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Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



First Purpose

To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

Important Dates

- September 18 Epsilon Phi Meeting
- September 20 Alfresco Weslaco
- TBD Membership Drive
- October 16 Epsilon Phi Initiation
- October 18 Alfresco Weslaco
- October 31 DKG Dues Deadline



President's Words



As we begin another exciting school year I think of Sheryl Sanderg, "Motivation comes from working on things we care about." Educators, working or retired, are working in a job that we care about and we know we are making a difference to those around us. When you become frustrated and overwhelmed, remember that you may be the only

positive influence in someone's life that day.

Have a wonderful school year!

Tonya Bugher
 President



September Meeting

The September meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**. Refreshments will begin at **4:45 pm**. The meeting will be held at **5:15 pm** in the fellowship hall of Faith Lutheran Church. The church is located at 300 S. Border,

north of McCaleb's Funeral Home. Parking is along 3rd St. Enter by the western most door facing 3rd. This will be a business meeting to organize committees, hostesses, and service projects. Please bring school supplies for the Alfresco Weslaco teacher gift bags.

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Vision Statement: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide
2017-19 TSO Theme: Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow

Convention News

By Lori Shontz



In June, three members of Epsilon Phi, President Violet Thomas, Lori Shontz, and Chris Warren, attended the TSO 89th Convention in Waco. Members attended many informative sessions for both personal enlightenment and Society business. This convention may have been shortened but still packed in all the expected aspects. The “Denim and Diamonds” banquet was less formal than usual and the Birthday brunch was a great way to end the festivities on Saturday. A great time was had by all! Next summer the convention will be held in Arlington, June 20-22, 2019.

July brought the DKG International Convention back to the city where it all began, Austin! Three members of Epsilon Phi were able to attend, Violet Thomas, Lupita Delgado, and Lori Shontz. Highlights included a tour of International Headquarters, keynote speakers Benjamin Zander and Nadia Lopez, and meeting DKG sisters from all over the world. This convention was packed full of Society business. More than 120 amendments to the constitution and standing rules were discussed and voted on. No traditional voting for such a large group. Every registered member was issued an electronic voting device. After some trial and error, the devices worked great.



The most vocally debated amendments dealt with a name change and a change in dues payment dates. The name change was defeated. We are still Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG). The amendment on dues payments was adopted. More information will be coming in the coming months, but dues for the next year will need to

be paid at the end of the current year. The next convention will take place two years from now in Philadelphia, PA.

August 11, 2018 was the Area 5 Workshop at the high school in Alice. Seven members, President Tonya Bugher, Secretary Chris Warren, treasurer Jackie Repposh, parliamentarian Violet Thomas, Vicki Rainwater, Lupita Delgado, and Lori Shontz attended. Members with 25+ years of membership were honored, including Debbie Benedict, Jackie, and Vickie.



Alfresco Weslaco
Thursday, September 20, 2018
5:00 set-up till about 8:00

We are in need of teacher supplies for the gift bags. Please bring donations to this meeting.



Thoughts and Prayers

If you know of any member or relative of a member that may need our thoughts and prayers, please contact Lori so that they may be named here.



Hostesses

The Executive Board will be hosting the first meeting. Volunteers will be recruited at that meeting to take care of the subsequent hostess duties.



Dues

Dues need to be paid before October 31, **\$75** for active and \$40 for reserve. Please bring your check to the next meeting or mail to:

Jackie Reposh
904 W. 7th St
Weslaco, TX 78596



Birthdays

Perfect Attendance

Three ladies had perfect attendance last year: **Jackie Re-posh, Lori Shontz, and Chris Warren**

. Congratulations to **Jackie**, who won the Perfect Attendance Award for last year and will have her dues paid by the chapter. The contest begins again with the September meeting. All members are encouraged to maintain the best attendance possible.



Newsletter Info

The Epsilon Phi Epistle attempts to keep the membership informed about the happenings in the chapter and the lives of its members. The editor relies on all of you to help make this possible. Please send Lori any news that should be shared no later than 10 days prior to the monthly meeting. Contact information is on the front page of every newsletter.



Committees

In order to get more members involved, there will be a sign up sheet for committees at the first meeting. Chairs will be selected from interested members. Members may sign up for one or more committees that interest them. Committee meetings will be called by the chair and occur as necessary throughout the year .

August

31 Vicki Rainwater

September

6 Tonya Bugher
12 Jennifer Krieger

Epsilon Phi Executive Board Meeting Minutes August 2, 2018

President Tonya Bugher called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM in the meeting room at Faith Lutheran Church, Weslaco. Also present were Chris Warren, Jackie Reposh, Violet Thomas, Lori Shontz, and Tina Wells.

Tonya welcomed the officers to the new year of DKG and shared the survey results relating to the meetings and programming for the year. Seven members responded via email. The Area V Workshop will be held at Alice High School from 8 AM to 1 PM on August 11, 2018. Ten chapter members have registered. Tonya and Violet will be driving up the day before. Lupita Delgado has made the centerpiece for our chapter.

2018-2019 Schedule

Date / Time	Place	Topic	Hostess	Inspiration
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018 4:45/5:15	Faith Lutheran Church	Epsilon Phi organizational and business meeting	Executive Board	
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2018 5:15	Faith Lutheran Church	Initiation		

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It is Epsilon Phi's turn to host the Joint Meeting with Rho and Epsilon Upsilon chapters this fall. The date of November 10, 2018, was chosen with the festivities running from 8:30 to 11:30 AM featuring breakfast followed by the program. Violet volunteered to look into sites for the meeting as well as caterers. A committee will be chosen at the September chapter meeting to plan the program.

The group next decided to schedule five of the chapter meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. November and December will be Saturday meetings, and the end of year dinner will be on the first Tuesday of May. The programs were selected for September, October, and May. Chapter members will give input on the remaining meetings at the planning session to take place at the September meeting.

After a suggestion made by Tonya, Jackie moved and Lori seconded that the chapter pay for this year's dues for Carolina Lopez and Chris Warren, our two members who suffered considerable damage to their homes during the June 20th flooding in Weslaco. Motion carried. This will be placed on the September agenda.

Also at the September meeting, members will choose the chapter's project for the year. (The Annie will be a project, not a program, this year.) Tonya will send out a notice to members about a Kendra Gives Back event this Saturday to raise funds for the Aurora House.

Lori and Tonya outlined several activities to boost our membership this year. There is "Annie Calling" which looks to reactivate previous members. There is the orientation meeting at a site such as Frontera Audubon where prospective members are invited to learn about the organization. And there are the cards for current members to fill out suggesting possible new members. We have done all three of these activities in the past and will implement them again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Warren, Secretary