

# THE LONE STAR MESSENGER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

My Dear CDA Sisters,

What a ride this last term! At times like a rollercoaster—like anything else in life everything has its ups and downs and curves, but what a ride!

Words just do not seem to be enough to convey my deepest feelings of gratitude to you all. I am so thankful for your support, prayers, and trust in me for the term 2009-2011.

Conventions, like any major planning project, are like weddings. It remains in the back of your mind because first you are setting and meeting the goals that have been put in place. Then it starts to creep upon you and before you know it, it is here and gone. All that planning over -- done and gone in a flash!

Carol Snowbarger, 2011 State Convention Chair, and the rest of the committee did a great job of organizing and preparing for “the big weekend”! I can’t thank them enough for all of their hard work and enthusiasm!

I hope everyone enjoyed the convention. At times there were some challenges to overcome, but the important thing was that we were all together with our CDA sisters and family; doing what we are called to do—spiritually, physically, and mentally.

This past term through your generosity, CDA in Texas was able to assist so many people in so many ways. Donations for disasters, donations for Habitat and physically working on the Habitat Home in Eagle Lake and support to all through prayer.

Texas now has a new pin design to boast as well. We held steady with our membership even though 7 courts were disbanded. Membership seems to be a revolving door not just in CDA but in many organizations. People are either under committed or over committed. Just keep in mind what you are called to do and know that it is okay to say “no” when you feel your plate is full; and never be afraid or think you are less of a person if you ask for help. None of us does this by ourselves. We are part of an awesome team in CDA!

For those of you wondering if I have had the kayak in the water—4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend will be the “maiden voyage.” All of the other weekends have been filled with KCs/CDA/JCDA and family gatherings. So, what’s next? Well, I am actually already bored but have some projects at my parents bay house for the summer. In October, I have been invited to travel to Mexico City for another wheelchair mission distribution and also contemplating going back to school for post graduate studies. I will remain active in CDA; you can bet on that! Know this for sure—I will continue to listen to the words, “Do Whatever He Tells You.” John 2:5

*Sheila Martinka*

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Father Don Ruppert*



Another Biennial Convention of the Texas State Court has come and gone. My CDA battery is charged by the enthusiasm of the delegates and members who attended the convention. The organizational committee did a fantastic job of keeping things running smoothly.

I attended the first meeting of the newly elected state officers and found no lack of gusto. Excitement filled the room, and everyone is ready to work for the good of CDA. With this energy, much should be accomplished over the next two years. Keep in mind that every army has leaders, but it is the foot soldier who wins the war. Without local court officers and members, nothing much can happen.

I personally thank the outgoing state officers for a job well done. I was especially impressed with the habitat build in Eagle Lake. The outstanding cooperation of CDA members was powerful advertising for the Order and exemplified our motto of "Unity and Charity." The house was completed well ahead of schedule.

Since Bishop Fellhauer will serve as state chaplain for the next two years, I slip back into my former role as state clergy consultant. My involvement is the same except that the bishop will celebrate the monthly scholarship memorial mass and pray for the membership.

Time is short and so is this letter. Have a restful summer. You hold a special place in my heart. My love for CDA only intensifies with the passing of time.

*Rev. Donald R. Ruppert*

**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  
Olga Samaniego*



The 47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention is a happy memory, and it was a great pleasure to see so many of you at the convention in Houston. I hope you enjoyed the convention and that you had the opportunity to grow in your knowledge of CDA. I also hope that you had the opportunity to experience sisterhood at its best. It is such a joy to know that there are other women who share our faith and values and who are willing to work together and to support each other. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to gather together every two years to renew friendships and to enjoy each other. The gift of sisterhood is one we should never underestimate or fail to appreciate.

Now, we have the opportunity to extend our convention experience—to take what we learned and put it into action. Many courts are about to begin the summer recess. Sometimes, since summer is so short, there is the temptation to pack activities into every moment of the day, and we end up needing a vacation from our vacation. Instead, why not try to take advantage of summer to rest and to listen for God’s direction. Relax and allow God to renew you. Pray and recommit yourself to living a life of service. When your court meets again in September, you will be ready to “Do Whatever He tells you.”

Make sure that your court is actively involved in the Circle of Love. Whether you are called to quality of life issues, legislative issues, or any of the other programs in which CDA is involved, make sure that you are working to answer God’s call. As much as we enjoy each other, we are not a club—we are women committed to spirituality and service. We do not have meetings for the sake of having meetings; we meet to pray and to plan. That doesn’t mean we don’t have fun or aren’t happy, but happiness is not the goal. The goal is the joy that comes from knowing God.

Remember, as well, that the more hands we have, the more we can undertake. Invite women to come and experience your court. Women are looking for spiritual homes; they are looking for a place to use their gifts and talents; they are looking for an opportunity to know, to love, and to serve God. Reach out and offer them the opportunity to work with you. Ensure that CDA remains a vital, vibrant organization by making sure that your court is active and relevant in your parish.

May you have the best summer ever; I wish you peace and joy!

*Olga Samaniego, National Director*



## **Court Development**

### **Carolyn Malik, First Vice State Regent**

State Court Development/Membership Chairman

The 2011 State convention has now passed, and now it is a beautiful memory. Many friendships were renewed and new sisters in CDA were formed. I hope that the delegates bring the enthusiasm and excitement of the convention back home to the local court membership. Keep the fire burning and grow our membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

It was an honor for me to serve as the chairman of Court Development and Membership for the past term. We were privileged to establish five new courts in the state. Even with the deletion of some of the inactive courts in Texas, our membership still grew over the 16,000 mark. You ladies are to be commended for your continued efforts in gaining new members for CDA. Many of our more established courts are losing their older members, but with the continued efforts of their membership chairman, they continue to grow and add new faces to the rosters. Congratulations to the winners of the Membership and Retention Contest who are listed in this newsletter. Keep up your good works for Our Lord and His Mother.

We again awarded the St. Bernardine of Siena award to the individuals who were responsible for the establishment of new courts in Texas. St. Bernardine of Siena is the Patron Saint of Public Relations. The winners are listed in awards section of this newsletter.

