



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: Julie Kellner

Dear Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters,



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

I love this time of year when the leaves change color and football games are an exciting event to attend. There are so many things to be grateful for and one of them is our prospective new members which will be initiated on Thursday, October 27th. Pat Cauley, Kristen Davis and I had the pleasure of meeting with these educators for an orientation of the society. Reviewing the history of Delta Kappa Gamma with these lovely ladies gave me a renewed respect for our members and those pioneer members of the past. As you know, in 1929 Dr. Annie Webb Blanton founded our society based on her vision of key women educators forming an organization to promote professional and personal growth in excellence for education. That vision continues today as over 87,000 members worldwide are a part of Delta Kappa Gamma. It is a wonderful feeling to know these members have impacted the society and numerous communities with worthwhile projects and programs. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming meeting. May our initiation ceremony renew your appreciation of the society and all seven purposes.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting: October 27th

October 27, 2016
First Baptist Church, Baytown
4:30 p.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. Meeting
Getting to Know You

New members will participate in the initiation ceremony.

Hostesses: Dewolyn Hullum, chairman;
Julie Kellner, Ginger McKay, Carol Peterson, Suzi Powers

Please remember to bring canned goods for First Baptist's Food Pantry.

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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 First Baptist Church



Web Watch: International

On the home screen of DKG International, you will see instructions on how to access the features of the website. Remember, your user name is your six digit code on your membership card. The default password is dkg2014society.

There is a new trip planned with Go Ahead Tours for the summer of 2017. DKG will be visiting Spain and Portugal. See the website for details.

Web Watch: Alpha State

There are two new positions opened now for TSO employment. The TSO Executive Secretary/Treasurer position has been divided into two separate positions. Members who wish to apply for either position may download the information and applications from the website. The deadline for these applications is January 10, 2017.

Hospitality and Other News:

Karen Coffey has finished her chemo treatments and will begin radiation after Nov. 19th. She is still recovering from her broken leg. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to fight this disease.

Please let Judi Abshier know of any hospitality news.

Clip art is from Microsoft Office.

Project Graduation

Members are to bring monetary donations for Project Graduation benefiting the four Goose Creek high schools.

The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the **October** meeting: Meagan Lowery, chairman; Dewolyn Hullum, Jean Lee, Joan Man- gum, Judi Mitchell

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



*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."
John Dewey*

November Meeting:

November 17, 2016, Thursday, 5 p.m.

First Baptist Church
505 Rollingbrook Drive
Baytown

A Storybook of Love

Judi Mitchell will share information with members about the Women's Storybook Project of Texas in which volunteers visit incarcerated mothers monthly to record their voices reading books that will be mailed to their children.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Richie Butler, chairman; Judy Abshier, Ruth Blake, Ouida Carroll, Pat Cauley



Richie Butler

Richie Butler and two of her cousins enjoyed the change of seasons in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and Stowe, Vermont. The mountains and hills were covered with fall foliage. We crossed several covered bridges along the back roads. It is a beautiful area of our country.



Meredith Durham

Meredith Durham and her family recently traveled to Lubbock for Texas Tech Family Weekend. They were so happy to see their daughter Courtney who is a freshman majoring in education. They took this picture at her Zeta Tau Alpha sorority presentation.



Area III

Julie Kellner, Mattie Sharp, JoAnn Short, Judi Mitchell, and Carolyn Francis represented our chapter at the Area III workshop.



Paula Jackson

Paula Jackson and her mother recently took a trip to visit her daughter, Taylor, at Texas Tech for parents' weekend. Taylor is in the Texas Tech Goin' Band.



Kristen Davis

Kristen Davis recently enjoyed escorting her son, Kade, during halftime for the Homecoming Court.



Donna Mohlman and Julie Kellner

Donna Mohlman and Julie Kellner are pictured here donating money to Lee College from Delta Kappa Gamma and Capstone.



