed animals to fire and police departments.

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International

After you log in to www.dkg.org, you will see lots of information! Judy Merz has received the International Achievement Award. You can see all the fall deadlines listed on the main home page. There is a call for nominations for International officers and elected committees.

Web Watch: Alpha State

On the DKG Texas website, you can view the Summer 2019 Lone Star News. There is also a press release for the 2019 TSO Convention in Arlington on the Communications and Publicity Committee page.

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

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. 26, 2019

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

5:00 p.m.

DKG History Quiz Show

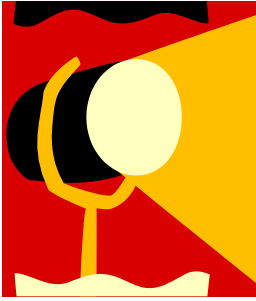
Members of Epsilon Psi will develop questions about our DKG history and emcee a quiz show in which contestants will compete to see who knows the most about DKG.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Judi Mitchell, chairman; Donna Mohlman, Laura Smith, Kathryn Wright



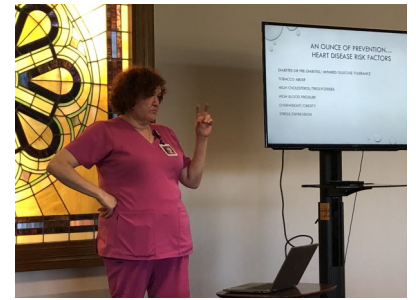
April 2019 Meeting



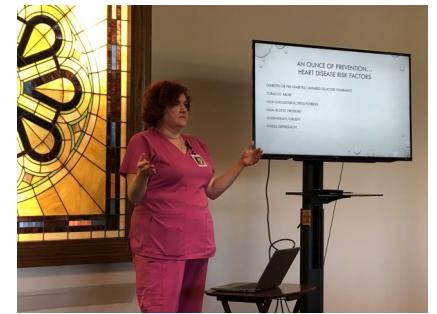
Kristen Davis
Chapter Achievement Award



Scholarship Award Recipients
Rebekah Grace Kleinhenz, GCM High School, GCCISD
Lauren Kelley, Ross S. Sterling High School, GCCISD
Mariana Rodriguez, Robert E. Lee High School, GCCISD
Emily Kellner, Barbers Hill High School, Barbers Hill
ISD



**Dr. Mary Hewitt presents
facts on women's health.**



Awards from the TSO Convention

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

Annie Extravaganza Presentation for "A Legacy of Literature: A Storybook Christmas"
ASTEF Scholarship Double Honors
ASTEF Scholarship Honors for 10 or More Years
ASTEF Leadership Trailblazers
ASTEF Projects Builders
Five-Star Newsletter
Early Bird Yearbook Award
Exemplary Yearbook
Society Compliant TSO Chapter Website
Membership Award: Tudor Rose Award
Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Contributing Chapter



Kathryn Wright

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2019

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was held at Rollingbrook Fellowship, Baytown, TX. Epsilon Psi President JoAnn Short called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the secretary being present. There was a quorum present.

President Short thanked the hostesses, Julie Kellner, chairman, Laura Kellner, Therese Ruff and Michelle Verdun for the refreshments we enjoyed before the meeting.

Michelle Verdun read the names of Epsilon Psi's grant-in-aid recipients for 2019 and presented to those attending:

Rebekah Grace Kleinhenz, Goose Creek Memorial High School, GCCISD, Baytown
Lauren Kelley, Ross S. Sterling High School, GCCISD, Baytown
Mariana Rodriguez, Robert E. Lee High School, GCCISD, Baytown
Emily Kellner, Barbers Hill High School, Barbers Hill ISD, Mont Belvieu

Business:

- The minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.
- Joan Mangum, chairman of the Hospitality Committee, reported on the following: Ouida Carroll, Tom Denson, Milton Kellner, Mary Cooling, Cara Skinner and JoAnn Short.
- Texas State Organization Convention Incentive Award Recipients of \$100 each are Julie Kellner and Carolyn Francis.
- The Epsilon Psi Scholarship Award was awarded to Debbie Reynolds who will use it to attend the Elementary Technology Convention.
- The Chapter Achievement Award was presented to Kristen Davis.
- Julie Kellner moved to change the starting time for next year's meeting from 5:00 to 5:30 to accommodate those working teachers. Judi Mitchell seconded; motion passed.

Announcements:

- The May meeting will be the Founders' Banquet on May 9, 2019 at the Monument Inn. Gamma Nu members will be hostesses. The deadline is May 1 and the reservations will be sent to Mona Bonds. Make checks payable to Gamma Nu.
- If you are retiring or know of an Epsilon Psi member who is retiring, please let President Short know. Retirees will be announced at the banquet and recognized at the Epsilon Psi breakfast on August 10. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

Program:

Dr. Mary Hewitt presented facts, figures and myths about women's health. The talk was very informative and enjoyable. To summarize:

- You should go to the doctor to identify risks and obtain screenings.
- Pay attention to the risk factors and act on them with diet, exercise, and limited sexual partners.
- Wear your seatbelts, lower stress and have a positive attitude.

A few years back Dr Hewitt wrote me (Carolyn Florus) a prescription, **"Everything is always all right all the time. It is just our emotions and attachments that make it seem it is not."** It is something I remind myself of every day.

Project Graduation:

Thanks to Debbie Denson, Juanita Hatfield and Joan Mangum for bringing presents.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Carolyn Florus
Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Short
President



Happy Birthday!

August

8 Dewolyn Hullum
 9 Karen Coffey
 21 Ruth Blake
 27 Treva Brown-Askey
 29 Aida Dyer
 30 Diane Keene



September

28 Kristen Davis

Checking:	
Balance, July 1, 2019	\$5,605.09
Receipts	20.00
Total Available.....	\$5,625.09
Disbursements.....	97.00
Balance, July 24, 2019	\$5,528.09
Savings:	
General Fund.....	\$ 2,957.84
Scholarship Fund	17,846.34
Savings Balance, July 24, 2019.....	\$20,804.18
Total Funds Available, July 24, 2019	\$26,332.27

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 at 8:30am on Saturday, August 10, at Trinity Episcopal Church. We need everyone to commit to attending meetings so our percentage of attendance will increase this year.

The time for our monthly meetings has changed this year. We will still have most of our meetings at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, but our fellowship time will begin at 5pm instead of 4:30pm. The meeting will begin at 5:30pm instead of 5pm. This will give those of you who are

still working a little more time to get to the meetings.

We had nine members who had perfect attendance for 2018-2019, a 1.69% increase over 2017-2018. Let's see if we can do even better this year! Those receiving perfect attendance certificates at our August breakfast will be: 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.

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