Enjoy your time off during the summer, but continue to carry that CDA brochure and/or application blank in your handbag. You never know when you will confront someone who is interested in CDA. Be ready to pass out the information and continue to add more angels to work for Our Lord here on earth.

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## **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 those who gather at the table of the Lord, especially the newly baptized, the newly confirmed, and those who have recently made their first communion, will find in the Body of Christ, welcome, acceptance, fellowship, and support as they deepen their relationship with God.
- That the members of the Catholic Daughters will be filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaim the Good News that Jesus is Lord in word and in action.

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*“The real issue in life is not how many blessings we have, but what we do with our blessings. Some people have many blessings and hoard them. Some have few and give everything away.” ~ Fred Rogers*

## **Leadership & Memorial Scholarship Peggy Rosales, Second Vice State Regent**

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Second Vice State Regent. I enjoyed working with all of you over the past two years. District deputies, it was a pleasure to work side by side on the local court officer training during the summer of 2010! The courts with their Texas style hospitality made us feel welcome. With the 2011 Houston State Convention behind us now and the memories we take with us – remember to encourage members to go to conventions. The sisterhood we get from this experience is priceless. Make sure that you share your experience with your court members who were not able to attend. Spread the excitement and sisterhood!

Thank you to the courts that participate in the Memorial Scholarship Program. It is amazing that a card for \$2.50 can add up so quickly. For the first time in history we were able to award 42 students with scholarships totaling \$35, 200.00. It is unfortunate when we have to disqualify an application due to the fact that the court doesn't participate in the program; so, please, if your court doesn't participate – start! You never know when an application is going to come in and the court just has to have \$50 worth of enrollments by the deadline of the application. I received a record amount of applications this past year at 186. Unfortunately, I had to disqualify 17 due to not following the instructions set forth on the application; these are strictly enforced. It has been a pleasure to serve as the chairman of the memorial scholarship program. For the past 2 year term, we were able to award a total of \$64, 600.00 in scholarships.

Thanks again and way to go Texas!

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

First of all, I want to thank the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Texas for all your prayers, faith, and support and for allowing me to serve as your State Secretary these last two years. It has been an honor for me to serve you in this capacity, but most of all, it has been an honor to have worked with the greatest group of Catholic women.

Secondly, I want to express my thankfulness to you again for your vote of confidence in allowing me to serve as your Second Vice State Regent for the term of 2011 to 2013. I will do my best to serve you in this office, and I look forward in working with all of you.

Finally, just a few reminders and helpful tips when sending checks to the state:

- All checks should be made payable to: **CDA Texas State Court.**
- In the memo area of the check, specify what the check is for.
- State and National dues and assessments were sent out around the end of May. Please remember to pay them immediately upon receipt.
- As of June 1, 2011, all of the State Secretary's paperwork must be mailed to:  
**Rosie Stockwell, State Secretary 315 Alamo Street, Edinburg, TX 78541**  
Send paperwork such as: payments of state dues and assessments, donations to state and/or national projects and charities, members' addition and/or deletion forms, and financial reviews to Rosie.

Ladies, have a wonderful summer and keep up your good works of unity and charity for Our Lord and His mother.

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*“Christ does not flatter His hearers. He does not flatter man with the semblance of “unrestricted” liberty. He says, “Know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (Jn 8:32). In this way, He shows that liberty was not given to man only as a gift but also as a duty.” ~ Pope John Paul II*

## **Spiritual Enhancement** **Olga Samaniego, State Chairman**

It used to be that summer was the time to slow down and rest. It was the time for family vacations and barbeques in the backyard—long hot days spent in the pool and long hot nights spent at the drive-in movie. Unfortunately, summer has become as hectic a season now as any other. We need to get the kids to summer band and vacation Bible school. We carve enough time for long weekend vacations and short visits to relatives, but it is not the same as it once was--- or at least, it is not the way I remember it. So, we have to take matters into our own hands. Make time in your schedule for personal, mini-retreat. Tell your family that you love them, but, for one hour a day for one week, you are scheduling a meeting with God. Choose whatever time suits you best—early morning before everyone else is up, or in the evening when children and grandchildren are in bed. Find a corner of your home or a place out in the garden and light a candle—maybe you can have some soft spiritual music playing in the background—and then recognize that you are in the presence of God. He is with you - surrounding you with His love and peace. Read a favorite passage from scripture or pray the rosary, and then just be still. Let God strengthen you; let Him hold you; let Him be your source of healing and the supplier of all needs. Don't worry that you can't get away to go anywhere; God is always ready to come to you. It has been my honor to serve as Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, and I thank Sheila Martinka for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I wish you a peaceful and joyful summer and a powerful time spent with God.

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## **National Projects Texas State Court** **Ginger Shea, Chairman**

Congratulations to all of our local courts' new officers and to the returning officers. Just a reminder to the newly installed court officers that one of our charities has been dropped; American College at Louvain is no longer on our list of charities. However, we as Catholic Daughters are very fortunate for our involvement with all of the other following charities: Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Relief Services, 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, it's not necessary or wise to respond to every call or request for donations; but, let's support as many of the above charities as possible. Each of *Us Can Change the World*, it just takes us making a commitment and **providing a helping hand**, they all need our help. "Who is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another." Please make out that one check and mail it today to: **Rosie Stockwell, State Secretary, 315 Alamo Street, Edinburg, TX 78541** ~ Thank you and May God Bless all of you.



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## **Convention Corner** **Carol Snowbarger, 2011 Chairman**

2 years, 6 meetings and thousands of emails; it's time to pass the baton. The 47th biennial Texas State Convention is over, and it's on to San Antonio. We registered over 1, 000 people, had 24 Chairmen and had over 150 workers.

We had a few small problems, and we would like to apologize if you were inconvenienced in any way. One of the raffle prizes from Karen Bolmunski ended up on the silent auction table instead of in the raffle. Unfortunately, things like this slip by, and we are very sorry it happened. It was there just in the wrong place. They are working on resolving this.

