



# 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.

## VISION STATEMENT:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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**JoAnn Short,**  
**President 2018-2020**

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

Love is in the air in the month of February, and I am reminded of how we are often a love and the light to others! We had an amazing opportunity last month to see how a love for something illuminates into a legacy that influences generations. Our appreciation for our organization allowed us to come together with our Gamma Nu sisters and enjoy a wonderful fellowship. Debbie Denson and Judi Mitchell truly edified our meeting with their

## President's Message by: JoAnn Short

presentation of former First Lady, Barbara Bush's Literacy Legacy. Her light and love for literacy has evolved into a movement to empower all to be successful.

I look forward to our upcoming meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30. Our cowboy friend, Partner Robert Francis, will be our guest speaker and present the history of the Rodeo Houston and Rodeo Scholarship program. We will have a *rootin' tootin'* good time as we fellowship and *wet our whistle* before the meeting. Come dressed with your best *boot scootin' duds* for a fun hoedown!

Please remember to bring a stuffed animal for the local *sheriff* to give to children in need during a crisis situation. Also, we have some important events to attend in April.

Sincerely,  
JoAnn Short

## Next Meeting:

February 28, 2019

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

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

*History of RodeoHouston and Rodeo Scholarship Program*

Robert Francis will present the history of the RodeoHouston and the rodeo scholarship program. Members will wear western wear and celebrate with a hoedown.

Hostesses: Richie Butler, chairman; Judi Mitchell, Carol Peterson

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

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

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News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International



## Upcoming Projects

February: We will donate stuffed animals to the local police department.

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for First Baptist Church



## Web Watch: International

If you haven't logged into the DKG International website lately, please remember you need to update your password to 7 characters, including a letter and a number.

You will find new areas on the website including a calendar of events, new member count, member spotlight, links to publications, and the Twitter feed.

There is a new app to download! Search Delta Kappa Gamma in Google Play or the Apple App Store. This is a newer app, so please delete your old app. There are two parts: 365– gives members basic information. Conventions– will serve as a reference tool for conventions and conferences.



## Web Watch: Alpha State

On the home page of our Texas State Organization website, you will see the recommendations for the 2019-2021 biennium officers from the Nominations Committee. We will get to see more information about these women in the Spring *Lone Star News*.

# Hospitality and Other News:

Diane Keene had Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery for her Parkinson's disease on February 6. She is recovering at home, and the surgery was successful.

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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: Therese Ruff, chair-

man; Mattie Sharp, Shirley Wright.

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 28, 2019

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

*History of Bay Area Relay for Life*

Therese Ruff and Carolyn Francis will present the history and information about Bay Area Relay for Life.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Meredith Durham, chairman; Carolyn Francis, Juanita Hatfield, Ginger McKay.



**Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
January 24, 2019**

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International hosted the joint meeting with the Gamma Nu Chapter at the Rollingbrook Fellowship Church on January 24, 2019. The acting secretary and a quorum being present, President JoAnn Short called the meeting to order at 5pm. Michelle Verdun led the chapter collect and response.

President Short welcomed everyone to the joint meeting and birthday celebration. She thanked the hostesses: Mattie Sharp, chairman; Donna Mohlman, Shirley Wright, and Susan Minix for the refreshments.

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:**

The December minutes were approved as printed in the January DKG newsletter. Joyce Cloudt read a thank-you note from Naomi Carney, grant-in-aid recipient. The treasurer's report was also in the newsletter and will be filed for audit. Julie Kellner announced the next meeting will be on February 28 at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church with time for fellowship at 4:30pm and the meeting at 5pm. Judi Mitchell will be presiding. She encouraged everyone to dress western style for Robert Francis' program: *History of RodeoHouston and the Rodeo Scholarship Program*. Don't forget to bring stuffed animals to donate to the Baytown Police Department for children they encounter in difficult circumstances. Julie Kellner announced that Storybook Christmas touches every single first grader in Baytown and Barbers Hill. It was a huge success, and she thanked everyone for their participation. There are still a few books available to purchase for \$2.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

