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A NOTE FROM Julie...

Dear Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters,

A wise person once said, "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world." This quote reminds me of the sixth purpose of our Delta Kappa Gamma Society which reads, "To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action." As we experience life each day we should keep in mind those activities which truly motivate and inspire us. As Delta Kappa Gamma members we are fortunate to have programs that help students in our community like Project Graduation and Storybook Christmas. These programs have been a blessing to many children and teenagers. It takes all of us working together to help support these programs and others. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on Thursday, September 22nd at First Baptist Church. Paula Jackson will inform us of the new Texas teacher appraisal system. Until then visualize the meaningful actions you've been a part of to help make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

Julie Kellner

MISSION Statement

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

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OUR **MEETING** AT A Glance...

Monday, September 22, 2016

First Baptist Church; Fellowship at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Program: New Teacher Appraisal: T-TESS

Paula Jackson, Academic Dean, will inform members about the new Teacher Appraisal System, T-TESS.

Hostesses: Joan Mangum, chairman; Karen Coffey, Laurie Curry, Kristen Davis, Dorothy Shields

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.



Happy **BIRTHDAY!**

SEPTEMBER

Ouida Carroll– 28th

Kristen Davis– 28th

OCTOBER

Jean Lee– 2nd

Sarah Guarneri– 13th

Michelle Verdun– 16th

Annette Harrison– 28th

Mary Cooling– 29th



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2016-2018

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Paula Jackson



SISTER Scoop



Carolyn and Robert Francis enjoyed a trip to Missouri last month to research her family's genealogy. In the pictures above, Carolyn is shown visiting the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock Arkansas. In the bottom photo, she is standing on the property once owned by her great great grandparents near Huntingdale, Missouri.

CAROLYN FRANCIS

Cara Skinner

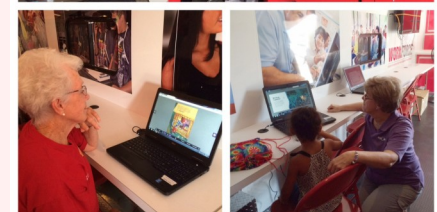
Cara's book, General Houston's Little Spy, is a finalist in the Will Rogers Medallion Award 2016 contest! She will find out what place (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) it won at the awards banquet which will be held October 29 at the Cattleman's Steak House in Fort Worth.

We are so proud of you, Cara!!

Dewolyn Hullum

Dewolyn's oldest daughter, Donna Spaugh, became principal at Bayshore Elem. in the LaPorte school district in July. Her daughter, Kelli Spaugh, is a fourth grade teacher also in LaPorte. Donna has often said that Suzi Powers is one of the best teachers she ever had! Thank you, Suzi, for your influence.

Donna Mohlman



Donna Mohlman has been promoting her eBook program all over town! These are pictures from the Lee College Family Night tailgating party! Can you see Dorothy Shields?

Hospitality

Cara Skinner is in Georgetown taking care of her parents. Her father is back in rehab and, if he doesn't improve in the next three weeks, may have to go to a nursing home. Her mother is scheduled to have surgery soon.

Milton Kellner had surgery on his leg on Wednesday and went home Wednesday evening. He is doing well and will begin his radiation therapy in a couple of weeks.

Leslie Kellner McAlee had her surgery this week to remove a mass from her sinus cavity. The doctors believe it is benign.

Luke Kellner had surgery to repair a hole in his ear and is doing well. He was allowed to keep the mask he wore during surgery and is very proud of it.

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MARK YOUR Calendars

2016-2017 MEETINGS

September 22nd

October 27th

November 17th

December 8th

January 26th

February 23rd

March 23rd

April 27th

May 11th

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

GET Geeky WITH DKG!

DKG Recommended Websites and Apps for Educators

Science anyone? Animal Atlas finds animals all over the globe and creates clips about those animals. Check out their website at: <http://www.animalatlas.tv/>

Lessons need help? Tes teach with blendspace allows you to organize all types of lesson materials in one space. Check out their website at: <https://www.tes.com/lessons?redirect-bs=1>

All levels of History achieved... Need a way to connect your students to History? Check out Playing History at <http://playinghistory.org/>. This site offers a wide variety of games that will help you connect History to your students.

Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta

Kappa Gamma Society International

August 13, 2016

Twenty members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International gathered for fellowship and breakfast at 8:00am, Saturday, August 13, 2016, at Golden Corral. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Laura Kellner asked the blessing.

Donna Mohlman gave a report on the DKG International Convention which she attended this summer in Nashville, Tennessee. She also reported that the Lee College Mobile Go Center is up and going and will be at JD Walker Community Center in McNair on August 21 from 3:30-6:00pm. Volunteers are needed. Send Donna your email address (if she doesn't already have it), and you will get an email that will allow you to sign up as a volunteer. Dr. Ruby Payne will be speaking on September 14, 2016, at the Baytown Spring Hill Suites on I-10. The time is 7:30-9:00am. The price is \$35.00 per person or a table for 10 can be purchased for \$300.00.

Richie Butler led the Collect and Response. Julie said how glad she is to be our president for the next two years.

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. Treasurer Carolyn Francis reminded us that 2016-2017 dues were due. Dues forms and the budget report were on the tables.

President Kellner reported that the executive board met on July 19, 2016, and selected chairmen for the 2016-2018 biennium. Nominations Committee will consist of Sarah Guarnere – secondary, Julie Kellner – elementary, and Judi Mitchell – retired.

