



# 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

Ladies, this has been a busy few months since school started. I have talked with several of you and know the pressure that you that are in the classroom are under. Just hang in there! Fall break, Thanksgiving break and other times that school is not in session are precious. Your hard work is evident. In the recent press release from the parish, graduation rates are up; One hundred percent of Sabine schools were awarded progress points for demonstrating significant growth with struggling students.

**Our holiday pot luck is November 14 6 PM – Kathy Blackburn, Epsilon State President, will be our guest speaker. Please plan to be at this meeting – Bring one of your favorite dishes.**

Reflecting on Thanksgiving and the things that I am thankful for – they include my Psi Chapter sisters and the friendships I have made as a member of this great organization. I hope that you feel the same way.

At our last meeting, Debbie Hubbard shared her experience at Bea Davis Leadership Workshop. Each of us was able to write our Recipe for Success – using ordinary items as prompts.



**Spotlight on Members** – Kathryn Vaughn, treasurer of the SRTA and secretary of the District 8 RTA received the Name of Fame Award at the Spring LRTA meeting. She received this award on the basis of her outstanding service at the State, District, and local levels for retired teachers.

**New Members** – Now is the time to submit your nomination for an outstanding teacher for membership.

**DKG International** is encouraging marketing our chapter and has a six-step strategy to promote Psi Chapter and strengthen our chapter. Several of these steps are in place for Psi.

1. Who is your target? Chapter members, new teachers, or non-traditional teachers could be your target audience.
2. Once you have focused on a target, your chapter needs to ask, “What does this person need?” — scholarships, grants, social events, networking, community projects, or fellowship?
3. Can you offer what the target audience needs? What can we as a Society provide to fulfill that need? Is your chapter hoping for new members or building excitement in members not active in chapter?
4. Develop hardcopy marketing materials. Examples of that could be a chapter brochure or elevator speeches on business cards.
5. Develop a strategy to use social media. Media such as Facebook, etc.
6. Create a database of targeted individuals—prospective or non-active members for follow up contacts and invitations.

### Birthdays

#### November

Sandra Heard – 15  
Carolyn Maxey – 16

#### December

Shelly Rivers – 2  
Debbie Hubbard – 4  
Sheryl Wilson – 20

### **First Timer's Basket—**

**Need a chairman.  
And a theme?**

**“Hey, Sister,  
What's Your  
Recipe for  
\_\_\_\_\_?”**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Nov 14 – 6 PM – SCOA  
Converse/PH  
Jan 9 - Many 3 SCOA  
Feb 13 – Officers SCOA  
March 13 – Zwolle  
SCOA  
2018 Epsilon State  
Convention - March 16-  
18, Marriott Hotel, Baton  
Rouge  
April 10 – Founder's Day  
6 PM Officers SCOA

**Prayer for Teachers**

Almighty God, We come to you today and give thanks for all our teachers. Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day in the classroom, serving and instructing the next generation of this land. We thank you for them all now. Father, please fill their hearts with courage now by your mighty Spirit. Fill them with your strength, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary. Fill them with your wisdom, so that they may be able to make good judgment when guiding and helping others. Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety comes it would not overwhelm them. Fill them with your joy, so that the passion they have for their subject may become an infectious passion that spreads. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. Amen.

*(a short prayer for teachers from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))*

**Literacy Project**

**Using Sign Language in the Elementary Classroom**

There are books, flash cards and games available on line for purchase by the teachers. There is also a program called SymbolStix - part of the Unique Learning System which is already in use by the teachers. This program's license is approximately \$85. This would be a great literacy project for Psi Chapter. I think that we can donate to come up with the amount needed.

**Don't Forget!!!**

Please bring a canned or boxed nonperishable food for the SCOA Food Closet to our DKG meetings.

Epsilon state website – [epsilonstatedkg.org](http://epsilonstatedkg.org)

Psi Chapter website – [psichapterdkg.com](http://psichapterdkg.com)



Jewelry DKG Jewelry – If you are interested in purchasing a member's pin or any other DKG Jewelry – you can go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) – click on the “forms” tab and then the Award Concepts Order – you will find the order forms.

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