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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

VISION STATEMENT:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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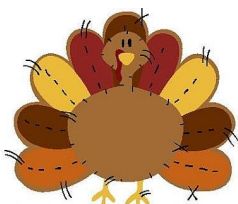
President's Message by: Julie Kellner

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meeting on Thursday, November 16th. Barbara Hinojosa, a representative of The Promise Center, will inform us of the many contributions they have made to Baytown. The Promise Center located on Market Street was founded in 1999 and provides assistance to the youth and families of Baytown in different areas. Currently, they have a study club where high school and adult volunteers help students with homework. Families have been supported with food donations and students with backpacks. These are just a few of the ways this organization has benefitted the community. Please make every effort to attend the meeting as we will also remember and honor Joy Harrison Going, Gertrude Marsh, and Pat Cauley through the necrology ceremony. I'm sure all of us are looking forward to the Thanksgiving break and our Christmas meeting which will be held again this year at The Peter Hyland Center on December 14th at 4:30 for the dinner and 5:00 for the business meeting. Please be sure to bring diapers and baby wipes for the daycare program at the school.



Happy Thanksgiving

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Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

November 16, 2017, Thursday, 5 p.m.
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church
505 Rollingbrook Drive Baytown

Hostesses: Lori Woods, chairman; Ginger McKay, Michelle Verdun, Shirley Wright

Hope for the Future

A representative from The Promise Center of Baytown will inform members of the after-school program provided to benefit our youth.

Please bring these needed items for the food pantry:

Canned spaghetti sauce, alfredo sauce, canned soups, canned chili, macaroni and cheese, Chef Boy Ardee spaghetti and ravioli, bagged or boxed rice, spaghetti noodles, elbow macaroni noodles, peanut butter, grape jelly, and crackers

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

December: We will bring baby items to donate to the daycare at Peter Hyland Center.

February: We will donate stuffed animals to the local police and fire departments.

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rolling Brook Fellowship.



Web Watch: International

Take time to visit the Fall 2017 Art Gallery on the DKG International website. This is a place where members can display their creative arts and where we can enjoy and learn about arts and crafts. There is visual art, writing, music, and video categories. Here is the link to this great art gallery: <http://gallery.dkg.org/index.html>.

Web Watch: Alpha State

If you have ever wondered what the TSO headquarters looks like in Dallas, you are in luck! You can find a slide show with pictures taken throughout the suite of offices. You can find the link to this PowerPoint at: <http://www.dkgtxas.org/tso-headquarters.html>.

Hospitality and Other News:

Please let Judi Abshier know of any hospitality news.

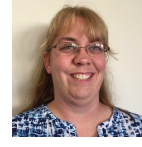
Welcome new members!



Barbara Carter



Jamie Graves



Debbie Reynolds

Yearbook Corrections and Changes

Please make the following corrections in your 2017-2018 yearbooks:

The date of the January meeting should be January 11, 2018, not January 26, 2017.

The date of the Founders' Banquet should be May 10, 2018, not May 11, 2017.

Add the following new members to your 2017-2018 yearbooks:

CARTER, Barbara713.724.5988 (cell)
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 Teacher – Highlands Junior School281.420.4695
 Birthday: December 17

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 Teacher – James Bowie Elementary281.420.4605
 Birthday: July 13

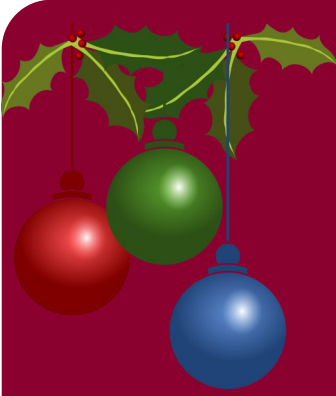


Project Graduation

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 **November** meeting: **Judy Abshier, chairman; Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Treva Brown-Askey, Richie Butler, Meagan Lowery, Joan Mangum.**

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



December Meeting:

Dec. 14th

4:30 Fellowship

5:00 Meeting/Dinner

Peter E. Hyland Center

1906 Decker Driver

The Heart of Christmas

Epsilon Psi members will enjoy a catered dinner and listen to local singer Don Cunningham share several holiday songs. Members will also participate in sending Christmas cards to World Fellowship recipients and donate presents for the Peter Hyland Center's PRS Program.

Hostesses: Carolyn Florus, chairman; Debbie Denson, Meredith Durham, Carolyn Francis.

For the catered meal, we will have fajitas. The cost is \$16 per person. You can pay Carolyn Francis at our next meeting.

