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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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Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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President's Message by: JoAnn Short

Joann Short,
President 2018-2020

Dear Epsilon Psi Sisters,

As reflected in the Area 3 President's meeting I attended and planned our meeting this week, I was reminded of one of my favorite quotes from Winston Churchill, "Continuous effort- not strength or intelligence- is the KEY to unlocking our potential." We must never give up on ourselves and inspire others to continue their efforts in spite of their challenges! Jane Flinn, our Area 3 Coordinator, challenged the presidents to build our membership

through involvement. Each of you is the KEY to our success and your continuous efforts to support our society make a difference. The August meeting was an example of those efforts! Coming together with Gamma Nu allowed us to celebrate our society's founders and fellowship with others. If you were unable to attend the breakfast in August, you missed a wonderful gathering of friends.

I am looking forward to several exciting events you won't want to miss this fall so make plans to attend the meeting! Our September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, at 5:30. "A DKG History Quiz Show" will be presented and Jane Flinn, Area 3 Coordinator, will visit our chapter. You won't want to miss it! Please be talking with prospective members and bring those names to share at the meeting! Also, remember to bring canned goods to donate to the Rollingbrook Fellowship Food Bank.

The GHACC Fall Event is fast approaching! The new TSO President, Patty Belknap, will be honored by the chapters from Area 3 and Area 18 on September 27 and 28. On Friday, September 27, a social will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Porter, Texas. On Saturday, September 28, from 8:00am to 12:00pm there will be a service project held at the Houston Food Bank with a luncheon to follow. Information regarding these events will be shared at our upcoming meeting and sent through emails. Please plan to attend the meeting and support our society.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Short

Next Meeting:

Sept. 26, 2019

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church
Fellowship 4:30 p.m.

Meeting 5:00 p.m.

DKG History Quiz Show

Members of Epsilon Psi will develop questions about our DKG history and emcee a quiz show in which contestants will compete to see who knows the most about DKG.

Hostesses: Kathryn Wright, chairman;
Laurie Curry, Kristen Davis, Debbie Den-
son

Please bring canned goods for the food
pantry.

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects

December: We will bring baby items to donate to the day-care at Peter Hyland Center.

February: We will donate stuffed animals to the local police and fire department.

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church



Web Watch: International

The 2020 International Convention will be July 7-11, 2020 in Philadelphia, PA. More information to come!

DKG is offering two getaways through Go Ahead Tours.

New York City Getaway is July 12-16, 2020. Deadline to sign up is September 27, 2019.

San Francisco and California Wine Country is October 9-14, 2020. Deadline to sign up is September 30, 2019.

Web Watch: Alpha State

The 91st Texas State Convention will be held in McAllen, June 17-19, 2020. Check out dkgtexas.org to read *Convention Key Volume 1* for more information so you can attend the convention.



Hospitality and Other News:

Judi Craig has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is undergoing 16 weeks of chemo at M D Anderson. The lymphoma she has is treatable. Please lift her up in prayer.

Shirley Wright fell Sept. 16th and broke her hip. She is in Methodist Baytown. Prayers are needed for pain relief and healing.

Please let Joan Mangum know of any hospitality news.

Joan Mangum

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Project Graduation

Members are to bring monetary donations for Project Graduation benefitting the three Goose Creek high schools.

The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the **September** meeting: **Judi Mitchell, chairman; Donna Mohlman, Laura Smith**

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



October Meeting:

October 24, 2019

Rollingbrook Fellowship

Fellowship 4:30 p.m.

Meeting 5:00 p.m.

M&M Game

(Meet our Marvelous Members)

Epsilon Psi Members will build closer relationships with each other by play the M&M game.

Please remember to bring your canned goods to the meeting.

Hostesses: Carolyn Francis, chairman; Carolyn Florus, Juanita Hatfield, Dewolyn Hullum



Area 3 President's Meeting



August Meeting



Laura Kellner honoring Karen Coffey on her retirement.
(Pictured with Julie Kellner)



Julie Kellner visits with Dr. Mary Ann Walden and the Area 3 Coordinator, Jane Flinn.

