

THE LONE STAR MESSENGER

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas
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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

My Dear CDA Sisters,

I can hardly believe that the convention is less than a year away! People ask me "So, are you counting the days?" Some days the answer is "YES," and other days, not really. Of course the answer depends on what the challenges of the day are that await me! So, even though conventions are an exciting time to see everyone again, I can wait for it.

I want to congratulate all of the new (and maybe some returning) officers for stepping up and saying "Yes, Lord. I am happy you have called me and I am willing to serve." Okay, so even if you had to be "pushed" just a bit to answer the call to serve as an officer, you have done it. Take this time to learn and embrace the challenge of your position. You will be amazed at how you yourself will grow. It will not always be easy, but I promise you this, if you put energy and enthusiasm into your position, you will have a most wonderful experience. Consider this a stepping stone to future positions - not only in your local court, but as a DD, a State Officer, and yes, even a direction towards National! Think **BIG** ladies! We need you all to keep CDA growing and moving forward! So as you go forward and embrace the unknown, remember these words from Psalm 25:4-5, "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior; and my hope is in you all day long."

As summer has arrived (maybe not officially, but by the rising temperatures), and you wrap up your meetings for the summer, please be safe in your travels. Rest up; stay cool so you will be ready and refreshed when your court gets back into full swing.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the summer at Officer Training Workshops and especially at the National Convention in July in New York!

Be safe and God Bless!

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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 continue to offer opportunities for spiritual growth for all Catholic women through The Catholic Daughters of the Americas through prayer services and retreats
- To introduce women's health issues and the importance to take care of ourselves and each other physically, mentally, and spiritually
- To assist/comfort our CDA sisters in their times of need, sickness, sorrow, and share in the laughter of their joy and happiness
- To encourage courts to seek out a variety of activities so that some will include family involvement and spark interest for ALL generations of Catholic Daughters
- To continue to increase in membership by retaining our current members and seek areas for new courts including the areas of campus courts
- To have the courage to recognize the leadership abilities in others and ourselves
- To work with our brother Knights of Columbus on a combined state project
- To initiate the process for a 3rd Habitat Build in Texas

Activities

- Offer the services of our State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, State Chaplain, and JCDA State Chaplain for multi-district retreats and/or spiritual talks
- Introduce a new state chairman ship—State Activities Chairman to help members coordinate events in their areas to promote health and family involvement
- Introduce a new state chairmanship—State Chairman for Campus Courts to assist those DDs with campus courts and encourage involvement and interaction with local CDA courts and the campus courts
- Continue to offer court incentives for increasing membership
- Continue to recognize those members with the St. Bernadine of Siena Award for Court Development
- Continue to provide support through our CDA Out Reach Program for courts who are struggling and to offer structure for newly instituted courts
- Provide leadership workshops to develop and encourage our future CDA leaders
- Begin a 3rd Habitat Build in Texas during this term
- Know that we are women of God and show our charity through our actions and our words as we are called to... *“Do Whatever He Tells You” John 2:5*

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State Chaplain's Message

My Dear Catholic Daughters,

Another CDA year is ending and it is time to think about the national convention in Buffalo, New York -- home of Buffalo Wings and Niagara Falls. For those who need to know, there are casinos in the vicinity.

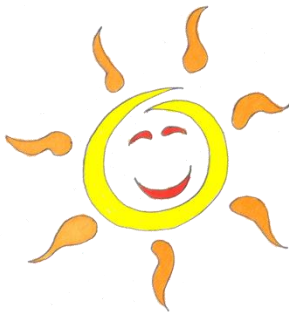
The national officers and directors met at the Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo to work out details for the upcoming convention. Buffalo is a beautiful city, and I think you will find the convention facilities comfortable and convenient. The micro-brewery where the Texas state dinner will take place is unique and the food very good. It is only several blocks from the hotel. I doubt that Texas delegates will be able to get a direct flight into Buffalo; however, I changed planes in Newark, NJ, going to Buffalo and in Cleveland, Ohio, on the way home without any difficulties.

I'm sure you already know that there is a lot of work to be accomplished during the convention. It will be important that you are on time for all sessions and pay attention to presenters and instructions. Hopefully we can get everything finished on time and avoid any of the late night special sessions.

CDA conventions are spiritually uplifting, informative and fun. We meet new friends and reconnect with ones we have met at past conventions and other functions. Attendees return home enthused and filled with ideas for court projects, fund raisers, and spiritual activities.

If you are attending your first convention, keep in mind that TEXAS is the largest state court. Some state and territorial courts are small enough that district deputies are not needed and state conventions can be held in parish activity centers. At the closing banquet of our state convention, we have more people seated on the dais than the total number attending some state conventions. Because of our size and advanced record keeping system, smaller courts will often look to Texas for information and ideas. We should willingly help; however, we can and never let our size go to our heads.

Thank you for all you do to keep Texas on top. Have a restful summer and in September return renewed for another busy year of CDA activities. We are a wonderful organization that can accomplish great things united in charity.



God bless you,

Reverend Donald R. Ruppert

State Chaplain

As a Catholic Daughter, does your light shine?

“You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before everyone that they may see your good works, and glorify your Creator which is in Heaven.”

Matthew 5:14, 16

*Texas National Director
Duchess Collins*



The next few months are going to be busy, busy, busy. Excitement is in the air because the 2010 National Convention in Buffalo, New York will be here in a couple of months. I am thrilled that I will be able to attend the convention and look forward to participating in the many exciting activities that have been scheduled by the New York convention committee.

