

THE LONE STAR MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Texas State Court
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
June 2009 Edition



MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The grand finale of my term has come and gone and what an awesome convention it was. For those of you who were unable to attend, you definitely missed a big weekend to celebrate with your sister CDA members. Members from 176 courts from across Texas attended the 46th Biennial Texas State Convention in McAllen. There were 1032 registered members, fourteen clergy, and fifty-five guests and spouses present. There were 527 delegates and 108 alternates.

The beautiful liturgies set the tone for each of our days at the convention. We were spread across five hotels which I did not like, but we made it work. There were new things undertaken at this convention, but we preach change and looking for new ideas, so this was our chance to practice what we preach. We had a mini mall inside the convention center with the many vendors that were set up for your shopping; we had the full two screen projection of information for the entire convention, It has been several years since having Resolutions and Bylaws amendments proposed and voted on to send to the National Resolutions and Bylaws Committee, so we were excited about that. We had the passing of State Officers robes; had one person announcing all the Circle of Love awards; had District Deputies sitting with their districts; had a convention photographer; and had the First Walk/Run event to collect monies for the Texas charities. We all survived it, and most enjoyed all the changes.

I just received from National an updated membership roster, and our total membership count is 16,106! In September of 2008, the membership total was 15,654. It is the hard work of courts holding membership drives that has been keeping and will continue to keep Texas CDA above 16,000!

I want to express my sincere thanks for the gifts I received at the State Convention. Thanks to the State Officers for the beautiful gold cross and to the State's VIP's for the gold chain to hold my cross. I will wear them around my neck to have you close to my heart at all times. Thank you, as well, to the State VIP's for the cash and for my Garmin GPS that will always lead me back home to Texas. Finally, thank you to the courts and members for your generous contribution of cash that I will spend wisely.

When you receive this newsletter, your new State Officers will have taken office; so, please inform your local officers and the membership of the new names for each office. The new State Officers are listed in this newsletter.

It has been a wonderful eleven years that I have had the honor to serve all of you; the last two years as your State Regent were especially wonderful. I will carry the memories and love of all of you with me for the rest of my life.

Carolyn Bachmann



“Together We Are Strong” Eccl. 4:9

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas Texas State Court

Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

State Mission Statement

The members of the Texas State Court love Christ and His Church and are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to His service through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Goals

- To encourage and provide opportunities for spiritual growth for all Catholic Daughters through prayer services and retreats.
- To extend a hand to our CDA sisters in their time of sickness, sorrow, or need.
- To encourage courts to be more family oriented in their court activities.
- To complete the Habitat Build in Wichita Falls with support of all Catholic Daughters.
- To select particular project/projects to work with our brother Knights of Columbus.
- To continue to increase membership and seek areas for new courts.
- To continue to develop strong leaders from court members.

Activities

- Utilize our State Spiritual/Retreat Chairman to organize multi-district retreats and/or spiritual talks.
- Encourage districts to come together to pray and interact in local activities.
- Emphasize that we are women of God and must not only show this in our work, but also show this in our actions and words.
- Encourage courts to promote activities that involve the family in Spiritual and recreational activities.
- Complete the Habitat Home Build in Wichita Falls.
- Encourage courts to work with our brother Knights in parish and community activities and other selective areas.
- Spread the word to all Catholic women that CDA is a spiritual/service organization to and for all.
- Continue court incentives for increasing membership.
- Continue the St. Bernadine of Siena Award for Court Development.
- Provide Support and training through the "Out Reach" Program for courts struggling to exist and structure for newly instituted courts.
- Continue leadership and training workshops to develop future CDA leaders.

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Message from the State Chaplain

My dear Catholic Daughters,

Catholic Daughter Courts of the Rio Grande Valley hosted a very successful biennial convention in McAllen. Congratulations on a job well done! State Regent, Carolyn Bachmann and all the state officers conducted the business sessions of the convention efficiently and effectively. I think it is during the installation of the new officers that the responsibility of the office is realized and comes to rest squarely upon the shoulders of those being installed. The look of sincerity on the face of each one says it all.

The June meeting will close another year for local courts. Newly elected officers will spend the summer planning programs and projects for the next year. CDA is a “grass roots” organization that supports the local and universal church. Members don’t sit behind closed doors and write checks to support various charities. Instead, they collect items for Operation Handclasp, crochet booties for babies of mothers in shelters, take up hammers and build Habitat houses at home and in Mexico, and sponsor fundraisers to support the Smile Train and other state and national projects. You are the church in action.

The honor of serving as national clergy consultant gives me a better understanding of the overall operation of CDA. National Regent Libby Ramirez (A TEXAN) and the national board are dedicated servants of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

I pray that the new state officers will have a productive term, and that the returning local court officers will have a great year. The commitment you make ensures the continued success of CDA on all levels. I am also grateful to your husbands and children who sacrifice to give you time to fulfill your responsibilities as a CDA officer.

Have a restful summer. May God bless you and may His Blessed Mother watch over and guide you.

Sincerely yours in Christ and His Blessed Mother,



Texas State Chaplain



Quarterly Prayer Intentions

The following are the prayer intentions for the new quarter. Please share them with your courts. The intentions can be remembered in many ways such as in the opening or closing prayer of your meetings, at corporate communions, by your prayer ministry, and hopefully by each individual member in her daily prayers. Jesus tells us in Matthew 21:22 “Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”



Let us place our trust in Him as we lift up the following intentions:

- That the servants of God be guided by the Holy Spirit in all their decisions.
- That our young people, especially those who have graduated from high schools and universities, will embark on a lifetime of learning and of seeking God.

Texas National Director Duchess Collins



Blessings to all. The 2009 State Convention is now in the history books and work begins for the 2011 State Convention to be held in Houston, Texas. It was a busy weekend but an awesome weekend of spiritual growth, sharing our love with one another, being creative, and having a great time together. If you were attending the convention for the first time, you met new friends, learned more about our state programs and how to “put into action” new ideas and projects into your local court.

Congratulations to the newly elected State Officers and to Father Don Ruppert as he continues to serve as State Chaplain. My compliments to everyone for your tremendous efforts of working within our Circle of Love program. I am amazed at the amount of time courts spend working in the various projects in order to help the needy, their church, and community. You are doing an amazing job.

The 2009 National Newsletter contest has come to a close. Thanks to everyone for your participation; you did a great job. Winners will be announced at the State Officer Conference July 9th -12th, which will be held in Belleville, Illinois. During this weekend, State Officers will receive the latest updates and changes in all our programs and contests. They will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with State Officers from other states. Even though we are having fun, it is also a lot of work and a tremendous learning experience for everyone.

When was the last time you asked a Catholic woman to join Catholic Daughters? Think about it; how long has it been? Membership is a growing concern in every court throughout the Order. We are losing members faster than we can replace them. Therefore, each one of us must begin to recruit and bring in new members. We need new members to generate and offer new ideas for our courts, and we must replace lost membership. There are many different approaches to seeking new members, but you know, sometimes the simplest and most effective thing we can do is to just ask someone to join Catholic Daughters. Membership is everyone’s responsibility. Let’s all take on that responsibility.



