



# 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

**H**ello, Sisters!

I hope everyone made it through Hurricane Nicholas. I am grateful it was a smaller storm. Please reach out if you need anything. School seems to be going well for everyone. Remote Conferencing is the new norm for our quarantined students. I am so thankful for all of our school personnel working to

educate our students and keep them safe as we continue to travel through this journey of Covid. This month we have the pleasure of learning about UMCOR-MOP buckets and how we can help others in need. Please look at the list of supplies in this newsletter, so we can buy items to fill our buckets. I look forward to seeing you IN PERSON!

With love and gratitude,  
Kristen

## Next Meeting:

Sept. 23, 2020, 5 p.m. (fellowship), 5:30 p.m. (meeting)

### Location:

Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

### Program:

The Key to Helping Others in Need: UMCOR-Relief Kits

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## Upcoming Projects

- 1) Project Graduation
- 2) Storybook Christmas
- 3) UMCOR— Relief Kits—See Page 3 for details.



## Web Watch: International



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
@DKG\_SI

DKGSI: DKG International Fine Arts Blog September 2021...Jackie Thomas  
[dkgi.blogspot.com/2021/09/dkg-in...](http://dkgi.blogspot.com/2021/09/dkg-in...) #dkgi #dkg #deltakappagamma #keywomeneducators

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News from  
Alpha State  
and  
International



## Web Watch: Alpha State

Check out the Convention Photos from  
the TSO 92nd Convention in Denton

[Dkgtexasphotos.weebly.com](http://Dkgtexasphotos.weebly.com)

TSO 92nd Convention - June 16-19, 2021  
Denton, Texas ~ *Unlock the Possibilities*





## School Kits for September Meeting



In some areas, children lack access to books and essential school supplies. Classes are held in inadequate buildings. School kits may be some children's only educational resource. So at our September meeting, we are going to be putting together school kits to be sent to UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana.

All items must be new. Please do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Please bring the following items with you to the meeting. We will assemble the kits at the meeting and prepare them for shipping. If you would like to participate but cannot attend the meeting, you can bring your supplies to my house. (2104 Buchanan Drive) before the meeting or send me \$11 per kit, and I will purchase the items for you. Our meeting is at 5pm on Thursday, September 23, at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive, so please have your money to me in plenty of time for me to go shopping before the meeting. If you have any questions, call me, text me, or email me at Carolyn Francis, 713-705-1540 or crfranci@me.com.

### **School Kit (Value: \$11.00 per kit)**

#### **School Kit Materials**

- **One pair blunt scissors**  
Round tips only  
No plastic scissors
- **One box of 24 crayons**  
Only 24-count boxes are accepted
- **Three one-subject notebooks**  
No marble composition books  
No 3 or 5-subject notebooks
- **One pack of loose-leaf paper**  
100-200 page packets are acceptable  
Wide or college rule accepted
- **One hand-held pencil sharpener**  
1-inch or longer  
Remove from packaging
- **One ruler**  
12 " or 30 cm long  
Sturdy or flexible material accepted
- **Six unsharpened pencils**
- **One eraser**  
2" or larger
- **One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag**
- **\$1 per kit for the cost of shipping to Sager Brown**

# Hospitality and Other News

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Please let JoAnn Short know of any hospitality news.

## 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 August 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***



## October Meeting

**October 28, 2021,**

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

### **Program:**

*The Key to Keeping New Members: Getting to Know Them*

Epsilon Psi members will build closer relationships with each other by playing a “getting to know you” game.

### **Hostesses:**

Carolyn Francis chair; Karen Coffey, Laura Smith, Kathryn Wright

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Epsilon Psi Chapter  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Saturday, August 14, 2021

The Gamma Nu and Epsilon Psi Chapters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International gathered at The Mustard Seed Tearoom to remember our Founders. The joint meeting was hosted by Gamma Nu and was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Gamma Nu President Nancy Bonds. A quorum was present. Roll was taken by Carolyn Francis with 15 members being present. All members joined in the Collect and Response. Gamma Nu President Nancy Bonds introduced our new Area 3 Coordinator, Barbara Coon, who shared the inspirational thought, "Believing for the Journey". Epsilon Psi President Kristen Davis gave the invocation, which was followed by breakfast.

### **Program**

Gamma Nu President Nancy Bonds introduced Gamma Nu's First Vice President Kristi Warren, who presented a tribute to our founders "Our DKG Journey...Where It All Began". As each Founder was remembered, a miniature item that represented her major contribution to the society was placed in a traveling suitcase. We are thankful for these Founders and for their contributions that have traveled down to enrich our own lives.

### **Hospitality**

Epsilon Psi President Kristen Davis recognized our retiring members, Ruth Blake and Laurie Curry. Happy August birthday wishes were extended to Dewolyn Hullum, Karen Coffey, Ruth Blake, Diane Keene, and Dana Vela-Lopez. Richie Butler, Tommy Glynn Clark, Joyce Cloudt, Carolyn Francis, Dewolyn Hullum, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Judi Mitchell, JoAnn Short, and Kathryn Wright were recognized for perfect attendance for 2019-2020. Carolyn Francis, Alicia Brooks, and Kristen Davis were recognized for perfect attendance for 2020-2021. Congratulations to Alicia Brooks, who was recently named Director of Information Services in Goose Creek CISD.

### **Business**

Carolyn Florus, chairman of the Finance and Audit committees, reported the books had been audited and no problems were found. She presented the budget as proposed by the Finance Committee for the coming year. The budget was approved unanimously.

Kristen reported that interesting new programs are being planned for the coming year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Richie Butler, Recording Secretary Kristen Davis, President



## 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, 2021.....           | \$5,135.86      |
| Receipts .....                            | <u>0.00</u>     |
| Total Available .....                     | \$5,135.86      |
| Disbursements .....                       | <u>599.00</u>   |
| Balance, September 13, 2021 .....         | \$4,536.86      |
| Amegy Bank of Texas Savings:              |                 |
| General Fund .....                        | \$ 3,008.91     |
| Grants-in-Aid .....                       | 5,753.99        |
| Convention Incentive .....                | 8,245.99        |
| Chapter Scholarships .....                | <u>6,760.70</u> |
| Savings Balance, September 13, 2021 ..... | \$23,769.59     |

Total Funds Available, September 13, 2021 ..... \$28,306.45

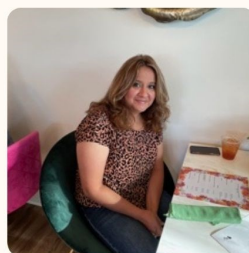
## Yearbook

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or changed work positions since renewing your membership in the spring, please contact Carolyn Francis, [crfranci@me.com](mailto:crfranci@me.com) or 713-705-1540, so she can correct your contact information in the yearbook. The yearbook will be published the first week in October and distributed at the October 28 meeting.



**JOURNEY**  
Which way will you go?





# August Meeting



## LUNCHEON

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## 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 in person at Rollingbrook Fellowship Church, 505 Rollingbrook Drive.

The following members have perfect attendance for 2021-2022: Ruth Blake, Alicia Brooks, Richie Butler, Joyce Cloudt, Karen Coffey, Kristen Davis, Debbie Denson, Meredith Durham, Carolyn Florus, Carolyn Francis, Diane Keene, Julie Kellner, Laura Kellner, Lorena Lankford, 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 713-705-1540.

### Attendance Watch

August 16 = 38.10%  
Average 16 = 38.10%

## Follow us

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## 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**