



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.

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Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

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President's Message by: Kristen Davis

Kristen Davis
President 2020-2022

Dear Sisters,
October is finally here. I know you would agree with me that it is time for cooler weather and no more tropical disturbances in the Gulf! This month we will get to play a little game to get to know one another. This should be very interesting to do it virtually, but I look forward to it. Our last meeting was fun getting to see everyone's face.

At the Area 3 Workshop last month, I was very inspired by Dr. Mary Ann Waldon. She used our theme of keys to motivate us for the upcoming year. We can use our keys to unlock new ways to do things. We need to 'K'eeep emphaz-

ing our purposes, 'E'liminate negativity, 'Y'ou! Keys help us open doors and turn old to new. When I think of this pandemic and all our struggles, we definitely are looking and moving forward. We have absolutely moved out of our comfort zone. You are the key, and I am thankful for you!

I look forward to learning more about our Marvelous Members during our next virtual meeting. See you there!
Love always,
Kristen

Next Meeting: October 22nd

October 22, 2020

Meeting 5:00 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 558 775 8047

Passcode: 503197

Epsilon Psi members will build closer relationships with each other by playing the M & M game.

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News from
Alpha State
and
International



Web Watch: International

Leadership Vision Blog—https://news.gallup.com/topic/category_leadership.aspx

Gallup leadership website has four core values: focus on talent, mission-driven work, world-class managers, and growth and development. Their blog on leadership has many posts about leadership including [How to Improve Student and Educator Wellbeing](#) and the blog is updated regularly. When you get a chance, go check it out.



Web Watch: Alpha State



92nd Texas State Organization convention will be held in Denton, Texas. Activities will begin with the Children's Art Show and Leadership Seminar Reunions on Wednesday evening, June 16, and will conclude with the Celebration Brunch on Saturday, June 19. Read all about the upcoming convention in the convention newsletter

The Key. [The Key Volume 1](#)

<http://dkgtexasphotos.weebly.com/>

Hospitality and Other News:

Please let JoAnn Short know of any hospitality news.

November Meeting:

November 19, 2020

Thursday, 5 p.m.

Location: TBD

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.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Epsilon Psi Chapter
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 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.

Carolyn led the Collect, and members sang the Response.

Old Business:

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

Due to health reasons, Joan Mangum withdrew as First Vice President. Alicia Brooks volunteered to fill the position, and Kristen Davis appointed Alicia as the new First Vice President.

Ceremonies Chairman Richie Butler led the installation of new officers. Serving as new officers for 2020-2022 are:

President: Kristen Davis

First Vice President: Alicia Brooks

Second Vice President: JoAnn Short

Recording Secretary: Richie Butler

Corresponding Secretary: Juanita Hatfield

Treasurer: Carolyn Francis

Parliamentarian: Kathryn Wright

Membership Chairman JoAnn Short emailed the Recommendation for Membership form to all members. Also, she reported receiving letters of resignation from Judy Abshier, Lindsey Barnett, and Lacy White.

First Vice President Alicia Brooks reported our next meeting would be by Zoom at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2020. The program will be " 'M & M Game': Meet Our Marvelous Members".

New Business:

Kristen Davis reported on the Area 3 Workshop held on Zoom format the morning of September 12, 2020. Epsilon Psi members attending were Kristen Davis, Carolyn Francis and Mattie Sharp.

Congratulations to members with perfect attendance for the previous year: Richie Butler, Tommye Glynn Clark, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Judi Mitchell, JoAnn Short, and Kathryn Wright. JoAnn Short moved to donate \$50 to A Storybook Christmas to honor their perfect attendance. Kathryn Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman JoAnn Short moved to accept with regrets the resignations of Judy Abshier, Lindsey Barnett, and Lacy White. The motion passed.

Finance Committee Chairman Carolyn Florus along with Treasurer Carolyn Francis and President Kristen Davis presented the new budget for 2020-2021 for approval. Following explanations, Carolyn Florus moved we accept the budget as presented. The motion passed.

Program:

Karen Coffey, reading specialist and dyslexia expert, presented the program, "Teaching Reading Is Not Rocket Science".

For students learning to read, three areas on the left side of their brain must work efficiently: the temporal lobe, the occipital lobe, and the frontal lobe. The main causes for difficulty in learning to read are learning disabilities such as dyslexia, lack of exposure to print, and language barriers. Struggling students who miss instruction due to Covid-19 will likely need targeted intervention in addition to that already offered by our local districts. Karen introduced us to a new reading initiative called Learner Dynamics. It is an afterschool tutoring program designed to remove financial barriers, to offer one-on-one interventions created by diagnosticians and taught by certified teachers, with mentoring for parents. Karen emailed her outline of the program and a flyer for Learner Dynamics with information on the initiative and how to donate. Donna Mohlman added there are 917 eBooks available to everyone at no cost through the Lee College Mobile Go Center. These Interactive Library resources are provided by DKG grants and matched by Capstone. Donna emailed the instructions to access this free library.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, President

Happy Birthday!

October

1	Jean Lee
11	Elma Villanueva
16	Michelle Verdun
21	Shelley Deakle
28	Annette Harrison
29	Mary Cooling

November

7	Joyce Cloudt
25	Joan Mangum
26	Juanita Hatfield



Treasurer's Report

Balance, October 1, 2020	\$3,294.33
Receipts	<u>5.20</u>
Total Available.....	\$3,299.53
Disbursements.....	<u>54.64</u>
Balance, October 13, 2020.....	\$3,244.89
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 3,008.91

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 1½ hours the fourth Thursday of each month to Epsilon Psi by attending and participating in its meetings, activities and service projects. This year our meetings begin at 5:30pm via Zoom until further notice.

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.

Since our first meeting was a YouTube meeting, we were unable to check roll. If you attended the YouTube meeting, please contact Carolyn Francis,

Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August	14 = 31.11%
September.....	25 = 55.56%
Average	19.5 = 43.33%

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Yearbook Chairman Carolyn Francis has had the yearbooks delivered to you if you requested. Please let Carolyn Francis know if you still need your s.

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