Until next time, please remember to pray for our bishops, priests, deacons and religious. We need to especially remember to pray, asking our Lord for His protection, for the men and women in the Armed Forces who are in harm’s way.

God bless you all; have a wonderful and safe summer!

An atheist complained to a friend, "Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter; and Jewish folks celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur.

EVERY religion has its holidays. But we atheists," he said,
"have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair discrimination."

His friend replied, "Well ... Why don't you celebrate April first?"

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God"
Psalm 14:1, Psalm 53:1

Court Development
Sheila Martinka, First Vice State Regent
 St. Bernardine of Siena Awards

St. Bernardine of Siena is the Patron Saint of Public Relations. He was born in Italy in 1380. His career in the Order of Friars Minor was outstanding, particularly in the areas of recruitment, eloquent preaching and the writing of homiletics. He was a successful evangelist and propagandist. So, it is fitting that this award be presented to those who take the initiative to keep CDA moving forward by sharing the spirituality and great works of service that makes Catholic Daughters the great organization it is.

During the 2007-2009 term, “Together We Are Strong” has been a perfect motto as we are now ten (10) courts stronger in Texas. There are eight (8) parish communities’ stronger thanks to CDA and two (2) college universities that are stronger through CDA. All of this strength is due to all CDA members. There are a few ladies who helped make Texas ten courts stronger by taking the initiative and moving forward to share what Catholic Daughters of the Americas is about. In April at the 46th Biennial State Convention, sixteen ladies were awarded the St. Bernardine of Siena pin for their accomplishments of adding to the CDA sisterhood. They are:

Daughters of Our Lady of Fatima #2596
 Barbara Britton
 Valeria Brandt

Court of the Holy Family #2597
 Mary Jane Albert
 Duchess Collins

Sisters of Pauline #2605
 Vicki Gonzales
 Alicia Rodriguez, DD

Our Lady of Faith #2607
 Carolyn Rapsilver

Court of Salve Regina #2611
 Jane Savoy

Belles of St. Mary’s #2615 (Campus Court)
 Barbara Britton
 Francesca Garcia

Daughters of St. Joseph #2619
 Dorothy Villarreal
 Diana Garcia

Archangels of St. Michael’s #2618
 Peggy Rosales
 Sirene Brunell

Protector of Families #2621
 Peggy Rosales
 Connie Bulat
 Kristen Golla

Daughters of St. Agnes #2622 (Campus Court)
 Jordan Chipley



May Dues & Assessments

The May state dues and assessments will be billed to each court a little late this year! The state’s server will be undergoing some maintenance and updating during the month of May. Please remember that state dues and national dues do not require a vote to be paid. Your billing will have the state dues of \$1.50 per member; \$1.00 per member for Theological Fund and \$.10 per member for JCDA whether you have a JCDA court or not.

Please remember to pay the dues and assessments as soon as you receive them. Write your court number on the check. Two (2) signatures are required per the National bylaw Article XIV, Section 3, page 42! Remember to also make the check payable to: **TEXAS STATE COURT**. The bills will be sent out from me, Peggy Rosales, Current State Secretary, but your checks will be sent to the **NEW STATE SECRETARY, EVE TREVINO** for processing and then on to the **NEW STATE TREASURER, MINNIE RODGERS** for deposit. Also, remember that if the dues are not received within 90 days of the **billing date** a \$5.00 late fee will be required.

The state officers will not be taking the summer off – so send the dues in!
 Should you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me at prosales@austin.rr.com



Leadership

Carolyn Malik, Second Vice State Regent

Thank you to the officers and the membership of the CDA courts in Texas for your cooperation while I served as your State leadership chairperson during the past two years. It has indeed been an honor for me to serve you in this capacity. YOU have definitely made much progress in your leadership skills and abilities as I witnessed while visiting your courts and by reading the 80 wonderful State reports you submitted this past year describing your various activities in the leadership program. This number does not include the many, many reports I received on the National form, which I will be passing on to our newly elected Second Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales. I want to share with you some of the activities and ideas the top courts submitted in hopes that you can implement some of these ideas in your own local courts:

- Delegate members to work on different projects that match their interests
- Do not micro-manage your members after you assign them to duties and committees
- Assign members to projects they had not participated in beforehand
- Organize court members into small groups with one member serving as the leader
- Conduct a brainstorming session/planning meetings to receive feedback from the membership in areas that court was lacking
- Chairmen, delegate various duties to other members to involve these members in various activities and projects
- Encourage members to attend National and State conventions
- Follow the guidelines in the Circle of Love Leadership program
- Provide copies of the State newsletter to ALL local court officers
- Involve new members in committees and projects
- New members recruited to co-chair activities with experienced members so they can learn what needs to be done and the following year, the “new” member serves as the chairman.



Ladies, you are all doing fantastic jobs in your courts. Keep up your good works for Our Lord and His Mother.

With Pen in Hand...

Peggy Rosales, State Secretary

Thank you to all of you wonderful women of Texas for your cooperation and support and faith in me as your State Secretary. It has been an honor to have served you for the past 2 years. Even though the convention is over, I still have a few things to do as State Secretary, before moving on to my new position of Second Vice State Regent. Some reminders are:

- **STATE DUES & ASSESSMENTS WILL BE BILLED IN JUNE!** Please remember to pay them immediately upon receipt – pass them on to the Treasurer for payment. It does not take a court vote to pay your National dues, State dues & Assessments.
- **TWO SIGNATURES ON COURT CHECKS ARE REQUIRED** – the Regent and Treasurer are the preferred!
- Please make checks payable to – TEXAS STATE COURT – ONE CHECK – please!!
- **PLEASE MAIL ALL STATE SECRETARY PAPERWORK (Member additions, deletions) and PAYMENTS (State Dues & Assessments, donations (National Projects/Charities, State Donations (Juarez, Habitat for Humanity & MOM Projects) to EVE TREVINO, STATE SECRETARY, 1102 DELTA, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78412 BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2009!**

I wish to thank you for the vote of confidence in me to serve as your Second Vice State Regent. I will to the best of my ability serve you in this capacity. I enjoyed meeting so many of you that I have emailed or talked to on the phone. It was a wonderful convention; full of faith filled women, working together and remember, “Together We are Strong” Eccl 4:9. and we will continue to “Do Whatever He Tells You” John 2:5. May you all have a safe and restful summer!

Dollars and Cents

Eve Trevino, State Treasurer



learning experience.

It has been an extreme honor to serve as CDA State Treasurer for the State of Texas. The work was a very rewarding and a humbling experience. Keeping the books is a big job, but it was also a good

learning experience. It was a joy to see so many of you during the past two years at your multi-district meetings, officers' training, anniversaries, new court intuitions, spiritual retreats and at convention. Thank you for all the invitations.

