

# Epsilon Phi Epistle

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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

## 2020 Important Dates

September 8, 2020	Epsilon Phi Meeting
October 15, 2020	2021 Leadership Seminar Application due
November 1, 2020	<a href="#">2021 STAR Application</a> Early Bird Submission <a href="#">2020-2021 Yearbook</a> Fall Mini-Grant Application Submission <i>Lone Star News</i> Submission
November 10, 2020	Epsilon Phi Meeting
November 15, 2020	IRS 990-N ePostcard (treasurer)
December 1, 2020	<a href="#">2020-2021 Yearbook</a>



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“Teaching is the essential profession, the one that makes all professions possible.”

–David Haselkorn

Our colleagues are beginning this new year teaching students virtually. We know they are working to make learning possible for all students. A difficult task in traditional times, but even harder now. As members of Delta Kappa Gamma, we want to encourage all active educators as they educate our future leaders.

This year will be different for our society. We will have four meetings. Since our group is small the Executive Committee determined we could easily come together at the Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall using the social distancing procedures in place including face coverings. If you do not feel comfortable joining the meeting in person, we will make arrangements for you to actively participate electronically. Please let me know if that is your desire.

Vicki Rainwater, president

## September Meeting

Our first meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Due to the current health situation, if you want a snack, please bring your own refreshment. Rebecca Galvan, WISD Secondary Teacher of the Year, will provide a presentation on Virtual Instruction. If you want to add to your learning tools you may bring your personal device—smartphone, tablet, or computer. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 300 South Border Ave., north of McCaleb’s Funeral Home. Parking is along Third Street. Enter the western most door facing Third Street.



Please check your member information in last year’s yearbook. If you have any changes, please send those to Lori for inclusion in this year’s yearbook.

If you have an article or information that should be included in this newsletter, please send it to Lori via email, [lshontzdkg@gmail.com](mailto:lshontzdkg@gmail.com), no less than 10 days prior to the next meeting. Deadline for the next newsletter is November 1, 2020.

Check out the U.S. Forum flyer at the end of this newsletter. They will be hosting a webinar on advocacy on September 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.. For further information contact Daphne Cagle at [usforumswrep@gmail.com](mailto:usforumswrep@gmail.com). The latest U.S. Forum newsletter will be sent to all members by email.

## Epsilon Phi Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2020

President Tonya Bugher called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM via Zoom. Eight chapter members were present.

The minutes of the March 5, 2020, meeting were approved as read.

Jackie Reposh presented the Treasurer's Report with a balance on hand of \$6,942.09.

Members are encouraged to complete the registration for the August 8<sup>th</sup> Area V Workshop to be held in Corpus Christi. Details are in the *Lone Star News*. Our goal is 10 attendees. Send the form and \$20 to Jackie so that she can submit them by May 30th.

Chapter dues for the year are \$75 and should also be sent to Jackie by the end of the month.

Four members had perfect attendance for the year. Carolyn Donalson was chosen to receive her dues paid for by the chapter for next year.

Lori Shontz led the installation of the 2020-22 Epsilon Phi officers: Vicki Rainwater, President; Tina Wells, Vice-President; Violet Thomas, Secretary; Jackie Reposh, Treasurer; and Tonya Bugher, Parliamentarian.

For the Brag Box, Rebecca Galvan was chosen as Weslaco East High School's Teacher of the Year. Jackson Parker Galvan (Rebecca's son and Vicki Rainwater's grandson) advanced to the final stage of the Ford Leadership Scholars selection process.

Tonya shared parting words as she finished this biennium as chapter president.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Warren, Secretary

### July Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$6,942.09	
Credits	\$ 480.00	
	\$ 415.00	
	\$ 75.00	
Total Credits	\$ 970.00	
Debits	\$ 200.00	(Area 5 Workshop registration)
	\$ 242.40	(Dues TSO)
	\$ 480.00	(Dues DKG International)
	\$ 9.00	(Bank fees)
Total Debits	\$ 931.40	
New Balance	\$9,980.69	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jackie Reposh, Treasurer

## Executive Board Minutes

August 13, 2020

Executive Board of Epsilon Phi met on August 13, 2020 at the home of V. Rainwater

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:40 p.m. by President, V. Rainwater.

Members in attendance were T. Bugher, V. Rainwater, J. Reposh, V. Thomas, and T. Wells

Meeting Dates	Meeting Topic	Meeting Location
September 8, 2020	Google Classroom	Faith Lutheran Church
November 10, 2020	Birthday Celebration	Faith Lutheran Church
February 9, 2021	Heart Healthy Month	Faith Lutheran Church
April 12, 2021	Governmental Meeting	Faith Lutheran Church

Meetings will start at 5:15 p.m. sharp.

