

# 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

## CALENDAR

2023 Important Dates	
October 10, 2023	Epsilon Phi Meeting
November 1, 2023	<a href="#">2024 STAR Application</a> Early Bird Submission <a href="#">2023-2024 Yearbook</a> Fall Mini-Grant Application Submission <i>Lone Star News</i> Submission
November 4, 2023	Tri-joint Meeting, Epsilon Upsilon hosting
November 15, 2023	Last day for IRS 990n filing

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## Welcome to a new year in DKG!

Epsilon Phi is set to have another interesting and fun year of meetings and programs. I am looking forward to our first meeting and getting to catch up with all of you after our long, hot summer!

The state has new officers and Area Coordinators. President Bonnie Moore will guide us to SOAR to new heights during her biennium. Sylvia Salinas from Rho is our Area 5 Coordinator for the next two years. She plans to visit us for our first meeting.

Instead of yearly state conventions, Texas will now alternate between regional area workshops and a statewide convention. Next June, we will be a part of the SCBRAW which will be held in Alice. Sylvia will bring us more details at the October meeting.

Chris Warren, president



## October Meeting

Our first meeting is on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 300 S. Border, Weslaco. Mary Gomez, Magic Valley Retired School Personnel Association, will be sharing important information on Proposition 9 on the November ballot. If you have contact information for other retired teachers, please invite them to attend with you. Sylvia Salinas, new Area 5 coordinator, will be visiting. Come, help give her a big Epsilon Phi welcome. Refreshments are not being served. If you wish to have something to drink during the meeting, it is BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage).

### Thoughts and Prayers

If you know of anyone that needs to be added to this list, please let Lori know.

### Congratulations!

Tonya Bugher earned her retirement from Valley View at the end of May 2023. She is using her new found free time to be with her grandchildren and remodeling her home office.

### Newsletter

If you have an article or information that should be included in this newsletter, please send it to Lori via email, [shontzdkg@gmail.com](mailto:shontzdkg@gmail.com), no less than 10 days prior to the next meeting. Deadline for the next newsletter is October 25, 2023.

### Perfect Attendance

Pam Scott won the perfect attendance drawing in May and got her dues paid by the chapter. The annual Perfect Attendance contest begins with the October meeting. To be in the running for the free dues drawing in May members must be present at all five of the business meetings.



## May 2023 Minutes

Call to Order

Minutes approved

Inspirational quote by Chris

Treasures report submitted

\$228.00 for food bank Donation

Dues are due to Jackie.

Committee reports:

Membership- Marla will not be continuing

Donation for founders names you name

Perfect attendance drawings winner - Pam Scott



Convention Update

Sign up for more time please in the property room, registration and birthday luncheon.

500 people are expected at this time. Thank you for helping with the decorations. Lori will call if she needs you for extra help.

Founders Day Program

Presented by Debbie Benedict with hats

Adjournment

6:05

Respectfully Submitted by,

Carolyn Donalson



## Executive Board 8-9-23

**Call to Order**

In attendance: Chris Warren, Lori Shontz, Carolyn Donalson, Vicki Rainwater

**Meeting Schedule**

Every other month same as last year

There are 9 members. We have lost Marla Garlic from membership

The ladies from Lyford will not be moving membership at this time.

**Joint Meeting**

We are now called Tri-joint by Epsilon Upsilon. And the theme is health.

Planning is for November 4th. It will fall on our chapter for next year. Times and refreshments will be discussed at the first meeting. Committee assignments will be discussed.