And again, thank you for your good work of unity and charity in your courts. Your work is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

First CDA Run/Walk Event

Sheila Martinka, First Vice State Regent

I hope everyone who was up early on Sunday morning for the First CDA Walk/Run event has recovered! It was not that grueling of an event, and everyone who participated was wide awake and ready to take in a new day! Probably the most difficult part was getting up so early on Sunday morning and stretching out for that 6:45 a.m. start! However early, it was a great success!



This was a first time ever event, and I want to thank our State Regent, Carolyn Bachmann for stepping outside the box and letting Peggy Rosales, State Secretary, and me run with this idea. The first thought was a 5K run and after having some help in rethinking the idea, it was decided to offer a 1 Mile Walk/2 Mile Run. By doing this, participants could choose what they wanted to do. Not only could participants choose walking or running and the distance, but they could also choose the Texas Projects that they wanted to support with their donations. Initially 68 participants signed up before the April 1st deadline and 3 more joined us the day of the race! A total number of 50 actually braved the early morning hour and joined in for a heart healthy start to their day and energized conversation and fellowship.

Congratulations to all of you as you helped to raise over \$3500.00 towards our Texas State Projects!

Memorial Scholarship Report

Carolyn Malik, Chairman



Catholic Daughters of Texas – Thank you for your continued support of the Texas State Memorial Scholarship program. Each year, this project continues to grow because of your commitment to our youth and to CDA. Enrollments in the program are a win-win situation for all – enrolled individuals are remembered in masses for a year on each First Friday of the month, and because of your support, our youth are also the winners.

In 2008, we were able to award scholarships in the amount of \$28,300 to 32 deserving students.

This year at the 2009 State convention in McAllen, we awarded \$29,800 to 33 students from our CDA families. It has been my honor to serve as your State chairperson, and I thank you for your continued support as Peggy Rosales, newly elected Second Vice State Regent, will take over this chairmanship. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE ENROLLMENT FORMS TO ME.**

Please send them to:
Peggy Rosales
State Memorial Scholarship Chairman
8003 Doe Meadow Drive
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The new form is also available on the Texas State Website www.texascd.org. Peggy will also have the new supply of Mass cards to send to you, so please request them from her. Thanks for your great support and God Bless!!

State Financial Review Chairman Janis Wright

Dear Ladies, it's hard to believe summer is here, and our McAllen convention has come and gone. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the convention, and I hope you had a great time. I sure enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies down south.

The state financial review was held on March 28, and the state books are in good order. The state board has worked diligently to control expenses and to make sure funds raised in the state are well spent. I'd like to say THANKS to the state board for all the hours you've spent the past two years and for all you've given to CDA.

I'd also like to thank the ladies who served on the state financial review committee the past two years: Christine Moore, Gennie Loggins, Mary Rose Barta, Judy Evanicky, and Juanita Hale, and to Rosemary Olson for her help with the March 2009 review.

Congratulations to the newly elected state officers! I'm sure you will keep up the good work of the current board.

Enjoy your summer!

State Public Relations Chairman

Terrie Vacek

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Congratulations to all Texas Courts for promoting the 2009 State Convention. It's been exciting to see CDA increase media coverage over the past two years.



CDA events are now in many Diocesan Publications. Your local Publicity Chairmen have done an awesome job promoting your court events. Please keep up the great work.

Exposure will lead to increased membership!

Women who are not members are touched when local courts take just a few minutes to share in simple language each month what you are doing and why. Communication may move someone in your community into charitable service as they hear our Lord's invitation. Write your story and leave the rest

to God! Texas CDA articles are in every issue of SHARE Magazine including several feature stories with which I was involved: The Missionaries of Jesus, the Habitat for Humanity Builds, and our National Regent, Libby Ramirez' reception. The Fall 2008 issue of Share contained twenty three photos that I took at the National convention! The work we do for CDA can be fun and very exciting; especially when we see that it was used for the promotion of our Order and our Lord.

It's easy to promote CDA in Texas ... your courts are overflowing with stories of Unity and Charity! Enjoy my 2009 convention write-up and look for it in your local papers and on our wonderful website. I want to take this opportunity to thank State Regent Carolyn Bachmann for the confidence she has in me to carry out these responsibilities as your State Public Relations Chairman.

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Scrapbooking A Treasure
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There were thirty-three (33) entries in the 46th Biennial Convention Scrapbook competition. Each of these historical books that archive the events and personalities of their members are a wonderful representation of CDA members in action.



Division I had six entries; Division II, ten; Division III, ten; Division IV, seven. Every local court scrapbook chairman is to be commended for all the time and attention they have devoted to preserve and record their courts history.

I am grateful for the detailed attention given to the judging of this year's entries by five of your Past State Regents, six court members and my husband, Mark Vacek. These individuals devoted a total of fifty-two (52) hours of judging time in just eight hours! Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the courts that received awards in the Scrapbook Judging Competition.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2007-2009 Scrapbook Chairman and to meet many of you through your entry in this year's competition. I am also very grateful for every member who took the time to submit articles and photos for your State Regent's Scrapbook. Carolyn was presented a large photo album and a Texas Size Scrapbook with over 200 pages! Have a blessed summer with God, family and friends.

Raffle "Fun"raiser
State Ways and Means
Cathy Bittner, Chairmen



Another state convention has come and gone with much success. Many thanks to all of you who participated in our "fun"draisers. Here are the winners of the raffle:

\$1,000.00 GC-Ct. Christ the King, Houston
Tablecloth-Maria Cavazos, Richmond
Cloth Dolls-Delma Cantu, Odem
Quilt-Linda Torline, McAllen
Rosary- Sue Newman, Alice
Bracelet- Debbie Jones, Humble
Nativity egg-Mary Ann Kucera, Shiner
Lap Throw-Lauren Correll Smith, Wichita Falls
\$300.00 GC-Patsy Kleimann, Columbus
\$200.00 GC-Carol Blair, Texarkana

GO Bible-Christina Garcia, Corpus Christi
Gift Basket-Mary Kimble, Houston
Saddle blanket-Shane Ryan, El Campo
\$200.00 GC-Laura Watzlavick, Shiner
Afghan-Carolyn Balcar, Weimar
Gift Basket-Hannah Woolsey, Longview
\$175.00 GC-Ann Collins, New Braunfels
Angel-Tommie Pierson, Frost
Beauty Basket-Alice Figirova, Edna
Quilt-Angelina Castanon,Palacios

Jewelry Box-Ellen Hrnicko,Wallis
Art-Graciela Gonzales, Corpus Christi
\$150.00 GC- Helen Brysch, Falls City
\$200.00 GC-Marlene Lewis, Wichita Falls
Noodles- Angel Mendoza, San Diego
\$300.00 GC- Kathleen Taylor, Houston
\$200.00 GC-Nenita Cuellar, Garland
\$200.00 GC- Ct. Our Lady Queen of Peace, El Campo
\$245.00 GC- Evelyn Rosenbaum, Rosenberg

Congratulations to all the winners! Total figures are not complete, but the convention raffle netted over \$20,000.00. 35 courts did not participate in this fundraiser. Thanks to Ct. Pope Pius XII #1805. With only 37 members, they sold \$375.00 worth of tickets. The Lots of Luck lottery ticket drawings were held 4 times during the convention. The total amount collected was \$4901.00. I hope the winners scratched off big bucks. The silent auction and brown bag special held Saturday brought in approximately \$2,000.00. Thanks to all of you who donated prizes, helped sell tickets during the weekend, or participated in any way. We could not have done this without you.

