



Psi Chapter Chatter

The Mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Psi Chapter is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Louisiana Recipe for DKG Success: Teamwork, Leadership, and Communication

Message from Mary Anne

Happy New Year, Psi sisters

January has brought its challenges – snow, cold, flu but Psi Chapter’s goals and key chapter items have been met. On a positive note, we have 4 nominees for membership, and Kayla Sepulvado, a first year teacher at Florien High School, was awarded an honorarium for use in her classroom.

As we continue this year, we have several important meetings coming up – orientation of new members on February 13, election of new officers for the next biennium, installation of new officers, and initiation of new members and honoring the Girl Scouts.

As I reflect on the past 5 and one half years, the support and fellowship I’ve had with you all has simply been great and could not have happened without good attendance at the meetings and your willingness to make it all happen. Thank you!

At our January meeting, Valarie shared Google Classroom with the group – Quite exciting possibilities and very enlightening to some of us.

Ginger Jordan presented the honorarium to Kayla at FES.



And one more item, the nomination committee needs to meet soon.

Mary Anne

January Birthdays
Rebecca Loupe – 15

February Birthdays
Genevieve Gordon-17
Magda McCormick –20
Kathryn Vaughn – 24

Meeting Dates

Feb 13 –4:30 @ SCOA
Officers - hostesses

March 13 – 4:30
@SOCA Zwolle-
hostesses

2018 Epsilon State
Convention - March 16-
18, Marriott Hotel,
Baton Rouge

April 10 – Founder’s
Day 6 PM Officers

First Timer’s Basket theme:

**“Hey, Sister, What’s
Your Recipe for
Spring? - -Showing
Off God’s
Creation?”**

bring items to our Feb.
meeting
Anything to do with
spring, God’s creation,
etc.

Literacy Project: Using Sign Language in the Elementary Classroom

Donate money to fund the books, flash cards and games of the Unique Learning System used by our teachers of learning impaired students. SimpleStix software has been ordered.

Registration form is attached.

Registration form for Epsilon State Convention

\$25 by Feb 16; \$40 after Feb 16

The DKG 2017 Educators Award

The recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma 2017 Educators Award is Patricia A. Edwards' book: *New Ways to Engage Parents: Strategies and Tools for Teachers & Leaders, K-12*. Ms. Edwards is a member of the Reading Hall of Fame, a professor of language & literacy in the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University, a nationally and internationally recognized expert in parent involvement, home-school-community partnerships, multicultural literacy and family intergenerational literacy, especially among poor and minority children.

She puts her expertise to very good use in this book which begins with the premise that the working partnership between parents and teachers was greatly weakened after the desegregation of public schools when students began attending unfamiliar schools with unfamiliar teachers instead of the community schools they had previously attended. According to Ms. Edwards, just as populations and circumstances change, ideas about how to encourage and work with parents must evolve and change.

Chapter one of this book demonstrates how to create a demographic profile of a school. The following chapters explain how to use these demographics to engage and encourage a wide range of parents to actively participate in the education of their children. She notes that meaningful parental involvement can only be achieved when the school reaches out to parents in new ways, helps parents connect to resources, creates an environment where parents feel welcome and provides numerous opportunities for participation.

This book is well organized and provides practical examples and ideas on how to address problems and weaknesses in school-parent relations. It should be read by educators who are interested in promoting better parent-teacher, school-community partnerships. Reviewed by Yvonne Busby



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Sister News

Becky Loupe had her 2nd knee replacement and is doing really well. She is extremely proud of granddaughter, Blair Founds, daughter of Meredith and Adam Founds, for her first place in district social studies competition with her report and display on the Zwolle Tamale Fiesta. Blair will attend the state competition in Lake Charles in February!

Thank you, Becky, for sharing good news with us!



Condolences to the family of Jeanette Miller - Psi sister since 1980. She passed away on January 16, 2018. Jeanette was an active member until the last few years.

Don't forget to bring nonperishable goods to the Council for the Emergency Food Closet.

Also you can donate items to the Silent Auction at the State Convention. Purchase a 2018 Epsilon State Convention Program Ad. Information about the program ads is on the state website.

Recipes from Ginger Jordan January 9, 2018

Wonton Taco Bites

(You can use either the beef or chicken recipe below.)

Beef Tacos

- 1 lb. Hamburger (I used ½ beef & ½ pork mixture)
- 1 medium size onion diced
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 cup diced tomatoes (or can Rotel® for more flavor)
- ½ cup chicken broth
- Mexican cheese shredded

To prepare: brown meat and add remaining ingredients except cheese.

Shredded Salsa Chicken

- 2 lbs. chicken breast
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 jar salsa
- Mexican cheese
- Diced tomatoes

To prepare meat place chicken in either a slow cooker or pressure cooker. Sprinkle taco seasoning on chicken and add salsa. Cook until done then shred.

To make Wonton Tacos you need a package of wontons and a mini muffin tin. Place spoon full of meat in center of wonton in muffin tin and sprinkle with Mexican cheese. Bake at 350° for about 15 minutes or until wontons are golden brown. Garnish with diced tomatoes to serve.

Grape Salad

- 1 lb. green grapes
- 1 lb. purple grapes
- 1 ½ cups diced sweet apple (I used Pink Lady apples)
- 1-8 oz cream cheese
- 1-8 oz sour cream
- ¾ cup powdered sugar

Wash and cut grapes in halves. Dice apples. Mix cream cheese, sour cream, and powdered sugar and pour over fruit and stir. Place in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Praline Pound Cake

- 2 large eggs
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 2/3 cup low-fat (1% milkfat) milk – I used 2%
- 1 Tbl vanilla
- ¾ cup butter, at room temperature
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans, toasted

1. Separate the eggs. Discard the yolk from 1 of the eggs. Set aside. Preheat the oven to 325°F. Lightly grease a 9" x 5" x 3" loaf pan, then dust with flour. In a small bowl, stir together the 1 ¾ cups flour, baking powder, and baking soda. In cup, combine milk and vanilla.
2. In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on *Medium*, cream the butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar until light and fluffy, scraping side of bowl often. Add the egg whites and beat well. Add the egg yolk and beat well. Using a wooden spoon, stir in 1/3 of the flour mixture, then half of the milk mixture. Repeat, then stir in the remaining flour mixture. Stir in pecans.
3. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Place the pan upright on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Using a narrow metal spatula, loosen sides of cake from the pan, then invert cake onto the rack. Cool completely. Serve with sliced strawberries, vanilla ice-cream, or frozen yogurt. Serves 16.