Again, I would like to thank the convention team that made this all happen and Sheila for giving me opportunity to chair the convention. I totally enjoyed working with all the awesome ladies that made this possible, and I enjoyed seeing you all at the convention.

I wish the San Antonio team the same success that we had. God Bless you all.

## **State Legislative Report**

**Peggy Supak, State Chairman [fayetteatty@hotmail.com](mailto:fayetteatty@hotmail.com)**

A big thank you to all the courts that sent in circle of love legislative reports so that I can keep up with all the things being done in the legislative arena by our local courts. Congratulations to the winners.

I have noticed more courts are appointing legislative chairman and that is wonderful. It is important that chairman obtain a copy of and read the following: Operation Morning Star program guide, (p. 36-39 Circle of Love Pamphlet in the Tools of the Trade), "Local Court Legislative Chairman" information from the [Formation and Legislative Policy Handbook](#), and [Guidelines for Nonprofit Organizations in the Political Arena](#).

### Update on Texas Legislature

Barring a special session the 82nd Texas legislative session will be finished at the time this newsletter come out. Three important bills have been signed by the Governor, namely SB 537 - Choose Life License Plate Bill, HB 15 - Access to Sonogram Bill, and SB 265 - Increase access to quality, affordable child care.

A complete list of the bills passed can be found at Texas Legislature Online--<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. Some jurisdictions may have new legislators due to redistricting. Each court should familiarize themselves with any new officials in their area.

### Update on U. S. Legislature

#### **USCCB Welcomes House Passage of 'No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act'**

The "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" (H.R. 3) was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives with a 251-175 vote. The bill codifies a permanent, government-wide policy against taxpayer subsidies for abortion and abortion coverage, improves federal conscience protection for health care providers and entities, and closes various loopholes that give tax-preferred status to abortion. The Secretariat for the USCCB states: "By passing the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the House has taken a decisive step toward protecting human life, reflecting the will of the American people."

A complete listing and update on bills filed and passed go to--<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

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## **State Financial Review Chairman**

**Janis Wright**

Dear Ladies, it's hard to believe summer is here and our Houston convention is over. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the convention, and I hope you had a great time. The ladies in the Houston area enjoyed hosting the convention. Come back and see us again soon!

The state financial review was held on April 9, 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 thank the state board for all the hours you've spent the past two years and for all you've done for 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.

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

I'd like to say thanks to Sheila Martinka for presenting me with one of the State Regent Awards. What an honor! I am overwhelmed. All I can say is I love CDA!! This award ranks right up there with the excitement I feel in knowing that I will become a grandma for the first time in November. Praise God!

Enjoy your summer!

**State Public Relations Chairman**  
**Terrie Vacek, 936-856-9899 terriecda@cebridge.net**

CDA is no longer the best kept secret! Several editors said they ran local court pictures with a write up. Congratulations ladies! You are doing a great job of promoting CDA and the 2011 Convention with your local media.

I am honored to be a part of the growth CDA has experienced in Texas. It's incredibly awesome to watch local court Public Relations chairmen succeed with increased media exposure. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are now in many Diocesan Publications. We have articles in every issue of the SHARE Magazine including several feature stories that I wrote.

By providing feature stories of State Court events in the Lone Star Messenger, I believe that not only are we promoting and publicizing the works of unity and charity to all 227 local courts, but we are giving glory and praise to God for the opportunity to grow spiritually through our service to God, community and country.

Over the past two years, more local newspapers have printed articles about CDA and JCDA. Local courts have the readily available means to promote their court, projects, love and dignity for all. Exposure not only brings pride to your members, it stimulates interest in CDA and this keeps our membership strong. Weekly blurbs in the Parish Bulletin maintain a connection to members and may be used for deadline notices to enhance the detail found in local court newsletters.

When I was appointed to promote CDA at the state level, to cover the events that pertain to our membership state wide, I had no idea how valuable the task of communication serves to all our membership. I have expanded my spiritual growth and personal skills. I am humbled by the award I accepted at the convention.

I want to thank our State Regent Sheila Martinka for the confidence she has in me to carry out the responsibilities as your State Public Relations Chairman. I also want to express my gratitude to Libby Ramirez, Peggy Eastman and Tom Panas for the confidence they had in me to provide National Convention photos for SHARE Magazine and the National CDA website

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**Campus Court Corner**  
**Barbara Britton, State Chairman**

Looking back over some of my newsletters, it appears I gave a report on my return from each convention. That's one thing about conventions; it is such a wonderful learning and sharing extravaganza. Likewise, the whole convention was like a mini Retreat. It gets a person all motivated being able to bring back to your court all of those helping-growth ideas.

God is good and truly blessed us with being able to take our grand-daughter to the past two conventions. She is definitely "hooked", excited, committed and energized!!

It was different again going as a "Campus Court Chairman". I was proud to represent the 7 Campus Courts in the state of Texas I came back "all fired up". I was thrilled that two of the Campus Courts were able to attend the convention. There were 5 from Court #2516 Belles of St. Mary's, San Antonio and 4 attended from Court #2631, Texas Women's University in Denton.

Since we are near the end of the school year, YEA, some of the Campus Courts will have new officers.

Please let me know and let me know of the ladies who will graduate. We want to stay in touch and put you in touch with a regular court. Believe me; they need your energy and ideas. The ladies from the regular courts are so willing to help and work, but need your ideas. We will also focus on the fall and Activities Day which is held shortly after school starts. It might work out to have a small gathering during the summer (like Bunco or something) just to stay connected. It's always fun being with you all. Maybe I can come visit you!!

If you are in San Antonio during the summer, please look me up or let me know by e-mail when you will arrive and we can do something. Enjoy your vacation!! Stay in touch with your advisor.

Here's a thought to carry around with you!

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it."- Daniel Webster

Like I've always ended my newsletters, "Keep up the good work and keep a positive attitude. God bless

## **State Activities Committee**

### **Barbara Molloy, Chairman, Fran Ewart, Vice Chairman**

The CDA State Activities Committee held a walk/run event that took place at the 47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention in Houston, Texas. It was a fundraiser for the State's Missions of Mercy and State Projects while at the same time encouraged personal fitness and camaraderie. Members who registered before the event by the deadline received an event T-shirt at the convention. Sponsors names were listed on the back of the T-shirt. Donors could designate the charity of their choice or if the donation was undesignated, the monies were distributed equally among the charities.

