

# 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 Epsilon Psi Sisters,

Fall is finally upon us! I hope that the weather starts cooling off soon. The surprises of 2020 keep coming. We had our first virtual Area 3 Workshop. It was a great experience to share with our DKG in our area.

For our meeting this month, we will be having a Zoom meeting. I have sent you the information you need in an

email. You can find more instructions in this newsletter.

As I sit and try to prepare for this first Zoom meeting for our chapter, I can't help feeling a little upset at not getting to see you in person. I start feeling a little selfish, which I know isn't right. I happened to read a quote the other day that helped change my outlook. "When we choose not to focus on what is missing from our lives, but are grateful for the abundance that is present...we experience heaven on earth." (Sarah Ban Breathnach) I am definitely grateful that we have an opportunity to meet on Zoom! It will be a great experience! Karen Coffey will present a program on prompting reading and reading initiatives. I look forward to seeing all of your faces!

Sincerely,

Kristen

## Next Meeting:

**Sept. 24, 2020**

**Location:**

**Zoom—Online meeting**

**How to connect to a zoom meeting:**

<https://youtu.be/-kmPxVsmkuE?t=154>

*Reading Is the Key to Our Success*

Karen Coffey will present a program on promoting reading and reading initiatives.

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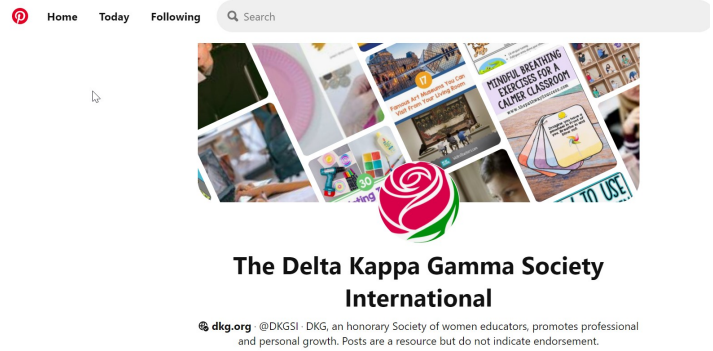
## Web Watch: International

DKG has a Pinterest board with many posts to promote professional and personal growth.

Pinterest is a visual discovery engine for finding ideas like recipes, home and style inspiration, and more. With billions of Pins on Pinterest, you'll always find ideas to

spark inspiration.

When you discover Pins you love, save them to boards to keep your ideas organized and easy to find.



## Web Watch: Alpha State

Do you want to unlock your gifts and talents in leadership? The TSO Leadership Seminar is an intensive leadership training experience for 30 TSO members. The overall goal of the seminar is to provide opportunities for professional and personal growth beneficial to both the individual member and the Society.

The TSO Leadership Seminar will be held February 26-28, 2021 at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. More information and the application form can be found on the Leadership Seminar committee page. **The deadline to apply is October 15, 2020.** Remember, you are the key to our Society.

## Hospitality and Other News:

Please keep Shelley Deakle and family in your prayers for the passing of her father, Gerald H. B. Brockelman.

Please let Joan Mangum know of any hospitality news.

Joan Mangum

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## October Meeting:

October 22, 2020

Meeting 5:00 p.m.

