

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: Kristen Davis



Kristen Davis
President 2020-2022

Dear Sisters,

I think November is my favorite month! This whole month gives me time to think about everything that I am thankful for in my life. There are so

many blessings that I have been given. Being president of Epsilon Psi has been more of a blessing that I could have imagined. We have some wonderful women in our organization that I have met and learned from this past year and a half. I am grateful to have had this opportunity to serve you as well. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for

my friends, the old and the new." This definitely sums up my journey as your president. This month we will finally have our necrology service for our dear friends: Ouida Carroll, Shirley Wright, Aida Dyer, and Jean Lee. I hope you all will attend at this meeting so we can honor these wonderful sisters. Our December meeting will be at Peter Hyland Center where we will celebrate Christmas and support their daycare.

With a thankful heart,

Kristen

Next Meeting:

November 18, 2021, Thursday

5 p.m.(fellowship),
5:30 p.m.(meeting)

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church,
505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

Program: Necrology and "Craft Quest"
Members will enjoy creating a Christmas craft with each other.



Happy Thanksgiving

Hostesses:

Joyce Cloudt, chair; Carolyn Florus,
Julie Kellner

Project Graduation Raffle Prizes:

Richie Butler, chair; Annette Harrison,
Lorena Lankford, Kathryn Wright

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Upcoming Projects



December: We will bring baby items to donate to the day-care at Peter Hyland Center. We will also deliver the books for Storybook Christmas to local elementaries.


February: We will donate


stuffed animals to fire and police departments.

Monthly: Project Graduation; Food Pantry for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church

Web Watch: International




 DKG Presidential Update!!

 Watch International President, Becky Sadowski, talk about the upcoming 2022 Convention and the sale of the Headquarters building and how its legacy will live on as Annie B.

<https://youtu.be/4kI3ZmgUyxw>

Web Watch: Alpha State



DKG-Texas State Organization
Yesterday at 2:42 PM - 

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
Fall Stewardship Campaign
Together We Win

October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Fact #5: ASTEF conducts Fundraisers and Stewardship Campaigns.

Fact #6: ASTEF is governed by a Board of Directors.

To make your donation to the Fall Stewardship Campaign, choose one of the forms below.

 CONTRIBUTION FORM

Contribute to the fund of your choice or designate as an honorarium or memorial. Download form and save on your computer. Open form, complete all information, save form again, then print for mailing. See form for mailing instructions (include form and check).

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

Project Graduation

Members are to bring monetary donations for Project Graduation benefitting the 6 Goose Creek high schools. The following individuals will furnish the raffle prizes for the November meeting:

Richie Butler, chair; Annette Harrison, Lorena Lankford, Kathryn Wright

If you cannot attend the meeting please give your prize to another Epsilon Psi member who will be in attendance.

*“Education
is not
preparation
for life;
education is
life itself.”
John Dewey*



December Meeting

December 9, 2021, Thursday, 5 p.m. (fellowship), 5:30 p.m. (meeting)

Peter E. Hyland Center, 1906 Decker Drive, Baytown
Christmas Dinner

Program: *“Merry Christmas Members”*

Epsilon Psi members will enjoy a catered dinner. Mattie Sharp will report on Global Awareness, and members will participate in sending Christmas cards to Global Awareness recipients.

Chapter Projects: (1) Project Graduation, (2) A Storybook Christmas, (3) presents for Peter Hyland Center’s PRS Program

Hostesses: -JoAnn Short, chair; Alicia Brooks, Dana Vela-Lopez, Michelle Verdun

Project Graduation Raffle Prizes: Alicia Brooks, chair; Karen Coffey, Laura Kellner

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

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International enjoyed fellowship time and hospitality at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church. The dual format in-person and Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Kristen Davis with a quorum established and the secretary being present. Roll was taken by Carolyn Francis with 7 members being present.

Julie Kellner gave the Chapter Collect, and members joined in the Response.

Old Business

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

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

New Business

Kristen Davis read a letter of resignation from Dewolyn Hullum. Carolyn Francis moved to accept her resignation with regrets. Laura Kellner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

President Kristen Davis thanked Carolyn Francis for the salad and pizza treat.

President Kristen Davis reported the program for our next meeting on November 18 will be changed to hold memorial ceremonies for Ouida Carroll, Aida Dyer, Shirley Wright and Jean Lee. We will also work on producing a video for A Storybook Christmas to be shown at the schools on distribution day.

