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President's Message by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

I look forward to our upcoming meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 4:30. A representative from the Baytown Fire Department will be our guest speaker. Please remember to bring a stuffed animal for the firemen to give to children in need during a crisis situation. Also, we have some important events to attend in April. On Sunday, April 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 the Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council will host a reception in honor of our TSO President, Dr. Jo Murphy. Area III will have a special one-day STAR3 Workshop on Saturday, April 28th from 8:30 to 3:30. More detailed information concerning both these events will be communicated through our upcoming meeting and emails. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and support our local fire department.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

February 22, 2018

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

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

Help in Time of Need

Bernard Olive, Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshall from the Baytown Fire Department will inform members of his experiences in emergency situations.

Hostesses: Therese Ruff, chairman; Suzi Powers, Mattie Sharp, Dorothy Shields, JoAnn Short.

Don't forget to bring your stuffed animals to donate to our fire department and police department.

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

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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



There is a new DKG app for your phone! Gather Digital is a new company and has developed our new app which will completely replace the old one. There are two parts that will serve different purposes:

Part 1: 365– This part will give you the basic information you would normally find on the website, but now you can conveniently use the app on your phone to look up news, updates, etc.

Part 2: Conventions– This part will give you a reference tool for DKG conventions, including maps, schedules, speakers, etc.

Delete your old app today and download the new app. There are directions on the DKG International website!

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/365_DKG_App.aspx

News from
Alpha State
and
International

Web Watch: Alpha State

Do you have some expertise to share??

Presenters are needed for our state convention in Waco this June. Sessions can be about society business, topics of personal interest, or educational workshops. You can apply now on the Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee page found at www.dkgtexas.org.



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 benefitting the four Goose Creek high schools.

The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the **February** meeting: Richie Butler, chairman; Treva Brown-Askey,

Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Carol Peterson, Laura Smith, Lori Woods

If you cannot attend the meeting, please give your prize to another Epsilon Psi member who will be in attendance.



Clipart from Microsoft Office

*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."
John Dewey*

March Meeting:

March 22, 2018

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

Breaking Free

Allison Henderson from Chain Breakers and Rose Bolt from Beauty Will Rise will inform members of slave trafficking in the Baytown area.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Joyce Cloudt, chairman; Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling, Judi Craig, Laurie Curry, Kristen Davis, Paula Jackson



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
January 11, 2018

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Harlem Elementary for a joint meeting with Gamma Nu hosting. Refreshment time was 5:00-5:30. During this time Gamma Nu President Faith Smith-Chew conducted a fun game where candy slogans were matched with the name of the candy. Prizes were awarded.

After Socialization and Sparkler game, President Smith-Chew called the joint meeting to order. The Collect and Response were led by Natalie Salazar. All members participated. After welcoming Epsilon Psi, President Smith-Chew conducted the Gamma Nu business meeting during which Epsilon Psi President Julie Kellner reported on a successful A Storybook Christmas packing and distribution day.

After the Gamma Nu business meeting, President Smith-Chew turned the meeting over to President Kellner who conducted the Epsilon Psi business meeting. She began by thanking our Gamma Nu sisters for hosting the meeting this evening and for the wonderful refreshments they provided.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Minutes: Minutes of the December meeting were printed in the January newsletter. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes stand approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was also printed in the January newsletter. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence – none

Next Meeting: The next Epsilon Psi meeting will be held February 6th, 645th, at 8:74pm in the chapel of Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, Texas. The chaplain from the Baytown Fire Department will inform members of his experiences in emergency situations. Epsilon Psi members are asked to bring new stuffed animals for the chaplain and firemen to give to children involved in crisis situations.

Hostesses – Therese Ruff, chairman; Suzi Powers, Mattie Sharp, Dorothy Shields, and JoAnn Short

Project Graduation Raffles Prizes: Richie Butler, chairman; Treva Brown Askey, Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Carol Peterson, Laura Smith and Lori Woods.

Reports of Special Committees - none

New Business: Alicia Brooks will be the secondary representative on the Nominations Committee.

Old Business: none

Announcements: President Kellner extended congratulations to Jamie Graves who was selected as ESL Teacher of the Year for Highlands Junior School.

Gamma Nu member Erica Smith introduced the program, "Capture the Moment", which was presented by Kathryn Wright. Kathryn gave us information about the upcoming DKG International Convention. It will be held in Austin, Texas, July 16-20, 2018, at the J. W. Marriott Hotel. Reservations can be made online or an application is in the *January/February DKG News*. Both chapters participated in making bluebonnet pins to be given out at the convention.

Gamma Nu conducted the raffle. Raffle ticket money will be used for A Storybook Christmas.

After the raffle was held, the meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President

From TSO:

Annie 2018 Friendly Reminder

Have you chosen a program for the Waco Annie Extravaganza? This year the Annie programs will be presented in a slideshow format. Each chapter is asked to select a program to showcase at the Waco Convention. The slideshow will be shown prior to meetings and events during the convention. To give each participant assistance if needed, we are requesting that Annie programs be submitted as soon as possible. Instructions can be found on the TSO website, on the Programs and Service Projects webpage, and under Deadlines and Forms, April 1. We hope that each chapter will be represented in this fun and enlightening showcase of programs.

The Program and Service Projects Committee

Michelle Grandinetti, Chair 2017-2019

Happy Birthday!

February

8 Kathryn Wright
11 Richie Butler
13 Shirley Wright

March

2 Tommye Glynn Clark
2 Dianna Walton
23 Laurie Curry



Treasurer's Report

Balance, January 1, 2018.....	\$4,644.84
Receipts	<u>200.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$4,844.84
Disbursements.....	<u>200.50</u>
Balance, January 31, 2018	\$4,644.34
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 4,043.22
Scholarship Fund	<u>16,173.99</u>
Savings Balance, January 31, 2018	\$20,217.21
Total Funds Available, January 31, 2018	\$24,861.55



Perfect Attendance

The success of a good DKG chapter depends upon the commitment of its members. The Executive Board has planned programs that should be of interest to everyone, but programs cannot be successful if the members do not attend the meetings. Won't you commit to making Epsilon Psi one of the best chapters in the state of Texas? Commit 1½ hours the fourth Tuesday of each month to Epsilon Psi by attending and participating in its meetings, activities and service projects.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2017-2018: 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.

Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August	16 = 32.65%
September.....	19 = 39.58%
October	25 = 49.02%
November	17 = 34.69%
December.....	22 = 44.90%
January	12 = 24.49%
Average	19.8 = 37.56%

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Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

Laura Kellner, Parliamentarian

Paula Jackson, Immed. Past President