By now, election of Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention should have been completed and the names sent to the National Office and State Regent. I would encourage every court to have representation at the convention, and to be a part of the decisions made through the voting process that is so vital to the future of Catholic Daughters. Any member of your court may attend and have the opportunity to see and hear of the wonderful projects and contributions the courts from outside of Texas are involved in. Another important part of the convention is to have a lot of fun and to renew friendships.

Hopefully, members attending the national convention have started making their travel arrangements. Please remember to include your Chaplain when you are making your convention plans.

I would like to remind all officers that the proper wearing of your robes is essential. Please ensure that they are worn properly by having them hemmed 11” from the floor and pressed to eliminate the wrinkles. We want every officer to be able to participate in the procession into Mass. Wearing robes correctly shows the pride and respect we have for our organization.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers; there is a great admiration for someone who says, “**YES**” to a leadership position be it elected or appointed. New officers will bring new ideas and conceivably new activities and new projects will be developed. We must be open to change and most of all new officers must have the support of everyone in order to do their jobs. Working together, sharing and giving is the only way to be united as a court whether it is a state or local court. Thank you to the outgoing officers for your time, talents, and leadership for the past two years.

Membership is everyone’s responsibility. When was the last time you asked a Catholic woman to join Catholic Daughters? Think about it. How long has it been? Membership continues to be a growing concern in every court throughout the Order. We are losing members faster than we can replace them. We need new members to revitalize and give new life to our courts, and we must replace lost membership. There are many different approaches to seeking new members, and sometimes the simplest and most effective thing we can do is to just ask someone to join our organization. Take on that responsibility of recruiting a new member today

Have a wonderful summer, coupled with joy and love of family! See you at the convention!



Court Development

Carolyn Malik, First Vice State Regent

State Court Development/Membership Chairman

The lazy, hazy days of summer will soon be upon us. Our local courts will be coming under new leadership and new officers for the next term. Even though we may be on vacation from our regular monthly meetings for 2 months, we should still continue to recruit new members or look for potential new courts in your areas. We must continue to look for new members to bring new ideas, new blood into our local courts. Remember to plan membership drives or teas during the summer months. This will help to add new angels to work for Our Lord through the many programs and projects of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Texas is again sponsoring a membership contest for this term – April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011. Contest incentives will be money for your local courts. Winners are the courts bringing in the most members, including renewals. New courts will only be eligible for members brought in after the first meeting. The top three courts in each of the four categories will be the winners. Monies won by the courts will be credited to the local courts' State Dues Assessments billed in May 2011. If the court wins more than the May assessment, a credit will be carried on the account for future billings. The contest will be judged starting with the number of members listed on the National roster as of March 31, 2009 and will end with the number of members listed on the National roster as of March 31, 2011. Rules are very simple. Just motivate your members to go out and sign up new members or renewals. Each court should have a membership chairperson. Offer incentives in your local courts to the member signing up the most new members. Have fun, meet new people.

I look forward to seeing you at the National convention in July in Buffalo, New York. Happy traveling, and I hope all will have a very restful and relaxing summer, but don't forget to get out there and sign up new members. Happy summer to all!

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 Lord will be with the members of CDA during their summer recess, and that all will return in September with a renewed spirit and the will to do His will.
- That the Lord will bless our students and keep them safe as they enjoy their summer vacation, and that families will use this special time to reconnect with each other and to grow in holiness and love.



If you are an outgoing court regent, please pass this newsletter on to the new court regent in addition to any other mail you have received since going out of office. It is important for the present regent to receive all information for the court. Please make sure that your officers' list was sent in to State and National.

Leadership - Officer Training 2010! **Peggy Rosales, Second Vice State Regent**

Congratulations to the newly elected court officers! So now what do we do? It's time for the bi-annual officer training! Are you feeling like the deer caught in the headlights or asking, "what have I said 'yes' to"? Not to worry – the training is here!

Officer training is starting with the first one on June 12th in Sealy. Following that one in the morning, we will be in Seguin in the afternoon to present "Officer Training 2010"!

We are going to give you "Tools to do the Trade." Please pass on the training notebook that was given out in the summer of 2008 to the newly elected court officers. Please bring your notebook to the training along with all your books – especially the book officers (recording secretary, financial secretary and treasurer). There will be break-out sessions that pertain to your office, questions will get answered – we want you to have a fun-filled two years armed with knowledge to do the duties!

Please make a conscientious effort to attend the training in your area. Most of these trainings will be multi-district. If for some reason the one in your

immediate area is not a good time for you to attend – have no fear – you can attend another one at a close distance. We will be posting the training schedule on the state website for your reference. .

Please make sure that your District Deputy knows what training you will be attending. You will have to register with the training you do attend. We welcome any members who would like to attend – this isn't just for the current officers – someday you, too, CAN do this! Come and have fun, meet some new CDA sisters and learn about the officer duties and CDA.

Thank you to all the district deputies for all the scheduling, paperwork and footwork it takes to have a multi-district officer training. We all do this because we love Catholic Daughters and the work that we do on this earth for our Lord. **Remember, that all officers must be trained on their duties of office.**

We will have the coffee on and a smile for you at the door! The state officers look forward to visiting with you this summer at officer training and we will see some of you in Buffalo, New York in July.

With Pen in Hand... **Eve Trevino, State Secretary**

It is always a pleasure to see you and meet new CDA members at your district meetings and court anniversary celebrations. Thank you for all the invitations.

