

# Epsilon Psi Newsletter

**Epsilon Psi Chapter (#143), Area III, Baytown**  
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,**  
**Texas State Organization**

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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

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Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

As we begin the New Year, we often reflect on the past by counting our blessings and making resolutions to change our future paths for the better. We have been very blessed over the past year. Our chapter has been able to grow both spiritually and physically, and we have been able to make a difference in the lives of others! Each of you are truly a blessing! One of my resolutions this year includes each of you. I resolved to grow closer to my Epsilon Psi Sisters. As we all know, most resolutions fail before March, so I NEED your help! I am counting on YOU and your participation at our events to help me be successful! You can help me by planning to attend our meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will host a birthday celebration with Gam-

## President's Message by: JoAnn Short

ma Nu at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church to celebrate our friendships and the literacy legacy of Barbara Bush. Our fellowship will begin at 4:30, and the meeting will follow at 5 p.m. Debbie Denson and Judi Mitchell will be sharing the legacy of Barbara Bush's Literacy Foundation. Please plan to wear "blue and pearls" in honor of Barbara Bush.

I have two favorite quotes from our former First Lady that remind me of our society. Barbara once said, "Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has something to give." and "At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent." Mrs. Bush captures my thoughts about our sisters in each of these. Each of you is amazingly talented in your own way. Each of you contributes and enriches my life. And each of you is a valued friend that I count as a blessing to spend time with! I look forward to making 2019 a memorable year with you!

Sincerely,  
JoAnn Short

## Next Meeting: Birthday Celebration with Gamma Nu

**January 24, 2019**

**4:30 p.m. Fellowship**

**5 p.m. Meeting**

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church  
505 Rollingbrook Drive Baytown

*The Bridge to Literature*

Debbie Denson and Judi Mitchell will be sharing the legacy of Barbara Bush's Literacy Foundation. Members will wear "blue and pearls" in honor of Barbara Bush.

**Hostesses:** Mattie Sharp, chairman; Donna Mohlman, Debbie Reynolds, Laura Smith, Shirley Wright

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

**JoAnn Short and Kristen Davis, editors**  
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## Upcoming Projects

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



Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



## Web Watch: International



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

To sign into your member account, you must have 7 characters that contain a number in your password from now on.

You can get information on all of the International Conferences being held across the country this summer as well as the International Convention being held in Philadelphia in July under the events tab.

News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International



## Web Watch: Alpha State

There is a lot to see on DKGTexas! First, the Arlington Convention Steering Committee has released its first newsletter regarding convention! You can find this on the convention website (under Resources). You can also find a link to see the 31 women participants and 3 alternates who have been selected for the 2019 Leadership Seminar. Finally, if you would like to participate in the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat 2020, you can find the link for the application on the main site at [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org).

# Hospitality and Other News:

Carolyn Florus is in North Dakota helping her daughter take care of twins Tucker Scott and Harper Rae. The twins were born on December 18, 2018 to Clint and Aarika Young and big brother Noah.

Send all hospitality notifications to:  
Joan Mangum  
Home 832-556-2756 or Cell 903-742-0428  
jmangum41@comcast.net  
Clip art is from Microsoft Office.

Tommye Glynn Clark has sold her house in New Mexico and returned to Baytown. Her address is 4701 Bush Road #15, Baytown 77521-2074.

## Project Graduation: January

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 **January** meeting: Richie Butler, chairman; Carolyn Florus, Ami Briscoe, Shelley Deakle, Lorena

Lankford, Lisa McBride, Susan Minix, Elma Villanueva, Rachel Warren, Lacy White. If you cannot attend the meeting, please give your prize to another Epsilon Psi member who will be in attendance.



## February Meeting:

**February 28, 2019**

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

*History of RodeoHouston and Rodeo Scholarship Program*

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

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

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





## A Storybook Christmas

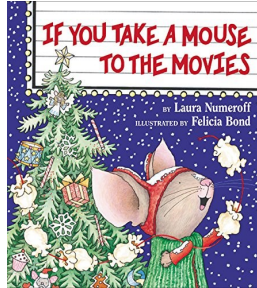


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Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
November 15, 2018

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Rollingbrook Fellowship on November 15, 2018. The secretary and a quorum being present, President JoAnn Short called the meeting to order at 5pm. Laura Kellner led the chapter collect and response.

President Short welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses: Judy Abshier, chairman; Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, and Joan Mangum.

Tom Cottar, Public Relations Officer of the American Legion Post 323 and a Vietnam veteran, was introduced as our guest speaker. The program he presented was very informative. The first American Legion caucus was in Paris in March of 1919. Six months later the American Legion was chartered by Congress as a patriotic veterans' organization. It focuses on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities. It has grown into the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans, like the GI Bill, and produced many important programs for children and youth like Boys State. Laura Kellner reminded us that there is a women's American Legion Auxiliary that, among other things, sends a girl to Girls State every year. Shirley Wright participated in Girls State when she was in high school. Mr. Cottar ended his program by reading a beautiful and touching poem called "Just a Common Soldier".

