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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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President's Message

by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

I really enjoyed our fellowship with our Gamma Nu sisters on January 26th. The presentation by David Alford, Assistant Baytown Chief of Police was so beneficial at this time. I learned strategies that I did not know, but hopefully will never have to use. Thursday, February 23rd will be another wonderful meeting as we fellowship together and try new and some traditional foods for our *Recipe Swap and Sample* program. If you would like for Meagan Lowery or myself to make copies of your recipe please email it to one of us before Thursday. I look forward to seeing you all this week.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

February 23, 2017

First Baptist Church, Baytown

4:30 p.m. Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. Meeting

Recipe Swap and Sample

Meagan Lowery will facilitate members sharing their favorite recipe, as well as

sampling the tasty treats.

Hostesses: Judi Mitchell, chairman;
Laura Kellner, Jean Lee, Donna
Mohlman

Please bring canned goods for the church's food pantry.

Julie Kellner and Kristen Davis, editors
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Upcoming Projects

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

Follow DKG International on Social Media!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dkg.org

Twitter: @DKG_SI

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Linkedin: www.linkedin.com/company/delta-kappa-gamma-society-international

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/DKGSi

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin



News from
Alpha State
and
International

Web Watch: Alpha State

TSO is accepting applications for TSO scholarships now until March 1st. If you are needing financial aid for classes, apply now!! Visit the State Scholarship page at www.dkg texas.org/state-scholarships.html. Information can be found on the website!



Hospitality and Other News:

Please let Judi Abshier know of any hospitality news.

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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 **February** meeting: Donna Mohlman, chairman; Julie Kellner,

Carol Peterson, Suzi Powers, Therese Ruff.

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

March Meeting:

March 23, 2017

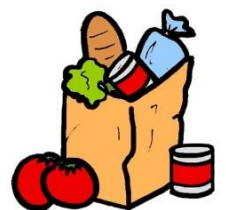
First Baptist Church, Baytown

Books on the Go!

Donna Mohlman will inform members about the grant project *Mobile Book Bus* as well as events and outcomes of the project.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Mattie Sharp, chairman; Therese Ruff, JoAnn Short, Cara Skinner, Laura Smith



Congratulations to Cara Skinner

Cara Skinner's book *General Houston's Little Spy* has won the bronze medal (third place) in the Will Rogers Medallion Award contest in the Western Fiction-Young Readers category. It also won 2nd place (silver) in the Feathered Quill Book Award Contest in the Juvenile/Young Adult Fiction category. She is currently working on another historical fiction book centered around the catastrophic hurricane that destroyed Galveston Island in 1900. She is hoping to have it ready for publication by this fall.



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
January 26, 2017

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter and Gamma Nu Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at First Baptist Church for a joint meeting on January 26, 2017. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

President Kellner welcomed everyone to the joint meeting and thanked the hostesses: Chairman Diane Keene, Alicia Brooks, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, and Sarah Guarnere.

President Kellner introduced our guest speaker, David Alford, Baytown Assistant Chief of Police. David, who has 31 years of law enforcement experience, spoke to us about how to survive an active shooter event. His advice was to run if it is possible to get away, hide if it is not possible to run, and fight if all else fails. He showed a short film put out by the police department and then went through each step, in detail, giving us examples of each. His last bit of advice was to have a plan to protect yourself and others.

After our informative program, Gamma Nu's president conducted a short business meeting followed by the Epsilon Psi business meeting.

Reports of Officers:

The December minutes were approved as printed in the January DKG Newsletter. The treasurer's report was also in the newsletter and will be filed for audit.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Corresponding Secretary Kristen Davis – no correspondence

Second Vice President Meagan Lowery – February 23, 2017's meeting will be held at 4:30 in the First Baptist Church Chapel. The program will be a recipe swap and tasting bee. Meagan Lowery will facilitate members sharing their favorite recipes as well as sampling the tasty treats. Members are to bring 30 copies of their recipe and enough of the food for tasting. The hostesses for that meeting will be Judi Mitchell, chairman, and Laura Kellner, Jean Lee, and Donna Mohlman. Project Graduation committee for February meeting will be Donna Mohlman, chairman, and Julie Kellner, Carol Peterson, Suzi Powers, and Therese Ruff.

Alpha State Convention will be held at the Houston Westin Galleria, June 22-24, 2017.

Reports of Special Committees:

In the absence of Judy Abshier, Julie Kellner called for hospitality reports. Therese Ruff gave an update on her brother, Mike, who had a heart transplant in November. He has had some rejection issues, but he is walking two miles a day. He is living by himself and taking one day at a time. Suzi and Sam Powers are still having health issues. Karen Coffey is back at work. She is able to put 50% of her weight on her healing leg. Milton Kellner is doing well.

New Business:

An announcement was made on behalf of Donna Mohlman. February 2, 2017, from 6-7:30pm, the Mobile Go Center will be at Bowie Elementary. Donna is in need of at least one volunteer.

Old Business:

Pat Cauley, membership chairman, reminded members that we want to have a spring initiation. The application for membership can be found on the DKG website. Deadline to turn them in is February 6, 2017. Any prospective members will be voted on at the February meeting. Interest group dinners will start in February. The 2nd Thursday of the month is the planned day to have dinner together. An email will be sent with the time and place for the February dinner. RSVP to Pat.

Other Business:

The Project Graduation raffle was conducted. President Kellner thanked the committee that provided raffle prizes. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President

Happy Birthday!

February

11 **Richie Butler**
13 **Shirley Wright**

March

2 **Tommye Glynn Clark**
2 **Dianna Walton**
23 **Laurie Curry**



Treasurer's Report

Balance, February 1, 2017	\$ 7,515.40
Receipts	0.00
Total Available.....	\$ 7,515.40
Disbursements.....	0.00
Balance, February 15, 2017	\$ 7,515.40
Savings Accounts	
General Fund	\$ 3,939.25
Scholarship Fund	11,839.02
Total Funds Available, February 15, 2017	\$23,293.67



Perfect Attendance

The following members have perfect attendance for 2016-2017: Richie Butler, Pat Cauley, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Judi Mitchell and Mattie Sharp. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@earthlink.net or 281-427-5930. Attending another chapter's meeting, such as a Gamma Nu meeting, may make up absences. Just let Carolyn Francis know if you have made up a meeting.

Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August.....	20 = 42.55%
September	22 = 46.81%
October.....	26 = 55.32%
November	20 = 42.55%
December	21 = 44.68%
January	24 = 51.06%
Average.....	22.17 = 47.16%

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Kristen Davis, Corresponding Secretary

Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

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Paula Jackson, Immed. Past President