The T-shirt design displayed the Texas State Flag in the shape of Texas on the front and listed the Missions of Mercy, Texas State Projects and event sponsors, as well as the CDA logo, on the back.

There were a total of 149 registered walkers, 94 actual walkers and 37 sponsorships. Total donations were \$6537.65  
Awards included:

- Court with the most registered walkers: Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391 with 13 registered walkers.
- Court with the most actual walkers: Court Sister Mary Walter # 2401 with 10 walkers.
- Court with the most donations (this includes registered walkers, sponsorships and miscellaneous donations): Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391 with \$578.00

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## **State Ways and Means Chairman**

### **Cynthia Novak [cynovak@verizon.net](mailto:cynovak@verizon.net)**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the courts and individuals who contributed to the success of the raffle by donating prizes, selling and purchasing tickets. Total figures are not complete but the raffle grossed approximately \$17,000.00 with over 160 courts participating, which is about 72% of the courts. Congratulations to the winners who are listed below:

**\$200 GC**–Porfirio Escobar, Corpus Christi  
**Gardening Basket**–Dorothy Michulka, East Bernard  
**Cross**–Melissa Maxwell, La Grange  
**Crucifix**–Fran Walsh, Humble  
**Shawl**–Terry Burto, New Braunfels  
**\$125 CG**–Paula Frnka, Columbus  
**Chaplet Rosary**–Kami Miller, East Bernard  
**Baby Blanket**–Brenda Polak, East Bernard  
**Pillow**–Becky Roelle, Conroe  
**Necklace & Bracelet**–Theresa Harsch, Hockley  
**Quilt**–Edward Faldyn, La Grange  
**\$150 in Lottery Tickets**–Ruth Kunz, Columbus  
**\$700 GC**–Michele Paiz, San Diego  
**\$300 GC**–Jon Clark, Dale  
**Gift Basket**–Beth Crouch, Irving  
**Pearl Rosary**–Janis Hernandez, Corpus Christi  
**Last Supper**–Stella Castilla, Longview  
**\$200 GC**–Cheryl Hoelscher, West  
**Shawl**–Rita Vacker, El Campo  
**Crystal Rosary**–Olga Caballero, Alvin  
**Lap Afghan**–Mary Ann Trojacek, Ennis  
**\$250 GC**–Mary Walton  
**2 Dolls**–Mae Kainer, Katy  
**Necklace**–Christina Villegas, Alice  
**Quilt**–Elizabeth Moczygemba, Falls City  
**\$150 in Lottery Tickets**–F Marshall, Houston  
**\$400 GC**–Connie Anel, Inez

**\$300 GC**–Dottie Watthuber, Sealy  
**Texas Basket**–Carolyn Carriage, Tomball  
**Lighthouse Painting**–Marlene Lewis, Wichita Falls  
**Last Supper**–Matt Ybarra, New Braunfels  
**Shawl**–Audra Brorsen  
**\$200 GC**–Paula Russell, Tyler  
**Rosary & Mysteries Book**–Mary Rose Barta, Shiner  
**Lap Quilt**–Delfa Gonzalez, Corpus Christi  
**Noodles**–Jerome Losack, Sealy  
**\$250 GC**–Consuela Carrales, Edinburg  
**Silver Pendant**–Shirley Kocian, Yoakum  
**Quilt & 2 Pillows**–Wynell Hannes, Pearland  
**\$150 in Lottery Tickets**–Christine Acker, Narareth  
**\$400 GC**–Henrietta Jalowy, East Bernard  
**\$200 GC**–Court Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca  
**Spa Basket**–Julia Mueck, Needville  
**Picture of Pope**–Shirley Kaminski, Needville  
**Cross**–Cathleen Noska, Fayetteville  
**Shawl**–Debbie Sczech, El Campo  
**Rosary**–Angelita Garcia, Los Fresnos  
**\$125 GC**–Dorothy Reznicek, La Marque  
**Spiritual Basket**–Olivia Martinez, Deer Park  
**Rosary**–Peggy Hafernack, Palacios  
**Cross-Stitch**–Jo Kelly Parrish, Houston  
**Reflection Basket**–Margie Longona, Alice  
**Quilt**–Mrs. R J Filibeck, Richardson  
**\$1,000 GC**–Veronica, Beltran, Dallas



# Message

# Service

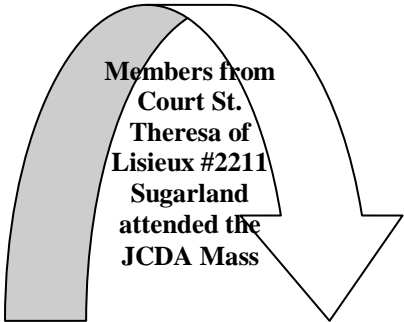
# Community

## Youth/JCDA Reports Terri Beltran, State CDA Youth/JCDA Chairman

Wow, what an awesome CDA Convention. It was so busy and full of good information; the State JCDA officers were impressed with everything and spoke so highly of everyone who greeted and treated them with kindness. I want to thank everyone as well. These past two years these girls have become like my daughters, and I am so proud of them. The JCDA Mass was very well attended; we thank Becky Brown for a job well done! We are in high gear getting ready for our State Convention; keep us in your prayers so that all goes smoothly!

Regents, thank you for sending in the Circle of Love Reports. They were phenomenal. You donated a total of \$84,540.03 with a total of 45,220 hours. I do want to encourage everyone to please put the number of members, hours and money donated; even if it is \$1.00, report it, that \$1.00 makes a DIFFERENCE!