Yearbook Committee Chair Carolyn Francis reported that she has the yearbook ready. She was thanked for all her work as she distributed them.

Julie Kellner was appointed by the president to be the new chair of the Necrology Committee. Julie and her committee will conduct a Chapter Celebration of Life for Ouida Carroll, Aida Dyer, Shirley Wright, and Jean Lee at our November meeting.

Reports of Special Committees

A Storybook Christmas Committee is making plans. Member Laura Kellner reported school districts that we serve welcomed the books for first and second graders this year. Patti Russell from Gamma Nu will be getting the numbers from the private schools. Julie Kellner reported A Storybook Christmas Committee has chosen The Thing About Yetis by Vin Vogel to give the students with If You Take a Mouse to the Movies as a backup. Scholastic is warning that shipping difficulties could extend the delivery time from ten days to five weeks. Packing Day is planned for Wednesday, December 8, at Barbers Hill Technology Center. Carolyn Francis will print the labels. It would be wonderful if the Barbers Hill ISD PALS could apply the labels. We will need lots of paper sacks. Distribution Day is Tuesday, December 14. Nine thousand bonus points have been donated to offset the expense. Thank you to JoAnn Short who donated 3,000 bonus points. Each book is 70 points. JoAnn Short has been talking to the Scholastic representatives and has an appointment in the morning to finalize the order for 5,049 books. Also, a few Snowmen at Night from 2019 are available for sale at \$1.00 each.

Hospitality Committee Report

Our sincere condolences to the family of our member Jean Lee who passed October 24, 2021.

Prayers are being offered for Joyce Cloudt, who is taking chemo to fight cancer.

Praying for Ruth Blake and her husband Jon, who has been placed hospice care.

JoAnn Short requested prayer for her brother-in-law who has been hospitalized for more than a month with Covid. He is improving and scheduled to go to rehab tomorrow to continue his recuperation.

Prayers are being offered for Judi Mitchell, her daughter Allison Carsey, and Allison's three daughters who are all having health issues.

Kristen requested prayer for her good friend, Robert Shaw, who is fighting Covid. He has been in a Wisconsin ICU several weeks.

Prayers for Amy Briscoe, who tested positive and is now being treated for Covid.

Happy October birthdays to Elma Villanueva, Michelle Verdun, Jayme Curry, Annette Harrison, and Mary Cooling.

Program

Thank you, Kristen Davis, for leading us in the fun "Getting to Know You" game. As we answered the questions she posed, we discovered more about our varied interests and experiences. We gained more valuable insights about one another.

JoAnn Short conducted the drawing for the Project Graduation raffle prizes. Project Graduation Committee chair was Juanita Hatfield, and members were Debbie Denson, Judi Mitchell, and Rachel Warren.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

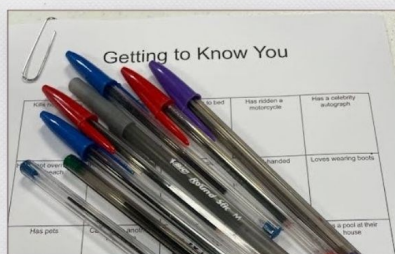
Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, President

JOURNEY
Which way will you go?



OCTOBER MEETING





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, 2021	\$4,504.24
Receipts	30.00
Total Available.....	\$4,534.24
Disbursements	0.00
Balance, November 12, 2021	\$4,534.24

Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:

General Fund	\$3,008.91
Grants-in-Aid.....	5,753.99
Convention Incentive.....	8,245.99
Scholarship Fund.....	6,760.74
Savings Balance, Nov. 12, 2021	\$23,769.63

Total Funds Available, Nov. 12, 2021 \$28,303.87

Perfect Attendance

The following members have perfect attendance for 2021-2022: Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Kristen Davis, Carolyn Francis, Laura Kellner, and JoAnn Short. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, crfranci@me.com or 281-427-5930.

Yearbook Distribution

Yearbook Chairman Carolyn Francis will have the yearbooks available at the November meeting. If you cannot be present, please plan to have someone pick up your yearbook for you.

Attendance Watch

August	16 = 38.10%
September	13 = 30.95%
October	7 = 17.50%
Average	12 = 28.85%



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