A Storybook Christmas

For Storybook Christmas we have decided to change the book we were planning to purchase. The new book will be *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. The packing day will be at 10:00 on Monday, December 4th, at Banuelos Elementary in Baytown. The distribution date will be either December 13th or 14th. More information will be given at our meetings.

Project Graduation: December

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 **December** meeting: **Juanita Hatfield, chairman; De-wolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Jean Lee, Kathryn Wright**

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta
Kappa Gamma Society International
October 26, 2017

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook, on October 26, 2017. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Kristen Davis led the Collect and Response. President Kellner welcomed everyone to the initiation ceremony of three initiates. Carolyn Florus, Ceremonials Chairman, led the three women and their escorts into the room while members stood. Debra Reynolds was escorted by her mother, Donna Mohlman, Jamie Graves was escorted by Kathryn Wright, and Barbara Carter was escorted by Carolyn Francis. Carolyn Florus presented the initiates to President Kellner. With the help of Dewolyn Hullum, Meagan Lowery, and Judi Mitchell, President Kellner led the initiation ceremony. After signing the official register, Debra, Jamie, and Barbara were presented a long stem red rose and welcomed into Epsilon Psi. A business meeting followed the initiation.

President Kellner thanked Carolyn Florus and the Ceremonials Committee for a beautiful ceremony. She also thanked the October hostesses: Chairman Kristen Davis, Laurie Curry, Debbie Denson, Meredith Durham, and Meagan Lowery.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the September DKG Newsletter. The treasurer's report was also in the newsletter and will be filed for audit.

Program: The November meeting will be held on the 16th at 4:30 in the Rollingbrook Fellowship Church chapel. Barbara Hinojosa from the Promise Center will be our speaker for the evening. There will also be a necrology ceremony to remember our sisters Joy Going and Pat Cauley.

Service Projects: Please remember to bring canned goods to help the Rollingbrook Fellowship food pantry. Needed items are listed in the November newsletter. For the December meeting we will bring diapers or diaper wipes to benefit the Peter Hyland Center.

Storybook Christmas: The Storybook Christmas Committee met on Tuesday October 24 at Barbers Hill Elementary North to select a book for the 1st graders this year. They selected *Toot and Puddle Let it Snow* by Holly Hobbie. Packing day will be the week of December 4, 2017, at Banuelos Elementary. Exact packing date will be announced soon. The books will be distributed Wednesday, December 13. Laura Kellner made a motion that participation at packing day be counted as an exchange day for an Epsilon Psi meeting. JoAnn Short seconded the motion which carried.

Yearbook: Carolyn Francis passed out this year's Yearbooks. Those who did not wear their society pin were asked to feed the ASTEF pig. Carolyn reported that money for gift cards to be given to Hurricane Harvey victims is still being collected.

Reports of Special Committees

Hospitality Report: Former member, Lyla Nettles, has pancreatic cancer and has hospice care; husband of member Laura Smith, David Smith, had a bad motorcycle wreck and has had several surgeries; Bruce Davis is doing well; and Milton Kellner is finished with radiation and goes to MD Anderson for CT scans soon.

New Business: Our Christmas dinner at Peter Hyland Center will be catered by Iguana Joe's. Kathryn Wright reported that former state president Marilyn Gregory has been nominated for Southwest Regional Director. Kathryn also asked for volunteers to learn how to make beaded bluebonnets. Several members volunteered. These bluebonnets will be put together, with the help of these volunteers, at our January joint meeting with Gamma Nu.

The Project Graduation drawing was held, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm with the singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song. A cake and punch reception honoring our new members followed.

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President

Happy Birthday!

November

7 Joyce Cloudt
19 Lori Woods
21 Cara Skinner
25 Joan Mangum
26 Juanita Hatfield

December

9 Paula Jackson
13 Benny May Thomas
16 Jamie Graves
24 Laura Kellner
27 Therese Ruff



Treasurer's Report

Balance, October 1, 2017	\$ 9,060.21
Receipts	<u>1,331.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$10,391.21
Disbursements.....	<u>235.89</u>
Balance, October 31, 2017.....	\$10,155.32
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 3,992.21
Scholarship Fund	<u>14,219.92</u>
Savings Balance, October 31, 2017	\$18,212.13
Total Funds Available, October 31, 2017	\$28,367.45



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 Thursday of each month to Epsilon Psi by attending and participating in its meetings, activities and service projects.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2017-2018: Barbara Carter, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn

Francis, Jamie Graves, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell and Debbie Reynolds. 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	16 = 32.65%
September	19 = 39.58%
October	25 = 49.02%
Average	20 = 36.12%

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Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

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Paula Jackson, Immed. Past President