State Dues and Assessments were also mailed in May. Regents, please make sure that the new regent and new treasurer get the invoice. Payment must be made upon receipt of the bill. Please **DO NOT CHANGE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS** on your statements. You are billed according to the number of members recorded with National office as of March 31, 2010. The following are some reminders concerning State dues:

- State Dues are made payable to Texas CDA Court and mailed to: Eve Trevino, State Secretary, 1102 Delta Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412.
- Make sure that your check has your court number and in the memo area of the check write, "May 2010 State dues & assessments."
- Only one (1) check is required for dues, theological and JCDA assessments.
- Checks must have two signatures, preferably the regent and treasurer. A check will be returned if it only has one signature.
- Remember that it does not take a court vote to pay your National and State dues.
- Send in your payment promptly – You have 60 days to send it in. If sent after 60 days, a \$20.00 Late Fee will be assessed.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Officer Training in your area. If you have any questions, please email me at evetrevino@yahoo.com or call me at 361-994-8553. Have a great summer and GOD BLESS.

Dollars and Cents

Carolyn Rapsilver, State Treasurer



Greetings from Sealy! I just want to say that everything is going well for me as State Treasurer. I have already been to court anniversaries, financial reviews, and now I am looking forward to the Officer Training Workshops.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate something that you have heard before, but a gentle reminder is sometimes needed. Please note that all checks do not come to the Treasurer first. They must be sent to the State Secretary, and then she forwards them to the State Treasurer. Also, some courts may still be using some old forms that say to send a copy to your State Treasurer. These forms as well should be going to the State Secretary. Sending forms and checks to the State Treasurer first, only delays the processing of these things. Help us serve you better by sending things through the proper channels. Thanks!!

Memorial Scholarship One Card at a Time Peggy Rosales, Chairman



Thank you to all the courts that contribute to the Memorial Scholarship fund. It is with this money we are able to help our young people further their education. You have done it again! We awarded over \$29,000.00 in scholarships to 35 students! To think that a \$2.50 card with prayers for a year can do so much! The three judges had their work cut out for them. We received over 150 applications! The list of awards is elsewhere in the newsletter. All courts should have received the information letter with certificates.

I would like for all courts regardless of size to get involved with the Memorial Scholarship Program. This is the best gift you can send – a gift of prayer for a whole year! Please be sure that you are using the newest enrollment forms and sending the enrollments to me at my address on the front of the newsletter. You may request more cards by calling me or by email at prosales@austin.rr.com. Some things to remember:

Please make all COURT CHECKS payable to “CDA State Court of Texas.” We cannot accept checks made to the Memorial Scholarship Fund; the bank will not accept them. Please do not make checks payable to me, personally either; our financial review committee frowns greatly on that. Two signatures are required on ALL CHECKS regardless of enrollment amount. Please do not sub-total in the amount column – only total at the bottom of each page. Use the cards for graduations, weddings, new baby, promotions, etc. They aren’t just for sickness or death! We all need prayers all the time! Promote them in your parish – they can even be given to non-Catholics! They need prayers as well!

All enrollments are processed the last weekend of each month before the 1st Friday of the next month. Our State Chaplain offers a mass the 1st Friday of each month. So your checks will clear at the beginning of the following month you write them. Please keep using the cards during the summer – remember the graduates! **The power of prayer is needed 24/7!**

State Ways and Means Chairman Cynthia Novak cynovak@verizon.net

Welcome to the newly elected officers. Soon you will be planning your projects for the next year, please remember to include a donation to the State Raffle to be held at the State Convention in April 2011. Several Courts or even Districts may want to get together and purchase or make an item. Cash donations are always accepted and will be combined to purchase VISA check cards. Donations need to be submitted by September. A letter will be sent out for donations to the local court regents. Tickets will be printed in December and distributed in January. If every court participates we can have successful fundraiser.

Court Out Reach **Carolyn Bachmann, State Chairman**

Summer is just a month away, and many courts will take off July and August. The court officers need to take the time to come up with new ideas and projects to help strengthen the future of their court. The officers need to come up with ideas to bring back members who have not been attending the meetings for a while. The officers need to plan for a fall membership drive to increase the membership as most courts have lost more members than new members have joined the court. It is up to the officers to motivate the membership. Appoint chairmen who are enthusiastic to help you carry out the work of the court.



As the State Out Reach Chairman, I can only give you ideas and suggestions to help your court. It is up to the members of the court to come together and work as a unified body to have a strong and successful court.

Spiritual Enhancement **Olga Samaniego, State Chairman**

Summer—a time for rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation. It is time to have fun in the sun and to enjoy picnics, vacations, and fireworks with family and friends. It's time also to re-connect with your spirit and with the Spirit of God. While your court may shut down from meetings, projects, and fundraising, don't shut down from prayer and from listening to God together. It is God who refreshes and renews you. It is He who will direct your path for the new CDA year, and He who will prepare you with the gifts, strength, and energy to do His will. Schedule time to pray with your sisters in Christ. Attend Mass together. Choose a spiritual work and form a reading circle and/or discussion group. Bring in a speaker. If you cannot come together during the summer, sign a pledge at your last meeting to pray for your court. Agree to pray rosaries or to say a special novena for the success of your court's work. Pray for your sisters in Christ and their families. Ask the Lord to protect them, to grant them His healing, and to bring them back in September to serve the Body of Christ. May you enjoy the summer, and may you always remember that the Spirit of the Living God is with you.



