

Keynotes

A Newsletter for Epsilon Upsilon Chapter (#140) of Mission, Texas in Area 5

a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Texas State Organization

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

The Prez Sez

Hello Epsilon Upsilon Sisters! I am so excited about this second half of our biennium and the heights we will soar to as we work together to promote our 2023-2025 Texas State Organization President, Bonnie Moore's theme of SOAR to new heights. SOAR = Seek new members and opportunities; Open your heart, mind, and attitude; Act to serve and share; Reach to renew, respond, and relate. How pleasing that our goals fit into this theme so well. Thank you to Wenndy P. for designing a beautiful graphic of our Epsilon Upsilon goals.



Renew - We are in a state of renewal as the past few years are put behind us and a new and fresh starting line is crossed. A lot seemed to be taken away from us, especially face to face encounters, but we adjusted and learned about Zoom. Now we renew our fellowship with in-person meetings and educational trips. Kitty H., our First Vice-President, works diligently to give us programs and gatherings that provide both of these components. Stay informed about meetings and gatherings by visiting the Epsilon Upsilon webpage, Facebook, and Instagram.

Rejuvenate - Our chapter has been on a path for 64 years and is rich in history through our outstanding membership. We learn from and lean on traditions that keep Epsilon Upsilon strong and successful. It's time to take those traditions into our future by re-thinking how we do a few things and yet keep our foundation based on our mission of promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Our meetings will provide fellowship as well as programs that are based on the interest of our members.

Please let us know if you have anything special you would like to have as a program.

Recruit - Epsilon Upsilon will remain strong as we bring in new members that come with different needs and possible unique ideas. DKG has expanded the thought of what and how teachers are defined. Educators are found in many areas of service besides just public ISDs or private schools. When helping to recruit new members consider non-traditional educators: non-profit organization education directors, park rangers, museum education staff, Christian education directors, professional development, school nurses, day care directors/providers/consultants, health educators, or county extension agents. The requirement is that the teacher is a paid educator. Thanks again for being a part of this incredible organization that is always looking for ways to provide for its members as well as making an impact on education worldwide. I look forward to seeing you at meetings and gatherings, Terry D.



News from TSO

Ceremonies:

As you plan for your exciting Regional Area Workshop, don't forget Ceremonies. The Ceremonies Committee is planning a very brief Birthday Celebration and Tribute to our Founders. The entire ceremony will be less than 7 minutes. It will conclude with each member raising their birthday cake or cupcake followed by the singing of "This Is the Birthday" song. We are suggesting this be done during the lunch portion of your program. More information to come. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chairman Dr. Barbara Derrick or any Ceremonies Committee member. Remember we are here to help. Epsilon Upsilon member Pam B. is on this committee. Let her know of any questions.

Legislation

The Legislation Committee would like your help in letting your chapter members know about the importance of voting on November 7th. There are 14 constitutional amendments that need to be voted on. A key one for retired public-school annuitants is Proposition 9 – HJR 2, regular session "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas." Note: Annuitant is a person receiving a monthly annuity from TRS such as a retiree, surviving spouse or beneficiary. More information concerning Proposition 9 can be found on the TRTA website, www.TRTA.org. More information concerning the other 13 propositions can be found at the Texas League of Women Voters, <https://www.lwvtexas.org/voters-guide#gsc.tab=0>.

Chapter members at State

Epsilon Upsilon members contributing at the TSO/State level by working on committees are:

Eloisa- Bylaws

Pam B- Ceremonies

Terry- Newsletter



Kitty- Achievement Awards

Wendy- Leadership Seminar

Lori (Epsilon Phi)- Music

Your 2022-2024 Epsilon Upsilon Board is:

Terry- President

Kitty-First Vice President

Annie- Second Vice President

Esther- Recording & Corresponding Secretary

Jenny- Treasurer

Immediate Past President- Eloisa

Pam B- Parliamentarian

Chapter Rules Update

A huge thank you goes out to those who have been assisting your Parliamentarian (Pam B.) and the Chapter to update our rules to bring them in compliance with both the International and the TSO Rules and Bylaws. Even though there is a template, the document is long and detailed. The people who gave of their time and talents were: Terry, Kitty, Esther, Eloisa, Anabel, Kathy, Wenndy, Gloria G., Annie, and Charlyn. They met several times and worked hard! THANK YOU!