## Epsilon Phi Treasurer's Report August 2023

Previous Balance	\$7,823.42	
Credits	\$ 00.00	
Debits	\$ 369.00	International Dues
	\$ 181.80	TSO Dues
	\$ 35.00	Luncheon Reimbursement
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	\$ 6.00	Bank Fees
Total Debits	\$ 617.80	
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$7,205.62</b>	

## Epsilon Phi Treasurer's Report September 2023

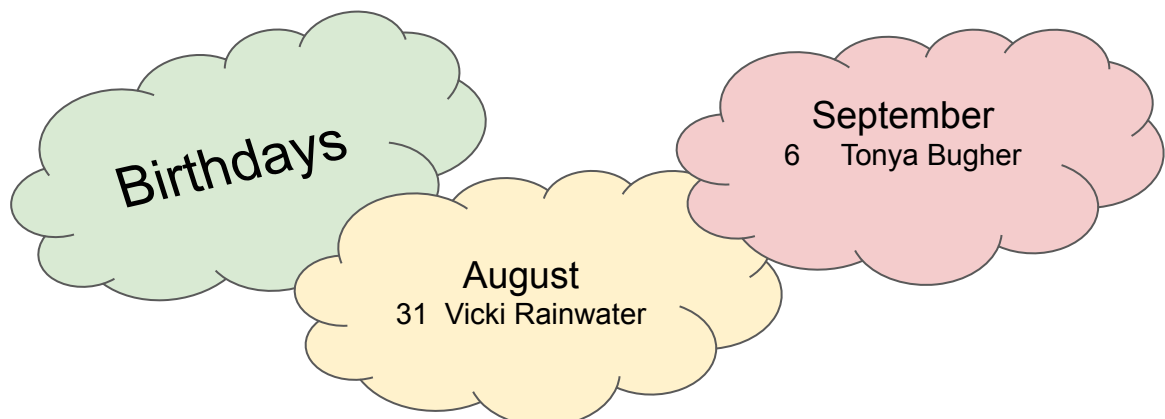
Previous Balance	<b>\$7,205.62</b>	
Credits	\$ 00.00	
Debits	\$ 35.00	Luncheon Reimbursement
	\$ 3.00	Bank Fees
Total Debits	\$ 38.80	
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$7,167.62</b>	

## Biennium Project



At the May meeting the members present donated \$70 for the number of Founders' first names they remembered. That gives us a total of \$298 for the year. Collections for the RG Food Bank continue through April of 2024.

**This month (October) the contribution theme will be based on your DKG worth. Be prepared for a donation between \$2.50 and \$10.00.**



## 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

	Location	Topic/Event	Purposes	Inspirational Quote
8/9/2023 2:00 pm	Faith Lutheran Church FLC	Executive Board		
10/10/2023 2:00 pm	FLC	Business Meeting Legislative update: proposition 9 TRS COLA	4,7	Carolyn Donalson
11/4/2023 TBA	TBD	Tri-Joint meeting hosted by Epsilon Upsilon Health Theme	1,6	
12/12/2023 TBD	FLC	Business Meeting Christmas Social Fleece Blankets	1, 6	Vicki Rainwater
1/9/2024 2:00 pm	FLC	Executive Board		
2/13/2024 TBD	FLC	Business meeting Officer Election STC certificate programs	3, 5	Lori Shontz
4/9/2024 TBD	FLC	Business Meeting RGV Food Bank	7	Jackie Reposh
5/14/2024 TBD	FLC	Business Meeting Installation of Officers Founders. Day Social	1, 2	Chris Warren

### Take Away From Convention

State wanted everything wrapped up quickly after the convention which was not feasible because of the speed of the billing process. They finally resolved it at the end of July for \$3,000 less than the original bill..The difference was \$6.00 and all money has been paid back to the state \$15, 000. Lori enjoyed the convention and is relieved it is over. The box lunch was very successful. All sessions that were attended were successful.

### Adjournment 2:00

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Carolyn Donalson



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# 94th TSO Convention Photo Album



Violet & Adela (Beta Pi) getting registration instructions



Shalan Inmon, 2021-2023 President, calls the 94th TSO Convention to Order.



Lori delivering Lost & Found notes at Friday Business Meeting.



Incoming 2023-2025 TSO Executive Board.



50+ women's folkloric group that entertained before the Saturday Birthday Brunch



Birthday Brunch table decorations.