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MISSION

STATEMENT:

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,

Ring in the New Year often includes us reminiscing about years past and eagerly anticipating the opportunities and events of the upcoming year. As I reflect on our society, it is with a heart of gratitude. I am so thankful and blessed by each of you. Our chapter has been a light to other women and key contributors in making a difference in our community. We have been able to grow, both spiritually and physically, and be key influencers in the lives of children. Each of you is truly a blessing! One of my resolutions for 2019 was to build relationships within our organization. Thank you for helping me be successful! I have been blessed by strengthening our friendships and creating new ones. Your friendships are truly a gift, and I am thankful for each of you.

Our sisters, Gamma Nu, will host our joint

birthday celebration at our January meeting on Thursday, January 9, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at St. John's Catholic Church on Baker Road. The program for the meeting is Key to Freedom: Beauty will Rise. This program will highlight the key programs and organizations in our area that are battling human trafficking and how we can assist in our area. Our fellowship will begin at 5:00 and the meeting will follow. I look forward to seeing each of you and our Gamma Nu sisters!

When thinking of the New Year, Edith Lovejoy Pierce wrote, "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." The New Year is a new chapter and opportunity to write your story. I am so thankful that each of you is a part of our story! Each of you is key to our society and amazingly talented. Each of you contributes and enriches our society and others! I look forward to writing our story together and making it "key to our society's success" in 2020!

Anticipating a wonderful year!

JoAnn Short

Next Meeting: Birthday Celebration with Gamma Nu

January 9, 2020

5:00 p.m. Fellowship

5:15 p.m. Meeting

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
800 West Baker Road, Baytown

Key to Freedom: Beauty will Rise

A representative from Beauty Will Rise organization will present a program on human trafficking and how we can assist in our area.

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food
Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship
Church



Web Watch: International

DKG is looking for presenters for the 2020 International Convention. Proposals are due Jan. 6th. Also on Jan. 6th, registration opens for the convention. Details are located in the members section of the website.

International Elected Office Nominees are announced! You can find these positions in the member section of the website.

You will need your membership number for your username. If you do not know your membership number, email Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com, or call 281-427-5930 (home) or 713-705-1540 (cell).

Did you know that we have 4,564 new members since July 2019??

Web Watch: Alpha State

On the TSO website, you will see a sweet obituary for Past State President Sandy Whitney. There is updated information for the 91st State Convention in McAllen, June 17-22, 2020. The digital copy of the Winter 2019 Lone Star News is available for download with registration information for the convention.

Hospitality and Other News:

Shirley Wright says "Hello" to all of you. She is using a walker when taking physical therapy and hopes to be able to discontinue using the wheelchair soon. Her new address is The Village @ Gleannloch Farms, 9505 Northpointe Blvd. #235, Spring, TX 77379-3522. Her cell number is 713-720-8391. She would love to hear from you.

Judi Craig finished her chemo at M D Anderson last month and got to "ring the bell". She'll have a PET scan this month and hopes the results show she is cancer free.

Send all hospitality notifications to:
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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: Kristen Davis, chairman; Alicia Brooks, Shelly Deakle, Dewolyn Hullum,

and Kathryn 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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February Meeting:

February 27, 2020

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church 5:30 p.m.

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.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

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

Project Graduation: Debbie Reynolds, chairman; Judi Craig, Donna Mohlman, Laura Smith



A Storybook Christmas

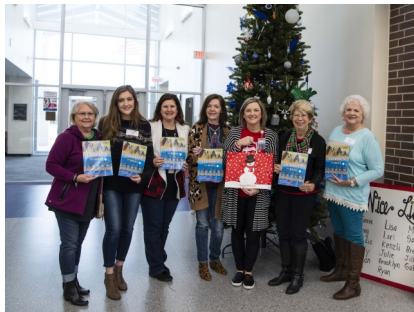


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December Meeting



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of ñ
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
November 21, 2019

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church on November 21, 2019. A quorum being present, President JoAnn Short called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Michelle Verdun led the Chapter Collect, and Joyce Cloudt led the Response.

President Short welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses for this meeting.

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. Julie Kellner announced that the Christmas dinner meeting will be on December 12 at 4:30pm at Peter E. Hyland Center. Epsilon Psi members will enjoy a catered dinner, Mrs. Claus will make a return visit, Mattie Sharp will report on Global Awareness, and members will participate in sending Christmas cards to Global Awareness recipients. Hostesses will be Chair Richie Butler, Meredith Durham, Juanita Hatfield, Michelle Verdun, and Rachel Warren. The cost of the meal is \$10 per person and payable in advance to Treasurer Carolyn Francis. Don't forget to bring baby items for Peter Hyland Center.

A Storybook Christmas packing day is December 6 at 9am at Bañuelos Elementary. Distribution day for *Snowmen at Night* will be December 17.