- Category I**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Court #2532 St. John the Baptizer of Jesus, Corpus Christi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Court #0344 Court Marie, Texarkana
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Court #2487 Our Mother of Peace & Unity, Livingston
- Category II**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Court #1988 Bishop Adolph Marx, Brownsville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Court #2361 Our Lady of St Hyacinth, Deer Park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Court #1288 Mary A. Drake, Tyler
- Category III**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Court #1750 Christ the King, Houston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Court #2268 Our Lady of the Bluebonnets, Ennis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Court #2292 Mother of Unity, Houston
- Category IV**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Court #1604 St Paul, Shiner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Court #1962 Annunciation, La Grange
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Court #1108 St. Bernadette, East Bernard



Sarah, Maya, Father John, Terri & Kim at CDA Banquet

**JCDA ATTEND  
CDA CONVENTION**



Above: Terri; Mary, Reporter; Maya, President; Kimberly, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice; Valerie, Secretary; and Sarah, 2nd Vice. Below: With Chris Lewis, Founder and Chairman of the Board of American Wheelchair Mission at CDA Fun Night!



**Round Rock Spiritual Retreat**

Hope to see everyone at our Convention  
June 24 – 26, 2011 – Austin, TX

*Peace* I leave with *you*,  
*my peace* I give unto *you*.  
John 14:27



*Terri Beltran, State JCDA  
Chairman*

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Kim and I attended a Spiritual Retreat held by Court#2415 Our Lady of the Hills. Pictured below are members of Court #2415





# NATIONAL NEWS



## National and State Dues

Dues statements for the period October 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011 were mailed at the beginning of May - payable upon receipt - a vote of the court is not required to Pay National and State dues. Please be certain that both your National and State dues are paid promptly.

## Five National Projects and Seven National Charities

When I was in high school I would have a slice of pizza and a soda for \$.25. I thought that when I got a job I would put away a quarter a day so that when I retired, I could have a slice and a soda every day. Obviously, my plan did not work. The same meal is about \$5 today. Fifty cents got me into a movie with popcorn and candy. Movie tickets today are about \$4 and the popcorn is close to \$5. These changes help you to understand why the **National Board** is recommending an increase in the suggested amount donated to each of the five National Projects. **Yesterday's dollars just don't meet today's needs.** We are proposing that the suggested amount be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per project. This will help the Catholic Daughters of the Americas maintain the history of generous donations sent to the worthy causes for our National Projects. Please send **one** check listing the amount for each. Isn't it wonderful that we can **work together as a team** to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. You have always been so generous in the past and **we thank you** for making a difference. Just think of the change for your court, as one less bag of popcorn. Your hips will thank you! Any questions please feel free to contact: Helene Shepard, National Projects Chairman

## National CDA Sunday to be observed

Catholic Daughters of the Americas National CDA Day will be observed on Sunday, October 16, 2011. The theme for this year is "With God All Things Are Possible" (Matthew 19:26) as we continue to pray for justice and peace for all God's people. A Sample Proclamation, written by Olga Samaniego, National Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, is posted on the Texas CDA website.

## Save the date!

When doing your planning for 2012, please mark your calendars for the 54th Biennial National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska July 18 – 22, 2012!

## *Happy Anniversary!*

|                                     |              |              |                  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Santa Maria #184                    | Marshall     | August 6     | 95 <sup>th</sup> |
| Isabella the Catholic #683          | Laredo       | September 4  | 90 <sup>th</sup> |
| Anna Callahan #1339                 | Longview     | September 21 | 70 <sup>th</sup> |
| Queen Isabel the Catholic #1581     | El Paso      | September 2  | 60 <sup>th</sup> |
| Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364    | Lake Jackson | August 18    | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| St. Jude #2363                      | Laredo       | August 4     | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe #2426   | Alice        | June 9       | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Queen of Glory                      | Houston      | June 3       | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| St. Anthony of Padua #2486          | Wylie        | July 3       | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Our Lady of Peace #2489             | Converse     | August 4     | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Our Lady Star of the Sea #2569      | Port Isabel  | September 16 | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Sacred Heart of Mother Teresa #2570 | Flatonia     | June 7       | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Holy Queen #2573                    | San Marcos   | June 25      | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |





# STATE NEWS

## 2009 TOP STATE AWARDS

### Top District Deputy Awards

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Norma Locker       | District #10 |
| Dorothy Villarreal | District #23 |
| Diana Garcia       | District #36 |
| Carol Snowbarger   | District #45 |
| Rosie Stockwell    | District #50 |

### State Regent Awards

Christine Moore, Habitat for Humanity Chairman  
 Terri Beltran, JCDA Youth Chairman  
 Janis Wright, State Financial Review Chairman  
 Cecina Koeijmans, State Parliamentarian

### Special Award/Acknowledgement

Terrie Vacek Outstanding PR Work for CDA

### Court Development Award

#### **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 make Catholic Daughters the great organization it is.

#### **Ct Our Lady of the Hill Country #2626**

Blanco/Johnson City.  
 Peggy Rosales and Terry Burto, DD

#### **Campus Court St. Angela Merci #2631**

University of North Texas/TWU, Denton  
 Regent Melanie Burr and Janet Wolf, Advisor