The Next Chapter Meeting... It's our Birthday!!



Come celebrate with all three Chapters- Rho, our parent chapter from Edinburg, and Epsilon Phi, our sister chapter from Weslaco. We are celebrating our 64th year! We came into existence in

1959. This meeting will be held November 4th at the Azure Bistro (right next to the Shrine in San Juan). Address: 400 Virgen de San Juan Blvd, Ste B, San Juan 78589. Enjoy the lunch and watch one of our members and her troupe dance some traditional dances for you. They danced at the Convention. The meeting starts with fellowship at 11:00 a.m. with the luncheon starting at Noon. There will be a silent auction and multiple items for sale.

Come and Enjoy the Festivities!

Driving Directions: Coming from McAllen, exit Expressway 83 onto the Raul Longoria frontage road and turn right or South onto Raul Longoria/North Nebraska/Virgen de San Juan Blvd (at the light). Azure is on your right. Coming from Weslaco on Expressway 83, exit Raul Longoria. Follow the frontage road to Raul Longoria/ North Nebraska/Virgen de San Juan Blvd and turn left or South under the overpass. Azure will be on your right.



AUGUST
Jane 8/8
Kathy 8/9
Cleo 8/9
Jane 8/14

SEPTEMBER
Pam B 9/14
Leticia 9/23
Megan 9/27

OCTOBER
Lileana 10/8
Anabel 10/13
Gloria C 10/14
Jenny 10/15
Yonia 10/18

Days to Remember

- Oct 31 Website Compliance Renewal (form 72) submission
- Nov 1 Early Bird Yearbook submission due
- Nov 1 Cornetet Application Due
- Nov 1 STAR Registration
- Nov 1 LSN Winter Edition Article
- Nov 4 Epsilon Upsilon hosting the Tri-Joint Birthday meeting
- Nov 7 Election Day- See below
- Nov 15 IRS 990n Filing Due
- January 2024- First Annual Epsilon Upsilon Bazaar



SAVE THE DATE!

South Coastal Bend Regional Area Workshop June 22, 2024

Alice, TX will be the place for the South Coastal Bend Regional Area Workshop! (Great site, easy to get around, great deals on food & hotel).

- Deadline for on-time registration is May 15, 2024. Registration on the day of the workshop will be \$65.00 but there is no guarantee of a meal for late registrants.
- Registration cost is \$50.00 for the day and lunch is included.
- For the In-coming chapter presidents, registration fee will be waived.



More Information to follow!
This is in place of a state convention



PLEASE consider donating items for Epsilon Upsilon's first ever fund raiser Bazaar to be held at the CFC in January. Bring your unwanted items to sell to raise funds for our chapter, scholarship funds, recruitment grants, etc. Also, please save your boxes and bags to allow people to get home with their items!



Sylvia Salinas, our Area 5 Coordinator will have SOAR pins available for sale at our Tri-Chapter Birthday meeting. They are \$5 each.