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta
Kappa Gamma Society International
September 22, 2016

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at First Baptist Church on September 22, 2016. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Laura Kellner led the chapter collect and response.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the September DKG Newsletter. The treasurer's report was also in the newsletter and will be filed for audit. Pat Cauley, Membership chairperson, gave a little history of Epsilon Psi Chapter of DKG. In 1998, there were 76 members most of which were actively teaching. In 2016, we have 47 members, most of whom are retired. Since 1990 we have had 83 new members initiated. Only twenty-five are still active in our chapter. Others have either moved, resigned from membership, or died. Pat said this is telling us that younger members are not making DKG a priority. She had several suggestions for adding committed members to our Society. She presented three women for consideration for membership:

Juanita Hatfield – 3rd grade math BHISD

Katie Sims – 2nd grade language arts BHISD

Alicia Brooks – secondary instructional technology BHISD

Members present voted by secret ballot. Carolyn Francis reminded us that we can initiate in the spring as well as the fall. Pat announced that all three ladies were approved for membership. Invitations will be given to them before October 1, 2016.

Paula Jackson announced that the next meeting will be October 27, 2016, at First Baptist Church Chapel, 505 Rollingbrook. Fellowship will be at 4:30pm with meeting beginning at 5:00pm. We will have initiation of new members and a program titled, "Getting to Know You."

Julie Kellner, Storybook Christmas chairperson, said there will be a meeting on September 28, 2016, to decide on the book to be given this year to be distributed to all 1st graders in Baytown and Barbers Hill. Carolyn Florus, Ceremonials Committee chairperson, reported that the initiation of new members and a Remembrance Service for Boudy Norton will be held at our October 27 meeting.

Yearbooks will be distributed at the October meeting.

Hospitality report:

Luke Kellner is doing great.

Milton Kellner begins radioactive iodine treatments on October 4.

Leslie Kellner's surgery went well.

Karen Coffey broke her femur.

Bobby Wright, Shirley's husband, is doing well.

Bruce Davis is doing well.

President Julie Kellner awarded Carol Peterson with her 25-year certificate and Benny May Thomas with her 50-year certificate.

JoAnn Short, Judi Mitchell, Julie Kellner, Mattie Sharp and Carolyn Francis reported on sessions they went to at the September 17, 2016, Area 3 Workshop at Friendswood High School.

Paula Jackson presented a program briefly explaining the new Texas teacher appraisal system. T-TESS, which stands for Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System, replaced PDAS.

In the absence of the Project Graduation chairperson, Julie Kellner conducted the raffle.

At the September meeting, we moved to transfer our Scholarship Fund and our General Savings Account from Community Resource Credit Union into a money market account at Amegy Bank. Carolyn Francis, treasurer; Julie Kellner, president; Paula Jackson, first vice president; and Judi Mitchell, past president, will be signers for this account. Only two of these four are required to sign for any transaction.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary Julie Kellner, President

Happy Birthday!

October

- 8 Dewolyn Hullum
 9 Karen Coffey
 21 Ruth Blake
 21 Pat Cauley
 29 Aida Dyer
 30 Diane Keene
 31 Meagan Lowery

November

- 28 Ouida Carroll
 28 Kristen Davis



Treasurer's Report

Balance, September 1, 2016.....	\$ 7,956.08
Receipts	<u>1,583.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$ 9,539.08
Disbursements.....	<u>0.00</u>
Balance, September 30, 2016.....	\$ 9,539.08
Community Resource Credit Union	
General Fund	\$ 3,963.07
Scholarship Fund	<u>11,480.64</u>
CRCU Balance, September 30, 2016	\$15,443.71
Total Funds Available, September 30, 2016	\$24,982.79



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 2016-2017: Richie Butler, Pat Cauley, Joyce Cloudt, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Paula Jackson, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Judi Mitchell, Therese Ruff, Mattie Sharp,

JoAnn Short and Benny May Thomas. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@earthlink.net or 281-427-5930.

Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August	20 = 42.55%
September	22 = 46.81%
Average	21 = 44.68%

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Richie Butler, Meredith Durham, Carolyn Francis, Meagan Lowery, JoAnn Short

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Yearbook Chairman Carolyn Francis will have the yearbooks available at the October meeting. If you cannot be present, please make arrangements to have someone pick up your yearbook for you.

2016-2017 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

Julie Kellner, President

Paula Jackson, First Vice President

Meagan Lowery, Second Vice President

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, Corresponding Secretary

Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

Laura Kellner, Parliamentarian

Paula Jackson, Immed. Past President