Area V Coordinator will be invited to either the February or April Meeting

Chairman of Committees:

Communication & Publicity	L. Shontz
Bylaws & Rules	T. Bugher and C. Warren
Membership	V. Thomas
Ceremonies	D. Benedict and C. Donalson

Lone Star Newsletter looking for news:

It could be Member news such as achievements or awards that our members have received or creative approaches to teaching. Another thought might be creative meeting ideas or stories from the lockdown. If you have a story to write contact the Lone Star with your article.

Reminder of the TSO Emergency Fund if any members received damage from Hurricane Hanna.

If you need your certificate of attendance from the Area Workshop please let V. Rainwater know as well as Membership over 25 years.

ASTEFL News:

Decade Donor there is a contribution form.

Houston Weekender Flier Registration

Decade Charm order form

Respectfully Submitted by:

Violet I. Thomas, Secretary

## Perfect Attendance

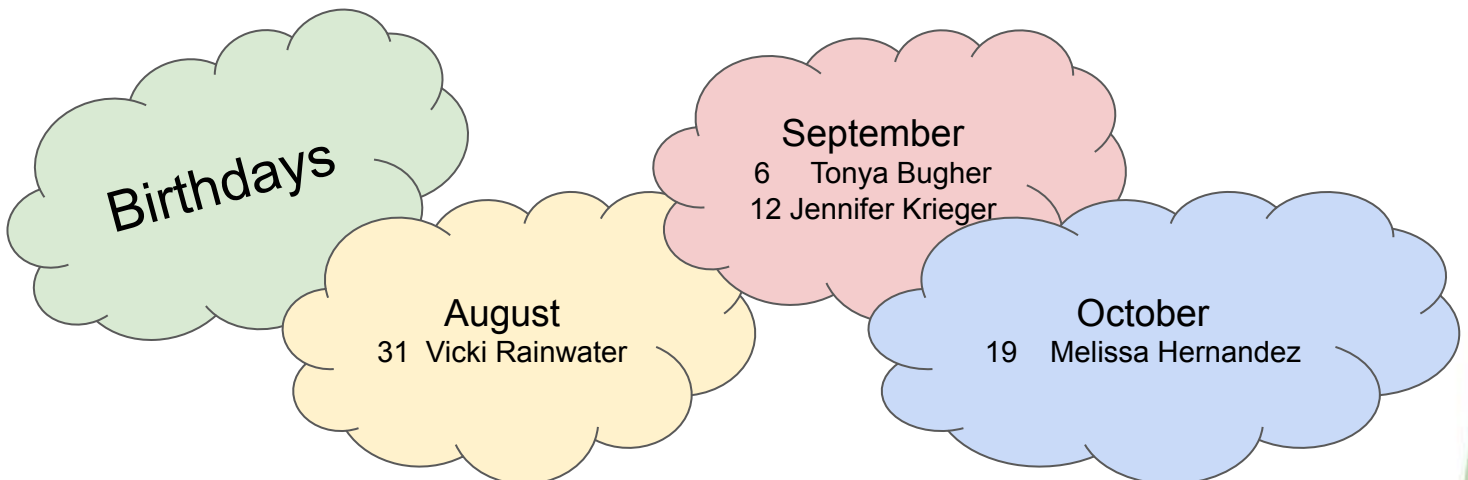
Congratulations to Carolyn Donalson for having perfect attendance last year and getting this year's dues paid for by the chapter. The perfect attendance contest has been reset and begins again with the first meeting. Since there are fewer meetings this year, it should be easier to maintain perfect attendance. If you are unable to be there physically, President Vicki Rainwater will make arrangements for you to attend digitally. Digital attendance will count towards perfect attendance, so please contact Vicki ([vickirainh20@gmail.com](mailto:vickirainh20@gmail.com)) if you need her to set this up for you.

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## 2020-2021 Committees

Committee	Chair and/or Members
Communication/Yearbook	Lori Shontz
Bylaws/Rules	Tonya Bugher Chris Warren
Membership	Violet Thomas
Ceremonies	Debbie Benedict Carolyn Donalson
Nominations (elected May 2020)	Debbie Benedict Pam Scott Lori Shontz





## SAVE THE DATE!



**The U.S. Forum Steering Committee Invites you to join our Webinar- Tuesday, September 29, 2020 4 p.m. PDT/ 5 p.m. MDT/ 6 p.m. CDT**



*Roni Embry, IN*



*Pat Bennett-Forman, WA*



*Carrie Frye, FL*



*Dr. Kathy Kinley, CA*

*Round table discussion:*  
**Advocacy that works!**

**Best Practices for  
Successful Legislative  
Programs**

*Moderated by Daphne Cagle, CA*

Featuring:

**Roni Embry, IN**

**Carrie Frye, FL**

**Pat Bennett-Forman, WA**

**Dr. Kathy Kinley, CA**

**Registration Link Available  
9.1.2020**

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