State Financial Review **Janis Wright, State Chairman**

Congratulations to the newly elected court officers, and thank you for saying yes when asked to serve your court. The officers' training workshop you attend will be so valuable in preparing you to handle your duties. Your court's records and financial well being are in your hands. Please don't hesitate to ask questions. We're so fortunate to have district deputies and state officers to guide us.

Court financial reviews were held in April and the financial review of the State's books will be held on June 5. The state officers work hard and do a great job in keeping up with the large volume of paperwork they handle. Our committee will conduct a review very similar to the semi-annual court reviews. We have confidence that all will be in good order.

Have a great summer and if you're going to the national convention, have a wonderful time as you represent the great state of Texas. God Bless!

One Liners ☺

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

*People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road,
and the back of the church.*

Missions of Mercy (MOMS)

Cathy Bittner, Chairman Lillian Hansen, Vice-Chairman

This is the fourth installment of articles about the MOMS (Missions of Mercy) projects. Today we are highlighting Covenant House-Texas. This is a facility nestled in the outskirts of downtown Houston that cares for and houses run-away teens from all over. Two main goals of Covenant House are to protect these young people and to help them get started in a new, productive life. The teens live dormitory style. Many are taking classes at the nearby colleges or high schools. In addition to attending classes, the residents at Covenant House are expected to abide by the contract they sign when they come in—which is basically to stay drug free.

Most are looking for employment. Catholic Daughters can help with personal toiletries and clothing. Many have never applied for a job, so directors are requesting good black slacks and white dress shirts for the boys and nice skirts or slacks for the girls. They train the teens on how to interview for jobs, and they want them to look nice while talking with potential employers. Another great help would be bus passes or money for bus passes. Once they are offered the job, they have to be able to get to it!

The furniture in the recreation rooms is, to put it nicely, worn out. It would be great if we could all get together and perhaps adopt a room to remodel. Just a thought! The Covenant House is located at 1111 Lovett Blvd. Houston, TX 77006. You can contact the director at 713-523-2231.

National Projects Texas State Court

Ginger Shea, Chairman

I have wonderful news regarding **one** of our **National Charities ~ Mother Teresa**. Roy Betts, a spokesman for the Postal Service, reports: *“The (Mother Teresa) stamp will be dedicated September 5 [at] the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC...”* Launching the stamp at a church, WOW!!! With love and her charity, **Mother Teresa** cared for tens of thousands of people regardless of need, race, sex, or religion. She cared for people because they were human, and she continues to inspire millions of people even after her death. There is a saying: *“You only live once ~ but if you work it right, once is enough.”* And, during that time, we can do so much including helping the less fortunate.



We as Catholic Daughters are so lucky for our involvement with all of the following charities: Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Relief Services, American College at Louvain, Covenant House, Mother Teresa, MIM, North American College, Project Handclasp, Tutwiler Clinic; and, National Projects – Disaster Relief Fund, SOAR, Holy Cross Family Ministries, Habitat for Humanity and Smile Train. Courts, let’s keep Mother Teresa’s works alive today, please don’t forget to contribute to as many of the above charities as possible. Mail your check in today and “May God Bless all of you!”

Public Relations

Terrie Vacek, State Chair, terriecda@cebridge.net

Congratulations to the new slate of officers in our local courts. New regents, promote your court and activities by appointing a public relations chair and please review the state website for guidelines and suggestions. You will receive current information in your September Regents’ packet.

Many of the current chairmen have done an outstanding job recording their courts’ histories in print and reached recruitment success by producing articles that encouraged women to get involved. It’s been exciting to see CDA increase media coverage this year. Please keep up the great work. Exposure will add to increased membership!

It’s easy to promote CDA in Texas ... your courts are overflowing with stories of Unity and Charity! Take one more opportunity to share your excitement about CDA in an article about your delegates and alternates going to New York for the National Convention in July! Remember to review the National website for daily updates. I will be working with Tom Panas of Share Magazine to detail daily activities on the national website.

Have a blessed and safe summer, and I’ll see you in Buffalo!

You Ought to be in Pictures!
Lisa Jewell, State Scrapbook Chairman

Hello to all. This is a brief note from your State Scrapbook Chairman to remind you to send in pictures of your court's events for the 2009-2011 term for the State Regent's Scrapbook. It has been just over a year since Sheila has been State Regent. As I am beginning the journey of putting her scrapbook together, I am missing some beautiful faces! Please send me any pictures that you have of your court's events even if she was not able to attend. The State Regent's Scrapbook is a collection of pictures and events that take place during her term.

Remember the 2011 State Convention is less than a year away. Make sure you all are working on your court's scrapbook as well. So get busy sending in and capturing those special moments and send them via USPS or e-mail to:

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State Legislative Report
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The U. S. Council of Catholic Bishops has released two articles of which members of our courts should be aware:

1. "Bishops' Expert on Prevention of Clergy Abuse of Minors Offers Ten Points for Protecting Children" can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-066.shtml>.
2. "Immigration Reform Framework Needs Work, But 'Important First Step' In Legislative Process" can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-084.shtml>.

The Bishops warn Catholics and users of Internet issues

Every day more and more families are discovering how useful the Internet can be. For a nominal fee or even for free, computer users can access just about any topic on the Internet. Unfortunately, this technology comes at a different kind of price. Some people online believe that the rules of law can't or shouldn't apply in Cyberspace. Some of the highest traffic on the Web is to pornography sites, while other sites purvey hatred of particular groups and still others are simply new opportunities for scammers. Internet use, then, MUST be used with safety precautions in place.

