

Epsilon Psi Newsletter

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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

practice social distancing and plan to meet in April. The next meeting is planned for April 23, 2020. The program "Key to our Future Leadership" will be presented including our Installation of 2020-2022 officers. I wish you well and leave you with these thoughts from a poem by Laura Kelly Fancucci:

Dear Sisters,

As I survey all of the surreal events of the past few days, I am dismayed, yet optimistic at the same time. We have witnessed our everyday lives go from very comfortable and uninhibited to on-edge and worrisome at times. I am reminded of a quote from Christian heroine and Nazi concentration camp survivor and author, Corrie ten Boom, "Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow and troubles, it empties today of its strength." We must choose to put joy and positive energy into our daily lives and see the positive in all that we do. As the Bible says in Philippians 4:6-7; "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." God wants us to have peace and for us to not worry. Let HIM provide us with strength and carry us through. Give your worry to HIM and find the joy in your new temporarily normal day. We will overcome this challenge and gain strength from the lessons learned along the journey. May we take this opportunity to see the silver linings, and find hope in the blessings in our community that are happening every day around us.

With the current situation and concerns regarding COVID 19, Epsilon Psi's Executive Committee has decided to cancel the meeting which is scheduled on March 26, 2020. We feel that it is in the best interest of all of our members to

"When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a
stranger
Full shelves at the
store
Conversations with
neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each
morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way- better
for each other
because of the
worst."

May we weather the storm and cherish the sun as it clears. Looking forward to seeing you soon! If any of you need anything, please feel free to call me at any time!
Love,
JoAnn Short

Next Meeting: Cancelled

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International

Please take the time to watch the Corona Virus Update and how it affects the 2020 DKG convention video on YouTube. You can click the story on the main page of the International Website (www.dkg.org).

Web Watch: Alpha State



You can continue to read the Convention Keys volumes on the website regarding the TSO Convention. There isn't any news regarding Corona Virus affects on the state website, but we will keep watching! (Image is from DKG website.)

TSO McAllen Convention Visual Arts Application is due April 15, 2020.

Hospitality and Other News:



Please let Joan Mangum know of any hospitality news.

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Clip art is from Microsoft Office.

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: **Mattie Sharp, chairman; Ruth Blake, Michelle Verdun, Shirley Wright.**

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



Clipart from Microsoft Office

April Meeting:

April 23, 2020

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

The Key to Our Future Is Leadership

The Achievement Award Committee and the Scholarships Committee will introduce the 2020 Chapter Achievement Award, Grant-in-Aid, and Chapter Scholarship recipients. The Ceremonies Committee will lead us in the installation of our 2020-2022 officers.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Judy Abshier, chair; Debbie Denson, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Laura Smith, Lacy White



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2020

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was held at Rollingbrook Fellowship, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, TX. Epsilon Psi President JoAnn Short called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the secretary being present. A thank you was given to Judi Mitchell, chairman, and her committee, Amie Briscoe, Diane Keene and Lorena Lankford, for refreshments. Roll was taken by Treasurer Carolyn Francis.

Richie Butler led the Collect, and all members gave the Response.

Old Business:

- The minutes were approved as printed and were in your February newsletter. The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.
- The Nominations Committee, chaired by Judi Mitchell with members Alicia Brooks and Juanita Hatfield, presented the slate of officers for 2020-2022. President—Kristen Davis; First Vice President—Joan Mangum; Second Vice President—JoAnn Short; Corresponding Secretary—Juanita Hatfield; Recording Secretary—Richie Butler; Treasurer—Carolyn Francis; and Parliamentarian—Kathryn Wright. The motion from the committee to approve the officers as presented passed.
- Kristen Davis reminded us that the March program will be given on "Prevention Is the Key to Health". It will be presented by Dr. Mary Hewitt. The next meeting is March 26, 2020 at Rollingbrook Fellowship, 5:00 for refreshments and 5:30 for the meeting.
- Hospitality Committee Chairman Joan Mangum passed out Valentine candy after giving her report on some of our members. She mailed Valentine's cards to our members. Joan reported on Judi Craig, Judy Abshier and Lisa McBride.
- Mattie Sharp, chairman of the Global Awareness Committee, received a note from Scartelte Riveria for the Christmas card we sent as part of Global Awareness.
- Dues are due no later than May 31, checks made payable to Epsilon Psi. Please remit to Treasurer Carolyn Francis.

New Business:

- To qualify for Relay For Life luminary clubs, organizations must sell at least \$500 worth of luminaries. Relay For Life will be held on April 3. No one seemed interested in forming a luminary club.
- The Founders' Banquet is scheduled for May 7 at Eagle Pointe in Mont Belvieu, but Eagle Point is not available on that date. The motion was made by Carolyn Francis and seconded by Judi Mitchell to keep the meeting place the same but change the date to May 14. Motion passed.
- Alicia Brooks will be in charge of the Epsilon Psi newsletter for the next biennium.
- The Star 3 program will be held in Galveston on March 28. Kathryn Wright will be teaching a photography session.

Program:

Kathryn Wright presented the program, "The Heart of Our Legacy Is the Key to Success". Kathryn has been a member for 47 years. In 1973 her good friend Suzi Powers invited her for coffee, and she was asked to be a member. She was teaching at Robert E. Lee High School, Baytown. Her service to DKG has been on all levels. She made sure we understood the opportunities offered by DKG. Annie Webb Blanton was one of our founders. She was the first woman to be State Superintendent of Education. Mamie Sue Bastian started the Birthday Luncheon. She was instrumental in the Teacher Retirement System. She also started the Classroom Teachers Association. This was responsible for a pay raise. Lalla M. Odom (1917) married, and her contract was changed to substitute teacher. The Austin School Board reversed their decision, and married teachers could receive a "real" contract, not a substitute. If it were not for the dedication and determination of our twelve founders, it would have taken longer to get equal rights for women teachers.

The Project Graduation raffle drawing was held by Debbie Reynolds. Her committee was Judi Craig, Donna Mohlman and Laura Smith. Thanks to all of you.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Carolyn Florus, Recording Secretary

JoAnn Short, President

Happy Birthday!

March

2 Tommye Glynn Clark
23 Laurie Curry
31 Rachel Warren

April

5 Meredith Durham
25 Suzi Powers



Treasurer's Report



Balance, March 1, 2020.....	\$ 5,215.62
Receipts	<u>2,176.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$ 7,391.62
Disbursements	<u>516.00</u>
Balance, March 12, 2020.....	<u>\$ 6,875.62</u>
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 2,958.85
Scholarship Fund.....	<u>17,552.24</u>
Savings Balance, March 12, 2020	\$20,511.09
Total Funds Available, Mar 12, 2020...	<u>\$27,386.71</u>

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, 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 = 34.69%
December	23 = 46.94%
January	18 = 36.73%
February	25 = 51.02%
Average.....	20.14 = 41.43%

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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

SPRING DUES COLLECTION BEGINS NOW

Treasurer Carolyn Francis is collecting dues for 2020-2021. If you need to pay dues in installments, please see Carolyn to make arrangements. Forms for spring dues collection is included on p. 6 of this newsletter. The last day to pay dues is May 31, but let's see if we can be the first chapter to pay 100% of our dues.