#### **Ct Daughters of Our Lady of Lourdes #2630**

Corpus Christi  
 Regent Sonia Gonzalez Dowty and  
 Diana Garcia, DD

#### **Ct Sisters of the Little Flower #2641**

Houston  
 Becky Tobias, DD

#### **Ct St. John the Apostle and Evangelist #2642**

Monahans  
 Genevieve Bassham, DD

# Texas State Court 2011 Winners

| <u>Education</u>                                | <u>Court</u>                      | <u>City</u>  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b><u>Art – Division I</u></b>                  |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Alex Corpuz          | St. Ann #369                      | Victoria     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Alegria Quesada      | Isabella the Catholic #683        | Laredo       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      Reid Roberts         | Our Lady of the Lakes #2220       | Austin       |
| <b><u>Art – Division II</u></b>                 |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Beatriz A. Rodriguez | Bishop Adolph Marx #1988          | Brownsville  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Alyssa Adams         | St. Ann #369                      | Victoria     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      Stormy Kasmiersky    | Fr. Chromcik #1440                | Fayetteville |
| <b><u>Art – Division III</u></b>                |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Christian Pascual    | Our Mother of Peace & Unity #2487 | Livingston   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Kevin Pendleton      | Fr. Juan Zavala #2012             | Benavides    |
| <b><u>Poetry – Division I</u></b>               |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Kraig Rick           | Our Lady of the Lakes #2220       | Austin       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Kate Springer        | St. Mary #249                     | Muenster     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      Camille Gaspard      | St. Matthew #2241                 | San Antonio  |
| <b><u>Poetry – Division II</u></b>              |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Serena Zamarripa     | Our Lady of the Sea #2133         | Palacios     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Beatrice Burton      | Annunciation #1962                | La Grange    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      Sarah Stluka         | St. Paul #1604                    | Shiner       |
| <b><u>Poetry – Division III</u></b>             |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Marjori Bradicich    | St. Ann #369                      | Victoria     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Devin Pesek          | St. Paul #1604                    | Shiner       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      Trisha Polak         | St. Bernadette #1108              | East Bernard |
| <b><u>Poetry – Division IV</u></b>              |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Denise Templet       | Immaculate Mary #2134             | Angleton     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Margaret Hernandez   | Lady of the Roses #2482           | Pasadena     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      Geraldine Jurica     | St. Ann #369                      | Victoria     |
| <b><u>Essay – Division I</u></b>                |                                   |              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      Colby Schroeder      | Our Lady of Perpetual Help #296   | Windthorst   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      Haley Pierman        | Our Lady of Guadalupe #206        | Yoakum       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      Andrew Wagner        | St Paul #1604                     | Shiner       |

### **Essay – Division II**

|                       |                |                        |             |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Jade Bujnoch   | St. Rose of Lima #1597 | Schulenburg |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Morgan Steward | St. Cecilia #1396      | Orange      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Emily Tully    | St. Helen #2330        | Pearland    |

### **Essay – Division III**

|                       |                  |                           |          |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Taylor Pollock   | St. Ann #369              | Victoria |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Christian Garcia | Our Lady of the Sea #2133 | Palacios |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Justin Siegel    | St. Paul #1604            | Shiner   |

### **Computer Art – Division I**

|                       |                |                                 |            |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Logan Rivera   | St. Ann #369                    | Victoria   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | James Anderson | Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374   | El Campo   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Trey Schenk    | Our Lady of Perpetual Help #296 | Windthorst |

### **Computer Art – Division II**

|                       |                   |                          |          |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Natalie Carmouche | Maria Galante #115       | Austin   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Brandon Farrell   | St. Ann #369             | Victoria |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Rio Russell       | Our Lady of Angels #2505 | Seguin   |

### **Computer Art – Division III**

|                       |                |                           |          |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Hailey Sanders | St. Ann #369              | Victoria |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Marie Castanon | Our Lady of the Sea #2133 | Palacios |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Emily Raabe    | Salve Regina #2611        | Denton   |

### **Computer Art – Division IV**

|                       |                |                       |        |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Elyssa D. King | Queen of Angels #1538 | Wallis |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------|

### **Music – Division II**

|                       |                     |                                |          |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Matthew Bianchi     | Our Lady of the Lakes #2220    | Austin   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Miguel Cacanindin   | Immaculate Heart of Mary #1884 | Conroe   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Victoria Mulholland | Immaculate Mary #2134          | Angleton |

### **Photography – Division II**

|                       |               |                                 |              |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Cameron Urban | Fr. Chromcik #1440              | Fayetteville |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Max Anderle   | Our Lady of Perpetual Help #296 | Windthorst   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Ivan Sales    | Guardian Angel #739             | Taylor       |

### **Photography – Division III**

|                       |                |                                       |                  |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Chase Fietsam  | Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282        | Hostyn/La Grange |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Shelby Adamson | St. Isadore, Patron of the Land #2340 | Needville        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Laura Orona    | Annunciation #1962                    | La Grange        |

## **Photography – Division IV**

|                       |                   |                                       |              |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Kathlee Kramr     | Fr. Chromcik #1440                    | Fayetteville |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Jackie Spears     | St. Cecilia #1396                     | Orange       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Valeria A. Brandt | Daughters of Our Lady of Fatima #2596 | San Antonio  |

## **Quality of Life**                      **Court**    **City**

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### **Category I**

|                       |   |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532 | Corpus Christi |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Monica #1262                  | Olfen          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of the Desert #2236      | El Paso        |

### **Category II**

|                       |  |                  |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Bishop Adolph Marx #1988         | Brownsville      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282   | Hostyn/La Grange |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady Queen of Apostles #2391 | Austin           |

### **Category III**

|                       |                             |               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Christ the King #1750 | Houston       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Ave Maria #2001       | Houston       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Sacred Heart #797     | Hallettsville |

### **Category IV**

|                       |                            |              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Bernadette #1108 | East Bernard |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Annunciation         | La Grange    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court St. Ann #369         | Victoria     |

## **Legislation**                      **Court**    **City**

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### **Category I**

|                       |   |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532 | Corpus Christi |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St Monica #1262                   | Olfen          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of Seven Hills #2464     | Huntsville     |

### **Category II**

|                       |                                      |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St Laurence #2402              | Sugar Land       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Holy Cross #1598               | Yorktown         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282 | Hostyn/La Grange |

### **Category III**

|                       |   |          |
|-----------------------|---|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Christ the King #1750               | Houston  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Theresa the Little Flower #1350 | Edna     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #1993        | Edinburg |

**Category IV**

|                       |                            |              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Bernadette #1108 | East Bernard |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Annunciation #1962   | La Grange    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court St. Paul #1604       | Shiner       |

**Youth Court City**

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**Category I**

|                       |   |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532 | Corpus Christi |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Marie #344                        | Texarkana      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Mother of Peace and Unity #2487   | Livingston     |

**Category II**

|                       |                                      |             |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Bishop Adolph Marx #1988       | Brownsville |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361 | Deer Park   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Mary A. Drake #1288            | Tyler       |

**Category III**

|                       |   |         |
|-----------------------|---|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Christ the King #1750             | Houston |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of the Bluebonnets #2268 | Ennis   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Mother of Unity #2292             | Houston |

