

# Epsilon Psi Newsletter

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## MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## VISION STATEMENT:

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,

When looking back over the last couple of weeks, it has become apparent that this pandemic is an event of a lifetime that none of us has encountered before. Paranoia, anxiousness, and hysteria has become a part of our everyday life from friends, colleagues, and even the local news; however, it is during this time that I believe we can find comfort in our knowledge that our efforts to curb this virus's affects have steadily been working, as well as we are now able to take some time for ourselves. Personally, I have focused my time on the things that matter the most in my life: my God and my family. I am reminded daily by both of them that, while caution is most certainly needed at this time, worrying and obsessing over things that have not yet come to pass is not a way to live life. As said in Luke 12:25-26, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?" Rather than fret over things out of my control, I have chosen to look at the brighter side of this two-faced coin.

When faced with adversity, we must know that we have the chance to make the most of our situations, a chance to – for once in our lives – actually stop and smell the fragrance of roses. Our situation gives us a wonderful possibility of using our time wisely and meaningfully, as Einstein says, "in difficulty lies opportunity". So I hope you will take these few days or weeks to focus on the things you wish you had an opportunity to do before, as we can both remain attentive and seize this chance at the same time. Read the book you have been longing to read, do the bible study you haven't had time to learn about, spend quality time with those you live with or strengthen a relationship by chatting with an Epsilon Psi sister. Take this opportunity of time to make a difference in your life or someone else's.

Our executive board conducted several conference calls and adhering to Governor Abbott's order, with a heavy heart, has decided to cancel all of our planned Epsilon Psi gatherings through May. We will make plans to observe our society's Founders' Day and Installation of Officers. Please plan to attend our breakfast meeting on August 8. May we weather the storm and cherish each drop of rain that it brings. And be thankful for journey that lies before us. Looking forward to seeing you soon! If any of you need anything, please feel free to call me at any time!

Love,  
JoAnn Short

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## SPRING DUES COLLECTION ENDS MAY 31

Treasurer Carolyn Francis is collecting dues for 2020-2021. *Only 31 of our 49 members have paid their 2020-2021 dues.* The deadline for dues payment is **May 31, 2020**. If you need to pay dues in installments, please see Carolyn to make arrangements. A dues form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

### Web Watch: International

On the International Website, you can get more updates on the Covid-19 virus and how DKG is still operating. There is also a section called Breaking the Silence: Convention Update that will give updates about the upcoming convention in Philadelphia.

### Web Watch: Alpha State

DKG Texas offers many ways that you can “Socialize While You Isolate”. You can use the link below or go to [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org) to read the many ways you can use technology to still socialize with your sisters and family.

[https://www.dkgtexas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/video\\_conferencing\\_options.pdf](https://www.dkgtexas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/video_conferencing_options.pdf)

## Minutes of Epsilon Psi Executive Board Meeting April 16, 2020

President JoAnn Short initiated a conference call meeting of the Epsilon Psi Executive Board at 3:00pm, April 16, 2020. Present were: JoAnn Short, Judi Mitchell, Kathryn Wright, Julie Kellner, Carolyn Florus, and Carolyn Francis. Joyce Cloudt and Laura Kellner were not present.

Items that were discussed:

- April 23 meeting was cancelled. We were supposed to install officers and vote on Nominations Committee members at that meeting.
- May 14 meeting was cancelled.

These cancellation decisions were made by the Executive Board per Governor Abbott's Covid 19 mandates and not knowing when they will be lifted. Not knowing what the future holds as far as meetings, we wanted to have a plan in place for when we can begin to meet together again.

No decision to cancel was made about the August breakfast meeting. If the August meeting takes place, we would like to meet with Gamma Nu as we did last August. We would have a very simple Founder's Day tribute like 12 roses and pictures of the 12 founders whose names (no additional information) would be called at a designated time.

Installation of officers will be at a later time.

We could have an Epsilon Psi business meeting before the August breakfast and install officers then. The new officers would already be functioning as new officers. Or we could install officers at the September meeting.

Judi Mitchell, chairman of the Nominations Committee, will have an email meeting with Juanita Hatfield and Alicia Brooks. The names of the new nominating committee will be presented and voted on at a later date, possibly by Survey Monkey.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.



## Happy Birthday!

### April

5 Meredith Durham  
25 Suzi Powers

### May

1 Ginger McKay  
29 Donna Mohlman

### June

7 Lacy White  
8 Susan Minix  
28 Carolyn Florus  
29 Laura Smith

### July

3 Lisa McBride  
5 Julie Kellner  
6 Judy Abshier  
6 Carolyn Francis  
7 Alicia Brooks  
8 Lindsay Barnett  
13 Debbie Reynolds  
24 Debbie Denson  
25 Judi Craig  
27 JoAnn Short



## Treasurer's Report

Balance, April 1, 2020 .....	\$ 7,912.62
Receipts.....	<u>593.00</u>
Total Available .....	\$ 8,505.62
Disbursements .....	<u>0.00</u>
Balance, April 17, 2020 .....	<u>\$ 8,505.62</u>
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund.....	\$ 2,958.91
Scholarship Fund .....	<u>17,552.57</u>
Savings Balance, April 17, 2020 .....	\$20,511.48
Total Funds Available, Apr 17, 2020 ....	\$29,017.10

## 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 2019-2020: Richie Butler, Tommye Glynn Clark, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, JoAnn Short 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%
September.....	22 = 46.81%
October .....	22 = 44.00%
November .....	17 = 34.69%
December.....	23 = 46.94%
January.....	18 = 36.73%
February.....	25 = 51.02%
March .....	Cancelled (COVID-19)
April.....	Cancelled (COVID-19)
May .....	Cancelled (COVID-19)
Average .....	20.14 = 41.11%

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### 2018-2020 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

**JoAnn Short**, President

**Julie Kellner**, First Vice President

**Judi Mitchell**, Second Vice President

**Carolyn Florus**, Recording Secretary

**Joyce Cloudt**, Corresponding Secretary

**Carolyn Francis**, Treasurer

**Kathryn Wright**, Parliamentarian

**Julie Kellner**, Immed. Past President

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

## 2020-2021 EPSILON PSI DUES

Please complete the following form and return it with your check to:

Mrs. Carolyn Francis, 2104 Buchanan Drive, Baytown, TX 77520-5607

Check only those items for which you are paying. Please pay ASAP. **Total amount is due no later than May 31.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Active Member Dues and Fees	\$93.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve Member Dues and Fees	65.00	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship Funds	20.00	20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter Newsletter Subscription (\$12 for members preferring a printed copy)		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Storybook Christmas Donation		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gift to Chapter		_____
Total amount of check			\$ _____

***You may pay with one check made payable to "Epsilon Psi."***

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member's Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code (9 digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish ☐ Yes ☐ No

Home Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to publish ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject/Grade Level/Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chapter Profile purposes) (Month) (Date) (Year)

Approximate Year Entered Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees Held: ☐ Bachelor ☐ Master ☐ Doctor ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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