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

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President's Message by: Julie Kellner



Julie Kellner,
President 2016-2018



Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

My heart and prayers go out to all who were affected in some way by Hurricane Harvey. In the coming days may we continue to support each other in the true spirit of sisterhood and love. Please keep the chapter informed of your needs as we work together to recover from this devastating hurricane. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Emergency Assistance Fund is available to any member who has been affected by the hurricane. Form 84 is on the dkgtxas.org website and is located under the deadlines and forms page. It is an interactive form and when completed needs to be sent to Alpha State President Dr. Jo Murphy at either texaspres.dkg@aol.com or jomurphy981@gmail.com. She will send it on to International for the Society to process. I encourage any member to complete this form to receive assistance. If you have questions, please feel free to ask me. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting, which will be held on September 28th at First Baptist Church in Baytown. We will have refreshments at 4:30 and the business meeting will begin at 5:00.

Sincerely,
Julie Kellner

Next Meeting:

Sept. 28, 2017

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

5:00 p.m.

Paula Jackson will facilitate a color inventory in which members will discover their guiding color based on preferences chosen. Members will recognize the importance of knowing personal differences and how it impacts the way we interact with each other.

Hostesses: Tommye Glynn Clark, chairman; Joyce Cloudt, Karen Coffey, Mary Cooling, Judi Craig

Please bring these needed items for the food pantry:
Canned spaghetti sauce, alfredo sauce, canned soups, canned chili, macaroni and cheese, Chef Boy Ardee spaghetti and ravioli, bagged or boxed rice, spaghetti noodles, elbow macaroni noodles, peanut butter, grape jelly, and crackers

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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



The deadline for *Constitution* amendments is October 1st. Links to the forms are located on the DKG International Website under forms.

DKG Emergency Fund is accepting contributions through a link on DKG International website. So far, \$39,000 has been distributed to members affected.

News from
Alpha State
and
International



Web Watch: Alpha State

Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action

Members can find assistance for Hurricane Harvey at www.dkgtexas.org. You can click on the link and find several ways TSO members can help or receive assistance.

Hospitality and Other News:

Cara Skinner's mother, Elaine Rhodes, had lumpectomy surgery at M.D. Anderson on Sept. 11th.

Sam Powers, husband of Suzi Powers, passed away on Sept. 15th after a long battle with cancer.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of our dear sisters, Gertrude Marsh and Pat Cauley.

Bruce Davis, husband of Kristen Davis, will have another surgery on Sept. 29th.

Please let Judy Abshier know of any hospitality news.

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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 **September** meeting: **Michelle**

Verdun, chairman; Laura Smith, Benny May Thomas, Lori Woods

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



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

October Meeting:

October 26, 2017
Rollingbrook Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

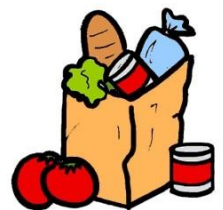
Getting to Know You

Members will be rejuvenated with a passaiion of

excellence. New members will participate in the initiation ceremony and will be introduced to members.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

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



MEETING DATES AND PLACES

September 28, 2017, Rollingbrook Fellowship Church (formerly First Baptist Church),
505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

October 26, 2017, Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

November 16, 2017, Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

December 14, 2017, Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

January 11, 2018, Harlem Elementary School, 3333 Interstate 10, Baytown

February 22, 2018, Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

March 22, 2018, Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

April 26, 2018, Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

May 10, 2018, Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway, La Porte

School Supplies Project from Richie Butler:

Hello my friends.

I just wanted to say thank you to our generous Epsilon Psi members who brought school supplies to the August meeting and also donated \$110 to buy supplies. That afternoon I went to shop the sale at Walgreens and was able to get wonderful deals. For example, I purchased 600 pencils and put them together with the 88 that were donated. I bought 72 spiral notebooks and I am sure there were more than 100 total. There were lots of other essential items, too. The best thing that happened was the checker asked about the purchase, and I got to tell her about our group. She was so sweet and insisted that she wanted to help and donated an extra \$20 of supplies! I took the supplies to Ashbel Smith, and they were thrilled to get them. Thank you all for this generous donation that will help many students!



