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President's Message by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

As Tomie dePaola once said, "Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything." As you know, this is especially true and the Lee College Mobile Go Center has been instrumental in promoting the gift of literacy to the children in the Baytown and surrounding areas. On March 23rd Donna Mohlman will speak to us about this reading program and inform us of the many children who have benefitted thereby. Recently the trustees of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International awarded the "EBooks on the Go" project \$10,000 for the 2017-18 fiscal year. As members we are honored to be able to volunteer to help with this project. If you have not been able to participate, there will be future events in which you can help. I encourage all members to be a part of this worthwhile literacy program. I look forward to seeing all of you at 4:30 on March 23rd. It should be an enjoyable evening of fellowship and learning more about the Lee College Mobile Go Center.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

March 23, 2017

First Baptist Church, Baytown

Books on the Go!

Donna Mohlman will inform members about the grant project *Mobile Book Bus* as well as events and outcomes of the project.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Mattie Sharp, chairman; Therese Ruff, JoAnn Short, Cara Skinner, Laura Smith

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for First Baptist Church



Web Watch: International

Registration is now open for all Regional Conferences. Visit www.dkg.org to find out conference agenda, hotel information, and tour information.

Web Watch: Alpha State

Now is your time to participate in free courses at Harvard, Stanford, and MIT (among others). These institutions and other universities offer MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) for the public. Check out the latest *Get Connected!* article online.

Please go online to register for the TSO Convention in Houston!!

Hospitality and Other News:

We are so excited about Kathryn Wright transferring her membership back to Epsilon Psi since she has moved back to Baytown. Welcome back, Kathryn!

Cara Skinner has been in Georgetown taking care of her father, who has just returned home from rehabilitation, and her mother, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Please keep Debbie Denson and family in your prayers. Her husband, Tom Denson, has been having some medical problems.

Bobby Wright, husband of Shirley Wright, is having problems with his good leg.

Please let Judi Abshier know of any hospitality news (gjabshier@comcast.net).

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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 **March** meeting: **Kristen Davis,**

chairman; Laurie Curry, Debbie Denson, and Meredith Durham.

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*

April Meeting:

April 27, 2017

First Baptist Church

A Trip Back in Time

Dewolyn Hullum will lead members on a guided tour of the Baytown Historical Museum. Members will be in-

formed and educated on important events in the history of Baytown.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Lori Woods, chairman; Benny May Thomas, Michelle Verdun, Shirley Wright.



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
February 23, 2017

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at First Baptist Church on February 23, 2017. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Joan Mangum led the Chapter Collect, and Joyce Cloudt led the Response. President Kellner welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses: Judi Mitchell, chairman, and Laura Kellner, Jean Lee, and Donna Mohlman. She also thanked Project Graduation chairman Donna Mohlman and her committee for this month: Carol Peterson, Suzi Powers and Therese Ruff. Thanks were given to everyone who brought stuffed animals.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

The January minutes were approved as printed in the DKG Newsletter. The treasurer's report was also in the newsletter and will be filed for audit. President Kellner announced that the program for the March 23, 2017 meeting would be held at First Baptist Church. Donna Mohlman will inform members about the grant project *Mobile Book Bus* as well as events and outcomes of the project. Donna's project, *Ebooks on the Go*, was recently awarded \$10,000 by the DKG Educational Foundation. Mattie Sharp will be hostess chairman and Therese Ruff, JoAnn Short, Cara Skinner, and Laura Smith are the hostess committee members for March. Kristen Davis will be the March Project Graduation chairman and her committee members will be Laurie Curry, Debbie Denson, and Meredith Durham. Mattie Sharp reported that Epsilon Psi received a thank you note from one of the World Fellowship Scholarship recipients in response to cards that were sent out in December. Kathryn Wright, former Alpha State Parliamentarian, gave a report from Alpha State.

Pat Bumpus, Area 3 Coordinator, reported on the upcoming TSO Convention to be held in Houston in June. The venue has been changed from the Hyatt to the Westin Galleria. Registration forms will be in the March *Lone Star News* as well as on the TSO website. Area 3 needs volunteers to help on the following committees: Opening Ceremonies, Unifying Project, Flags and Banners, Greeters, and Hostesses. Judi Mitchell, chairman for Opening Session, asked for volunteers. Kathryn Wright, Carolyn Francis, Julie Kellner, Meredith Durham, and Juanita Hatfield said they would help. 2017 Unifying Project list of needs and contact information for Area 3 volunteers will be available at the March meeting. Pat Cauley, Membership chairman, asked for names of 50+ members who will be recognized at the Birthday Luncheon at TSO Convention. Epsilon Psi has five 50+ members: Suzi Powers, Ouida Carroll, Benny May Thomas, Aida Dyer, and Annette Harrison. Pat also announced that we have two new proposed members for Epsilon Psi's spring initiation. They are Nova Stippel and Treva Brown. Members voted by secret ballot and both proposed members were accepted for membership. Therese Ruff acknowledged that she was the mystery member who got to spend the night in Cinderella's castle at Disney World in 2008. The first get-together dinner was a success and time and date for the next one were discussed. Pat will send an email.

Reports of Special Committees

Judi Mitchell called for hospitality reports. Cara Skinner's father is in rehab and her mother will be having knee surgery in March.

New Business/Old Business

Cara Skinner has been nominated for the Member in Print Award. Joy Going has been reinstated as an Epsilon Psi member so that she will be remembered at the memorial service at TSO Convention in June. Meagan Lowery introduced the program, *Recipe Swap and Sampling*, by giving some "did you know" facts. Members were asked to tell why they had chosen the dish they brought.

Other Business

The Project Graduation raffle was conducted by Judi Mitchell with the help of Therese Ruff. After the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song", members enjoyed sampling the tasty recipes and visiting with each other.



Happy Birthday!

March

2 Tommye Glynn Clark
2 Dianna Walton
23 Laurie Curry

April

5 Meredith Durham
25 Suzi Powers



Treasurer's Report

Balance, March 1, 2017	\$ 7,515.40
Receipts	0.00
Total Available.....	\$ 7,515.40
Disbursements.....	27.40
Balance, March 13, 2017	\$ 7,488.00
Savings Accounts	
General Fund	\$ 3,939.55
Scholarship Fund.....	11,839.93
Total Funds Available, March 13, 2017	\$23,267.48

Perfect Attendance

The following members have perfect attendance for 2016-2017: Richie Butler, Pat Cauley, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Judi Mitchell and Mattie Sharp. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, 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.

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%
January	24 = 51.06%
February	19 = 40.43%
Average.....	21.71 = 46.20%

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