The Navigator

Teresa Maltbia, State Website Chairperson
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The past two years has been very eventful. A new design for our State Site was created, and a court locator page was added. Looking at our site one day, I realized, that anyone in ANY state would be able to see how GREAT Texas CDA is doing.



I am glad that I have had this opportunity to try to provide Texas CDA with the best website possible. With everyone's help it has been a wonderful adventure. At our recent State Convention, I was able to award three courts with a Certificate of Honorable Mention for their participation in the State Website Contest.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles 2391 - cda2391.org
Court Holy Rosary 1476 - <http://cda1476.org>
Padre Pedro Bard 2016 - www.stfrancissandiego.com

A new page will be available on the State site pretty soon, "how to create a website for your court". Once you see how easy it can be to create and maintain a simple website, I hope it will encourage you to create one for your court.

No amount of Thanks would be enough for all the wonderful Sisters I have met along the way. I would like to thank my home court for believing in me, when sometimes I didn't think things would be possible. "Together We ARE Strong" never has this been truer than with the Texas CDA. God Bless and have a FUN summer!

National Projects Texas State Court

Ginger Shea, Chairman

Well, another Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Convention has come and gone. The winners of our Circle of Love contest will be listed by Carolyn Bachmann, State Regent; however, I consider all of our courts to be winners. Unfortunately, there are categories, divisions, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places that have to be filled; and, please do not let that deter you from mailing in your reports and entering the contests next year. We have so many wonderful charities and especially at this time, they desperately need our help. Please continue mailing in your checks to help in supporting our Five Projects & Eight Charities. So many people depend on your help and knowing that Texas has the best, most caring courts, I have no fear that in the coming year we can and will do even better.



† Most important, I do want to thank State Regent Carolyn Bachmann for allowing me to experience the excitement of being the Texas State Chairman for the National Projects. I have interacted with so many wonderful Catholic Daughters, learning how passionate each is when it comes to helping others, and I attribute this all to Carolyn. I graciously and sincerely thank Carolyn for allowing me to serve in this very rewarding assignment these last two years.

Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

~ St. Gregory Nazianzen

MESSAGE FROM FIRST VICE STATE REGENT SHEILA MARTINKA

My dear CDA family,

I cannot thank you enough for all of your love and support during the convention for the loss of my grandmother, Martha Martinka. Your kindness and prayers helped lift me up during the week and for that I am forever grateful to all of you. After many tears, prayers, and talking with family about what to do, what not to do and after a good, refreshing run on Wednesday morning and more prayers, knowing that we had a great visit with my grandmother just a few days before, I chose to stay. I knew by staying I would have so much love and caring around me. I want to thank you all for giving so much of yourselves! Know that you are all appreciated and loved! God Bless!
Sheila Martinka

QUALITY OF LIFE

Lillie Wolf, State Chairman



Since this is my final report, I would like to thank State Regent Carolyn Bachmann for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. At times, I was overwhelmed, but with God's help, I endured.

The Quality of Life Convention Report was pre-mature due to the necessity of printing deadlines, so the 91 local courts who reported to have contributed some \$285,000 and 311,000 hours towards the betterment of Life need to be commended. Courts, please keep up the great work!

Once again, I would like to stress that we, especially as Catholic Daughters, must continue to work diligently against the current anti-life issues, such as the legalization of: embryonic stem cell research, same-sex marriage, abortion on demand, foreign aid for abortions, etc. It is also very disheartening to hear that the current administration has nominated several pro-choice "Catholics" as ambassador to the Vatican. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, the Vatican has been vigilant and has rejected each. These positions are definitely contrary to our Catholic Faith; therefore, we must increase our efforts to work unceasingly to bring about conversion. Don't give up the ship; CALL, WRITE, E-MAIL your congressmen/women and our present administration to let them know your concerns as Catholic Christians. We cannot remain the silent majority! And PLEASE do not forget the most powerful weapon—PRAYER!

State Chairman, Spiritual Enhancement

Olga Samaniego



As many courts prepare for a short recess, I would like to take this time to let you know what a pleasure it was to serve as the Spiritual Enhancement Chairman. I had the honor of spending time with so many of you, of laughing with you, and of praying with you. I was blessed to be a part of quiet moments of healing and to witness tears of sorrow and tears of joy. I learned so much from you. Members of Texas CDA are women of strength and faith. You have endured many trials, and yet you continue to be women of service and commitment. You look to the future with hope. You have guided and inspired my own spiritual journey, and I will treasure the time we have spent together. May God continue to guide and to bless you as you seek to know Him more fully and to serve Him more faithfully. Thank you for using your gifts for God's church and for His people. I wish you joy and a restful summer.

State Legislative Report

Peggy Supak, State Chairman fayetteatty@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the winners of the Circle of Love Operation Morning Star contest, and thank you to all those courts sending in reports. It is awesome to see that our Courts are doing more and more in the legislative arena. I was extremely pleased by the increased number of courts reporting that they are displaying the Texas Flag and reciting the Pledge to Texas Flag along with the American Flag. We had 54 courts report being "Texas Proud" during this reporting period up from only 8 courts in 2007. Way to go proud Texas CDA ladies and courts!

The Texas Legislative session is coming to a close with a record number of pieces of legislation once again being proposed. A full list of the bills enacted into law can be located on the Texas Legislature Online website. A full report on legislation affecting Catholics and Catholic social teaching will be published once the session is over and can be found on the Texas Catholic Conference website along with being printed in the Catholic Spirit.

Courts are reminded that contacts with legislators and any action taken on legislation MUST be undertaken as constituents of the legislator, not as the Catholic Daughters. Courts are further reminded that they MUST obtain approval from the State Regent and/or State Legislative Chairman prior to engaging in legislative activities other than contacts with legislators.

I thank State Regent Carolyn Bachmann for allowing me to serve as your State Legislative Chairman the past two years and hope that we continue to move forward with our powerful voices in the legislative arena as Catholic women.