Carolyn Florus and the Finance Committee met on August 11 to audit the books. The Finance Committee moved that the budget be approved. The motion carried. The Finance Committee also moved that we transfer our Scholarship Fund and our General Savings Account from Community Resource into a money market account at Amegy Bank. Treasurer Carolyn Francis explained that this would make it easier to access our money when we need it. The motion carried.

Membership Chairman Pat Cauley put membership recommendation cards on the tables. The new membership form can be found on our website. These cards or, preferably, the new membership form should be turned in to Pat before September 12. She reviewed our Epsilon Psi membership in the past. In 1990 we had 59 members, 13 of which are still active. We presently have 47 members: 43 active, 3 reserve, and 1 honorary. She stated that in thinking of prospective members, keep in mind the high standards we have always had. Carolyn Francis reminded us that we are now able to ask a prospective member if they would be interested in being a member of Epsilon Psi. Julie reminded us that we can also reinstate former DKG members. The membership committee will meet September 12 at Pat's house at 4:30.

Paula Jackson reported that our next meeting will be at First Baptist Church, 505 Rollingbrook, on September 22, 2016. Fellowship will be at 4:30pm with meeting beginning at 5:00pm. The program will be an update of the new teacher appraisal system.

Julie thanked everyone for bringing school supplies. These will go to Meagan Lowery who will distribute them.

Julie meet with the Gamma Nu Storybook Christmas Committee to select this year's book to be distributed to all 1st graders in Baytown and Barber's Hill.

Carolyn Francis reminded members who were not wearing their DKG key pins to contribute 25 cents to the piggy bank. The money collected will benefit ASTEF.

Perfect Attendance Certificates for 2015-2016 were given by Paula Jackson to Laura Kellner, Julie Kellner, and Carolyn Francis. Missed Epsilon Psi meetings can be made up by attending a Gamma Nu meeting, Storybook Christmas packing day, or Area 3 workshop.

Since Hospitality Chairman, Judy Abshier, was not in attendance, Julie Kellner asked for hospitality reports:

Milton Kellner – having another surgery, radiation to start soon

Leslie McAlee – Laura Kellner’s daughter - surgery August 29 at Hermann Hospital to remove a mass in her sinus cavity, also has benign thyroid nodules

Luke Kellner – Julie and Martin’s son, Laura’s grandson – surgery August 29 to repair hole in ear drum

Robert Francis – doing well

Bob Herndon – passed away August 12

Jean McLeod – cancer

Gary Abshier – leg problem stopped scheduled surgery

Robert Cooling – skin cancer surgery

Bruce Davis – got an “all clear” recently

Bobby Wright – not walking at the moment but doing well

Ouida Carroll – fell this summer and was in the hospital and then rehab – still recovering at home

A motion was made that Julie Kellner, as president, be the Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council representative and Carolyn Francis be the alternate representative. The motion was seconded and carried.

Carolyn Francis moved that Pat Cauley’s membership status be changed from reserve to active. Carolyn Florus seconded. The motion carried.

Therese Ruff requested that if anyone knows of anyone that retired in 2016 or will be retiring mid-year, to please let her know.

President Kellner reported on the Alpha State Convention held this summer in Frisco, Texas. Julie’s family went with her and they were able to have vacation fun before, after and between Julie’s meetings. The awards that Epsilon Psi received at the convention were listed in the August newsletter. The convention will be held in Houston next summer.

The Area 3 Workshop will be held Saturday, September 17, from 8:30am to 12:45pm at Friendswood High School. Gamma Nu and Epsilon Psi are responsible for bringing breakfast tacos. Treasurer Carolyn Francis collected \$12 from members wanting to attend.

President Kellner thanked hostess for today: Mary Cooling, Paula Jackson, and Tommye Glynn Clark. Mary gave everyone a glitter glue pen to remind members to sparkle and shine.

Project Graduation Chairman, Richie Butler, conducted the Project Graduation raffle. Mary Cooling and Joan Mangum were the big winners.

President Kellner presented Joyce Cloudt with her 25-year certificate. Judi Craig who was not present, has also been an Epsilon Psi member for 25 years.

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

Judi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, President



WE WANT YOUR news!

Did you miss getting your news in the newsletter? Don't miss out next time! Email Kristen Davis at davisk0928@gmail.com

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DKG News

Be sure to check out <http://www.dkgtexas.org/deadlinesforms.html> for important scholarship and convention information! Don't miss out on your opportunity!

Also check out the Fall Lone Star Newsletter at <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

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Project Graduation: September

Project Graduation Raffle Prizes: Joy Harrison-Going, chairman; Ruth Blake, Carolyn Florus, Paula Jackson and Mattie Sharp

Tickets are \$2.00 a piece!! Let's support our local high schools.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, August 1, 2016.....	\$4,663.08
Receipts	<u>3,413.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$8,076.08
Disbursements	<u>120.00</u>
Balance, August 31, 2016.....	\$7,956.08
Community Resource Credit Union	
General Fund.....	\$ 3,962.74
Scholarship Fund	<u>11,479.70</u>
CRCU Balance, August 31, 2016.....	\$15,442.44
Total Funds Available, Aug. 31, 2016.....	\$23,398.52

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: Ruth Blake, Richie Butler, Pat Cauley, Joyce Cloudt, Mary Cooling, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hulum, Paula Jackson, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Therese Ruff, Mattie Sharp, Benny May Thomas and Michelle Verdun. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis,

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