



# Epsilon Psi Newsletter

Epsilon Psi Chapter (#143), Area III, Baytown  
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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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## President's Message

by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,  
President 2016-2018

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

As Mark Twain once said, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." I love this quote because it reminds me of New Year's

resolutions that we all tend to make at this time. In 2017, I hope as part of your New Year's resolutions you will participate in the meetings and events Delta Kappa Gamma has to offer. To begin we have our joint meeting with Gamma Nu on Thursday, January 26 at 4:30 at the First Baptist Church. We will be informed of ways to protect ourselves and our families by Baytown's Assistant Chief of Police David Alford. The information he will give us is so valuable during this present time. I look forward to seeing all of you there as we fulfill purpose number six, "to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action."

Sincerely,  
Julie Kellner

## Next Meeting:

January 26, 2017

First Baptist  
4:30 p.m. Fellowship  
5:00 Meeting

*Protecting Yourself and Your Family*

Baytown's Assistant Chief of Police David Alford will present an informative program on ways to protect ourselves and our families in the event of an active shooter.

Hostesses: Diane Keene, chairman; Alicia Brooks, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Sarah Guarnere

Please don't forget your canned goods.

Julie Kellner and Kristen Davis, editors  
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News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International



## 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

On the DKG International website, you will find a one question survey about changing the society name. Also, there is a Spain/Portugal trip that is planned for June 2017 for those that are interested. There are several reminders for upcoming journal submissions, as well as reports due to the State Presidents.

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## Web Watch: Alpha State

On the DKG Texas website, you will see a link (same as below) to the 2017 DKG Texas Convention in Houston. Time to start making plans to attend this convention!

<http://dkgtexasconvention.weebly.com/>

# Remembering Joy Harrison-Going



Born on November 24, 1933 in Floydada, Texas, Joy A. Going passed away on Monday, December 26, 2016.

As a child and early teen, Joy's father was a migrant farmer, and she and her parents lived on several farms and ranches in the panhandle of Texas.

Joy was an accomplished student growing up, and she graduated valedictorian in high school at age 15. She attended Hardin Simmons University in Abilene where she received her Bachelor of Science degree at the age of 18. She later earned her Administrator's Certificate, Master of Education degree, and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction in the field of education at the University of Houston.

She began her teaching career in Fort Worth, Texas where she taught high school level English and Music. She continued her career as a substitute teacher in Anadarko, Enid, and Norman, Oklahoma. Joy then taught music for two years in grades 1-12 in Spearman, Texas.

Joy began her 34-year career in Baytown education working half-days at Cedar Bayou Junior High and De Zavala Elementary teaching music. Joy then transferred to Harlem Elementary where she helped start the magnet school program, and then three years later, she served as principal for 2 years. Next, Joy moved to Stephen F. Austin Elementary, where she was principal for 14 years. She also served as principal at Pumphrey Elementary for 14 years.

She represented the school district with United Way, was affiliated with the Baytown Crimestoppers Program, where she served as an original board member, served as a Harris County voting precinct judge, and was very involved in church activities.

Joy was a member of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of the Texas State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Baytown Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association, National Education Association, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, and Texas Association for Improvement of Reading. After Joy's retirement in 2002, she also became involved with the Baytown Area Retired School Employees Association.

Joy was inspired by and felt a calling to work with children after spending time with and looking after her many younger cousins. She continually strived to introduce innovative ideas for teaching and sought to try new methods that would help children learn.

Always a strong proponent of education, Joy requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the educational scholarship fund of her Delta Kappa Gamma chapter which can be sent to: Epsilon Psi, c/o Carolyn Francis, 2104 Buchanan Drive, Baytown, TX 77520.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father John and Winnie Reeves and husband, William Going.

She is survived by her daughters: Jana Ralls Miller and Joni Ralls; granddaughter, Dianna Rothwell Muha and great-granddaughter, Kaylee Ryann Huffman.

Joy's final wishes were to not hold a formal funeral service, but instead requested that her passing be a time of celebration where her friends and family could meet in a time of fellowship and share the bond of life we all share.

# Hospitality and Other News:

Please keep the family of Joy Going in your prayers.

Please let Judi Abshier know of any hospitality news.

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Karen Coffey rang the bell for her last radiation treatment. Keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover.

Congratulations to Richie Butler and her husband, Wiley, for their recent 50th Wedding Anniversary!