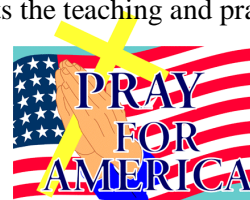
Most parents are concerned about the easy access children have to pornography on the Internet or other potentially damaging information such as hate messages and information on getting and using weapons. Even if you're not looking for these things, they can be hard to miss. It takes only a few mouse-clicks for an inquisitive child to find a sea of sexually explicit or gratuitously violent and hate-filled material, sometimes disguised under web addresses that sound harmless and even helpful. Even accidental contact with this type of harmful material can have its effect. Parents are also rightly concerned about contact with strangers in chat rooms. Parents MUST be vigilant in regulating their children's internet access.

The Bishops tell us that religion also can greatly benefit from the proper use of Cyberspace, whether from handy services such as helping travelers find a church for Mass or from the resources for scholarly research in a variety of church-related topics. However, besides the other problems noted, Cyberspace has become filled with a great deal of misleading or simply inaccurate information on the Church. Just because you can find it on the web doesn't mean it's true; and just because a site uses "Catholic" in its name doesn't mean it reflects the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Check the site out before relying on it's information.

REMEMBER PATRIOTISM--CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY.

TEXAS NEWS

The Bishops of Texas have finalized their legislative agenda for the 82nd Texas Legislative Session. There are several new priorities and the Bishops will be advocating on this agenda in the upcoming legislative session .You can view the entire Texas Catholic Conference legislative agenda at: <http://www.txcatholic.org/legislative-agenda.asp>



Convention Corner
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Our 2nd Convention meeting was held on April 10, 2010, at St Theresa's Community Center in Sugar Land. WE ARE ON OUR WAY!!! Many things were discussed such as themes and center pieces for Friday Fun Night and Saturday Banquet and totes and badge holders. We looked at and discussed samples that were brought in. We are all very excited about our 2011 Convention and have some Super women working together to make this a great success. Our next meeting is Saturday, October

23, 2010, at the Westchase Marriott, 2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston, TX, 77042, at 9:00am. It is very important that all Chairmen attend and give their reports. So save the date. We will be making some final decisions at this meeting as it will be only 6 months from Convention at that time. If you have any questions please do not call the hotel. Contact me. cjsnow@earthlink.net, 281-494-1983 home, 713-256-7358 cell.

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Fran Ewart, Vice Chairman
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Congratulations to Court 2391, Our Lady Queen of Apostles. On April 23rd, 52 walkers took part in the Relay for Life in Austin. They walked 568 laps or 142 miles before bad weather ended the event. A total of \$6,504.00 was raised. This was their best year ever. This year's event was dedicated to Claudia Owens, a daughter who lost her battle with cancer in March. The Relay is an opportunity for the walkers to remember those they have lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived.

Convention. I want you all to know that Sheila is serious about this physical fitness stuff. She had us up and walking at 7:30. That is 7:30 AM!! She is a great role model. Don't let her down. Keep moving.

For all of you going to the CDA National Convention in Buffalo, be sure to sign up for the Walk/Run for Love. Let's show the other states how fit the Daughters from Texas are.

I spent the weekend of May 1st with our State Regent in Corpus Christi at the Knights of Columbus State

Summer is here. Be careful outside. Put on LOTS of sunscreen, drink LOTS of water, and have an active summer.

Campus Court Corner
Barbara Britton, State Chairman

At this time of the year, the Campus Courts are facing some huge changes. Members are concentrating on finals, summer plans, life after graduation, next semester, maybe even marriage. It is all pretty exciting, and we all remember being a part of this. However, the campus courts can be forgotten which results in leaving the campus courts in a state of disarray, turmoil, and/or a state of confusion, and even cessation.

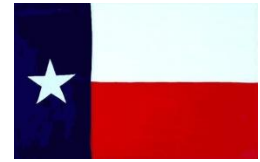
In this newsletter I want to address the District Deputies and Advisors of the Campus Courts. **You are staying, right?** I want to talk about the importance of "livability," to make sure the Campus Court DD's and Advisors are working closely with the new officers and members of the Campus Courts. **Elections were held, right? You do have members returning in September, right?** In the dictionary, livable is something that can be lived through; to remain alive; to last! That is what we are talking about, to keep in communication and be enthusiastic with the CC members to keep the court alive and lasting. **Your Campus Court is having an activity during the summer, right?** Remember, these women are our future!! **Also important**, we are a Catholic organization. Keep spirituality a big part of the agenda. Think about this!

What if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to the Kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go hmm....where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill--and no dropped calls!!! Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities? When Jesus died for us, He was thinking of you!! God bless and have a great summer!!



STATE NEWS



Reminders:

- Please remember to send in your Financial Review forms to the State Regent, State Secretary and the National Office if you have not done so.
- Please remember to send in your New Officer Change Form to the State Regent and to the National Office. Your court will not be kept informed if we do not have the correct information and who to send it to.
- Court Officers can take their respective office before they are installed. Installation is a formality, not a requirement to take and hold office. Also, no proxy is necessary to stand in if the officer is not available.
- New Texas Pins—Attention all CDA members—the New Texas Pin Design contest is still on! I have received only a handful of entries. Ladies, get with it and show off your creative side! Entries must be e-mailed or postmarked by 8/2/2010. Please send entries to:

Sheila Martinka
State Regent
19220 Space Center Blvd. #1020
Houston, TX 77058
smartinka@earthlink.net

Remember to send in your State Dues and Assessments that were mailed out in May. They are due upon receipt. It is simple like your utility bill—want to keep cool this summer, then pay the bill on time. Your court needs to remain in good standing with the National Office and the State, pay your dues please. Otherwise, you will not be seated at the convention. Please do not make me and our State Secretary, Eve Trevino have to track you down all summer long. We have plenty to do and do not wish to take any part of your job away from you.