Message

Service

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Youth/JCDA – Terri Beltran Chairman

I cannot believe that it has been 2 years since I said, “Yes” to being the State Youth/JCDA Chairman. When I told my local court that I had been asked, they thought I was crazy because I did not have anyone tied to Youth much less JCDA. But I did; I had my heart tied to the youth and to JCDA. I started the JCDA court in my parish, and it is still going strong. I have been teaching CCE to a deaf child for the past 6 year; yes I believe my heart is tied to the youth. I have always believed that our youth are the future and that we need to nurture them and work with them to bring out the best in them. I applaud and encourage the District Deputies and Court Regents to continue their efforts to work with the youth in their parishes and in their communities. The Youth are a vital part in our growth both as a CDA organization, and as we mature in age, let’s face it; we need our youth! I have enjoyed working with the JCDA State officers; they are truly hard working girls who have dedicated themselves to JCDA. We have traveled throughout the state of Texas installing 6 courts and visiting many more. I want to thank Regent Carolyn for the opportunity to work with the youth. I want to thank all the Regents and the JCDA chairmen for sending in their Youth Reports. They are all excellent and full of good things. The reports show that the youth are very involved in the communities. The youth in our parishes are very active and doing well in this great state of Texas. They are vital and important to our parishes. Regents, tap into the youth in your parishes and put them to work!

At our last JCDA State Board meeting in February, the state officer, and the convention chairmen met along with our State CDA Regent Carolyn and 1st Vice Regent Sheila to work on the convention. Plans are coming along nicely, and reservations are coming in. I just want to remind everyone to pay attention to the deadlines especially if a member decides to run for office.



Court Annunciation #1962
La Grange 25th Anniversary, Dianne Hermann Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO!



Court Cathedral #246, Corpus Christi
Kendra Garcia, Chairman



Last but not least the JCDA State Board invites everyone to:



State JCDA Bi-Annual Convention
June 26 – 28, 2009
Westin Hotel-Galleria
Houston, TX



“Get the Royal Treatment with JCDA”

JCDA Forms and Convention Packets may be downloaded at www.texascca.org

Dates to remember:

Registrations due by May 7, 2009 (Late registrations June 1, 2009)

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. God doesn't require us to succeed; He only requires that you try. Blessed Mother Teresa





STATE NEWS

2009 TOP STATE AWARDS

Carolyn Bachmann

It was my privilege as State Regent to work with totally awesome and outstanding ladies these past two years. All of my VIP's were winners. It is the State Regent's job to select the top five District Deputies in the state. This is a very hard job to do because I know many of you did things I did not know about. It is very important for this next term that the regents and districts deputies fill out the semiannual reports due in July and January of each year. They are found in the Regents' Resource Packet in the District Deputy section that comes out in September. This helps to inform the State Regent of what your district deputy is doing for and with your court. When the district deputy fills out her report, she lets the State Regent know that you are conducting your duties for your courts, and that she is working with her district. Ladies you are a big part of this selection.

The top five District Deputies are

Gennie Loggins District #9
Vernell Kasper District #19
Carolyn Rapsilver District #28

Barbara Britton District #40 second term in a row
Elva I. Pena District #48

The five State Regent Awards go to women who were outstanding in service and generosity to the state of Texas. These women have made the job of being State Regent much easier. Each of these ladies has gone above and beyond their call to service. Each has used her talents and gifts that she has to offer in an unselfish way.

The five State Regent Awards went to

Susan Walton, Habitat for Humanity Chairman
Teresa Maltbia, Web Site Administrator
Rose Patek, Gifts of Love

Peggy Rosales, State Secretary
Olga Samaniego, Consultant and Proofreader

Congratulations again to all of you outstanding ladies.

Slate Officers for 2009-2011

The newly elected officers for Texas Catholic Daughters of the Americas for 2009-2011 are:

State Regent	Sheila Martinka, Houston
1 st Vice State Regent	Carolyn Malik, Shiner
2 nd Vice State Regent	Peggy Rosales, Austin
State Secretary	Eve Trevino, Corpus Christi
State Treasurer	Minnie Rodgers, Mission

The newly elected members of the nominating Committee for 2009-2011 are Lydia Ruiz, chairman, Mary Jane Albert, Theresa Wagner, Vernell Kasper, Christine Kuhn, and Jennie Kunkel, alternate.

Congratulations to the newly elected state officers and nominating committee. Please share this information with your membership as the new term will began May 25, and new appointments for the various chairmen jobs will be new ladies and with different addresses.

Many thanks to the members of the Election Committee, consisting of Carolyn Janak, Grace Nodurft-Smith, Lillian Hansen, Susan Walton, chaired by Anne Martin, and advised by Immediate Past State Regent Olga Samaniego

NEW NATIONAL BYLAWS & PORTFOLIOS

The State Court had a sales table set up for your convenience to purchase items your courts can use to keep you from having to order from National for small quantities. The State Court has plenty of revised national bylaws and all courts need to purchase new bylaws for the court officers. We also have the purple portfolios inscribed with Catholic Daughters of the Americas with pockets and an 8½ x 11 paper tablet inside. These make excellent gifts or door prizes for your membership. Packages of new, transfer, or renewal membership applications are also available. Please purchase these items from the State Court as we ordered to help you out, and your postage will be cheaper. Contact a State Officer for more information and ordering.



Knights of Columbus Challenge

Carolyn Bachmann



A special award was given for the first time in Texas CDA history. As State Regent, I was invited to the 2008 Knights of Columbus State Convention in Dallas. I was the first to be called upon after the banquet dinner to speak. After

beginning my 3 minute talk, I believe you could hear a pin drop with the silence that was in that banquet hall of more than 1200 men and women. I spoke to them briefly about the founding history of CDA. I spoke to them about CDA being 86,000 strong, as are the Knights in Texas, if each Knight brought in just one female. I challenged the Knights to bring in CDA members this year, and I told them that I would recognize and award 5 men for their work.

The Knight who met this challenge was one small step, but this one step is an example to others. He extended an invitation that not only brought in new CDA members but extended his hand to work in bringing about the institution of Archangels of St. Joseph in Umland. He invited Peggy Rosales to come with him to speak at Martindale and Umland where he was working on instituting councils.

It was my privilege to recognize and award Louis G. Struble, Austin Assistant Diocesan Deputy of Council Father Michael J. McGwney 5967 in Austin. I will present this plaque to him at the KC State Convention in Houston in May. Ladies, we got a court before he got his council in Umland, but without his invitation that may never have been a reality. Thank you, Louis, for stepping up to the challenge.

State Convention Chairman

Estela Ramirez

McAllen known as the "City of Palms" and considered to be "The Texas Tropics" because of its abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables was home of the 46th Biennial CDA State Convention! Our theme "One Faith, One Body, One Lord of All" was beautifully interpreted by Manuel Hinojosa, a local artist, on our backdrop and convention program cover. 1,032 members registered for the convention, but also in attendance were clergy, spouses, family members, and friends. It was indeed a privilege for me to serve as your convention chairman. My co-chair, vice chairman, convention advisor, and assistant tirelessly gave of their time, talent and resources. A wonderful group CDA members from up and down the Rio Grande Valley chaired additional committees to make for a smooth-running convention. These ladies are awesome.



