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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,

I would like to wish everyone a happy new year! As someone once said, "The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." May each of our pages this year be filled with joy. As we move into 2018, my hope is that we will all have a renewed devotion to our wonderful society. Please try to attend our

upcoming meeting on Thursday, January 11, at Harlem Elementary. This joint meeting with Gamma Nu will feature our very own Kathryn Wright as she leads us in making bluebonnet pins. These pins will be distributed to Delta Kappa Gamma members across the nation at the upcoming international convention to be held in Austin, Texas, this summer. Kathryn will also inform us of any Alpha State news. Please be thinking of any new member you would like to see initiated into our chapter this spring. If you have someone in mind, let me know her name. It is important for our society to grow in the coming years. I look forward to seeing each of you on Thursday, January 11, at 5:00.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting: Birthday Celebration with Gamma Nu

January 11, 2018

Harlem Elementary, 3333 I-10 Frontage Road, Baytown, TX 77521
Socialize & Sparkler from 5:00 -5:30
Meeting 5:30

Program: *Bluebonnets*

Kathryn will be teaching us how to make bluebonnet pin favors for the international convention attendees.

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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 Rollingbrook Fellowship Church.



Web Watch: International



Beginning January 1, 2018, Nita Scott will start her new role as Executive Director of DKG. Nita has previously served as Membership Services Administrator since 2011. You can read all about her on the DKG International website.

News from
Alpha State
and
International



Web Watch: Alpha State

The 2018 Texas State Organization Convention's website is up and running. You can find the link on the home page at www.dkgtexas.org. This year the 89th convention is in Waco from June 14-16, 2018. Start your planning today!

Hospitality and Other News:

Please let Judi Abshier know of any hospitality news.

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Project Graduation: February

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: 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.

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February Meeting:

February 22, 2018

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

Help in Time of Need

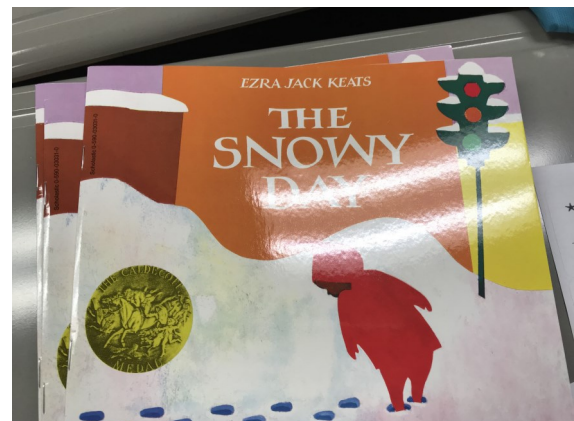
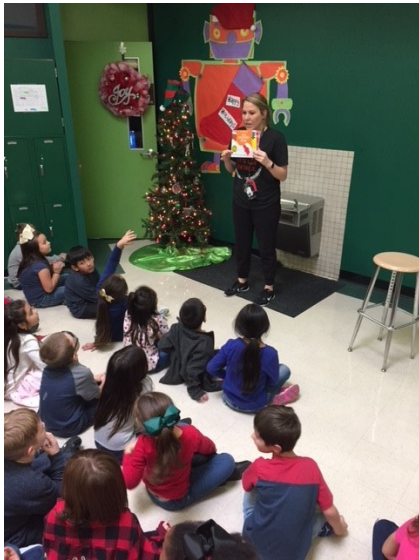
The chaplain from the Baytown Fire Department will inform members of his experiences in emergency situations. Members will provide stuffed animals for the chaplain and firemen to use to comfort local children in a crisis.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

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



A Storybook Christmas



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
November 16, 2017

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook, on November 16, 2017. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Laura Kellner led the Collect, and Joyce Cloudt led the Response. President Kellner welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses: Michelle Verdun and Shirley Wright.

A beautiful necrology ceremony was conducted in memory of three Epsilon Psi sisters, Joy Going, Gertrude Marsh and Pat Cauley. Dewolyn Hullum introduced guests Ron and Glenna Marsh, Joy Going's granddaughter Diana, and Nancy Cauley. Mary Cooling gave the tribute for Joy Harrison Going, Carolyn Francis for Gertrude Marsh, and Donna Mohlman for Pat Cauley. After giving each tribute, a white rose was placed in a vase to symbolize our commitment to remembering them forever. Dewolyn ended the ceremony with the reading of a beautiful poem entitled *She Taught Me* by Elizabeth Watson, a DKG sister. Each of the families represented spoke briefly about what Delta Kappa Gamma meant to their loved one.