**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 Short announced that the Christmas dinner meeting will be on December 13 at 4:30 at Peter E. Hyland Center. It is rumored that Mrs. Santa and an elf will be in the house. Don't forget to bring baby items. A Storybook Christmas packing day is December 10 at 9am at Banuelos Elementary. Distribution day for *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* will be on December 13.

**Reports of Special Committees**

Carolyn Francis gave a hospitality report. Carolyn Florus' son, Robert, has colon cancer; Joan Mangum and Michelle Verdun have been sick; Milton Kellner is doing okay; Cara Skinner is living in Georgetown to care for her parents; Jon Blake is doing okay; Joy Going's granddaughter Diana has stage 4 breast cancer and is under hospice care; Bobby Wright is still mobile with the aid of a new scooter; Benny May Thomas and husband have moved to a retirement home.

**New Business/Old Business**

Our newest Epsilon Psi sisters who were present were introduced. Donna Mohlman reported the DKG reunion was a great success. Carolyn Francis made a motion, and Laura Kellner seconded, to approve a \$50 payment to cover the Epsilon Psi part of the DKG reunion expenses. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

The Project Graduation raffle was held, and President Short thanked Ginger McKay, Michelle Verdun, and Kathryn Wright for furnishing the raffle prizes.

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

Judi Mitchell for Carolyn Florus, Recording Secretary

JoAnn Short, President

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Epsilon Psi Chapter  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Thursday, December 13, 2018

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was held at Peter E Hyland Center, Baytown, TX. Epsilon Psi President JoAnn Short called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum and the secretary being present. The Chapter Collect and Response were led by Kristen Davis.

In celebration of our Christmas meeting, a catered meal was provided by Iguana Joes of Mont Belvieu. Joyce Cloutd blessed the meal.

Our program was very special as were Mrs. Santa Claus (Judi Mitchell) and her elf (Georgia Keene, granddaughter of member Diane Keene). Mrs. Claus gave us examples of why we might be a teacher (compliments of Jeff Foxworthy). It was a very lighthearted program that put us in the holiday spirit. After this Elf Georgia passed out candy canes with the explanation of its significance at Christmas. Elf Georgia then led us in "Jingle Bells".

President Short thanked the hostesses for our meal. They were Carolyn Florus, chairman; Dewolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Diane Keene, and Kathryn Wright.

**Business:**

- The November minutes were read by Carolyn Francis and approved. They should be printed in the January newsletter. Carolyn Francis gave the treasurer's report also to be in the January newsletter. It was approved and will be filed for audit.
- Mattie Sharp had all members sign six Christmas cards as our part of the Global Awareness (World Fellowship) Fund and talked about what this program accomplishes. Each member pays \$1 as part of our dues. The fund grant money is awarded to non-members who use it to fund their advanced degrees. They are not given to Americans or Canadians. Our cards were to be sent to Augustina Beychesi, Uruguay, working on her masters at Harvard; Gabeilla Winowatar, Indonesia, working on a masters at NY University; Milka Nyariro, Kenya, working on her Ph.D. at McGill University; Marian OlaFuyi Nigeria, working on a masters at the University of Toronto; Guquletho Mayo, Zimbabwe, working on her Ph.D. at Texas Tech; and Ouynh Nguyen, Vietnam, working on her masters at the University of Tennessee. DKG works with Fulbright Scholars in hopes of improving education in their countries.
- Joan Mangum, Hospitality Committee, passed out Christmas cards to be signed and then mailed to our members who cannot make the meetings due to poor health.
- Our January meeting is our joint birthday celebration with Gamma Nu, and we will be hostesses for the evening. The date will be Thursday, January 21, at 5:00 p.m. at Rollingbrook Fellowship. The topic is *The Bridge to Literature*, and we are honoring First Lady Barbara Bush by wearing blue and pearls.
- Laura Kellner moved that we approve a \$50 cost to cover the DKG Epsilon Psi part of the DKG Reunion. Seconded and passed.
- The drawing was held for Project Graduation. The prizes were provided this month by Meredith Durham, chairman; Debbie Denson, Carolyn Francis and Debbie Reynolds.

President Short gave a present to the members. She wanted us to remember what we represent to each other and to the students' lives that we touch.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Carolyn Florus  
Secretary

JoAnn Short  
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, November 1, 2018 .....	\$10,054.92
Receipts .....	73.00
Total Available .....	\$10,127.92
Disbursements .....	3,447.15
Balance, December 31, 2018 .....	\$ 6,680.77
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund .....	\$ 2,907.13
Scholarship Fund .....	15,942.25
Savings Balance, December 31, 2018..	\$18,849.38
Total Funds Available, Dec 31, 2018...	\$25,530.15

## 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, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Lorena Lankford, Joan Mangum, Susan Minix, Donna Mohlman, Mattie Sharp, JoAnn Short, Elma Villanueva, 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%
Average .....	21.40 = 43.75%

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## SPRING DUES COLLECTION BEGINS SOON

Treasurer Carolyn Francis will be collecting dues for 2019-2020 soon. 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