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the May and July Meeting**

The **May** joint meeting with Gamma Nu for the Birthday Celebration was cancelled due to inclement weather.

There was a meeting of the Executive Board at Iguana Joes, Mont Belvieu, on **July 8, 2019**. This was a planning meeting to discuss programs for the coming year beginning in October. The theme for the next biennium is YOU are the key. An Executive decision was made to change the time for the September meeting to 5:00 for refreshments and 5:30 for the meeting. This was voted on last year to begin in October to start the new Epsilon Psi DKG year. This was just to start the school year with the new time.

On **July 29, 2019** the Audit and Finance committees met at the home of Carolyn Francis to audit the books and to confirm and approve the next year's budget.

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the August Meeting
August 10, 2019**

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5010 North Main, Baytown. Julie Kellner, standing in for President JoAnn Short, with a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:55 a.m. The Collect was given by Carolyn Florus with all members joining in on the Response.

Julie Kellner welcomed everyone to our meeting for the first ever Joint Birthday Celebration of the Founders' Breakfast. She also thanked those on our Hostess Committee, Project Graduation Committee, and all who brought school supplies. Richie Butler will collect all school supplies and distribute them to the elementary schools as needed.

Business:

The April minutes were printed in the August newsletter. With no corrections and with no discussion, the minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was printed in the newsletter and will be filed for audit.

Carolyn Florus reported on the Audit Committee meeting. Carolyn Francis, Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget. She made the motion to approve the new budget, no second was needed. Motion carried.

Carol Peterson sent a letter of resignation to the chapter. Laura Kellner seconded Judi Mitchell's motion. Regretfully Carol's resignation was accepted.

Julie Kellner reminded the members that our next meeting will be at Rollingbrook Fellowship on Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, September 26, with refreshments at 5:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 5:30 p.m. We will have a DKG History Quiz Show. Please brush up on our history as the members will be answering questions. The Hospitality Committee consists of Kathryn Wright, chair, Laurie Curry, Kristen Davis and Debbie Denson. Project Graduation raffle prizes (only three) will be given by Judi Mitchell, chair, Donna Mohlman and Laura Smith. Please remember to bring canned goods for the pantry.

Julie Kellner reported on A Storybook Christmas. She will be meeting with the Gamma Nu representative and will let us know when all is decided.

Julie Kellner reported on the TSO Convention and changes.

Cara Skinner has transferred her membership. Judi Mitchell's granddaughter Ella is competing in Miss Texas Teen.

We were very pleased to have Dr. Mary Ann Walden, past Alpha State, Texas, President, in attendance.

Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to Richie Butler, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Joan Mangum, Mattie Sharp, JoAnn Short and Kathryn Wright.

You will no longer receive a membership card but will print your own. Your membership number does not change.

The drawing for Project Graduation was held. Thanks to those who furnished gifts.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The DKG song was sung after the joint breakfast.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Florus, Recording Secretary

Julie Kellner, Presiding Officer

Happy Birthday!

September

28 Kristen Davis

October

2 Jean Lee
11 Elma Villanueva
16 Michelle Verdun
21 Shelley Deakle
28 Annette Harrison
29 Mary Cooling



Treasurer's Report

Balance, September 1, 2019	\$5,552.09
Receipts	<u>300.00</u>
Total Available.....	\$5,852.09
Disbursements.....	<u>300.00</u>
Balance, <u>September</u> 12, 2019.....	\$5,552.09

Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:

General Fund	\$ 2,958.10
Scholarship Fund	<u>17,547.87</u>
Savings Balance, Sept. 12, 2019	\$20,505.96
Total Funds Available, Sept. 12, 2019 ...	\$26,058.05



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 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: Ruth Blake, Richie Butler, Tommye Glynn Clark, Joyce Cloudt, Karen Coffey, Meredith Durham, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner,

Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Debra Reynolds 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

August..... 14 = 29.79%

Average..... 14 = 29.79%

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Joyce Cloudt, Corresponding Secretary

Carolyn Francis, Treasurer

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Julie Kellner, Immed. Past President