I would especially like to express my most sincere appreciation for State Regent Carolyn Bachmann and the rest of the State Board for their full cooperation and support before, during, and after the convention. Our Opening Mass, celebrated at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle National Shrine in San Juan, was truly a sight to behold. The Basilica was filled to capacity. A picture taken from the balcony is for sale by the photographer. Bishop Raymundo Pena, along with Reverend Donald Ruppert and eight priests prepared us spiritually for our convention to practice our motto, Unity and Charity. A special hymn was sung for Carolyn Bachmann, outgoing State Regent, by George Tagle, lead singer for the "Angelos," a four-man, internationally renowned group of tenors from the Phillipines. He wowed us by singing "I'm Your Mother" (Soy Tu Madre) in a strong tenor voice.

The highlight of the Memorial Mass was a massive 6' cross built especially for CDA and filled with white carnations. The middle of the cross was left hollow for the district deputies to fill with red roses symbolizing our deceased members. After the Mass the cross was placed next to Our Lady's Shrine. It provided an excellent backdrop for group pictures. The music on Saturday for the JCDA Mass was provided by "Mariachi Universitario". They also provide the music every weekend at the shrine. The music provided a peek into the diverse cultural heritage of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Installation Mass again featured the "Angelos." George Tagle, the lead singer for the group, sang a wonderful rendition of the Josh Groban song, "You Raise Me Up" for Sheila Martinka, our newly elected State Regent.

The 2009 Convention Committee is working diligently to complete all of the reports for the 2011 convention committee so that they can study and plan for the next convention set for Houston. In the Call to Convention packet, I enthusiastically told everyone "Bienvenidos a McAllen" I sincerely hope that all of you who attended really felt the warm, friendly nature of the Rio Grande Valley where Mexico and Texas meet, join hands, and always celebrate "One Faith, One Body, One Lord of All".

WELCOME NEW COURTS

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#2621 Protector of Families
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Happy Anniversary!

Aquinas #2266, Sugar Land – 25th Anniversary – May 23, 2009

St. Ann #369, Victoria – 90th Anniversary – June 7, 2009

Our Lady of Victory #234 Houston 95th Anniversary- June 7th, 2009



Circle of Love



Thank you to all the courts that turned in Circle of Love forms and that participated in the Education and Newsletter Contests Memorial Scholarship Program, Scrapbook, and Read Across America. The projects and activities in which courts are participating are incredible. The new ideas and projects the courts are undertaking is wonderful.

Congratulations to all the Circle of Love Contest winners and thank you for sharing the works your courts are involved in. You are all winners in the hearts of those your courts extend a hand of help too.

A complete list of winners is listed as follows in this newsletter. I want to thank all the chairmen and judges who gave many hours in compiling and scoring entries and on mailing reports to the National Chairmen. A heartfelt thank you and congratulations from your State Regent on a job well done, ladies!

Regents please make sure all winners receive their certificates and court checks. The court received a check from State for a total of all winners and the courts must give the winners a court check or cash for their winning amount. Please deposit state checks immediately.

Carolyn Bachmann, State Regent

Texas State Court 2009 Winners

<u>Education</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regent</u>
Category I			
First Place	Our Lady of LaSalette #2474	Houston	Bernadette King
Second Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary Living Rosary #2540	McAllen	Teresa Contreras
Third Place	St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Bea Cisneros
Category II			
First Place	Queen of the Rosary #2368	McAllen	Rosalinda Torline
Second Place	Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Maria Inez Ortiz
Third Place	Our Lady of the Gulf #2267	Port Lavaca	Mary A. Sanchez
Category III			
First Place	St. Rose #1597	Schulenburg	Cynthia Kosler
Second Place	Mary Queen of the Snows #1588	Columbus	Ruth Kunz
Third Place	St. Helen #2330	Pearland	Ginger Shea
Category IV			
First Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Diana Kammer
Second Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta
Third Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy
<u>Quality of Life</u>			
<u>Category I</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regent</u>
First Place	St. Monica #1262	Olfen	Tracy Grime
Second Place	St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Bea Cisneros
Third Place	Our Lady of LaSalette #2474	Houston	Bernadette King
Category II			
First Place	Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Maria Inez Ortiz
Second Place	Queen of the Rosary #2368	McAllen	Rosalinda Torline
Third Place	Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Hostyn	Lillian Kallus
Category III			
First Place	Christ the King #1750	Houston	Patricia Koteris
Second Place	Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	Faye Greaber-Guth
Third Place	Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Charlotte Wade
Category IV			
First Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy
Second Place	St. Ann #369	Victoria	Grace Brown
Third Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Frances Guenther
<u>Legislation</u>			
<u>Category I</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regent</u>
First Place	St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Bea Cisneros
Second Place	Aquinas #2266	Sugar Land	Pam Memmer
Third Place	Our Lady of the Body of Christ #2543	Corpus Christi	Chris Morin

Category II

First Place	Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Maria Inez Ortiz
Second Place	Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Hostyn	Lillian Kallus
Third Place	Holy Cross #1598	Yorktown	Lorene Migura

Category III

First Place	St. Rose #1597	Schulenburg	Cynthia Kosler
Second Place	St. Elizabeth #1616	Sealy	Carolyn Rapsilver
Third Place	Christ the King #1750	Houston	Patricia Koteris

Category IV

First Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy
Second Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Diana Kammer
Third Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta

Youth**Court****City****Regent****Category I**

First Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Gerry Jones
Second Place	Father Thomas Billimek #2425	Los Fresnos	Andrea V. Gonzalez
Third Place	Our Lady of the Fields #2465	Eagle Lake	Betsy Glaiser

Category II

First Place	Rev. Mr. Herbert Scholler #2085	New Braunfels	Juanita Wells
Second Place	Ancillae Mariae #1886	Crosby	Sharon Cotton
Third Place	St. Faustina #2478	Dallas	Barbara Brummitt

Category III

First Place	St. Therese of Lisieux #2211	Sugar Land	Patricia Rega
Second Place	Our Lady of the Rosary #1595	Nada	Bernita Korenek
Third Place	Mary St. John #2197	Baytown	Noreen Provins

Category IV

First Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy
Second Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta
Third Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Frances Guenther

National**Projects****Court****City****Regent****Category I**

First Place	St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Bea Cisneros
Second Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Gerry Jones
Third Place	Pope John Paul II #2580	Decatur	Pat Privitt

Category II

First Place	Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Maria Inez Ortiz
Second Place	Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282	Hostyn	Lillian Kallus
Third Place	Our Lady of Angels #2505	Sequin	Lilia Castillo

Category III

First Place	Christ the King #1750	Houston	Patricia Koteris
Second Place	Mary Queen of the Snows #1588	Columbus	Ruth Kunz
Third Place	Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Charlotte Wade

Category IV

First Place	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg	Norma Locker
Second Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta
Third Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Frances Guenther

Spiritual***Enhancement*****Court****City****Regent****Category I**

First Place	St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Bea Cisneros
Second Place	Pope John Paul II #2580	Decatur	Patricia Privitt
Third Place	Father Thomas Billimek #2425	Los Fresnos	Andrea V. Gonzalez

