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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 STATEMENT:

Leading Women
Educators Impact-
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Worldwide.

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JoAnn Short,
President 2018-2020

Dear Epsilon Psi sisters,

The author of *The Hope Guru*, Germany Kent wrote, "It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are **grateful** for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack." "Gratitude is one of the most powerful human emotions. Once expressed, it changes attitude, brightens outlook, and broadens our perspective." This is true of the person expressing the gratitude and also of the one receiving the blessing! I am so GRATEFUL for each of you! Our members are amazing and you inspire me with your talents and love for one another. I am thankful for those of you that attend the meetings,

Next Meeting:

November 21, 2019
5:00 p.m. Fellowship
5:30 p.m. Meeting
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church
505 Rollingbrook Drive Baytown

The Key to Steering Clear of Scams

Assistant Chief David Alford from Baytown Police Department will present an informative session on scams and fraud prevention.

President's Message by: JoAnn Short

call others to encourage them and make every effort to participate. You are the KEY to our organization. Please know that each of you is a blessing to our organization and a valued friend! I am THANKFUL for you as I count your friendship as a blessing! We were blessed by three new members joining our society! Please join with me in making them feel welcomed and a part of our wonderful organization.

As we approach the holidays, may we continue to see the blessings in our lives. We have several events that will be enlightening and entertaining, so plan to attend these society gatherings! Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st, with fellowship at 5:00p.m. and the meeting beginning at 5:30p.m. To help prepare for the holiday season, Assistant Chief David Alford from the Baytown Police Department will present a program "The Key to Steering Clear of Scams". This should be beneficial to all members. Our December meeting "Key'-ping up with Mrs. Claus" will be truly delightful and entertaining. It will be held December 12th at the Peter Hyland Center. We will be receiving information about our Christmas celebration from our host committee at the November meeting. I am looking forward to seeing each of you and celebrating our thanksgivings! Also, remember to bring canned goods to donate to the Rollingbrook Fellowship Food Bank.

With a Thankful Heart,
JoAnn Short

Hostesses: Ruth Blake, chair; Alicia Brooks, Shelley Deakle, Debbie Denson, Ginger McKay

Please remember to bring your canned goods and stuffed animals to the meeting.



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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

November: We will donate stuffed animals to the local police department.

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

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International

Please take the time to visit DKG International website's Fall 2019 Gallery. There are some beautiful photos, paintings, drawings, creative writings, a song, and a dramatic video in this Fine Arts Gallery all submitted by members. They are all beautiful!

The Nov/Dec 2019 issue of *DKG News* is available online at <https://www.dkg.org> under the Publications tab. Your Member ID is your username. If you do not know your Member ID, contact Carolyn Francis at crfranci@me.com or text her at 713-705-1540.

Web Watch: Alpha State

There is a third volume to Convention Keys to help plan your visit to the 91st Texas State Convention.

The Fall 2019 issue of *The Lone Star News* is available online at <https://www.dkgtexas.org>.

Peter Hyland Pecan Sale

The Peter Hyland Annual Pecan sale is going on now. The pecans are \$13 for a one pound bag. Contact Michelle Verdun at 281-420-4555 if you are interested.



Hospitality and Other News:

Please keep Benny May Thomas and family in your prayers for the loss of her husband, PeeWee Thomas.

Mary Turner-Cooling's brother, Edwin Keith Newsom, passed away October 31. Please keep her in your prayers.

Members, please keep us informed of special events in your lives...trips, weddings, 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: **Laura Kellner, chair; Carolyn Francis, Julie Kellner, JoAnn Short, Lacy White.**

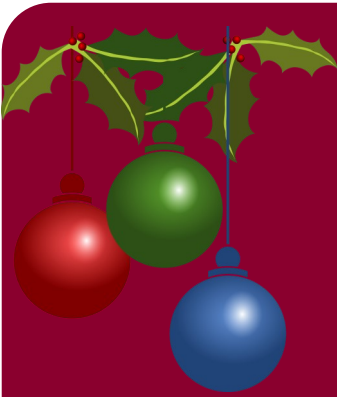
If you cannot attend the meeting, please give your prize to another Epsilon Psi member who will be in attendance.