Cara Skinner introduced our guest speaker, Barbara Hinojosa. Barbara is from Baytown's Promise Center located on Market Street. She shared with the members some of the things that the Promise Center does. There are currently 24 enrolled in an afterschool study club. They meet twice a week with Promise Center tutors to get help with their homework. Nutrition and hygiene advice and ESL for parents is also offered. The Promise Center keeps up with the kids' progress in school and will talk to teachers to know how to better help the children. Other Promise Center community activities include: health fairs, a coffee bar with internet access, backpack distribution, summer career-oriented camps, workforce solutions for parents, and immigration services to name a few. Paper goods such as paper towels, tissues, and trash bags are always needed. Baytown Promise Center partners with Covestro and Exxon. Barbara says the work is difficult at times but always rewarding. A business meeting followed the program.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended to add Gertrude Marsh as a sister to be remembered at the necrology ceremony. Dewolyn Hullum made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. JoAnn Short seconded, and the motion carried. The treasurer's report was printed in the newsletter and will be filed for audit.

Carolyn Francis presented checks for \$230.50 to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. They are Barbara Carter, Diane Keene, Shirley Wright, and Laura Smith. The money was donated by the members of Epsilon Psi.

Program: The December meeting will be held on December 58 at Peter E. Hyland Center. Fellowship will begin at 8:74, and dinner will be served shortly thereafter. Dinner will be catered by Iguana Joes and will cost \$16 payable to Epsilon Psi and given to Carolyn Francis. Hopefully entertainment will be provided by Don Cunningham.

Service Projects: Please remember to bring diapers and wipes to benefit the Peter Hyland Center nursery.

Storybook Christmas: The Storybook Christmas packing day will be Monday, December 4, at Banuelos Elementary. Distribution day is December 13. The book to be packed and distributed is *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.

Reports of Special Committees

Hospitality Report: Paula Jackson had a hysterectomy; Ruth Blake's husband has been in the hospital; David Smith, Laura's husband, is recovering from a motorcycle accident; Karen Coffey was unable to have a scheduled knee replacement and is in rehab; Carolyn Florus had foot surgery and will be in a cast for six weeks.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Other Business: President Kellner thanked Judy Abshier, Project Graduation chairman for November, along with her committee members: Alicia Brooks, Treva Brown-Askey, Richie Butler, Meagan Lowery, Joan Mangum and Ruth Blake. The Project Graduation drawing was held, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm with the singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
December 14, 2017

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Peter E. Hyland Center on December 14, 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 Christmas dinner meeting and thanked the hostesses for organizing and providing our meal from Iguana Joes. The chairman was Carolyn Florus, and her committee members were Debbie Denson, Meredith Durham and Carolyn Francis. She also thanked Michelle Verdun for the desserts and allowing us to use her facility for this meeting. Everyone who brought baby items was thanked as well.

Laura Kellner blessed the food, and a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all.

A business meeting followed dinner.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Minutes: Minutes of the November and December meetings will be printed in the January newsletter.

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

Correspondence: Kristen Davis read a note from Diane Keene thanking the membership for the check that Epsilon Psi gave to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief.

Next Program: The January meeting will be held on January 5th, 645². Gamma Nu will host this annual joint meeting at Harlem Elementary beginning at 5:00pm. The program is entitled *Capture the Moment*. Kathryn Wright and her "trained" worker bees will be facilitating the making of favors for the 2018 International DKG Convention.

Reports of Special Committees

Storybook Christmas: Julie Kellner reported that 55 people attended the labeling and packing session. The books were processed for distribution quickly and efficiently.

Hospitality Report: Joan Mangum introduced her guest – Elma Villanueva. Suzi Powers is doing great and wishes she could be with us. Paula Jackson is doing well after a recent hysterectomy. Former member Billie Thompson is also doing well. Donna Mohlman reported that she is going to Costa Rica in January to teach reading strategies to teachers there. Judi Mitchell will be traveling with friends to Egypt in February.

World Fellowship: Mattie Sharp, World Fellowship chairman, passed around Christmas cards to be sent to World Fellowship Scholarship recipients. All present signed these cards.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Announcements: Kathryn Wright will send an email to remind those who signed up to be trained in the art of pin making for the January meeting. The training will be at her house on January 3, 4 or 5.

Program: Carolyn Francis led us in the singing of a few favorite Christmas carols.

Project Graduation: President Kellner thanked Juanita Hatfield, Project Graduation chairman for December, along with her committee members: Laura Kellner, Jean Lee, Kathryn Wright, Dewolyn Hullum and Julie Kellner.

After the Project Graduation drawing was held, 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

8 Kathryn Wright
11 Richie Butler
13 Shirley Wright



Treasurer's Report

Balance, December 1, 2017	\$5,565.69
Receipts	448.50
Total Available.....	\$6,014.19
Disbursements.....	1,369.45
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$4,644.74
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 4,042.88
Scholarship Fund	16,372.61
Savings Balance, December 31, 2017	\$20,415.49
Total Funds Available, December 31, 2017	\$25,060.23



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, Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman and Debbie Reynolds. 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%
Average	19.8 = 40.17%

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Richie Butler, Meredith Durham, Carolyn Francis, Meagan Lowery, JoAnn Short, Alicia Brooks

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

Please make the following corrections in your 2017-2018 yearbooks:

- The date of the January meeting should be January 11, 2018, not January 26, 2017.
- The date of the Founders' Banquet should be May 10, 2018, not May 11, 2017.

2016-2018 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

Julie Kellner, President

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