New Announcements:

Regarding State Dues and the late fee that was going to be imposed beginning in May 2010: it has been brought to my attention that this is something the state board cannot do without a vote of the membership. Here is a lesson for us all—according to the CDA National Bylaws Article XIII, Section 4, paragraph 2 (section B), “The state board can recommend an assessment which has to be ratified by a vote of the State Court.” Basically, the membership gets to vote on this. So, ladies, you will see this assessment being brought up to the convention floor at the **State Convention in 2011**. The rationale for this is to lessen the work load of your State Secretary and State Regent. When local courts do not pay National or State Dues, the State Regent gets contacted and has to collect the dues. If a local court does not pay national dues, the State is responsible. Additionally, it costs money (extra postage, reprinting the billing), time, and effort on the part of the State Secretary and State Regent. Effort we have - time, not a lot of extra time to spare. So, effective immediately, there will be no late fees imposed at this time upon the courts for late dues. There will also be no refunds for previous late fees charged. Avoid future late fees by paying your courts' dues on time, and also avoid the State Regent showing up on your front doorstep to collect the dues. It could happen.

Please share the National and State newsletters with your membership. Help us to help keep the membership informed!



In a previous newsletter we incorrectly listed our active courts as 292.
We currently have 231.



NATIONAL NEWS



Reminders:

- National Dues were mailed out in May. If you have not paid them, please do so immediately.
- **In addition** to the National Dues, **all courts** are assessed **liability insurance** and this was mailed out in March. If you have not paid this, you are over due on this so please pay up. If you are no longer the regent, then please forward the dues and any other information to the new regent.
- **The National Convention** is July 14-18, 2010, and it will be held in Buffalo, NY, at the Adam's Mark Hotel. It is not too late to send in your reservations. Join us for the fun in New York!

The National Nominating Committee presents the following Slate of Officers:

National Board

National Regent—Joanne M. Tomassi—FL
 National Regent-Elect—Anne Nelson—MD
 First Vice National Regent—Shirley Seyfried—MN
 Second Vice National Regent—Letty Calvetti—PA
 National Secretary-Treasurer—Helene Shepard—NY

National Directors

Delma Araiza—AZ
 Helen Arndorfer—IA
 Maryann Grabasky—NC
 Maryann Kizer—AR
 Olga Samaniego—TX
 Four Positions Open

Our National Regent, Libby Ramirez will be completing her term as National Regent. It is customary to present the outgoing National Regent with a gift from the membership at the convention. Libby has done an outstanding job representing the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. If your court would like to make an offering towards her gift, please make the court check payable to Ms. Joanne Tomassi, National Regent Elect at 480 82nd Ave., St. Pete Beach, FL 33706. She will be making the presentation of the gift to Libby at the National Convention.

New Announcements:

- National Charitable Projects—has your court donated to our (5) National Projects? You can support each one at \$15.00/Project for a total of \$75.00. Please consider these worthwhile projects: Disaster Relief, SOAR, Habitat for Humanity, Smile Train, and Father Peyton's Holy Rosary. Make your check payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas or CDA.
- Financial Secretaries—please discard the old Membership Addition Report #104. Only the completed Membership Application, Renewal Form or Transfer Form is accepted.
- It's Here! The Tools of the Trade Second Edition! A limited supply will be available for purchase at the National Convention in Buffalo. The cost will be the following:

Tools of the Trade Second Edition	\$35.00
Tools of the Trade 2 nd Edition & CD	\$50.00
CD only	\$35.00

The Book has been put on a CD so that you can make additional copies for your members. Please bring a **court check** to purchase this and other items at the convention. The book will be available at the National Office after September 1, 2010, and postage will be added when shipped.

- IRS Form 990: Regents, please review your National Newsletter packet regarding the form 990. Regents must put the court address on the change of address form.

National Director, Helen Arndorfer, has undergone surgery for her back. A get well card may be sent to her at 2864 Madison Avenue, Woolstock, IA 50599.



