



# Epsilon Psi Newsletter

Epsilon Psi Chapter (#143), Area III, Baytown  
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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,  
Fall is here! We had a glimpse of cooler weather, pumpkins are abundant, and college football is as exciting as ever (Go Aggies!). I hope Mother Nature will

give us some cooler weather in the days ahead.

It was so nice to meet in person last month. Carolyn Francis shared with us about UMCOR and we were able to send 44 school kits to the UMCOR Depot in Conroe to be shipped to Sager Brown in Louisiana. So awesome!

It has been hard for us to add members to our chapter during this pandemic. We will not be having an induction this month. However, let us use this next meeting as a way to get to know each other and brainstorm ways to get and retain members. The quote, "It's the friends we meet along life's road who help us appreciate the journey," reminds me of my time in Epsilon Psi. I love how each one of you have contributed to my adventure. Continuing our journey through Delta Kappa Gamma, I hope we can add more members (and friends) to our path.

See you Thursday! Don't forget your canned goods for Rollingbrook Fellowship Church.

## Next Meeting:

October 28, 2021, Thursday

5 p.m.(fellowship),  
5:30 p.m.(meeting)  
Rollingbrook Fellowship Church,  
505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

**Hostesses:** Carolyn Francis, chair;  
Karen Coffey, Laura Smith, Kathryn Wright

## YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

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

**Project Graduation Raffle Prizes:**  
Juanita Hatfield, chair;  
Debbie Denson, Dewolyn Hullum, Judi Mitchell, Rachel Warren

Kristen Davis [davisk0928@gmail.com](mailto:davisk0928@gmail.com)  
and Alicia Brooks [asbrooks77@gmail.com](mailto:asbrooks77@gmail.com), editors



## 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



News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International



## Web Watch: International



[https://youtu.be/KDUDmgc\\_K30](https://youtu.be/KDUDmgc_K30)

Check out the first of four webinars that DKG International is providing to help grow our membership. This particular webinar is about marketing the society within and beyond.

## Web Watch: Alpha State

### STAR 2022 Registration Now Open

Registration for the STAR event is now open and can be accessed at [this link](#). Mark your calendar for January 14-16, 2022 at Camp Allen. The registration link is also located on the [Women in Arts Committee](#) page.



Ella Jean Lee, age 90, of Baytown, Texas passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Ella was born October 1, 1931 in Oakhurst, Texas.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Monday, October 25, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Navarre Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place Monday, October 25, 2021 at 10:30 AM in the chapel of Navarre Funeral Home. The committal service at the graveside will take place at 3:30 PM at Center Hill Cemetery, 110 Center Hill Rd., Oakhurst, Texas 77359.

## 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 October meeting:

**Juanita Hatfield, chair;**  
**Debbie Denson, Dewolyn Hullum, Judi Mitchell, Rachel Warren**

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***



## November Meeting

TBD

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Epsilon Psi Chapter  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Thursday, September 23, 2021

The Epsilon Psi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International enjoyed fellowship time and hospitality at 5:00 p.m. 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 13 members being present.

Alicia Brooks gave the Chapter Collect, and Ruth Blake led members in the Response.

### **Old Business**

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

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

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

President Kristen Davis thanked the Hospitality Committee for providing refreshments. Hostesses were Meredith Durham, chair; Mary Cooling, Laurie Currie, and Debbie Reynolds.

President Kristen Davis reported that she and First Vice President Alicia Brooks attended the GHACC Luncheon last Saturday. The theme for this year's program is The Journey.

Treasurer Carolyn Francis reported the Finance Committee audited the budget, and it was approved at the August meeting.

First Vice President Alicia Brooks announced the program for the October meeting will be "The Key to Keeping New Members: Getting to Know Them" game.

Yearbook Committee Chair Carolyn Francis reported that the yearbook is almost ready. Kristen gave us an overview of the interesting programs being prepared for this year.

Membership Committee Chair JoAnn Short said we need to be considering new members. Anyone who trains others can be considered as prospective new members. There is also a collegiate level membership who can become an active member when she becomes a teacher. New members can also be recruited in the spring. Treasurer Carolyn Francis reported that Shelley Deakle and Donna Mohlman were dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues. Aida Dyer, our reserve member who died, was also removed from the membership rolls.