**Category IV**

|                       |                            |              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Paul #1604       | Shiner       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Annunciation #1962   | La Grange    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court St. Bernadette #1108 | East Bernard |

**National Projects****Court****City and Regent**

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**Category I**

|                       |   |                               |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532 | Corpus Christi, Gloria Garcia |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Aquinas #2266                     | Sugar Land, Pam Memmer        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Belles of St Mary's #2615 CC      | San Antonio, Francesca Garcia |

**Category II**

|                       |                                      |                             |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Padre Pedro Bard #2016         | San Diego, Belinda Paiz     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St Genevieve #917              | Falls City, Rosalie Titzman |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361 | Deer Park, Susan O'Keefe    |

**Category III**

|                       |                             |                            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Christ the King #1750 | Houston, Patricia Koterias |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Mary St. John #2197   | Baytown, Virginia Ramirez  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court St. Helen #2330       | Pearland, Ann Strouhal     |

### **Category IV**

|                       |                            |                                |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Paul #1604       | Shiner, Camille Marek          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Bernadette #1108 | East Bernard, Henriette Jalowy |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Holy Rosary #1476    | Rosenberg, Rose Pederson       |

### ***Spiritual***

#### ***Enhancement***

#### **Court**

#### **City**

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### **Category I**

|                       |  |                |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of the Body of Christ #2543 | Corpus Christi |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Theresa of the Little Way #2384  | Premont        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Father Thomas Billimek #2425         | Los Fresnos    |

### **Category II**

|                       |                                      |                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Laurence #2402             | Sugar Land        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595   | Nada              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282 | Hostyn/ La Grange |

### **Category III**

|                       |  |         |
|-----------------------|--|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Christ the King #1750                        | Houston |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Theresa of the Little Flower #1350 | Edna    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Ave Maria #2001                        | Houston |

### **Category IV**

|                       |                          |              |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | St. Bernadette #1108     | East Bernard |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Annunciation #1962 | La Grange    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court St. Paul #1604     | Shiner       |

### ***Local Court***

#### ***Newsletter***

#### **Court**

#### **City**

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### **Category I – Division I**

|                       |                                      |           |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. John the Baptist #2073     | Alvin     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Immaculate Mary #2134          | Angleton  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361 | Deer Park |

### **Category I – Division II**

|                       |   |               |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Mr. Rev. Herbert Scholler #2085   | New Braunfels |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of the Seven Hills #2464 | Huntsville    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court St. Laurence #2402                | Sugar Land    |

**Category II – Division I**

|                       |                                    |            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Helen #2330              | Pearland   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211 | Sugar Land |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Christ the King #1750        | Houston    |

**Category II – Division II**

|                       |                                  |             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Queen of Angels #1538      | Wallis      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Rose #1597             | Schulenburg |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206 | Yoakum      |

**Category III – Division I**

|                       |                                     |              |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Bernadette #1108          | East Bernard |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 | El Campo     |

**Category III – Division II**

|                       |                         |               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Paul #1604    | Shiner        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Holy Rosary #1476 | Rosenberg     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Sacred Heart #797 | Hallettsville |

**Leadership**

**Court**

**City**

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**Category I**

|                       |   |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. John, Baptizer of Jesus #2532 | Corpus Christi |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Mother of Serenity #2466          | Weatherford    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Belles of St. Mary #2615 CC       | San Antonio    |

**Category II**

|                       |  |              |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Laurence #2402               | Sugar Land   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court Immaculate Heart of Mary #2540   | McAllen      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364 | Lake Jackson |

**Category III**

|                       |                             |             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court Ave Maria #2001       | Houston     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Rose #1597        | Schulenburg |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court Christ the King #1750 | Houston     |

**Category IV**

|                       |                            |              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Court St. Paul #1604       | Shiner       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Court St. Helen #2330      | Pearland     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Court St. Bernadette #1108 | East Bernard |

| <b><i>Membership</i></b>   | <b><i>Court</i></b>                     | <b><i>City</i></b> |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b><u>Category I</u></b>   |   |                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      | Court Daughters of St. Joseph #2619     | Kingsville         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      | Court Mother of the Americas #2506      | Fort Worth         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      | Court Lady of the Roses #2482           | Pasadena           |
| <b><u>Category II</u></b>  |   |                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      | Court Bishop Mariano S. Garriga #1935   | Corpus Christi     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      | Court Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe #2426 | Alice              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      | Court St. Laurence #2402                | Sugar Land         |
| <b><u>Category III</u></b> |   |                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      | Court John Fitzgerald Kennedy #1907     | Fredericksburg     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      | Court St. Mary #249                     | Windthorst         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      | Court Queen of Angels #1538             | Wallis             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      | Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595      | Nada               |
| <b><u>Category IV</u></b>  |   |                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place      | Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374     | El Campo           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place      | Court St. Paul #1604                    | Shiner             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place      | Court St. Helen #2330                   | Pearland           |



## Texas State Calendar 2011

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| June 11, 2011         | State Financial Review  |
| June 12, 2011         | 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ct St. Anthony of Padua #2486, Wylie                 |
| June 18, 2011         | 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ct Our Lady of St. Hyacinth #2361, Deer Park         |
| June 24-26, 2011      | JCDA State Convention—Austin  |
| June 25, 2011         | Institution new court at St. Francis de Sales, Houston                            |
| July 14-17, 2011      | State Officers' Conference, Bellville, Illinois                                   |
| August 12-14, 2011    | State Organizational Workshop, Houston  |
| August 27, 2011       | 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364, Lake Jackson |
| August 27-28, 2011    | Spirit Camp State Retreat, New Caney  |
| September 16-17, 2011 | State Board Meeting, Texarkana  |

## 998 Attend the 47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention

Terrie Vacek, Texas Public Relations Chair

“Do Whatever He Tells You” was the theme for the 47<sup>th</sup> Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Biennial Texas State Convention, Houston for delegates and guests of the 227 Courts in Texas. The Convention was dedicated to State Chaplain Reverend Donald Ruppert, East Bernard.

