



## 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 Impact-  
ing Education  
Worldwide.

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# Epsilon Psi Newsletter

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,  
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## President's Message by: Kristen Davis



Kristen Davis  
President 2020-2022

Dear Sisters,  
I cannot believe we are nearing the end of this school year. This has been one for the record books for sure: online school, in-person school, shields, masks, streaming awards assemblies, contact tracing, no parents on campuses, quarantining, LOTS of long-term

subs, etc. I truly believe educators deserve recognition for all of their determination and perseverance.

We have learned a lot here in Epsilon Psi as well. I cannot believe we have had virtual meetings all year long. We have had great attendance, so we will keep a virtual option for future meetings! Look at all of the technology you have practiced using!

At our next meeting, Ryan Holzaepfel will be presenting Hurricane Preparedness. I will send out a Zoom link before the meeting.

Gamma Nu has postponed our May banquet

to do an in-person August breakfast. We are all hoping that things will be a little more back to normal around then. It will be on the same day as our scheduled breakfast, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your patience, participation, and enthusiasm this first year. I am grateful to share this experience with you.

Love,  
Kristen

## Next Meeting:

April 22 , 2021  
5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Program: *"Preparation Is the Key: Hurricane Preparedness"*

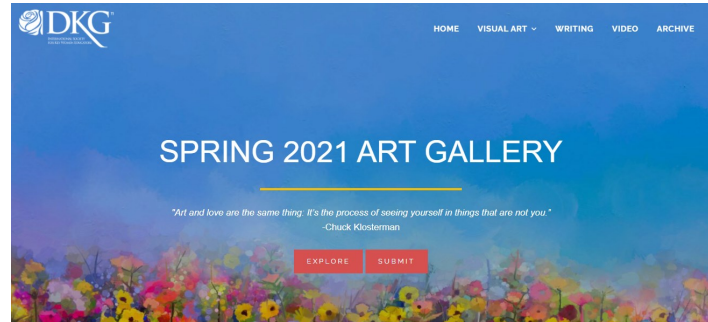
Ryan Holzaepfel from the City of Mont Belvieu will help the group prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

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and Alicia Brooks [asbrooks77@gmail.com](mailto:asbrooks77@gmail.com), editors



## Web Watch: International

Check out the new Spring 2021 Art Gallery that has been posted on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).



## Web Watch: Alpha State

If you haven't read the latest "The Key" newsletter, it is available [now](#). In it they discuss the upcoming convention, the safety protocols and hotel reservations.



News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International



# Hospitality and Other News:

Please let JoAnn Short know of any hospitality news.

- Meredith Durham is extremely proud of her daughter, Courtney Durham, who has been chosen Educator of the Year by the PTA of her school, Honey elementary in Lubbock ISD. Courtney is a fourth-generation teacher in her first year of teaching. She is teaching second grade like her mother Meredith, her grandmother Richie Butler, and her late great grandmother Eulala Knudson. What a legacy! Proud father is Randy Durham and proud grandfather is Wiley Butler.

## May Meeting will be held August 14th

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Epsilon Psi Chapter  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Kristen Davis using the Zoom format with a quorum and the secretary being present. Roll was taken by Carolyn Francis with 17 members in attendance.

Judi Mitchell gave the Chapter Collect, and Ruth Blake led members in the Response.

Old Business:

The February minutes were approved as printed in the March newsletter.

The February financial report prepared by Treasurer Carolyn Francis was printed in the March newsletter and will be filed for audit.

New Business:

President Kristen Davis conducted the business meeting. She acknowledged many are still recovering from the problems caused by the recent difficult freeze. If you are in need of help with freeze related recovery, Kristen has information on how to apply for assistance that Delta Kappa Gamma is offering to members.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Carolyn Francis announced the form to remit dues is attached to the newsletter. Dues need to be paid before May 31, 2021.

First Vice President Alicia Brooks reported that Ryan Holzapfel will present the April program. Ryan is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Chambers County, and he will present "Preparation Is the Key: Hurricane Preparedness."

Our April meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Kristen will send us an invitation a few days before the meeting.

Reports of Special Committees:

JoAnn Short reported Juanita Hatfield's father passed away. Juanita's mother also passed very recently, so this is a compound grief. We extend our sincere condolences to Juanita and her family.

The Barbers Hill community is experiencing sorrow with the death of Betty Nelson. Betty served BHISD for 35 years, most recently as Transportation Manager.

