

# Epsilon Psi Newsletter

Epsilon Psi Chapter (#143), Area III, Baytown  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,  
Texas State Organization

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## MISSION

### STATEMENT:

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

## VISION

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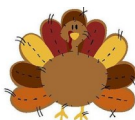
Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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JoAnn Short,  
President 2018-2020



Happy Thanksgiving

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## President's Message by: JoAnn Short

Dear Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters,

William Arthur Ward once wrote, "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into JOY, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." Gratitude is an attitude that can transform our lives. As I look back over the past few months, I am so grateful for all of the thanksgivings, joy and blessings I have experienced. Each of you have been part of those blessings. From the Delta Kappa Gamma reunion celebration to our recent induction of new candidates, we have embraced our founders' purposes to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators. I am grateful and thankful for your service and our friendship. What a blessing each of you are to our society!

As we approach the holidays of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving may we continue to be thankful and find blessings in our lives. To celebrate the blessings of our country, we will be "Saluting our Military" on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have fellowship starting at 4:30p.m. and at 5:00p.m. a representative from the American Legion/Veterans of Foreign War present a patriotic program. Our business meeting will follow the program. I encourage you to come in your "red, white, and blue" to celebrate with us! We will also be receiving information about our Christmas celebration from our host committee. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our meeting!

Blessed Beyond Measure,  
JoAnn Short

## Next Meeting:

**November 15, 2018**  
**4:30 p.m. Fellowship**  
**5 p.m. Meeting**  
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church  
505 Rollingbrook Drive Baytown

*Saluting Our Military*

A representative from the American Legion/VFW will present a patriotic program.

**Hostesses:** Judy Abshier, chairman; Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Joan Mangum

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

JoAnn Short and Kristen Davis, editors  
sjhshort@comcast.net and davisk0928@gmail.com



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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 department.

Monthly: Project Gradua-

tion; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



## Web Watch: International

On the DKG International website, you will see a new look. You will still need to use your login information to access Members Only information. You can also find information under events for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia!

## Web Watch: Alpha State

On the TSO website, you can find an updated Model Chapter Rules. Chapters are able to use this model to update their rules. You can find the link below.

<https://www.dkgtexas.org/>

## Hospitality and Other News:

Birthday greetings to Joyce Cloudt, Cara Skinner, Joan Mangum, Juanita Hatfield, Benny May Thomas, Laura Kellner, and Therese Ruff!

Robert Florus, son of Don and Carolyn Florus, has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in his colon.

Cara Skinner's father, Floyd Rhodes, has had two more mini strokes but is doing okay. Cara is now living in Georgetown so she can help take care of her parents.

Members, please keep us informed of special events in your lives...trips, wedding, births, achievements, as well as illnesses and losses.

Send all hospitality notifications to:

Joan Mangum

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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 **November** meeting: **Ginger McKay, chairman; Michelle Verdun, Kathryn Wright.**

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



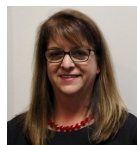
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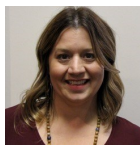
## Welcome New Members!



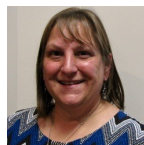
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Grade 4 ELA teacher  
BH Elementary North



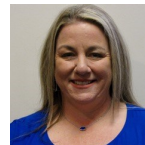
Elma Villanueva  
Assistant Principal  
Carver Elementary



Ami Briscoe  
Grade 3 ELA teacher  
BH Elementary



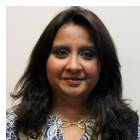
Lisa McBride  
SILC-Structured Learning  
Carver Elementary



Shelley Deakle  
Assistant Principal  
BH High School



Susan Minix  
Retired teacher  
Harlem Elementary



Lorena Lankford  
Grade 3 teacher  
BH Elementary South



Lacy White  
Grade 4 Math/Sci/SS BH  
Elementary North



## Yearbook Corrections and Changes

Please make the following corrections in your 2018-2019 yearbooks:

Delete anything with Jamie Graves' name on it.

Add the following new members to your 2018-2019 yearbooks:

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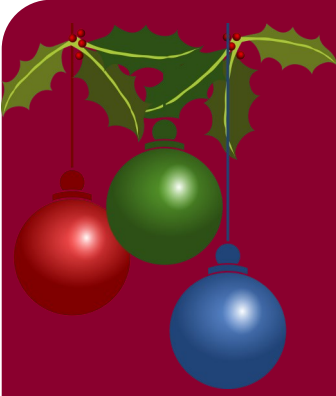
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## December Meeting:

**Dec. 13, 2018**

**4:30 Fellowship**

**5:00 Meeting/Dinner**

**Peter E. Hyland Center**

**1906 Decker Driver**

***Bridging Christmas Past  
and Christmas Present***

Epsilon Psi members will enjoy a catered dinner. Mrs. Claus (Judi Mitchell) will make a return visit with her elves. Mattie Sharp will report on Global Awareness and members will participate in sending Christmas cards to World Fellowship recipients. Members will donate presents for the Peter Hyland Center's PRS Program.

