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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,

Becca Anderson wrote "Friendship Isn't a Big Thing, It's a Million Little Things". Many celebrate all of those little things among our girl friends on Galentine's Day. Galentine's Day tradition originated in 2010 when an NBC sitcom highlighted the significance of women's friendships and the positive impact they have on our lives. Today I celebrate each of you! Not only do you make an impact on your family, close friends and DKG sisters, you are also making an impact on others around you. It's the million little things you do to be a friend to others. Each of those little acts of kindness, encouragement and love impact someone. Thank you for "your million little things". You are so special to me!

We had an amazing opportunity last month to see how a love for something

illuminates into a legacy that influences generations. We were able to celebrate many friendships with our sisters from Gamma Nu and learn how small acts of kindness for those who are at risk can make a difference and empower other women in our community.

I am looking forward to continuing this celebration of our sisterhood at our upcoming meeting. Our February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27th, at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church. "The Heart of Our Legacy Is the Key to Our Success" program will be presented by Sister Katherine Wright. Our fellowship will begin at 5:00pm. The meeting will follow at 5:30pm. You won't want to miss it! Please call a member who hasn't been able to attend and let them know they matter and have been missed! Also, remember to bring canned goods to donate to the Rollingbrook Fellowship Food Bank. Looking forward to seeing each of you!

Happy Galentine's Day and much love!
JoAnn

Next Meeting:

February 27, 2020

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

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

The Heart of Our Legacy Is the Key to Success

Kathryn Wright will present the legacy of Delta Kappa Gamma and how membership can be the key to making a difference in our community.

Hostesses: Judi Mitchell, chair; Ami Briscoe, Diane Keene, Lorena Lankford

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

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

Monthly: Project Graduation;
Food Pantry for First Baptist
Church



Bing Images

Web Watch: International

Early bird registration for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia ends March 6th.

If you plan on attending the convention and want to extend your trip, you can sign up for a New York City trip with Go Ahead Tours for July 12-16! Information is on the DKG International website.

Check out the Member Spotlight! Reshanta Stewart, from Xi Chapter, Texas, is the honoree. Read how she collects purses for Handbags for Hope.

Web Watch: Alpha State

Planning on attending the 91st Texas State Convention in McAllen, June 17-19? Check out the latest resources posted under the Resources tab and Convention Keys Volume 5.

Hospitality and Other 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: **Debbie Reynolds,**

chair; Judi Craig, Donna Mohlman, Laura Smith

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



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March Meeting:

March 26, 2020

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

Prevention Is the Key to Health

Mary Hewitt, M.D., P.A., Family Practice physician, will present a program on women's health and preventative medicine.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Susan Minix, chair; Karen Coffey, Laurie Curry, Joan Mangum, Lisa McBride, Elma Villanueva



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Meeting with Gamma Nu and Epsilon Psi
Thursday, January 9, 2020

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met with the Gamma Nu Chapter to celebrate the 91st birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma. Gamma Nu members were the hostesses, and the meeting was held at Fellowship Hall of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Baker Road, Baytown, TX. Gamma Nu President Brenda Gongora called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

All members recited the Chapter Collect and Response.

President Gongora welcomed all members of DKG. The program was *Key to Freedom: Beauty Will Rise*. She emphasized how our chapters can make a difference in the lives of other women by helping the community and the BeautyWillRise.org.

Special thanks was given to the hostesses. Roseanna Henrichsen was the chair of this committee.

At 5:40, Epsilon Psi President Jo Ann Short conducted the Epsilon Psi business meeting.

The minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Joan Mangum, Hospitality chair, reminded us to include service members in our prayers. Judi Mitchell will travel to Israel January 21st to February 4th.

A reminder to all members that the Nominations Committee will present nominations for officers for 2020-2022 at the February meeting. Judi Mitchell is chair; Alicia Brooks and Juanita Hatfield are committee members.

Achievement Awards Committee will submit Chapter Achievement Awards to the Executive Board no later than March 15. Debbie Denson is chair; Michelle Verdun, Juanita Hatfield and Donna Mohlman are committee members.

Kathryn Wright reminded us of the Star 3 Arts and Crafts workshop to be held in Galveston on Saturday, March 28, 2020. The cost will be \$25.00 and is limited to 60 people. Sign up by March 1st. All money is due at this time. In March you can sign up for classes online.

A special thank you to Gamma Nu members who provided snacks. Also, thanks for Project Graduation raffle prizes provided by Kristen Davis, chair, and members Alicia Brooks, Shelly Deakle, Dewolyn Hullum and Kathryn Wright.

At 5:50, Gamma Nu President, Brenda Gongora conducted the business meeting for the Gamma Nu Chapter.

The program for this evening was presented by Ms. Strouhal with the Beauty Will Rise organization. This is the local chapter to fight human trafficking. I-10 is the main corridor for human trafficking in the nation. The three main keys to this are:

- 1) Educate: This begins with law officers, educators and hospitals being able to identify victims.
- 2) Transition people: These people will help rescue the victim and follow up in trauma help.
- 3) Prevention: Booklets in the manga tradition. They read from back to front, in black and white, with small page size and unique storytelling techniques. This is best for middle school students. It talks about unhealthy relationships and empowers them to be on the lookout for traffickers, and it helps protect our younger youth. As teachers we will probably know if something seems wrong with one of our kids. We are the front line to help young people. The comic book *Abolitionista!* by Thomas Estler is excellent reading and gives more insight to the program.

With no further business, the raffle winners were chosen.

The meeting concluded with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Carolyn Florus, Recording Secretary

JoAnn Short, President



Happy Birthday!

February

8 Kathryn Wright
11 Richie Butler
13 Shirley Wright



March

2 Tommye Glynn Clark
23 Laurie Curry
31 Rachel Warren

Treasurer's Report

Balance, February 1, 2020.....	\$ 5,166.62
Receipts	49.00
Total Available.....	\$ 5,215.62
Disbursements.....	0.00
Balance, February 12, 2020.....	<u>\$ 5,215.62</u>
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 2,958.73
Scholarship Fund	<u>17,551.54</u>
Savings Balance, February 12, 2020	\$20,510.27
Total Funds Available, Feb 12, 2020....	<u>\$25,725.89</u>

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 2019-2020: Richie Butler, Tommye Glynn Clark, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, 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.

Attendance Watch

August	14 = 29.79%
September	22 = 46.81%
October	22 = 44.00%
November.....	17 = 34.69%
December	23 = 46.94%
January	18 = 36.73%
Average	19.33 = 39.46%

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SPRING DUES COLLECTION BEGINS NOW

Treasurer Carolyn Francis is collecting dues for 2020-2021. If you need to pay dues in installments, please see Carolyn to make arrangements. The form for spring dues collection is included on p. 6 of this newsletter. The last day to pay dues is May 31, but let's see if we can be the first chapter to pay 100% of our dues.

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

Name of Member _____

2020-2021 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 May 31.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Active Member Dues and Fees	\$93.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve Member Dues and Fees	65.00	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship Funds	20.00	20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter Newsletter Subscription (\$12 for members preferring a printed copy)		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Storybook Christmas Donation		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	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

Home Email Address: _____ Permission to publish ☐ Yes ☐ No

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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