Reports of Special Committees

President Short gave a hospitality report. Joan Mangum is in Georgia visiting family. Ginger McKay's son, Andrew, is making progress after a car accident but still has a long way to go. Laura Kellner is ill. Carolyn Florus is doing well after a double mastectomy. Debbie Denson had a partial knee replacement and is painfully doing physical therapy.

New Business/Old Business

There will be a necrology service at the February meeting for Ouida Carroll.

Diane Keene, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Florus, and Mary Cooling will be responsible for bringing Project Graduation Raffle prizes for the December meeting.

Program

Judi Mitchell introduced Assistant Baytown Police Chief David Alford as our guest speaker. The program he presented was very informative and relevant. He talked to us about identity theft and cybercrimes. Officer Alford explained that a skimmer is a device designed to illegally capture personal information from the magnetic strip on a credit card. These skimmers are often found at gas pumps, ATMs, and restaurants. He also cautioned us to be aware of phone scams and phishing attempts. Call your local police department and the FBI Internet Crimes Complaint Center if you think you may have been involved in any such activity. JoAnn Short presented Officer Alford with the stuffed animals that Epsilon Psi members donated. The Project Graduation raffle was held, and 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
Thursday, December 12, 2019

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 5:15 p.m. with a quorum and the secretary being present. President Short gave a brief overview of the meeting, *Key 'ping up with Mrs. Claus...Christmas Past and Present*.

In celebration of our Christmas meeting, a catered meal was provided by Antonio's of Baytown. Laura Kellner blessed the meal. Santa Claus arrived and passed out Christmas gifts. Thanks to Michelle Verdun for hosting at the Peter Hyland Center. As our thanks, members donate presents for the Peter Hyland Center's PRS Program. President Short thanked the hostesses for our meal. They were Richie Butler, chair; Meredith Durham, Juanita Hatfield, Michelle Verdun and Rachel Warren.

Mrs. Claus (aka Judi Mitchell) and her four elves arrived to bring us greetings from the North Pole. Her elves this year were Allison Carsey, who was her first elf many years ago. Her grand elves were Grace Anne, Ella and Caroline Carsey. The elves entertained us with Christmas carols.

The Chapter Collect was led by Juanita Hatfield. The Response was led by Joyce Cloudt.

The minutes were sent by email. They were approved as printed. Thanks to Judi Mitchell for serving as acting secretary in November. The treasurer's report was also emailed. It was approved as printed and will be filed for audit.

New Business:

Mattie Sharp passed out cards to be signed. Each member pays \$1 as part of our dues for our part of the Global Awareness World Fellowship Fund, and Mattie talked about what this program accomplishes. The fund is grant money 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 1) Deniz Akyel from Turkey who is working on her Master's degree; 2) Antonelle Pappalla of Argentina working on her Master's degree; 3) Firria Andayani of Indonesia to work on her PhD; 4) Paola Lorena Carrier Avila working on her PhD in Biology; 5) Dipela Jacqueline Mondi of South Africa working on her Master's degree; and 6) Scartelte Fenella Riveria of Costa Rica working on her Master's degree.

Joan Mangum, Hospitality Committee chair, passed out Christmas cards to be signed and then mailed to our members who cannot make the meetings due to health issues.

Our January meeting is our joint birthday celebration hosted by Gamma Nu. The date will be Thursday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church on Baker Road. The topic is *Key to Freedom: Beauty will Rise*. It is on human trafficking and how we can assist in our area.

A reminder by President Short was made that the Nominations Committee for 2020-2022 will need to present nominations for officers and the Nominations Committee members at the February meeting. The members of this committee are Judi Mitchell, chair; Alicia Brooks and Juanita Hatfield.

The Achievement Awards Committee will submit the name(s) of the Chapter Achievement Award recipient(s) to the Executive Board no later than March 15. The members of this committee are Debbie Denson, chair; Michelle Verdun, Juanita Hatfield and Donna Mohlman.

Distribution of books for A Storybook Christmas will be Tuesday, December 17. A special thank you to Robert Francis for all of his help.

The Project Graduation drawing was held. Thanks to Diane Keene, chair, Joyce Cloudt and Carolyn Florus for bringing presents.

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

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, 2019	\$5,196.41
Receipts	<u>161.00</u>
Total Available	\$5,357.41
Disbursements	<u>190.79</u>
Balance, December 17, 2019	\$ 5,166.62

Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:

General Fund	\$ 2,958.47
Scholarship Fund	<u>17,550.05</u>
Savings Balance, December 17, 2019 ..	\$20,508.52
Total Funds Available, Dec 17, 2019....	\$25,675.14

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, Diane Keene, 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 = 36.17%
December	23 = 48.94%
Average	19.60 = 41.14%

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SPRING DUES COLLECTION BEGINS SOON

Treasurer Carolyn Francis will be collecting dues for 2020-2021 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.

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