Category II

First Place	O. L. Queen of the Apostles #2391	Austin	Margie Holland
Second Place	Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Maria Inez Ortiz
Third Place	Father Juan Zavala #2012	Benavides	Dora Mae Canales

Category III

First Place	Christ the King #1750	Houston	Patricia Koteras
Second Place	Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Charlotte Wade
Third Place	Our Lady of the Rosary #1595	Nada	Bernita Korenek

Category IV

First Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Frances Guenther
Second Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy
Third Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Diana Kammer

Memorial***Scholarship*****Court****City****Regent****Category I**

First Place	Our Lady of Seven Hills #2464	Huntsville	Stella Milam
Second Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Gerry Jones
Third Place	Mater Christi #1894	Highlands	Betty Rucka

Category II

First Place	St. Faustina #2478	Dallas	Barbara Brummitt
Second Place	Our Lady #2337	Dallas	Mary Frances Hermes
Third Place	Rev. Mr. Herbert Scholler #2085	New Braunfels	Juanita Wells

Category III

First Place	Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	Faye Greaber-Guth
Second Place	O. L. of the Bluebonnets #2268	Ennis	Diane Sulak
Third Place	St. Elizabeth #1616	Sealy	Carolyn Rapsilver

Category IV

First Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Frances Guenther
Second Place	St. Ann #369	Victoria	Grace Brown
Third Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Diana Kammer

Local Court

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Court	City	Regent	
Category I – Division I			
First Place	Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391	Austin	Margie Holland
Second Place	Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361	Deer Park	Phyliss Godby
Third Place	Father Juan Zavala #2012	Benavides	Dora Mae Canales
Category I – Division II			
First Place	Maria Galante #115	Austin	Melissa Counihan
Second Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary Living Rosary #2540	McAllen	Teresa Contreras
Third Place	Daughters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary #2337	Alice	Millie Smithwick
Category II – Division I			
First Place	St. Helen #2330	Pearland	Ginger Shea
Second Place	Christ the King #1750	Houston	Patricia Koterass
Third Place	Ave Maria #200	Houston	Charlotte Wade
Category II – Division II			
First Place	St. Rose #1597	Schulenburg	Cynthia Kosler
Second Place	Sacred Heart #797	Hallettsville	Margaret Steffk
Category III – Division I			
First Place	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg	Norma Locker
Second Place	Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	El Campo	Donna Mertz
Third Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884	Conroe	Diana Kammer
Category III – Division II			
First Place	Sacred Heart #829	West	Cheryl L. Hoelscher
Second Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta
Third Place (tie)	Mary Immaculate #1719 St. Ann #369	Dallas Victoria	Maureen O'Brien Grace Brown

Leadership

Court	City	Regent	
Category I			
First Place	St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Bea Cisneros
Second Place	Angels of Mary #2460	Corpus Christi	Dolores Saenz
Third Place	Father Thomas Billimek #2425	Los Fresnos	Andrea V. Gonzalez
Category II			
First Place	Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364	Lake Jackson	Mary Montegue
Second Place	St. Roch of Mentz #2328	Alleyton	Sharon Kay Roensch
Third Place	Nuestra Senora de Lourdes #2501	Mineral Wells	Margaret Coker
Category III			
First Place	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1993	Edinburg	Blanca Garza
Second Place	St. Rose #1597	Schulenburg	Cynthia Kosler
Third Place	St. Elizabeth #1616	Sealy	Carolyn Rapsilver
Category IV			
First Place	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg	Norma Locker
Second Place	Sacred Heart #829	West	Cheryl Hoelscher
Third Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regent</u>
Category I			
First Place	Blessed Mother Immaculada #2493	Houston	Ginger McKnight
Second Place	Immaculate Heart of Mary Living Rosary #2540	McAllen	Teresa Contreras
Third Place	Our Lady of Fatima #1526	Pleasanton	Mary Ann Barta
Category II			
First Place	Queen of the Rosary #2368	McAllen	Rosalinda Torline
Second Place (tie)	Our Lady of the Mystical Rose #2399	Corpus Christi	Veronica Toomey
Third Place	Nuestra Senora de Lourdes #2501	Mineral Wells	Margaret Coker
	St. Isidoro Patron of the Land #2340	Needville	Shirley Kaminski
Category III			
First Place	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1993	Edinburg	Blanca Garza
Second Place	St. Matthew #2241	San Antonio	Sara Crawford
Third Place	St. Elizabeth #1616	Sealy	Carolyn Rapsilver
Category IV			
First Place	St. Helen #2330	Pearland	Ginger Shea
Second Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta
Third Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy

<u>Scrapbook</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regent</u>
Category I			
First Place	Pope John Paul II #2580	Decatur	Patricia Privitt
Second Place	St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532	Corpus Christi	Bea Cisneros
Third Place	Sister Mary Walter #2401	Rosenberg	Adela Segura
Category II			
First Place	Bishop Adolph Marx #1988	Brownsville	Maria Inez Ortiz
Second Place	Daughters of O. L. of Fatima #2596	San Antonio	Kate Ramos
Third Place	Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364	Lake Jackson	Mary Montegue
Category III			
First Place	Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	Faye Greaber-Guth
Second Place	Regina Coeli #1959	Houston	Lisa Morris
Third Place	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1993	Edinburg	Blanca Garza
Category IV			
First Place	St. Paul #1604	Shiner	Marjorie Kresta
Second Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy
Third Place	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg	Norma Locker

Coconut Bundt Cake (sounds YummO)-Court Mother of Unity 2292

<i>1 box yellow cake mix</i>	<i>½ c. oil</i>
<i>¾ c. water</i>	<i>1tsp. vanilla</i>
<i>1 can Betty Crocker coconut pecan frosting</i>	<i>3 eggs</i>

Mix all the above ingredients and bake in a Bundt pan at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes. Cool about 15 minutes.



NATIONAL NEWS

FINANCIAL REVIEWS

All local court financial reviews should be completed for September 30, 2008 to March 31, 2009. If your court has not completed the review, set up a time with your district deputy as we must get them finished before the new State Officers and District Deputies take over. Please help me to get the state and national work completed on time.

PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY

Please mark your calendars. June 7th is Priest Appreciation Day. Remember your chaplains with a special gift or dinner on this day as our priests provide spiritual guidance and support for the members of your court.

From: Helen Johnson

Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009

Subject: ALERT: OPPOSE FUNDING OF DESTRUCTIVE EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH!

TO: State and Territorial Court Regents and Legislative Chairs
If only one of you has e-mail, please advise the other leader.

On April 22 we forwarded the press release of Cardinal Justin Rigali, Chairman of the Pro-Life Activities Committee, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), criticizing the draft guidelines for destructive stem cell research published by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

A full campaign is underway by the USCCB urging everyone to write to their U.S. Senators and Congressman opposing the use of federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos, and to contact NIH.

Calling the guidelines "the first step," Representatives Diana DeGette (CO) and Michael Castle (DE) intend to move forward with broader legislation to "promote all forms of ethical stem cell research," which in their view includes cloning and the creation of embryos solely to destroy them.

