The Mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Psi Chapter is to promote professional and personal growth of Chapter Chatter

women educators and excellence in education.

Blessings for the Holidays!

A note from Kathy:

It's time again for one of our most enjoyable events – the Thanksgiving/Christmas Banquet. This will be held on December 1st, which should get us in the Christmas spirit for the rest of the holiday. Our venue will be new, but the fellowship, food, and festivities will be just as enjoyable as ever. Please make plans to attend now. Our meal will be a pot-luck affair, so please bring what you are most proud of and share it with the rest of us! And bring your recipe if you are willing to share it.

This meeting won't be all fun; we have important things to discuss, such as our moving our meetings from the Pilot House, so please be there to help us with any and all ideas that you might have. Also, please remember to bring items for our outreach projects for the schools and the Detention Center.

I am really excited about seeing all of you on December 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Jan Varnado, of the Pilot Club, thanked us for the many years of support as we held our meetings at the Pilot House. The Club has sold the building.

Mark your calendar for December 1, 2011—6 PM for our Christmas get-together at the Council on Aging Legacy Building in Many. Turn on to Highland Drive by Country Boy Restaurant and proceed straight. Please bring non-perishable items –canned meat, rice, beans, etc. to put in the emergency food closet at the Council on Aging.

Lady Patton and the music committee are planning a fantastic program. Barbara Peterson and Many 1 are the hostesses. Please RSVP to Mary Anne 645-9613 or marussell@bellsouth.net. We need an approximate count of those attending. Thanks!



Important Dates

Dec. 1, 2011 Christmas Meeting 6PM Council on Aging — Legacy Building -200 Legacy Drive Many, LA

Meeting—Feb. 23, 2012 – TBA, Many, LA - 4:30 PM

Meeting—March 22, 2012 – TBA Many, LA - 4:30 PM

Epsilon State Convention, Marriott in BR March 23-25, 2012

April 26, 2012–Founder's Day—TBA

2012 International Convention is in New York! July 24-28 at the Sheraton NY Hotel and Towers on 7th Avenue



Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving. - W.T. Purkiser If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share. ~ W. Clement Stone

Be on the look out for prospective new members:: An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. The new rule includes no requirement for amount of service as a professional educator in advance of the invitation, nor does it eliminate retired educators from the pool of eligible candidates. Please send your recommendation for membership to Sheryl Wilson by February 3, 2012—P. O. Box 339, Zwolle, 71486 or to sitwilson@bellsouth.net. Former members who wish to be reinstated only have to pay their dues and scholarship fee at the time of reinstatement. (no vote has to be taken by the chapter). There is a form to be filled out.

Psi Chapter Meetings

Dec. 1 – Reaching Spiritual Lifestyle through....Music Hostesses: Many 1 Feb. 23 – Reaching Mental Lifestyle through.....Education Hostesses: Many 2 March 22 – Reaching Social Lifestyle through.....Memberships Hostesses: Officers

April 26 – Reaching our Future through.....Psi's Legacy Hostesses: Negreet/Florien (Founder's

Banquet)

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State Happenings :

Take a look at the New Epsilon State Website http://epsilonstatedkg.wordpress.com/

Psi Chapter Opportunities-

If you were not able to contribute at our last meeting, you still can:

- **Take home packets** for the 3 year old preschool classes. The items needed for these packets are pencils, 8 count crayons, black and white notebooks, coloring books and picture books.
- Good used paperbacks (romance, western, etc.) for use at the iail adult education program.
- Play dough for use by Brandy Ezernack, a forensic interviewer that serves 4 parishes through Project Celebration. She interviews children.



Happy Birthday!

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Nov. 16 Carolyn Maxey Paula Phaup Nov. 26 Deborah Campbell Dec. 4 Lea Ann Hawkins Dec. 5 Sheryl Wilson Dec.20 Elyda Thaxton Dec 29 Lois Salter Dec.31 Joanie Dahlem Jan 9 Rebecca Loupe Jan. 15 Mary Gregory Jan 20

********* **Psi Chapter Happenings**

Sarah Savell recently earned National Certification in Literary Braille -NCLB

Cara Leggett was named Administrative Services Supervisor for the SPSB at the 11/7/2011 board meeting.

Mia Curtis's son Hunter of Ebarb High School was chosen as a winner in Chesapeake's Discovering Tomorrow's Leaders Contest. He was recognized for his leadership and volunteer qualities within his school and community. He also ★ won one of the two laptops that were given away. Hunter was also chosen at his school to receive the Honesty and Integrity award and received a \$250.00 scholarship.

Melanie Morgan recently presented "Active Reading for All" at the Louisiana Council of Teachers of English Confer-

★ Please let me know of items of interest of you and your sisters.