Joan Mangum gave the hospitality report. She encouraged us to sign the valentines she brought to send to our reserve members and to some who have moved away. She received a Christmas card from Aida Dyer. Joan gave a Shout Out to Debbie Reynolds and to Juanita Hatfield, who recently earned their master's degrees. Another Shout Out went to Lisa McBride's daughter, Julie Ann, who won a trip to NYC to audition there. Sadly she came down with laryngitis, so she was unable to audition; however, she did land a role in Sam Houston State's production of *Footloose*. The December 23 edition of *The Baytown Sun* highlighted Therese Ruff's brother, Mike Norton, who had a successful heart transplant. Meredith Durham's son, Caleb, is playing basketball for Barbers Hill, who is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the state in District 5A. Donna Molhman announced that Bowie Elementary received a \$10,000 grant from Academic Beginnings. *The Baytown Sun* published details of that good news in its magazine. BARSEA bought a free little library for Carver Elementary.

**New Business/Old Business:**

Carolyn Francis has been notified that dues will be collected earlier this year than in past years. She will provide us with that information as soon as it is available.

**Program: The Bridge to Literacy**

Our members, many dressed in blue and pearls, listened intently to Debbie Denson and Judi Mitchell as they told us about Barbara Bush and her desire that every American should have the chance to learn to read and write. She launched the *Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy* with the intent to accomplish this goal. She believed that if you help a person to read, then their opportunities in life will be endless. Low literacy skills are directly linked to higher unemployment, less earned income, and poor health. A mother's education is one of the primary indicators of a child's academic success. Students who do not read proficiently by 3rd grade are four times more likely to leave high school without a diploma. Just speaking to children more often can help with their literacy success. Children whose family members read to them regularly display greater language comprehension, larger vocabularies, and higher cognitive skills than their peers. Reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading. Mrs. Bush strongly believed, "The future of this nation does not depend on what happens at the White House, but what happens at your home." She had many pearls of wisdom. We are so proud she claimed Texas as her adopted state and Houston as her hometown.

**Other Business:**

Kathryn Wright attended a STAAR Weekend and highly recommends it. There will be a one-day STAAR to the Third Power in Galveston, April 30, for \$25. Kathryn said Dr. Jo Murphy said there is money left from Harvey donations that will come to Baytown schools. Happy birthday wishes went to Carol Peterson, Mattie Sharp, Dorothy Shields, and Judi Mitchell.

The Project Graduation raffle was held, and President Short thanked all who furnished prizes: Richie Butler, Carolyn Florus, Ami Briscoe, Shelley Deakle, Lorena Lankford, Lisa McBride, Susan Minix, Elma Villanueva, Rachel Warren, and Lacy White.

The joint birthday meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song."

Richie Butler, for Carolyn Florus, Recording Secretary JoAnn Short, President



## 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, 2019 .....	\$ 6,680.77
Receipts .....	<u>426.75</u>
Total Available .....	\$ 7,107.52
Disbursements .....	<u>614.48</u>
Balance, January 31, 2019 .....	\$ 6,493.04

### Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:

General Fund .....	\$ 2,907.25
Scholarship Fund .....	<u>15,642.92</u>
Savings Balance, January 31, 2019 .....	\$18,550.17
Total Funds Available, Jan 31, 2019 .....	\$25,043.21

## 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 2018-2019: Ruth Blake, Richie Butler, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Susan Minix, Donna Mohlman, Mattie Sharp, JoAnn Short, Rachel Warren, Lacy White 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.

### Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August .....	14 = 29.79%
September .....	23 = 51.11%
October .....	28 = 53.85%
November .....	20 = 40.00%
December .....	22 = 44.00%
January .....	22 = 44.00%
Average .....	21.50 = 43.79%

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## SPRING DUES COLLECTION BEGINS SOON

Treasurer Carolyn Francis will be collecting dues for 2019-2020 in April. If you need to pay dues in installments, please see Carolyn to make arrangements. Information regarding spring dues collection will be available next month. Dues will no longer be collected in the fall.

### 2018-2020 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

**JoAnn Short**, President

**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