Texas State Calendar 2010

June 4-6, 2010	State Board Meeting and Financial Review, Shiner
June 12, 2010	Officer Training Districts 10, 11, 28, 35 37, Sealy
June 12, 2010	Officer Training Districts 7, 13, 18, 30, 40, 42, 58, Seguin
June 19, 2010	District 34 Officer Installation 10:00 a.m. Mass, Port Lavaca
June 26, 2010	Officer Training Districts—17, 19, 20, 24, 38, 45, Deer Park
June 26, 2010	Officer Training Districts—4, 5, 26, 39, 49, 52, 55, Irving
June 27, 2010	Officer Training Districts—8, 9, 53, Highlands
July 10, 2010	Officer Training Districts—27, 44, Round Rock
July 14-18, 2010	53 rd Biennial National Convention, Buffalo, NY
July 24, 2010	Officer Training Districts—12, 14, 29, 34, Edna
July 31, 2010	Officer Training Districts—16, 23, 36, 41, 43, 47, 48, 57, CC
August 7, 2010	Officer Training Districts—2, 33, Nazareth
August 14, 2010	Officer Training Districts—21, 22, 31, 50, Edinburg
August 21, 2010	Officer Training Districts—3, 56, Brady
September 25, 2010	Court Our Lady of the Lakes #2220-30th Anniversary
October 8-10th 2010	Board Mtg—Port Alto
January 2011	Board Mtg/Conv. Mtg—Houston
March 2011	Board Mtg./Financial Review—Houston
April 8-10th, 2011	Tentative date State Board Meeting
April 28-May 1, 2011	47 th Biennial State Convention—Houston
May 2011	KC Convention
June 3-4, 2011	Change of power board meeting-Shiner
June 5th 2011	State Regent Reception—Shiner
June 2011	Financial Review
August 12-14, 2011	State Organizational Meeting--Houston



TEXAS NIGHT AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Get your boots on and join other Texans for an evening of food and fun at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery on Thursday, July 15th! The restaurant is so close that we can walk to it – no transportation needed!

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$34.00

Buffet of Garden Salad & Fresh Rolls and Butter; A Taste of Pearl Street: Beer Braised Pot Roast, Canal Street Chicken, Baked Whitefish w/Lemon & Seasoned Bread Crumbs, Six Cheese Bowtie Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes; Dessert: Assorted Fresh Baked Cookies, Fudge Iced Brownies & Squares; Coffee and/or Tea.

There will be a cash bar – check out their own brews on the premises! Your reservation and payment is due June 14, 2010. Call Peggy Rosales at 512-288-2877 or email prosales@austin.rr.com for more information.

**State Newsletter Contest Chairman, Alice Rodgers
State Newsletter Contest Co-Chairman, Joyce Hood**

Thanks to all participating courts for your newsletter submission. Congratulations to all the winners and especially to the first place winners who will go on to the national competition. We all are cheering you on and hoping that Texas will have National winners!! By now those courts that participated in the 2010 State competition have received their score sheets. Please take time to read them and constructively use the judges' remarks in expanding and improving your current newsletters.

We thank the editors of our court newsletters for taking the time and making the commitment to produce these letters. We know it's your love of Catholic Daughters that keeps you motivated. Also, it can be the most important way for our members who

aren't fortunate enough to attend our meetings to feel a connection to CDA. The newsletter can be a recruiting tool if regularly displayed in the foyer or information area of our parishes. They certainly are a historical document of the life of our court. Keep up the hard work and again thank you.

Although the 2010 competition is over it's not too early to begin preparing for the 2011 competition. We'd love to have participation from all the courts statewide and make 2011 the largest competition on record. The 2011 winners will be announced at the convention in Houston in late April. God bless you all and feel free to contact Alice or Joyce with any questions at the following email address: aliceCDAnewsletter@gmail.com.

Category I, Division I

First place:	Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361	Deer Park
Second place:	St. John the Baptist #2073	Alvin
Third place:	Father Juan Zavala #2012	Benavides

Category I, Division II

First place:	Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364	Lake Jackson
Second place:	Salve Regina #2611	Denton
Third place:	Rev. Mr. Hebert Scholler #2085	New Braunfels

Category II, Division I

First place:	Christ the King #1750	Houston
Second place:	Ave Maria #2001	Houston
Third place:	St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211	Sugarland

Category II, Division II

First place:	St. Rose #1597	Schulenberg
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Category III, Division I

First place:	St. Helen #2330	Pearland
Second place:	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg
Third place:	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard

Category III, Division II

First place:	St. Paul #1604	Shiner
Second place:	St. Ann #369	Victoria
Third place:	Sacred Heart #829	West



**Circle of Love
Spiritual Enhancement Awards 2009**

Category I 1- 50

First Place	Father Thomas Billimek #2425	San Benito	Andrea V. Gonzalez
Second Place	St. Monica #1262	Ballinger	Tracy Grimes
Third Place	Our Lady of the Fields #2465	Eagle Lake	Betsy Glaiser

Category II 51- 100

First Place	Queen of the Holy Rosary # 2282	Hostyn-La Grange	Lillian Kallus
Second Place	Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361	Deer Park	Phyllis Godby
Third Place	Nuestra Senora de Lourdes #2501	Mineral Wells	Margaret Coker

Category III 101- 200

First Place	Ave Maria #2001	Houston	Charlotte Wade
Second Place	Christ the King #1750	Houston	Patricia Koterak
Third Place	St. Catherine of Siena #1762	Wall	Becky Trojak

Category IV 201+

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

**Legislation Awards 2009****Category I 1- 50**

First Place	St. Monica #1262	Olfen	Tracy Grimes
Second Place	Mary, Mother of God # 2084	Hempstead	Cheryl Thomas
Third Place	Ancillae Marie #1886	Crosby	Sharon Cotton

Category II 51- 100

First Place	Genevieve # 917	Falls City	Rosalie Titzman
Second Place	San Roberto Bellarmine #2275	El Campo	Terri Beltran
Third Place	Our Lady of Mercy # 1968	Rio Grande City	Leticia Lopez

Category III 101- 200

First Place	Christ the King # 1750	Houston	Patricia Koterak
Second Place	St. Catherine of Sienna # 1762	Wall	Becky Trojak
Third Place	Ave Marie #2001	Houston	Charlotte Wade