The Necrology Committee will schedule a memorial service for Ouida Carroll, Shirley Wright, and Aida Dyer.

### **Reports of Special Committees**

A Storybook Christmas Committee Member Laura Kellner reported they would contact school districts we serve to see if it will be possible for us to distribute books to first and second graders this year.

### **Hospitality Committee Report**

Our sincere condolences to Jayme Curry whose grandmother passed.

Our sincere condolences to Lorena Lankford whose father passed.

JoAnn Short requested prayer for her brother-in-law who is in the hospital with Covid.

Judi Mitchell's daughter, Allison Carsey, is recovering from an elective surgery experience.

Congratulations to Kristen Davis' son who is getting his Aggie ring tomorrow.

Kudos to Laura Kellner's granddaughter, Emily Kellner, who is student teaching this year. Meredith Durham's daughter, Courtney Durham, is in her second year of teaching in Lubbock and was moved to fifth grade.

Happy September birthday to Kristen Davis. Happy October birthdays to Jean Lee, Elma Villanueva, Michelle Verdun, Jayme Curry, Annette Harrison, and Mary Cooling.

Congratulations to Alicia Brooks who has been named the new Principal of Virtual Learning at GCCISD.

## **Program**

Carolyn Francis introduced our program, “The Key to Helping Others in Need: UMCOR-Relief Kits”. Carolyn told us that UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief that responds to people in need of basic items. We will be making school kits that will be taken to Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana, and be distributed to students who have experienced recent catastrophic flooding and now have nothing. Carolyn showed us a video of excited students in a Native American School in Oklahoma receiving the kits. The last portion of the video showed us how to assemble the kits. Carolyn and other members bought and collected the items necessary for each kit. Each kit contains one pair blunt scissors, one box of 24 crayons, three one-subject notebooks, one pack of loose-leaf paper, one hand-held pencil sharpener, one ruler, six unsharpened pencils, and one eraser all placed inside a 2-gallon resealable plastic bag. Epsilon Psi members assembled and donated 44 kits. Carolyn will deliver the kits to the UMCOR supply depot located in Conroe so they can be taken to Sager Brown.

Kristen Davis conducted the drawing for the Project Graduation raffle prizes. Project Graduation Committee chairs were Kristen Davis and Julie Kellner with members Jayme Curry, Susan Minix, and Elma Villanueva.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Ruth Blake led us in the singing of “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song”.

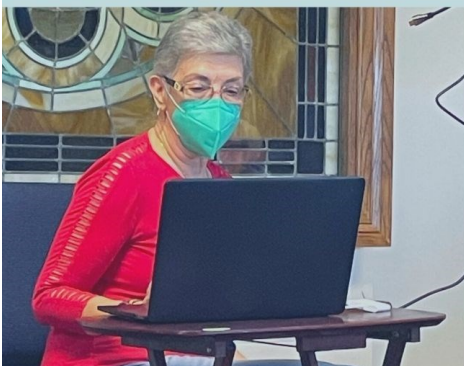
Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

Kristen Davis, President



# JOURNEY

Which way will you go?





## 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, 2021	\$4,536.86
Receipts	<u>136.00</u>
Total Available	\$4,672.86
Disbursements	<u>10.19</u>
Balance, October 12, 2021	\$4,662.67
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund	\$ 3,008.91
Grants-in-Aid	5,753.99
Convention Incentive	8,245.99
Scholarship Fund	<u>6,760.72</u>
Savings Balance, Oct. 12, 2021	\$23,769.61
Total Funds Available, Oct. 12, 2021	\$28,432.28

## 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. Our meetings begin at 5:30pm, and you can attend in person or via Zoom.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2021-2022: Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Joyce Cloudt, Kristen Davis, Meredith Durham, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, and JoAnn Short. If you think you had perfect attendance and your name was omitted, contact Carolyn Francis, [crfranci@me.com](mailto:crfranci@me.com) or 281-427-5930.

### Attendance Watch

August .....	16 = 38.10%
September .....	13 = 30.95%
Average .....	14.5 = 34.52%

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The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

ALICE WALKER



## 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

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**Richie Butler**, **Carolyn Francis**