Julie Kellner's parents are making a big move from their home in Arkansas to Baytown to be closer to Julie and her family. They will be in our thoughts and prayers as we wish them an easy transition.

Program:

Kristen introduced Lori May, Safe Schools Coordinator for Barbers Hill ISD, who presented the program "The Keys to Student Safety." Lori presented different measures that schools are slowly implementing to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Big improvements have been made to school safety in the past few years. TEA has turned over school safety protocols to Texas State School Safety Center and uses them as a clearinghouse for requirements. Safe and Sound Schools is a non-profit organization that provides resources and basic tools for crisis prevention, response, and recovery. The glass in the vestibules is covered with a bullet-proof film. The "Watch Dog" program allows vetted dads to come to the Kindergarten Center through Grade 12 to relate to the kids. Safety Assessment Monitors is a program that enables substitutes to get help. SB11, the Behavioral Threat Management Data Collection Law, requires school employees to collect data concerning threats and assign them to a low, moderate, or high level. A high-level threat requires action. Protocols include removal of lockers, clear backpacks, frequent drills, and police officers accepted as friendly helpers. Other measures are access control, facial recognition that alerts police officers of sexual offenders, anonymous reporting, security camera upgrades that detect vaping devices, emergency management systems and panic buttons. Next year BH is hoping to learn bleeding control measures called "Stop the Bleed." The community and parents accept and appreciate the school district's response to possible threats.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m. Ruth Blake led us in the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song."

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, President



## 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

### July

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

## Treasurer's Report



Balance, April 1, 2021 .....	\$ 4,551.28
Receipts .....	123.00
Total Available .....	\$ 4,674.28
Disbursements.....	0.00
Balance, April 9, 2021 .....	\$ 4,674.28
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund.....	\$ 3,008.91
Grants-in-Aid.....	6,053.99
Convention Incentive.....	8,245.99
Scholarship Fund .....	6,760.60
Savings Balance, April 9, 2021.....	\$24,069.49
Total Funds Available, April 9, 2021.....	\$28,620.77

## 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 1 hour the fourth Tuesday of each month to Epsilon Psi by attending and participating in its Zoom meetings, activities and service projects.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2020-2021: Alicia Brooks, Kristen Davis, and Carolyn Francis. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com or 281-427-5930.

### Attendance Watch

August.....	14 = 31.11%
September.....	25 = 55.56%
October .....	20 = 44.44%
November.....	14 = 31.11%
December.....	11 = 24.44%
January .....	18 = 40.00%
February.....	13 = 28.89%
Average.....	16.43 = 36.51%

## Spring Dues Collection

Treasurer Carolyn Francis is collecting dues for 2021-2022. A dues form is included on p. 6 of this newsletter. Please send your dues to Carolyn as quickly as possible. She has received 15 dues payments as of April 9, 2021.

The following members have not paid their 2021-2022 dues: Ami Briscoe, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Tommye Glynn Clark, Jayme Curry, Laurie Curry, Shelley Deakle, Meredith Durham, Juanita Hatfield, Dewolyn Hulum, Lorena Lankford, Jean Lee, Joan Mangum, Lisa McBride, Susan Minix, Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Suzi Powers, Debbie Reynolds, Therese Ruff, Mattie Sharp, Dorothy Shields, JoAnn Short, Laura Smith, Benny May Thomas, Dana Vela-Lopez, Elma Villanueva, Rachel Warren, and Kathryn Wright. Don't let the May deadline slip up on you. Complete your dues form, write your check payable to Epsilon Psi, and mail them to Carolyn NOW! Her address is 2104 Buchanan Drive, Baytown, TX 77520-5607.

## 2020-2022 Epsilon Psi Chapter Officers

**Kristen Davis**, President  
**Alicia Brooks**, First Vice President  
**JoAnn Short**, Second Vice President  
**Richie Butler**, Recording Secretary  
**Julie Kellner**, Corresponding Secretary  
**Carolyn Francis**, Treasurer  
**Kathryn Wright**, Parliamentarian  
**JoAnn Short**, Immed. Past President

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

### 2021-2022 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.**

Active Member Dues and Fees	\$93.00	_____
Reserve Member Dues and Fees	45.00	_____
Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship Funds	20.00	_____ 20.00
Chapter Newsletter Subscription (\$12 for members preferring a printed copy)		_____
A Storybook Christmas Donation		_____
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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Publication Permission Form

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