## 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 **January** meeting: Richie Butler, chairman; Pat Cauley, Tommye Glynn Clark, Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling.

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**

## February Meeting:

**February 23, 2017**

First Baptist Church

*Recipe Swap & Sample*

Meagan Lowery will facilitate members sharing their favorite recipe, as well as sampling the tasty treats.

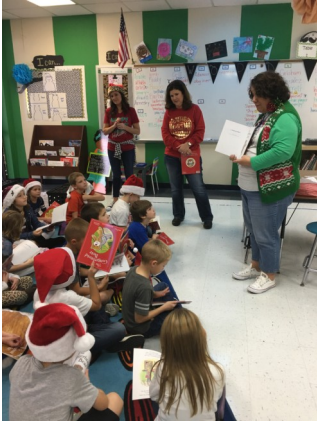
Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

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





## A Storybook Christmas



## Mattie's Open House



## Dec. Meeting



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
November 17, 2016

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at First Baptist Church on November 17, 2016. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Judi Mitchell led the chapter collect and response.

President Kellner welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses: Richie Butler, chairman, Judy Abshier, Ruth Blake, and Pat Cauley.

Judi Mitchell introduced our guest speaker, Judith Dowling, the founder of the Women's Storybook Project of Texas. Judith gave us information about the WSP. Their mission is to connect incarcerated moms with their children through literature. WSP is active in 9 prisons in Texas at present. The incarcerated moms are required to have 90 days of good behavior to qualify for the program. WSP volunteers go into the prisons with books for ages birth to 12. The moms choose a book for each of their children, record a greeting to their child, and record reading the book to them. These recordings are put on a CD and mailed, along with the book, to the caregiver of the children to give to them. A small group of qualifying inmate moms rotates every 4 months. JoAn Martin, an active WSP volunteer for many years, talked about how to become a volunteer and how rewarding it is.

### **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

The October minutes were approved as printed in the November DKG newsletter. The treasurer's report was also in the newsletter and will be filed for audit. President Kellner announced that the Christmas dinner meeting would be on December 8 at 4:30pm at Peter E. Hyland Center. She also reminded the members of Storybook Christmas packing day on December 5, 2016, at Banuelos Elementary. Distribution day for The Gingerbread Bear will be on December 13. Pat Cauley, membership chairman, reminded us of the suggestions to get out and socialize more. She recommended interest groups getting together and passed out an interest form. Chairman Cauley reminded the members that it is acceptable to have spring initiation and encouraged everyone to submit names for membership. Forms can be obtained from and emailed to Pat before the January meeting. The two mystery members' clues were: 1) a professional photographer and 2) someone in Israel once tried to buy her for two camels. The professional photographer was JoAnn Short, and the other apparently was not present and so remains a mystery.

### **Reports of Special Committees**

Judy Abshier called for hospitality reports. Suzi Powers is living in a cottage at Waterford because her house flooded recently. Suzi fell and broke her shoulder, and husband Sam is presently in rehab. Their daughter, Dawn, is seeing about them. Therese Ruff's brother, Mike, is still recovering from a heart transplant. He has good and bad days but always loves a Whataburger. Bruce Davis had emergency surgery Tuesday for an infection and will be in the hospital until Sunday. Karen and James Coffey are still living at First Place Motel until the remodeling of their home is complete. Karen has started her first round of radiation. Ouida Carroll sent hellos by Richie Butler. She is still scheduled for surgery on her hand.

### **New Business/Old Business**

There was no new or old business.

### **Other Business**

In the absence of Chairman Meagan Lowery, Julie Kellner and JoAnn Short conducted the Project Graduation raffle. President Kellner thanked Lori Woods, November chairman, and November committee members Benny May Thomas, Michelle Verdun, and Shirley Wright for bringing door prizes. Joan Mangum, Richie Butler, Judy Abshier, and Joyce Cloudt were the lucky winners this month.

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

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
December 8, 2016

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Peter E. Hyland Center on December 8, 2016. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

President Kellner welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses, Joyce Cloudt, Debbie Denson and Meredith Durham, for organizing our meal from Iguana Joe's. She also thanked Michelle Verdun for dessert and for allowing us to use her facility for the meeting. A thank you was given to everyone who brought baby products for use at the Hyland Center. Joyce Cloudt read the Collect and Response, and Laura Kellner led the invocation. Dinner was served following the invocation.