Minutes of the Meeting of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
August 12, 2017

Sixteen members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International gathered for fellowship and breakfast at 8:00am, Saturday, August 12, 2017, at Golden Corral. The secretary and a quorum being present, President Julie Kellner called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Judi Mitchell said the blessing.

Ruth Blake led the Collect and Response. Guests were introduced: Debbie Reynolds, Donna Mohlman's daughter, and Barbara Carter, Shirley Wright's neighbor.

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.

President Kellner reported that the Executive Board met on July 28, 2017, at Elementary North in Barbers Hill. Members present were Carolyn Francis, Judi Mitchell, Laura Kellner and Julie Kellner. Programs for our upcoming meetings were selected. Carolyn Florus and the Finance Committee met to audit the books. The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget and moved that the budget be approved. The motion carried.

Membership Chairman Pat Cauley gave a report from the Membership Committee. Epsilon Psi has 46 active members, 3 reserve members, and 1 honorary member. Membership forms were given out, and Pat asked that these forms be sent to the committee by September 15, 2017. New member initiation will be in October.

Paula Jackson will present the program for the September 28, 2017 meeting at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, formerly First Baptist Church, 505 Rollingbrook, in the chapel. Fellowship will be at 4:30pm with the meeting beginning at 5:00pm.

Reports of Special Committees

President Kellner presented 2016-2017 perfect attendance awards to nine members. A \$50 donation will be made to A Storybook Christmas in honor of the perfect attendance members. Missed Epsilon Psi meetings can be made up by attending a Gamma Nu meeting, A Storybook Christmas packing day, Area 3 workshop or TSO or DKG conventions.

Hospitality Report

Milton Kellner – surgery at MD Anderson for infection. He is doing well at home.

Bruce Davis – surgery scheduled in September

Dewolyn Hullum – recent hip replacement

Old Business

Carolyn Florus will replace Carolyn Francis as the Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council representative.

New Business

None

Announcements

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.

Donna Mohlman said that Mobile Go has served more than 600 students in their first year of operation. The project has been awarded a \$10,000 renewal grant to build a permanent library in Alexander Place Community Center.

President Kellner reported on the Alpha State Convention that was held in Houston in June. Epsilon Psi received many awards including the PACE award. Julie thanked the hostesses for today's meeting.

Project Graduation drawing was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".



Gertrude S. Marsh

Gertrude Smith Marsh was born June 30, 1924, in a farm house in a community named Oak Hill near McDade in Bastrop County to Bertie Lee Hancock Smith and Robert Whitworth Smith. She began school at age six and advanced to the third grade while still being six years old. She finished Bastrop High School at age 15, graduating valedictorian. She attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos where she was elected to Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, the College Pedagog's Who's Who, and was a member of the Press Club, serving as associate editor and then editor of the college newspaper, the *College Star*. She graduated college with honors in January 1944 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and took a position as stenographer for Humble Oil and Refining Company at the Ingleside refinery near Corpus Christi.

On February 16, 1946 Gertrude married Albert R. Marsh, and they moved to Baytown. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Paul and Ronald, who both graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. Paul graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, with a B.S. degree and served as a naval officer during the Vietnam War. Ron graduated from Rice University and the South Texas School of Law.

In 1953 Gertrude began teaching business courses at Cedar Bayou High School, the last year it was a high school. She taught at Cedar Bayou Junior School for 12 years before transferring to Robert E. Lee High School in 1966. She earned an M.Ed. degree from the University of Houston in 1970 and retired from Goose Creek CISD in 1983, completing a 30-year teaching career. She also taught in the Continuing Education Division at Lee College, where she wrote the curriculum for the first adult typing class for the college for state approval in 1972.

Gertrude was initiated into Epsilon Psi in October 1976. Ten years later she became president for the 1986-1988 biennium. She served on numerous committees on both the chapter and state level, attended several state, regional and international conventions, was awarded the Chapter Achievement Award in 1989, received an Alpha State Member-in-Print Award in 1992, and was honored as one of the first recipients of the Alpha State Golden Rose Award in 1993.