New Member Induction:



New inductees pictured left to right:
Jayme Curry, Dana Vela-Lopez,
Lindsay Barnett (not pictured).



December Meeting:

Dec. 12, 2019

5:00 p.m. Fellowship

5:30 p.m. Meeting

Peter E. Hyland Center

1906 Decker Driver

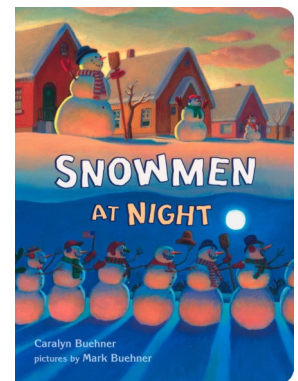
'Key'ping up with Mrs. Claus...Christmas Past and Present

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 Global Awareness recipients.

Hostesses: Richie Butler, chair; Meredith Durham, Juanita Hatfield, Michelle Verdun, Rachel Warren

A Storybook Christmas

This year's book is called *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner. Mark your calendar for either Dec. 2nd or 6th for a packing day at Banuelos Elementary in Baytown. More information will be provided at our meeting.



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: **Diane Keene, chair; Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Florus, Mary Cooling**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2019

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 5:30 p.m. with the secretary and a quorum being present. The Collect was read by Juanita Hatfield and the Response was led by Joyce Cloudt and members.

The ceremony for the induction of new members was held following the traditional format. The new members inducted were Jayme Curry and Dana Vela-Lopez. Lindsay Barnett was unable to attend and will be inducted at a later date.

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, Carolyn Francis, chair, and members Carolyn Florus, Juanita Hatfield and Dewolyn Hullum for 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 approved as printed in the newsletter, with no corrections, and will be filed for audit.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Joan Mangum, Hospitality chair, reported on the death of Laura Kellner's husband Milton. He was also the father-in-law of Julie Kellner. Shirley Wright has broken her hip. Judi Craig is undergoing chemotherapy. The husband of Marilyn Gregory, Past TSO President, has had surgery. Judi Mitchell's granddaughter, Grace Ann Carsey, was the Goose Creek CISD tennis female player of the year. Kathryn Wright gave a report from Alpha State. We were also reminded that the DKG State Convention is in McAllen this summer, June 17-19.

Julie Kellner reminded us that the November program will be "The Key to Steering Clear of Scams" presented by Baytown Assistant Chief of Police David Alford. Remember to bring stuffed animals so the police officers will have them for traumatized children.

Julie Kellner also reported on A Storybook Christmas. There will be a meeting on October 29 to decide on the book that we and Gamma Nu will give to all first graders in Baytown private schools, GCCISD and BHISD. She will let us know the decision on the book and packing day.

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.

Yearbooks were distributed by Carolyn Francis to those who did not receive them at the previous meeting.

Program

The program was led by JoAnn Short on "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, Joan Mangum, chair, Judy Abshier, Ruth Blake and Alicia Brooks.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song" at 6:30 p.m. This was followed by a reception for our new members.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Florus, Secretary

JoAnn Short, President

Happy Birthday!

November

7 Joyce Cloudt
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

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| Balance, November 1, 2019 | \$5,406.21 |
| Receipts | <u>501.00</u> |
| Total Available..... | \$5,907.21 |
| Disbursements..... | <u>865.80</u> |
| Balance, November 12, 2019 | \$5,041.41 |
| Amegy Bank of Texas Savings: | |
| General Fund | \$ 2,958.35 |
| Scholarship Fund | <u>17,549.33</u> |
| Savings Balance, Nov. 12, 2019 | \$20,507.68 |
| Total Funds Available, Nov. 12, 2019 | \$25,549.09 |



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. This year our fellowship time begins at 5pm, and our meetings begin at 5:30pm.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2019-2020: Richie Butler, Tommye Glynn Clark, Joyce Cloudt, Jayme Curry, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hulum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, Dana Vela-

Lopez 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

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| August | 14 = 29.79% |
| September | 22 = 46.81% |
| October | 22 = 44.00% |
| Average | 19.33 = 40.20% |

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Judi Mitchell, Second Vice President

Carolyn Florus, Recording Secretary

Joyce Cloudt, Corresponding Secretary

Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

Kathryn Wright, Parliamentarian

Julie Kellner, Immed. Past President