



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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Epsilon Psi Newsletter

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President's Message by: Kristen Davis



Kristen Davis
President 2020-2022

Dear Sisters,

I hope you made it safely through our winter storm. I am looking forward to spring coming next month. Puxatony Phil knew what was right when he let us know there would be six more weeks of winter.

This month's meeting is going to be an exciting meeting. We will get to listen to Jamie Eustace from the library on current popular book reviews. I cannot wait. This weather has made me want to read so much (under the blanket and by the fire!).

Hopefully soon, we can meet in person again. Safety is our number one priority for us all. I miss being able to visit with everyone. Proverbs 27:9 says, "A sweet friendship refreshes the soul." I am thankful for the friendships we have. Try to reach out to someone in our group this week before our meeting. You just might give her soul the refreshing it needs!

Love,
Kristen

Next Virtual Meeting: Book Reviews: Keys to the Enjoyment of Reading

February 25, 2021

5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Program: "Book Reviews: Keys to the Enjoyment of Reading"

Jamie Eustace from the Sterling Municipal Library will present current popular book reviews that are available for checkout in our local library.

Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96655406855?pwd=U2ZWbGFKZGI2WmRaeVhZWk5LTDFWZz09>

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Web Watch: International

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Web Watch: Alpha State

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Hospitality and Other News:

Please let JoAnn Short know of any hospitality news.

March Meeting:

March 25, 2021
Thursday, 5 p.m.
Location: TBD

Program: *"The Keys to Student Safety"*

Lori May, Safe Schools Coordinator in Barbers Hill ISD, will present different layers of safety that schools are implementing to ensure our students are safe.



Happy Birthday!

February

8 Kathryn Wright
11 Richie Butler

March

2 Tommye Glynn Clark
23 Laurie Curry
31 Rachel Warren

Treasurer's Report



Balance, February 1, 2021	\$3,181.28
Receipts	87.00
Total Available	\$3,268.28
Disbursements.....	0.00
Balance, February 17, 2021	\$3,268.28
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 3,008.91
Grants-in-Aid	6,053.99
Convention Incentive	8,245.99
Scholarship Fund	6,760.56
Savings Balance, February 17, 2021	\$24,069.45
Total Funds Available, February 17, 2021	\$27,337.73

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, Carolyn Francis, JoAnn Short and Michelle Verdun. 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%
Average	17 = 37.78%

Spring Dues Collection Begins Soon

Treasurer Carolyn Francis is now collecting dues for 2021-2022. If you need to pay dues in installments, please see Carolyn to make arrangements. A dues form is included on p. 6 of this newsletter.

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

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2021

Epsilon Psi hosted the joint meeting of the Epsilon Psi and Gamma Nu Chapters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International which was opened at 5:00 p.m. by President Kristen Davis using the Zoom format. This meeting was designated a social meeting in observance of our birthday celebration, so it did not include business. Roll was taken by Carolyn Francis with 18 Epsilon Psi members being present.

Kristen introduced Nancy Bonds, president of Gamma Nu. We welcomed members and socialized as additional members joined the meeting. We went to virtual breakout rooms where we played an icebreaker game which involved superpowers and emojis. At 5:30 p.m., Kristen called the joint meeting to order. All members recited the Chapter Collect and sang the Response in unison. Kristen recognized Mattie Sharp, Dorothy Shields, and Judi Mitchell who celebrated birthdays in January, and she also recognized Kathryn Wright and Richie Butler who will celebrate birthdays in February. Kristen highlighted our fall programs led by Karen Coffey; Mary Huett, M.D., P.A.; and our diaper drive benefitting Peter Hyland Center's daycare.

Kristen introduced Ashley Parrish, wife of Brett Parrish and mother of seven, who is a parenting expert and podcast cohost. Parenting is a passion of hers as she knows how important it is. She had met Dr. Kenneth Wilgus, Ph.D., who authored the book Feeding the Mouth that Bites You. The book encourages good parenting and provides parents with strategies that enable teenagers to build the skills necessary to make good decisions and to be dependable, responsible, and respectable. Dr. Ken invited Ashley and her friend Jessica to lead a podcast based on this book. During the podcast, Ashley and Jessica discuss the book using applications from real life along with comments and questions from listeners. Our teenagers are facing unique times and challenges these days. This author is a trusted expert who addresses issues that cause youth to struggle. The information is very timely. This podcast is a vehicle to bring this information from a trusted source to readers and listeners in a new way. Ashley cautioned that since anyone can make a podcast, be sure to choose a podcast just as you would choose a book. Be sure that your values align with those in the podcast.

Podcasts can be very beneficial if used properly. Ashley encouraged us to try using podcasts to learn and grow. We can use podcasts as a great free resource to access information. Educators can use podcasts to their advantage. She shared the app for Feeding the Mouth that Bites You so we could use it to begin to feel comfortable to search out other subjects of interest. Several members told how they were already using podcasts. Nancy Bonds commented she listens to podcasts during her commute. For answers to questions, go to podcast@feedingthemouth.com.

Joyce Cloudt reported that her husband Roy is still in the hospital two months after quadruple bypass surgery. He is improving with physical therapy.

On behalf of Gamma Nu, Nancy thanked Epsilon Psi for hosting the joint meeting. Kristen announced she will email information about the February meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 25, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, 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: _____

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