



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 Epsilon Psi Sisters,

November is here! I have enjoyed the cooler weather, but I just wish we had more of it. I hope everyone is ready

for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. I absolutely love this time of year. I look forward to our virtual meeting this month with Dr. Mary Hewitt and her program on women's health. For our December meeting, I am looking into innovative ways we can have a meeting and celebrate the holidays together. I hope to share more

information with you soon!

2020 has been a difficult year. When we reflect over this year, I hope you can find many things you are thankful for. I know it is said many times, but I am truly thankful for each of you in this organization. Knowing that I have my sisters gives me lots of joy! My wish is that you find lots of joy in this holiday season and are able to enjoy your family and friends.

"Be present in all things and thankful for all things." -Maya Angelou

Next Meetings:

November 19, 2020, Thursday, 5:00 p.m. (meeting)

Meditation: Collect and Response

Program: *"Prevention Is Key to Health"*

Mary Hewitt, M.D., P.A., Family Practice physician, will present a program on women's health and preventative medicine.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 558 775 8047

Passcode: 503197

December 10, 2020, Thursday, 5:00 p.m. (meeting)

Program: *"'Key'ping up with Santa and Mrs. Claus...Christmas Sing-a-long"*

TBD



Happy Thanksgiving

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and Alicia Brooks asbrooks77@gmail.com, editors



Web Watch: International

Check out this month's DKG [Get Connected](#).

In this month's issue they discuss *The Value of Virtual*.

Sneak Peek: DKG members are discovering the value of virtual as they face a new reality. Virtual platforms have been available and utilized by professions and associations for years. When the COVID pandemic first became a part of life, DKG, like other membership associations, took the use of virtual technology to a different level. Virtual technology was originally viewed negatively ...

The Nov/Dec 2020 issue of *DKG News* is available online at <https://www.dkg.org> under the Publications tab. Your Member ID is your username. If you do not know your Member ID, contact Carolyn Francis at crfranci@me.com or text her at 713-705-1540.



Web Watch: Alpha State

There is a third volume to Convention Keys to help plan your visit to the 91st Texas State Convention.

The Spring 2020 issue of *The Lone Star News* is available online at <https://www.dkgtexas.org>.

News from
Alpha State
and
International



Hospitality and Other News:

Please keep Kristen Davis and family in your prayers for the loss of her mother.

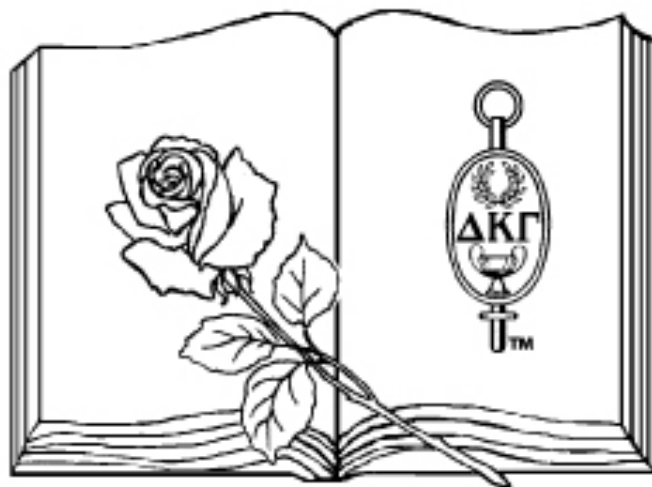
Members, please keep us informed of special events in your lives...trips, weddings, births, achievements, as well as illnesses and losses.

Send all hospitality notifications to:

JoAnn Short

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281.804.9429 (cell)





December Meeting:

Dec. 10, 2020

5:00 p.m. Meeting

Location: TBD

***" 'Key'ping up with
Santa and Mrs. Claus...
Christmas Sing-a-long"***

Epsilon Psi members will enjoy a catered dinner. Santa will pay a visit and Mrs. Claus (Judi Mitchell) will make a return visit. Mattie Sharp will report on Global Awareness, and members will participate in sending Christmas cards to Global Awareness recipients.

A Storybook Christmas

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we cancelled A Storybook Christmas for December 2020, and will provide books for students in first and second grades in December 2021.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2020

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Kristen Davis using the Zoom format. Roll was taken by Carolyn Francis with 20 members being present.

Donna Mohlman gave the Collect, and Joyce Cloudt led members in the Response.

Old Business:

The September minutes were approved as printed in the October newsletter.

The Treasurer's report for September as printed in the October newsletter was approved and will be filed for audit.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Membership Committee Chair JoAnn Short reported that no membership applications were submitted. Although Epsilon Psi traditionally receives new members in the fall, we can and will welcome new members at any time.

A Storybook Christmas Chair Julie Kellner reported that this year there are many obstacles to A Storybook Christmas making it impossible to accomplish. Due to Covid-19 restrictions in place to protect students and staff, visitors are not allowed on campuses, so we could not pack the books at a school. In addition to that, we could not pack the books safely because that requires us to work together closely. Delivery would be impossible since many first-grade students in Goose Creek will still be at home enrolled in distance learning. It is evident that it is infeasible for us to have A Storybook Christmas this year, and Gamma Nu agrees. Laura Kellner moved that due to Covid-19 restrictions, we cancel A Storybook Christmas for December 2020, and provide books for students in first and second grades in December 2021. Meredith Durham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Our next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020. Kristen will send us an email with the link information we need to join the meeting. JoAnn's sister, Dr. Mary Hewitt, is a Family Practice physician who will present our program on women's health and preventative medicine. The program is titled, "Prevention Is the Key to Health". Dr. Hewitt will be available at 5:30 p.m., so we agreed to begin our meeting at 5:00 p.m. next month.

Reports of Special Committees:

Hospitality Chair JoAnn Short mentioned Jon Blake, Bruce Davis, and Susan Minix. There is good news that Ginger McKay's son Andrew is doing well and is working.

Program:

JoAnn Short engaged us in an interactive game, "Meet Our Marvelous Members Game" also known as the "M&M Game". When the game wheel landed on a question, JoAnn called on a random member in attendance to give her answer to that question. We heard from members about their favorite books, meals, movies, shows, and many other interesting things. We all enjoyed the game and enjoyed learning more about each other.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, President

Happy Birthday!



November

7 Joyce Cloudt
25 Joan Mangum
26 Juanita Hatfield

December

2 Lorena Lankford
12 Ami Briscoe
13 Benny May Thomas
24 Laura Kellner
27 Therese Ruff

Treasurer's Report



Balance, November 1, 2020.....	\$3,244.89
Receipts.....	3.00
Total Available.....	\$3,247.89
Disbursements	26.60
Balance, November 13, 2020	\$3,221.29
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 3,008.91
Grants-in-Aid	6,053.99
Convention Incentive	8,245.99
Scholarship Fund	6,752.70
Savings Balance, Nov. 13, 2020	\$24,061.59
Total Funds Available, Nov. 13, 2020.....	\$27,282.88

Perfect Attendance

The following members have perfect attendance for 2020-2021: Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Judi Mitchell, Donna Mohlman, Therese Ruff, Mattie Sharp, 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 for PACE Award

August	14 = 31.11%
September	25 = 55.56%
October	20 = 44.44%
Average	19.67 = 43.70%

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