Celebrant for the **opening Mass** at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston was the Most Reverend Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. The Formal procession of robed Local, State and National Officers was led by the Fourth Degree Council of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guards.

The **Keynote Address** was given by Sister Louise Marie Jones who challenged delegates and guests to “*listen to His voice with fine-tuned attention, obedience and willingness ... the CDA Circle of Love logo with its seven spokes “sums up and radiates outward a life centered on Love, the true love of God.”*

Reverend Ruppert, celebrant for the **Memorial Mass** in memory of 2009-2011 deceased CDA members said, “*Do not focus on the death of loved ones, remember their lives and follow in their footsteps striving to be Unity and Charity.*” Deceased member’s names were placed in the newly established Memory Book that will be passed down to each convention.



94 CDA Walk Run Participants

Saint Bernadine of Siena **Court Development Awards** were presented for the five (5) new courts instituted during the 2009-2011 term; Court Our Lady of the Hill Country #2626, Blanco/Johnson City; Court Daughters of Our Lady of Lourdes #2630, Corpus Christi; Campus Court Saint Angela Merci #2631, University of North Texas/TWU, Denton; Court Sisters of the Little Flower #2641, Houston; Court Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist #2642, Monahans.

Doors to the convention floor closed Saturday for elections with a voting strength of 591. In just sixteen minutes delegates elected five (5) members to the **Nominating Committee**: Holly Dickeson, Texarkana; Dorothy Villarreal, Alice; Mary Rutherford, Round Rock; Norma Locker, Richmond; Georgia Mikosh, Port Lavaca; and Iris Hinojosa, Benavides as Alternate.

Elected as the **2011-2013 State Officers** were; State Regent, Carolyn Malik, Shiner; First Vice State Regent, Peggy Rosales Austin; Second Vice State Regent, Eve Trevino, Corpus Christi; State Secretary, Rosie Stockwell, Edinburg; State Treasurer, Melodie Brunt, Texarkana.

Various reports were given. Two Bylaw Amendments were presented and adopted as amended. Delegates approved a twenty five cent campus court assessment, effective 2012. No Resolutions were proposed.

Special **Guest Speaker**, Christopher ‘Chris’ Lewis, (son of MDA National Chairman, Jerry Lewis) President of the American Wheelchair Organization/Mission, Nevada, gave a moving talk and slide show presentation “*A Journey on Common Grounds*”. Working directly with the manufacturer, his cost for a wheelchair is only \$150.00 delivered!

Reverend John Peters, State JCDA Chaplain for twenty seven (27) years was the celebrant for the **JCDA Mass**. In his homily, Fr. John said that “*I’ve attended every convention for the past thirty seven (37) years and witness the work of both the junior and senior courts. Also, I know that you don’t age, so now you must tell these JCDA members to join the senior courts so they won’t age! These ladies are both the present and our future.*” State JCDA officers served as lectors and gift bearers.

**Workshops** presented were: CDA Web Sites Introduction; Safe Environment; Relaxation Techniques and Stress Management; Honor Guards at Rosaries & Funerals for Deceased Members; CDA 101-Information for New Courts

and New Members; Membership-Where is Everybody; and Attitude is the Chocolate of Life by author Jan Bethancourt, *Eat Chocolate for Breakfast*.

**Past Regents** honored at the Dais Reception were Cecina Koeijmans, Dallas; Dolly Pena, Laredo; Amy Rueda, El Paso; Libby Ramirez, Victoria; Duchess Collins, Sugar Land; Dee Scheetz, Austin; Olga Samaniego, El Paso; Carolyn Bachmann, Scotland; Sheila Martinka, Houston. Eunice Perusic, Margaret Cutbirth, and Eleanor Treanor were not present.

Martinka presented **State Board Awards** to Carolyn Rapsilver, San Felipe, State Treasurer; Eve Trevino, Corpus Christi, State Secretary; Peggy Rosales, Second Vice State Regent, Austin; and Carolyn Malik, First Vice State Regent, Shiner. She also presented the **State Regent Appreciation Awards** for outstanding service to Christine Moore, Janis Wright, Terri Beltran and Cecina Koeijmans.

Recipients of the Regents **Top 5 District Deputies Awards** were Norma Locker; Diana Garcia; Carol Snowbarger; Rosie Stockwell; and Dorothy Villarreal.

**State Memorial Scholarship** Fund registered a record high of \$35,200.00 being awarded to high school seniors.

Ninety four (94) CDA members participated in the second annual **Walk Run**. 1<sup>st</sup> Place (running two miles) was Victoria Rocha; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Yvonne Rocha, Umland. Participants raised \$6,537.65 for nine various State Mercy of Mission (M.O.M.) Projects

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (**JCDA**) gave a humorous presentation for their invitation for the JCDA Convention scheduled June 24-26, Austin.

In the message from the **State Regent Elect**, Carolyn Malik stated that *“I want each one of us to re-evaluate our priorities and ensure that God is first in our lives; thus furthering the works of our order. ‘The world listens to witnesses not to teachers.’ I have chosen **“COME, BE MY LIGHT”** for my theme for the 2011-2013 term.*

The 2013 State Convention will be in San Antonio with the 2015 convention in Austin. Proceeds for the 2011 Convention raffle were \$17,275.00.

Reverend Bob Knippenberg, Shiner was the celebrant for the Installation Mass.

There are currently 16,015 members in Texas who engage in creative and spiritual programs that provide members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in a meaningful way to positively influence the welfare of the Church and all peoples throughout the world.



State Regent Elect Carolyn Malik with Rev. Bob Knippenberg, Shiner

Texas has seven (7) College Campus Courts with approximately 200 members and eighty (80) Texas Junior Catholic Daughter Courts with 749 members.

In her closing remarks, **State Regent Sheila Martinka** said, *“Thank you for everything you do to bring Texas CDA into the forefront. Texas CDA is growing because of your faithful dedication and enthusiasm. It works because you respond to what He tells you by your service and hard work! I am so grateful for all that you have done for CDA, but most appreciative of the gifts we bring to each other. Thank you, thank you for a wonderful two years.”*