Hostesses: Carolyn Florus, chairman; Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Kathryn Wright.

## A Storybook Christmas

This year's book is *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* by Laura Numeroff. The packing day Monday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. at Banuelos Elementary in Baytown. More information will be given at our November meeting. The distribution date will be December 13th. Please find time to help with this wonderful event!

## 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: **Meredith Durham, chairman; Debbie Denson, Carolyn Francis, Debbie Reynolds.**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Epsilon Psi Chapter  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Thursday, October 25, 2018

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was held at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, Baytown, TX. Epsilon Psi President JoAnn Short called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. with the secretary being present. There were 28 members present.

The ceremony for the induction of eight new members was held following the traditional format. Music for the event was provided by Ruth Blake. The new members inducted were Ami Briscoe, Shelley Deakle, Lorena Lankford, Lisa McBride, Susan Minix, Elma Villanueva, Rachel Warren and Lacy White. We welcome them to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Epsilon Psi Chapter of Alpha State, Texas.

President JoAnn Short thanked Judi Mitchell, membership committee chair, for all of her work on the new membership, Kristen Davis for her technology help with the election process, and Julie Kellner for presenting an outstanding orientation session for our new members. Also a thank you was given to the hostesses, Joan Mangum, chair, Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks and Richie Butler for the snacks before the meeting and the delicious cake and punch afterwards as we welcomed our new members. The minutes from September were approved as printed in the newsletter and will be filed. The treasurer's report was also printed in the newsletter; with no corrections, it will be filed for audit.

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

Joan Mangum, hospitality chair, reported on the visit with Jean Lee. All other correspondence was in the newsletter. She also saw both Pat Kana and Nova Stippel and encouraged them to come back to the Society.

Julie Kellner reminded us that the November program will be "Saluting Our Military". The social part will start at 4:30pm with the business meeting starting at 5:00.

Mattie Sharp gave a report on the Area 3 Workshop that was held on Saturday, September 29. Epsilon Psi had seven members in attendance. The sessions were broken down so that all could attend three sessions. Mattie and Carolyn Florus both attended Pulpwood Queen, and Carolyn also attended the one for secretaries. All of the sessions were useful and fun.

**New Business**

Carolyn Francis collects a \$.25 fine from each member who is not wearing her Delta Kappa Gamma keypin. It goes in the blue piggy bank. The money is given to Project Graduation. Dewolyn Hullum asked if we were successful in getting keypins returned from our deceased members' families and our resigning members. Not as many or returned as should be.

Carolyn Francis asked to be reimbursed for \$423.25 for DKG supplies. Our supplies are running low and when she orders she does it for several years to keep costs down. We had to order small candlesticks for the induction, members' keypins, presidents' bapins and Achievement Award rose guards. Laura Kellner moved to reimburse Carolyn Francis, seconded by Alicia Brooks. Motion carried.

Yearbooks were distributed by Carolyn Francis. We also thanked the GCCISD Print Shop for printing our yearbooks for a nominal fee.

A reminder that Gamma Nu and Epsilon Psi will host a DKG reunion from 6pm to 7:15, November 2, at Trinity Episcopal Church on Cedar Bayou Lynchburg. We will be honoring Sandra Duree and Jay Staley.

**Program**

The program led by Laura Kellner was "Untold Stories...A Bridge of Friendship". Many members told stories about themselves and other members in our chapter. It was an excellent insight to our members.

**Project Graduation**

A thank you was given to Project Graduation members who brought gifts: Carolyn Francis, chair, Carolyn Florus, Juanita Hatfield and Dewolyn Hullum. Also members were reminded that drawing gifts should not be over \$25. Gifts were then drawn.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song" at 5:45pm. This was followed by a reception of our new members.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Florus  
Secretary

JoAnn Short  
President





## Happy Birthday!

### November

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

### December

2 Lorena Lankford  
12 Ami Briscoe  
13 Benny May Thomas  
24 Laura Kellner  
27 Therese Ruff



## Treasurer's Report

Balance, October 1, 2018 .....	\$ 8,728.48
Receipts .....	<u>1,642.50</u>
Total Available.....	\$10,370.98
Disbursements.....	<u>463.06</u>
Balance, <u>October 31</u> , 2018.....	\$ 9,907.92
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund .....	\$ 2,906.52
Scholarship Fund .....	<u>15,938.89</u>
Savings Balance, October 31, 2018.....	\$18,845.41
Total Funds Available, Oct 31, 2018 ....	\$28,753.33

## 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 2018-2019: Ruth Blake, Ami Briscoe, Richie Butler, Shelley Deakle, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Lorena Lankford, Joan Mangum, Lisa McBride, Susan Minix, Donna Mohlman, Mattie

Sharp, JoAnn Short, Elma Villanueva, Rachel Warren, Lacy White 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 for PACE Award

August .....	14 = 29.79%
September .....	23 = 51.11%
October .....	28 = 53.85%
Average .....	21.67 = 44.91%

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**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