Contacting the National Institutes of Health (NIH):

NIH should be contacted opposing their draft guidelines. **Comments to NIH must be received by them by May 26.**

Messages to NIH may be submitted online at www.nihoerextra.nih.gov/stem_cells/add.htm or mailed to: NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892-7997.

Message to NIH: "I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes."

Contacting U.S. Senators and Congressman:

Messages may be sent by U.S. Mail, FAX letter, phone, or e-mail. Full contact information may be found on Members' web sites: www.senate.gov and www.house.gov.

To call the U.S. Capitol in Washington: 212-224-3121 or 1-800-828-0498 and ask for Senator or Congressman by name. District offices may also be contacted.

Message to U.S. Senators and Congressman: "Do not use my tax dollars to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead please support adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already producing treatments."

Contact with NIH, Senators and Congressman may also be made through the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA) website. Go to www.nchla.org/stemcell.

Much information on stem cell research is available on the USCCB and NCHLA websites:

- www.nchla.org/docdisplay.asp?ID=245
- www.usccb.org/stemcellcampaign (Article and video: "Oppose Destructive Stem Cell Research")
- www.stemcellresearch.org
- www.nchla.org/issues.asp?ID=6

This is a lengthy communication, but extremely important. Please communicate with your courts and members ASAP.

Thanks to everyone who responds -- respond as an individual, not as a Catholic Daughter.

Helen Johnson, Chair
National Legislative Committee
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
Pre-approved: Libby Ramirez, National Regent

P.S. I had difficulty with the NIH direct online address. You may want to go through the NCHLA website to send a message to NIH.

FUTURE CATHOLIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Do you know a Catholic woman who has been an outstanding example of her Catholic faith? Has this woman given of her talents and gifts that Our Lord has given her in answering the call of service as He has directed her? Enclosed in this newsletter is a form to fill out to nominate a Catholic woman who you think deserves to be recognized. Fill the form out and send to National Regent Libby Ramirez.



Texas Catholic Daughters in Action

Court Mary, Mother of God #2084

Held a Mother's Day Quiche fundraiser to help with their scholarship award given in May.
The May Mary Conference will be rescheduled.

Mother of the Americas Court 2506

Collects Boxtops and Campbell Labels for St. Peter's school

Court St. Paul 1604

Shared a Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser with their JCDA. The local Knights of Columbus council was there to help!

Participated in the Read Across America event by giving treats and reading at the local school.

Court St. Laurence #2402

Provided lunch for the workers of the St. Laurence Habitat for Humanity house.

Court Our Lady of St. John 2557

Donate the "woman" power for the Our Lady of St. John Free Family Fun Day.

Held a "Book Recycling Event" where children, young adults, and adults were able to choose free books from donated books.

Collected school supplies for the yearly Operation Backpack event.
Instituted a new JCDA court.



Court St. Bernadette #1108

Donated to the local Girl Scout Club to assist in the cost to mail Girl Scout cookies to local servicemen.

Provide large print annual subscriptions of Readers Digest and Guidepost to all Wharton County nursing homes in support of Read Across America.

Collect expired coupons (up to 6 months) for Military Families for shipment to the American Legion Post 136 who is sponsoring this campaign

Donated to Adam K. who is working on an Eagle Scout project to create a butterfly garden in front of the Elementary School as a remembrance of elementary school employees.

Court Mother of Unity #2292

Adopted a flower bed at St. Luke's Church. They will plant flowers, plants, and maintain it regularly.

Pray the Rosary at the abortion clinic being built at 4600 Gulf Freeway in Houston.

Court 2211 St. Theresa of Lisieux

Hold a nursing home bingo the second Tuesday of the month.

Have a Mass each 4th Sunday of the month for the Intention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Sponsor an Adopt a Family, where they select a special family to help this coming year.

Court Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391

Held a mass and picnic in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus

Hosted a Walk Run Event and participated in the Convention Walk Run Event

Court Holy Rosary #1476

Hold an Annual Fund Raiser-Raffle, Dinner, Silent Auction and Games

Presented 50, 40 and 25 year pins to several members

Read to the children at Holy Rosary School.



Texas State Calendar 2009

June 5-7, 2009	Change of Power State Board Meeting, Houston
June 6, 2009	State Regent's Reception
June 7, 2009	90 th Anniversary St. Ann's Victoria
	95 th Anniversary Our Lady of Victory #234
June 13, 2009	Interim Financial Review State Convention 2009
June 14, 2009	Organizational Planning Meeting
June 17, 2009	40 th Anniversary Ave Maria #2001, 6:30 PM
	District #37 Reception of new members
June 26-28, 2009	JCDA State Convention Houston
July 9-12, 2009	National Workshop for State Officers
July 31-August 1-2, 2009	State Organizational Meeting, Houston
August 8, 2009	10 th Anniversary Our Lady of the Fields #2465, Eagle Lake
November 7, 2009	100 th Anniversary Maria Galante #115, Austin 11-3
November 8, 2009	85 th Anniversary St. Genevieve #917, Falls City 2 PM

You Say

It's impossible
 I'm too tired
 Nobody really loves me
 I can't go on

I can't figure things out
 I can't do it
 I'm not able
 It's not worth it
 I can't forgive myself
 I can't manage
 I'm afraid

I'm always worried and frustrated
 I'm not smart enough
 I feel all alone

God Says

All things are possible
 I will give you rest
 I love you
 My grace is sufficient

I will direct your steps
 You can do all things
 I am able
 It will be worth it
 I Forgive you
 I will supply all your needs
 I have not given you a spirit of
 fear

Cast all your cares on ME
 I give you wisdom
 I will never leave you or forsake
 you

Bible Verse

Luke 18:27
Matthew 11:28-30
John 3:1 6 & John 3:34
II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm
91:15

Proverbs 3:5- 6
Philippians 4:13
II Corinthians 9:8
Roman 8:28
I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1
Philippians 4:19
II Timothy 1:7

I Peter 5:7
I Corinthians 1:30
Hebrews 13:5

**HAVE
 FAITH
 in
 GOD**



FUTURE CDA CATHOLIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR

We are seeking your assistance in nominating a possible Catholic Woman of the Year. We are looking for ordinary women, unsung heroines, they may be serving their local communities and families, women who may be following the corporal works of mercy as well as passing on the Catholic Faith to the next generation, speaking up for the moral truths and family values, or in other ways serving God and the Church.

If you have someone you think would qualify please complete this form and return to us postmarked by July 15, 2009. Nominations will be reviewed by the National Board.

We are pleased to place the name of _____ into nomination for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Catholic Woman of the Year Award for 2010.

Nominee's Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

She should be an excellent candidate for this award because: (Please type your entry – limit to 300 words).

Must be postmarked by July 15, 2009

Please return this form to: Mrs. Libby Ramirez, National Regent
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Victoria, TX 77901-1524