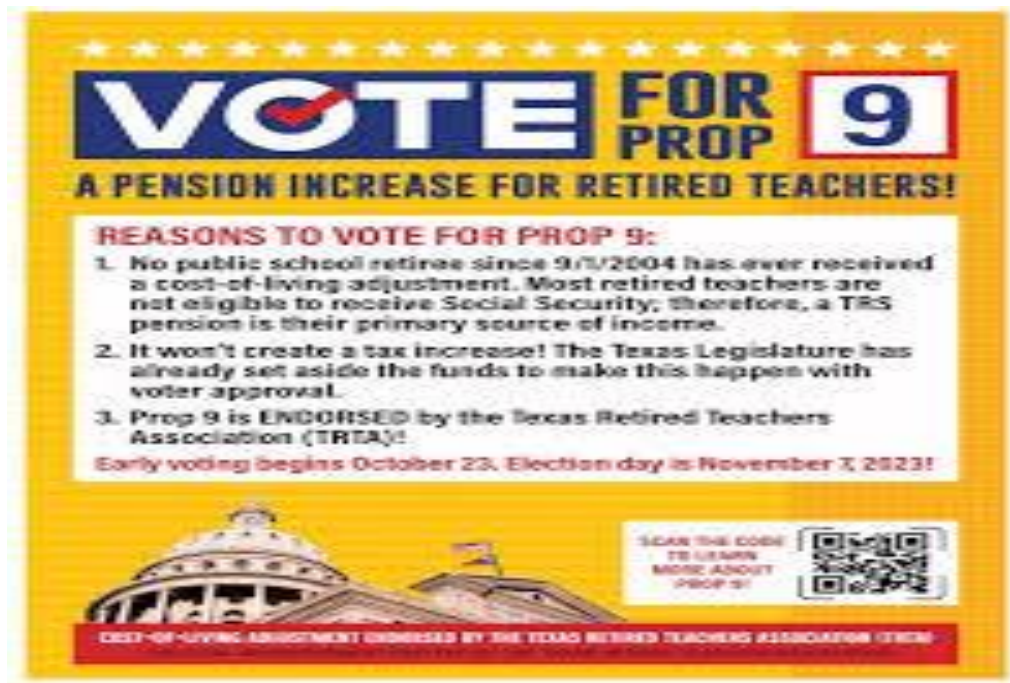
If you have not done so, please update your information in the Yearbook (spelling errors, phone numbers, birthdate, induction date, etc.). We need this information to be corrected before publishing. Kitty has been working on this so please contact her.

95th Convention 2025 & 96th Convention 2027 ~ Just Announced

The 95th Annual Convention will be held Monday, June 23-26, **2025**, Embassy Suites and Convention Center, Denton, Texas. More information will be provided as received.

The 96th Annual Convention will be held June 15-18, **2027**, Embassy Suites and Conference Center, San Marcos, Texas.

Reminders



November 1st
deadline for Mini-Grant
State application

Up to \$750

If you have been in DKG for 5+ years,
Working or Retired,
Have a project that needs some funds,
THEN
Refer to State Scholarships forms page for
Fall Mini-Grant



Please contact Pam B, Terry, or Wendy with any questions regarding the information in this newsletter

Respectfully submitted by Pam B, Newsletter editor- pamrsotx5007@gmail.com

Epsilon Upsilon Calendar 2023-24

DATE	TIME	PLACE	PROGRAM	HOSTESS	NOTE
Dec. 9	12:00 Lunch 2:00 Visit to museum	Stained Glass Museum, San Juan	Visit to local stained glass museum		3.
Jan. 13	9:00 am-Social 9:30 am-Meeting starts	CFC	Take what you need to climb to new heights in 2024-Journal writing	See letter A below	4.
Feb. 10	9:00 am-Social 9:30 am-Meeting starts	CFC	ASTEFGiving month and Valentine cards for nursing homes. Speaker Victoria Vielma	See letter B below	5.
Mar. 9	9:00 am-Social 9:30 am-Meeting starts	CFC	Global Awareness - School for Africa	See letter A below	6.
Apr. 13	9:00 am-Social 9:30 am-Meeting starts	CFC	Celebrate in your Easter bonnet - recognizing chapter members	See letter B below	7.
May 11	9:00 am-Social 9:30 am-Meeting starts	CFC	Remember Founders and recognize Teachers of the Year	All attendees bring 1 dozen of their favorite cookies. Will make bags for Teacher's of the year	8.

CFC - Christian Fellowship Church - 2201 Trenton Rd. McAllen, TX

1. Convention update (it was wonderful) members' summers, updating by-laws.
2. Formal Induction of 2 new members; Recommitment ceremony for chapter
3. Member luncheon at local restaurant
4. Self help with presentation from Girl Code of B.L. Gray Junior High School, Sharyland ISD
5. Valentines for Community (Nursing Home)
6. "Read a Book" from around the world
7. Spring Hats
8. Possible induction
9. Wellness - speaker wellness director DHR??/Mathilde's 50+ dancers

Hostess Committees

- A. Members born January - May. Bring sweet if born on an even numbered day/if born on an odd numbered day, bring savory.
- B. Members born June -December - Bring sweet if born on even numbered day/if born on odd numbered day, bring savory.
- C. Hostesses will need to help with setting up fundraising items from 3 chapters, making sure there is room for dancers and anything needed for speakers. Any table decorations, etc.