After dinner, Don Cunningham provided a program of three beautifully sung Christmas songs. The songs were *Bethlehem Morning*, *Christmas Every Day*, and *Mary, Did You Know*. Don sang last year at Epsilon Psi's Christmas dinner meeting and returned this year by popular demand. Don is Paula Jackson's father.

### **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

The November and December minutes will be published in the January newsletter. Carolyn Francis gave the treasurer's report, which will be filed for audit and printed in the January newsletter.

Global Awareness Chairman Mattie Sharp sent around six Christmas cards to be signed to send to six women receiving the Global Awareness grant this year. This grant is designed to aid women from war-torn countries in furthering their education at a college or university in the United States or Canada. This year two of the women are from Africa and one each from Mexico, the Philippines, Chile and Costa Rica. Global Awareness was formerly known as World Fellowship.

First Vice President Paula Jackson stated that the January joint meeting with Gamma Nu would be held on January 26, 2017. The meeting will be held in the chapel at First Baptist Church, Baytown with fellowship beginning at 4:30pm. Baytown's Assistant Police Chief David Alford will be the speaker. His presentation will inform members how to protect themselves and their families in the event of an active shooter.

Laura Kellner reported on a successful Storybook Christmas packing day at Banuelos Elementary on December 5, 2016. There were 12 Epsilon Psi and 8 Gamma Nu members present. Laura thanked Robert Francis for his tremendous help. Distribution of The Gingerbread Bear to first graders will be December 13, 2016. There are extra books that are available for purchase. The money will go into the Storybook Christmas fund for 2017. Carolyn Francis made a motion to donate any extra 2017 books to the Women's Storybook Project. The motion is contingent on approval by Gamma Nu chapter.

President Kellner called for a hospitality report. Carolyn Florus reported that Roseanna Henrichsen's father is back at MD Anderson Hospital. Joyce Cloudt reported that Karen Coffey has an infection. Michelle Verdun recently attended the funeral of Etta Lee Hill, her aunt. Michelle was able to visit with family, which included her aunt's many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great great grandchildren. Michelle also thanked everyone for the baby gifts for the Center and gave each member present a beautifully decorated and wrapped Christmas cookie.

### **New Business**

Laura Kellner moved that the cakes served at the initiation meetings and the January joint meeting be paid for from the Epsilon Psi treasury. The initiation meeting may be two times a year, and Epsilon Psi hosts the joint meeting every other year. Carolyn Florus seconded the motion, which carried.

### **Other Business**

Pat Cauley reminded members again to get forms from her and turn in prospective member names to her for initiation in the spring. The deadline to turn in names is January 31, 2017. Voting will take place at the February meeting, and initiation will be at the March meeting. Thanks to Laura Kellner's memory, the November mystery lady who visited Israel and was offered to be bought for two camels was revealed as Paula Jackson.

President Kellner conducted the Project Graduation raffle. She thanked Mattie Sharp, JoAnn Short, and Cara Skinner for providing the raffle prizes, which were won by Paula Jackson, Kristen Davis, Diane Keene, and Michelle Verdun.

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

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President

## Happy Birthday!

### January

10 Carol Peterson  
15 Mattie Sharp  
27 Dorothy Shields  
29 Judi Mitchell

### February

11 Richie Butler  
13 Shirley Wright



## Treasurer's Report

Balance, January 1, 2017 .....	\$ 7,340.25
Receipts .....	0.00
Total Available.....	\$ 7,340.25
Disbursements.....	0.00
Balance, January 16, 2017 .....	\$ 7,340.25
Savings Accounts	
General Fund .....	\$ 3,963.90
Scholarship Fund .....	8,312.04
Total Funds Available, January 16, 2017..	\$19,616.19



## Perfect Attendance

### 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%
Average .....	21.80 = 46.38%

The following members have perfect attendance for 2016-2017: Judy Abshier, Richie Butler, Pat Cauley, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Judi Mitchell, Mattie Sharp, and JoAnn Short. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, [crfranci@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

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**Paula Jackson**, First Vice President  
**Meagan Lowery**, Second Vice President  
**Judi Mitchell**, Recording Secretary  
**Kristen Davis**, Corresponding Secretary  
**Carolyn Francis**, Treasurer  
**Laura Kellner**, Parliamentarian  
**Paula Jackson**, Immed. Past President