Category IV 201+

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

**Memorial Scholarship Donations Awards 2009****Category I**

First Place	Our Lady of the Seven Hills #2464	Huntsville	Stella Milam
Second Place	Our Lady of the Lakes #2220	Austin	Gerry Jones
Third Place	St. Bridget #2269	Longview	Carol Molina

Category II

First Place	Rev. Mr. Herbert Scholler \$2085	New Braunfels	Juanita Wells
Second Place	Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391	Austin	Margie Holland
Third Place	Our Lady #2337	Dallas	Mary Frances Hermes

Category III

First Place	Christ The King #1750	Houston	Patricia Koterak
Second Place	Mother of Unity #2292	Houston	Faye Greaber-Guth
Third Place	Our Lady of the Bluebonnets #2268	Ennis	Diane Sulak

Category IV

First Place	Annunciation #1962	La Grange	Frances Guenther
Second Place	St. Ann #369	Victoria	Grace Brown
Third Place	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard	Henriette Jalowy



Memorial Scholarship Awards 2009 – 2010

\$2,000.00 Scholarship

Grace Koeijmans	Mary Immaculate #1719	Dallas
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\$1,750.00 Scholarships

Justin Pesek	St. Paul #1604	Shiner
Natalie Valliere	St. Mary # 249	Muenster

\$1,000.00 Scholarships

Arica Nicole Keilers	Annunciation #1962	La Grange
Dalton Ryder Ervin	St. Michael #559	Weimar
Tara Nordstrom	St. Genevieve #917	Falls City
Corolyn Raye Holub	Ava Maria #2001	Houston
Amber Marie Gertson	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard
Kayla Tovar	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard
Allison Michelle Sestak	St. Michael #559	Weimar
Jill Kristin McElroy	St. Paul #1604	Shiner



\$800.00 Scholarships

Danielle Wauters	St. Bernadette #1108	East Bernard
Travis G. Seberger	Annunciation #1962	La Grange
Catherine Dillier	Our Lady of the Snows #2100	Richardson
Alicia Stolte	Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum
Brian Patrick Kallina	Our Lady of the Rosary #1595	Nada
Amy Elizabeth Klimitchek	Sacred Heart #797	Hallettsville
Morgan Pelzel	Our Lady of Grace #1734	Rowena
Martin Pospisil	Holy Rosary #1476	Rosenberg
Mary Katherine Guvernator	Santa Maria #184	Marshall
Michael Pesek	St. Paul #1604	Shiner
Amber Rose Bain	Our Lady of Peace #1374	El Campo
Rachel Lynn Grawunder	St. Roch of Mentz #2328	Alleyton
Kendle William Patek	St. Ann #369	Victoria



\$500.00 Scholarships

Nicole Hesseltine	St. Genevieve #917	Falls City
Gabrielle L. Matocha	Father Chromcik #1440	Fayetteville

Alyssa Margaret Reavis
Lance Michalewicz
Ashley Harton
Stephanie Gevecke
Philip John Anderson
Kayli Elizabeth Kallina
Anna Persyn
Amanda Dangelmayr
Alyssa Bordovsky

John Fitzgerald Kennedy #1907
Our Lady of Grace #1734
Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374
Annunciation #1962
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Our Lady of the Rosary #1595
St. Bernadette #1108
St. Mary #249
St. Genevieve #917

Fredericksburg
Rowena
El Campo
La Grange
New Braunfels
Nada
East Bernard
Muenster
Falls City

The Texas State Court is proud to award \$29,400.00 in scholarships for 2009-2010. One hundred fifty-one students submitted applications and thirty-five scholarships were awarded.

Texas Catholic Daughters in Action

Our Lady of Grace #1734

At Graduation Mass at St. Joseph, Rowena, awarded a \$200 Graduate's Award to Lauren Michalewicz, daughter of member, Maxine Michalewicz.

Presented rosaries to the eleven high school graduates of St. Joseph Parish.

Morgan Pelzel and Lance Michalewicz were recognized for winning a State Memorial Scholarship - \$800 and \$500 respectively.

Celebrated its 54th Anniversary on May 18th with a Salad Supper, Door Prizes. Special guests were the graduating HS Seniors. Winners of the State Scholarships read their essays to the members.

Donated \$300 to the Teen Acts Retreat which will be held in July in San Angelo with closing ceremonies at St. Joseph, Rowena.

Provided prayer cards and flowers to each mother present at Mother's Day Mass at St. Joseph Parish, Rowena.

Our Lady Queen of the Lake # 2364

Recently visited the Memorial Child Care Center and read to the children. A few of the selections read were *If you Take a Mouse to the Movies* and *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake!* Each reader had an animal to act and assist with reading the selection!

Court Saint Bernadette #1108

Participated in National Day of Prayer with over 80 participants.

Held a reception for 26 First Communion candidates.

Court Mother of the Americas #2506

Presented 5yr pins to 17 members, 10 yr pins to 4 members, and 1 15yr pin.

Court Our Mother of Peace & Unity # 2487

Collected gifts for the unborn in May

Sponsored their Church bazaar's cake booth.



Back Row L-R: Isabel Respondek, Allison Pottratz, Mary Montague, Carmen Read, Shirley Girouard, Patty Matus. Not pictured Pat Williams. Front row: Children Memorial Child Care Center. (Ct #2364)

There are three kinds of givers -- the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb. To get anything out of a flint you must hammer it. And then you get only chips and sparks. To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you use pressure, the more you will get. But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness. Which kind of giver are you?