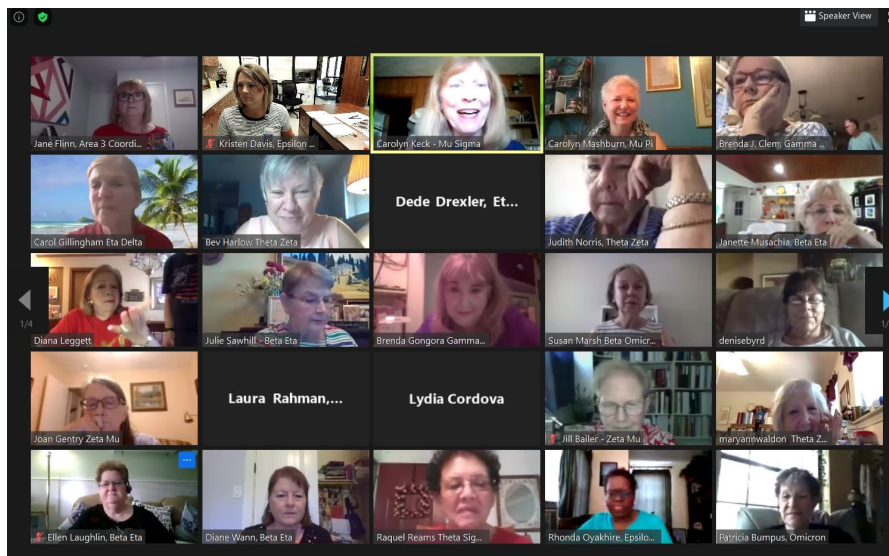
Location: To Be Determined

M&M Game

(Meet our Marvelous Members)

Epsilon Psi Members will build closer relationships with each other by playing the M&M game presented by Joann Short.

# Area 3 President's Meeting



# August Meeting



**Minutes of the Epsilon Psi Chapter  
of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
August 9, 2020**

On August 9, 2020, President Kristen Davis conducted our meeting in a YouTube video presentation due to restrictions and concerns stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic. President Davis welcomed us and provided us with some essential information. She encouraged us to stay connected with each other during this difficult time. Our meetings will need to be held virtually on the Zoom platform until the time comes when they can be held in person again. Kristen gave us complete instructions on how to access Zoom at the end of the video.

The Executive Committee met and planned excellent programs for the next biennium. There are good things to look forward to when we will be able to meet again.

The Audit Committee met and completed the annual audit. They reported our financial records are in good shape. Thank you, Carolyn Francis, for keeping another perfect set of books.

Happy birthday wishes to all those celebrating August birthdays. They are Dewolyn Hullum, Karen Coffey, Ruth Blake, Aida Dyer, Diane Keene and Dana Vela-Lopez.

We celebrate with Julie Kellner who is a 25-year member and has contributed to our chapter in many ways including serving as its president.

Congratulations to Ruth Blake and Laurie Curry who are retiring.

Congratulations to Kristen Davis who was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Technology of BHISD.

We want to keep the family of Shirley Wright in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss her.

We are thankful for all the good news from Carolyn Flores and her family. Her husband is doing well. Her son has been clear of cancer for one year. Carolyn is feeling great again.

Our next meeting will need to be a Zoom meeting and is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 2020. Kristen concluded the meeting with complete instructions on how to access Zoom and how to join our Zoom meeting.

The Area 3 Workshop will also be a Zoom meeting on September 13 at 9:00 a.m. Kristen will forward information for the workshop in a separate email.

Kristen Davis, President  
Richie Butler, Recording Secretary

## Happy Birthday!

### September

28 Kristen Davis

### October

2 Jean Lee  
11 Elma Villanueva  
16 Michelle Verdun  
21 Shelley Deakle  
25 Jayme Curry  
28 Annette Harrison  
29 Mary Cooling



### Treasurer's Report

Balance, September 1, 2020 .....	\$3,294.33
Receipts .....	0.00
Total Available.....	\$3,294.33
Disbursements.....	0.00
Balance, September 15, 2020.....	\$3,294.33
Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:	
General Fund .....	\$ 3,008.91
Grants-in-Aid.....	6,053.99
Convention Incentive.....	8,245.99
Chapter Scholarships .....	6,752.66
Savings Balance, Sept. 15, 2020 .....	\$24,061.55
Total Funds Available, Sept. 15, 2020 ...	\$27,355.88

### 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 will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Since our first meeting was a YouTube meeting, we were unable to check roll. If you attended the YouTube meeting, please contact **Carolyn Francis**, crfranci@me.com, phone her at **281-427-5930**, or text her at **713-705-1540**.

#### Attendance Watch for PACE Award

August.....?

Average..... ?

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

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