



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 Epsilon Psi Members,



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018

I hope you all are enjoying a little cooler weather for this month. Fall activities are always fun to look forward to and one event I have in mind is our upcoming meeting when we will initiate three new members into the society. They are Barbara Carter, Jamie Graves, and Debra Reynolds. These ladies will make a wonderful addition to Epsilon Psi. Our meeting will be held at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church on Thursday, October 26th. Please stay after the meeting to enjoy the refreshments and get to know the new members. Also, remember to bring your canned goods donation to help stock the food bank at the church. If you have not been able to contribute to our Hurricane Harvey fund for our three members who suffered damage during the hurricane you may still do so. Please give your donation to Carolyn Francis who will distribute the funds to the members who were affected during the storm.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting: October 26th

October 26, 2017
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church,
Baytown
4:30 p.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. Meeting
Getting to Know You

Members will be rejuvenated with a passion of excellence. New members will participate in the initiation ceremony and be introduced to members.

Hostesses: Kristen Davis, chairman; Laurie Curry, Debbie Denson, Meredith Durham, Meagan Lowery

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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

Visit the DKG International website for information on an Alaskan Glacier Cruise. This Go Ahead Tour is in August of 2018. The deadline to enroll for this trip is December 1st. The itinerary and other details can be found on the website under Non-dues Revenue.

Web Watch: Alpha State

The Executive Committee of the TSO of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has decided to suspend the PACE application and award for the 2017-2018 year. At the Waco convention, ASTEF contributions will be recognized.

Hospitality and Other News:

GIFT CARDS FOR HARVEY VICTIMS

Treasurer Carolyn Francis is still collecting money to purchase gift cards for our three Epsilon Psi members (Diane Keene, Laura Smith, Shirley Wright) whose homes were ravaged by flood waters during Hurricane Harvey. If you have not donated and would like to, please bring your money to the October meeting or mail a check payable to Epsilon Psi to her at 2104 Buchanan Drive, Baytown 77520-5607.

If there are others whose homes were severely damaged, please let her know who they are.

Project Graduation



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

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: Cara Skinner, chairman; Therese Ruff, Mattie Sharp, Dorothy Shields, JoAnn Short.

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

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November Meeting:

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

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 remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

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



Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta
Kappa Gamma Society International
September 28, 2017

Nineteen members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook, on September 28, 2017. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Judi Mitchell and Ruth Blake led the Collect and Response. President Kellner thanked the hostesses for the wonderful refreshments.

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

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Membership: Carolyn Francis made a motion for the chapter to pay this year's Epsilon Psi dues for Suzi Powers. Carolyn Florus seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Membership Committee made the motion that Benny May Thomas and Ouida Carroll be changed from active members to reserve members. No second was required, and the motion carried.

President Kellner read the applications for membership for Barbara Carter, Jamie Graves, and Debra Reynolds. The members voted by paper ballot. Members of the Membership Committee counted the ballots and announced that all three members will be initiated with a fellowship following the initiation.

Yearbook: Carolyn Francis is in the process of completing this year's yearbook. She asked that addresses, phone numbers, and emails be checked and changes reported to her. Julie reported that because of Hurricane Harvey, the PACE award will not be given at the 2018 Alpha State Convention.

Hospitality Report

- Bobby Wright is in San Jacinto Hospital with diabetes complications.
- Cara Skinner's mother is recovering from a breast lumpectomy.
- Jean Lee is living with her daughter in Spring.
- Michelle Verdun's sister has breast cancer and is going through chemo.
- Bruce Davis is having surgery tomorrow at Memorial Hermann. He will be there five or six days.
- Carolyn Florus has a new great grandson born a few months early. He is doing well.

Old Business

Julie and Laura Kellner suggested that the 2018 Delta Kappa Gamma Founders' Banquet be held at Eagle Point Recreation Center. The fee for using the facility is \$250, and the dinner price would be comparable to previous banquets at Monument Inn. Julie will check with Eagle Point to make sure May 10 is available.

New Business

Judi Mitchell reminded everyone that Rollingbrook Fellowship is the new name of First Baptist Church. There has been no change in the physical location of the church.

Money was taken up to be used to buy gift cards for Harvey victims.

Program: Julie Kellner presented the program *True Colors – Identifying Your Personality Type and Work Style*. The members used a printed check sheet to choose the sentences that best described them and then tallied the columns in each of three sections. These scores were plugged into a formula that assigned each person two colors. The colors translated to our true colors at work, our strengths and weaknesses, and how to deal with those colors. This program was very enjoyable and informative and is a good tool when putting together a committee or a study group. Project Graduation drawing was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Happy Birthday!

October

- 1 Jean Lee
16 Michelle Verdun
28 Annette Harrison
29 Mary Cooling

November

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



Treasurer's Report

Balance, September 1, 2017	\$6,401.21
Receipts	<u>2,759.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$9,160.21
Disbursements.....	<u>100.00</u>
Balance, <u>September 30</u> , 2017.....	\$9,060.21
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 3,991.87
Scholarship Fund	<u>13,668.72</u>
Savings Balance, September 30, 2017	\$17,660.59
Total Funds Available, September 30, 2017.....	\$26,720.80



Perfect Attendance

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 2017-2018: Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell and

Therese Ruff. 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%
Average	17.5 = 36.12%

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.

2016-2018 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