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President's Message by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

As someone once said, "Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is." I am very happy about our recent weather and the changing of the season. In the spirit of new beauty and life, I look forward to seeing each of you on Thursday, March 22nd, as we fulfill the number one purpose of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship. We will be informed of the Baytown Chain Breakers and Beauty Will Rise programs and how they have helped to reach into the darkness of human trafficking to befriend and witness to those enslaved. This program is so fitting with the current "Me Too" movement that has swept our nation. I enjoy our fellowship, and I look forward to seeing each of you at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church for the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

March 22, 2018

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

Breaking Free

Allison Henderson from Chain Breakers and Rose Bolt from Beauty Will Rise will inform members of slave trafficking in the Baytown Area.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Joyce Cloudt, chairman; Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling, Judi Craig, Laurie Curry, Kristen Davis, Paula Jackson

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International

Check out the DKG International website for lots of information regarding the International convention. You will find hotel information and discount codes for shuttle rides from the airport. If you haven't registered yet, you can find two ways to register: online or by mail.

Web Watch: Alpha State

Presenters are needed for breakout sessions in Waco. You can find applications on the Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee page at www.dkgtexas.org.

Hospitality and Other News:

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 benefitting the four Goose Creek high schools.

The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the **March** meeting: **Mer-edith Durham, chairman; Carolyn Florus, Carolyn**

Francis, Diane Keene, Ginger McKay, Nova Stippel.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please give your prize to another Epsilon Psi member who will be in attendance.



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April Meeting:

April 26, 2018

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

Where are They Now?

Former Grant-in-Aid recipients will be invited to share their teaching experience or progress in their current uni-

versity studies. The 2018 Grant-in-Aid and Chapter Scholarship winners will be recognized. New officers will be installed and the Chapter Achievement Award will be given to a deserving member.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Debbie Den-son, chairman; Tommye Glynn Clark, Juanita Hatfield, Meagan Lowery, Joan Mangum



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
February 22, 2018

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church on February 22, 2018. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Carolyn Francis led the Chapter Collect and Response.

President Kellner welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced special guest Denise Charlston, Area III Coordinator. President Kellner thanked the hostesses for today's meeting: Therese Ruff, chairman, and committee members Suzi Powers, Mattie Sharp, Dorothy Shields and JoAnn Short. President Kellner also thanked Richie Butler, Project Graduation chairman, and her committee this month: Treva Brown-Askey, Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Carol Peterson, Laura Smith and Lori Woods.

Program: Carolyn Francis introduced Bernard Olive as our speaker for tonight. Bernard is Baytown's Assistant Fire Chief and Baytown Fire Marshall. Bernard has been with the fire department for 45 years. He is a master peace officer as well as a master firefighter. He told us about the only remaining fire truck from the Texas City disaster which happened April 16, 1947. It belonged to the Pelly Fire Department at the time. Bernard bought the truck in 1977 and has restored it. We presented Fire Marshall Olive with many stuffed animals to be used by the Baytown Police and the Baytown Fire Department. These stuffed animals will be given to children in crisis situations to help them feel more comfortable and safer. He also gave us some safety tips.

Minutes: Minutes of the January joint meeting with Gamma Nu were printed in the Newsletter and approved as printed.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was printed in the Newsletter. It will be filed for audit.

March Program: On March 22, 2018, a speaker representing the Chain Breaker program at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church and Rose Bolt from Beauty Will Rise will inform members about slave trafficking in the Baytown area and what these programs are doing to help with this situation. Hostesses for this meeting will be Joyce Cloudt, chairman; Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling, Judi Craig, Laurie Curry, Kristen Davis, and Paula Jackson. Meredith Durham will be the Project Graduation chairman. Committee members will be Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Ginger McKay, and Nova Stippel.

Correspondence: none

Membership: We voted to accept Elma Villanueva, Assistant Principal at Carver Elementary, as a new member to be initiated at the October 2018 meeting.

Reports of Special Committees

Founders' Banquet will be held on May 10, 2018, at the Eagle Point Banquet Room. The theme will be "Around Bridges."

Nominations: The Nominations Committee presented the 2018 -2020 biennium slate of officers: President, JoAnn Short; 1st Vice President, Julie Kellner; 2nd Vice President, Judi Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Cloudt; Recording Secretary, Carolyn Florus. Julie opened the floor for nominations. Seeing none, the motion to accept this slate of officers was carried by acclamation. Kathryn Wright has been appointed by the incoming president to be parliamentarian and Carolyn Francis, treasurer. The Nominations Committee for the next biennium will be Judi Mitchell, chairman and retired representative; Alicia Brooks, secondary representative serving for four years and 2020-2022 biennium chairman; and Juanita Hatfield, elementary representative for two years.

Special guest Denise Charlston, Area III Coordinator, brought us a word from State President Jo Murphy inviting us to the Texas State Convention, June 14-16, 2018, in Waco. She also invited everyone to a reception honoring Dr. Murphy on April 22, 2018, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pasadena. There will be a DKG Star3 workshop at First Presbyterian Church, Galveston, on April 28. The International Convention will be in Austin, July 16-20, 2018. On September 29, 2018, there will be an Area III Workshop.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Announcements: Carolyn Francis has yearbooks if you have not received one. Cara Skinner has written a new book called Sophia's Storm, an historical fiction about the 1900 storm in Galveston, Texas. Robert Francis is planning a bus trip to Pigeon Forge, July 22-28. The cost is \$654.00.

Project Graduation: President Kellner conducted the Project Graduation raffle after which the meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President



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, 2018.....	\$ 4,614.34
Receipts	<u>113.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$4,727.34
Disbursements.....	<u>0.00</u>
Balance, March 17, 2018.....	\$4,727.34

Savings Accounts:

General Fund	\$ 4,043.53
Scholarship Fund	<u>16,175.23</u>
Total Funds Available, March 17, 2018	\$24,946.10

Perfect Attendance

The following members have perfect attendance for 2017-2018: Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner and Judi Mitchell. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com 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	16 = 32.65%
September	19 = 39.58%
October	25 = 49.02%
November	17 = 34.69%
December.....	22 = 44.90%
January.....	12 = 24.49%
February.....	22 = 44.90%
Average	21.71 = 46.20%

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Meagan Lowery, Second Vice President

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, Corresponding Secretary

Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

Laura Kellner, Parliamentarian

Paula Jackson, Immed. Past President