After several years of failing health, Gertrude passed away peacefully on September 2, 2017. Her visitation was held at Navarre Funeral Home on September 8, and she was buried beside other members of her family in Oak Hill Cemetery, Bastrop, Texas, on September 9. Memorials may be made to A Storybook Christmas.



Pat Cauley

On a warm August day, August 21, 1937, Patricia Ann Ivy was born to Benjamin and Emma Ivy in Liberty, Texas, where she lived for a short time before moving to Jefferson and Victoria, Texas, and then to Buras, Louisiana, for her father worked for Gulf Oil Company.

Although a fifth generation Texan, she spent twelve of her first fourteen years in southern Louisiana and attended both elementary and junior school while in Louisiana, although she moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana, during her latter schooling. Upon entering high school, she and her family moved back to Texas, where she attended Lamar High School in Houston. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Rice Institute in 1959 and did graduate work at the University of Texas and the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

During her days at Rice, she met the love of her life, Jim Cauley, and they were married after graduation in 1959. Opportunity led them to Washington, DC, during their first year of marriage where Jim worked at the Capitol for Senator Lyndon Johnson. Pat had her first teaching assignment at Tuckahoe Elementary in Arlington, VA. In 1962 they returned to Texas, where Jim resumed law study and she taught at Richmond Elementary in Houston.

Their first son, Jim Jr., was born in Houston before they moved to Baytown in 1963, and they were residents of Baytown for the rest of their lives. Two other sons, Kyle and Todd, were born after their move to Baytown, and Pat resumed her teaching career at Robert E. Lee High School, where she taught English for 20 years.

Pat was initiated into Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on October 23, 1980. She was a member of and chaired several committees, including Membership Committee chair at the time of her death. During the 1988-1990 biennium, she served as chapter president and received the Chapter Achievement Award in 2007. She was a valued member of Epsilon Psi and will be missed by her DKG sisters.

Pat's many years of service included active membership in St. Mark's United Methodist Church for over 50 years where she taught Sunday school classes and held leadership roles on countless committees. She also served on the Lee College Board of Regents, Long-Range Planning Committees for GCCISD, the City of Baytown, and St. Mark's UMC, held memberships in the Service League of Baytown, Baytown Junior Forum, and the Goose Creek Country Club Ladies Association, and established the literacy technology program at Sterling Municipal Library. She also volunteered at The Promise Center of Baytown and was still an active member of the Lakewood Garden Club.

One of Pat's favorite past times was spending quality time with family and friends. Her positive spirit and upbeat outlook were an inspiration to all who knew her, and all of her encouragement and support played a vital role in helping others achieve their goals.

Pat departed this life on September 14, 2017, in Pensacola, FL after suffering a fall resulting in a fatal brain bleed. Pat's visitation was held at St. Mark's UMC on Thursday, September 21, from 5-7pm. A graveside service was held at Sterling-White Cemetery on Friday, September 22, at 9:30am with a memorial service at St. Mark's UMC at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pat and Jim Cauley memorial fund at St. Mark's UMC, 3811 North Main, Baytown 77521, www.stmarksbaytown.com.

Happy Birthday!

September

28 Ouida Carroll
29 Kristen Davis

October

2 Jean Lee
13 Sarah Guarnere
16 Michelle Verdun
28 Annette Harrison
29 Mary Cooling



Treasurer's Report

Balance, August 1, 2017	\$3,720.21
Receipts	<u>2,681.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$6,401.21
Disbursements.....	<u>000.00</u>
Balance, August 31, 2017.....	\$6,401.21
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 3,991.54
Scholarship Fund	<u>14,317.59</u>
Savings Balance, August 31, 2017.....	\$18,309.13
Total Funds Available, August 31, 2017.....	\$24,710.34



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: Judy Abshier, Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Pat Cauley, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Therese Ruff, Cara Skinner and Shirley

Wright. 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 16 = 32.00%

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