



Merry
Christmas

The Junior Jazz

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear JCDA Sisters, I hope that all of you are enjoying the school year so far. I know the school year always gets super busy which makes life fun and challenging, but I know that all of you shine in everything you do because you are JCDA girls! It was so amazing meeting many of you at the state retreat, and I look forward to meeting all of you at the convention in June. The state officers and I have so much to share with you. First off, we have a new state reporter Miss Mary Adamek from Shiner Texas, and we are so excited to have her on our board! Secondly, we are working very hard preparing for the state convention; we have so many fun activities planned that you are going to love, so I hope you all can come. Now that the Christmas season is upon us, I challenge you to open your hearts to God's love by making time to donate goods or pray for those in need. The Christmas season is a time to give thanks by giving back to your community. I know that all of you have wonderful ideas on how to give back, and I cannot wait to hear about them! Have a wonderful winter break! "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."- Proverbs 11:25
With all my heart, Maya Cuellar ~ State President



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 24 – 26, 2011
JCDA State Convention,
Double Tree Hotel –
Austin, TX (start making
plans to attend and please
remember that adults
attending convention must
have "Safe Environment
Training") The theme is
P.E.A.C.E. = "People
Experiencing the
Awesomeness of Christ
Everywhere". Cathy
Zinglemann, La Grange
will be contacting all the
courts for their help; please
be generous when she
contacts your court.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2ND VICE

Hello Girls,

I know everyone has been very busy with school and other extra curricular activities, I hope all is going well! Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. It is a time of giving thanks for what we have and welcoming Jesus to Earth. This is always my favorite time of the year. I love all of the good spirits, warm houses, food, music, and decorating that comes along with these two wonderful holidays. I've been keeping everyone in my prayers and hope everyone has a marvelous start to the New Year, 2011! Spring is always a busy time and brings a lot of stress, but remember that you can always lean on the Lord through times of hardship and when you're overwhelmed with anything. I hope everyone has a great holiday season!

Love, Sarah ~ State Second Vice President

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Hey Girls, it's Valerie your State Secretary! I am sure all of you guys are enjoying school. I know I am. This year I'm a senior, and it feels like time is just passing me by; but, I'm making lots of memories that will last a lifetime, and I hope you are too. I wish all of you and your family the best thanksgiving. We should all take a little time out of our day to sit and thank God for all the gifts He has given us. Congratulations, Mary Adamek, for being our new State Reporter. I'm excited to meet you and start working with you. "Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, and looks to God alone; Laughs at impossibilities, and cries it shall be done." ~ Charles Wesley Valerie Barrera ~ State Secretary

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 1ST VICE

Hey girls! I would also like to congratulate Mary Adamek for becoming the new State Reporter. I also hope that your school year is going as good as mine is. College has been amazing and very busy as well. I was lucky to make some new friends up here in Huntsville who love Jesus as much as I do. One of the girls I met took me to a group called Chi Alpha (pronounced Kai). It's a group of kids who get together every Thursday to sing songs and talk about scripture. It's like a youth group but on a much, much, bigger scale. Seeing all these kids together keeps reminding me about the large crowd that I hope to see at convention in 6 months. All of us state officers are working really hard on this convention. There are a million and one things to do and to get. All that running around reminds me of all the things that need to be done at Christmas. I hope that all of you are doing something special to help out the needy this Christmas season just as Jesus did when he was here. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Kim Kallies, State 1st Vice-President

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR REPORTER

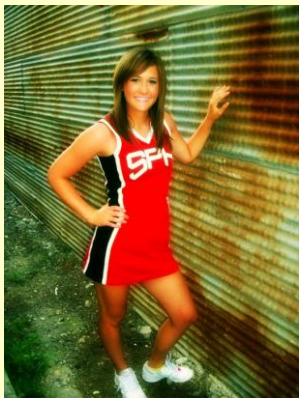
Hey! My name is Mary Adamek I am 16 and attend Shiner St. Paul high school!! I play multiple sports and excel in my academics! I also play the piano/organ for church and also sing! I participate in many other extra actives in my school, 4-H, and my church. Overall I am fun and caring person. Merry Christmas & Happy New Years to everyone!

Mary Adamek ~ State Reporter

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE CHAIRMAN

The girls have been very busy. From July 2009 to the present we have installed 14 JCDA Courts. We rested a bit, and as they say, we are "On the Road Again"! We will be traveling to Slaton and to Alice to install new courts. We also have interests from Keller and Tyler. We ask everyone to keep us in your prayers as we travel. We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday. We have much to thank God for; let us not forget to be grateful in good times and in sad times. Let us remember those that have lost a loved one. Let us be the smiling Angels that keep tears away. If God is for us..who can be against us...Rom. 8:31

Terri Beltran, State Chairman



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JCDA State Reporter

Introducing Mary Adamek
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√Send Mary court pictures and newspaper articles; brag on your court!

JCDA ITEMS
Cups – \$2.00
State Pins - \$5.00
Bears - \$10.00
Decals - \$200
T-Shirts upon request

REMINDERS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- √Send me the Financial Reviews & New Officer List
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- √Dec 11th – Ct. Our Lady of the Assumption #1364, Slaton
Karen Hybner, Regent
- √Jan 15th - JCDA State Commission, La Grange
- √Feb 19th – Ct St. Jude Thaddeus #1770, Alice, Alicia Salinas, Regent
- √Feb 20th – National JCDA Proclamation Day
(forms will be on the Texas Website)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN

Advent is the season in which we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. During these four weeks, we're invited to contemplate the richness of God's gift to us in Christ, as we, along with the entire Church:

†-Wait. We remember humanity waiting for the coming of the Savior. We wait and pray for the Second Coming of Jesus as our Lord and Judge.

†-Convert. We examine our lives and listen to the call of John the Baptist, to make the ways of our hearts ready for forgiveness and love.

†-Hope. We remember how God has fulfilled His promises in the grace and salvation through Jesus, and we pray and celebrate in hope for ourselves and for all God has made.

One way we mark the time leading up to Christmas is by using the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath has its origins in Germany in the sixteenth century. The wreath - a circle of evergreen symbolizing God's eternal love - holds four candles, three violet and one pink. Violet is the traditional penitential color of Advent, and the pink candle symbolizing joy is lit on *Gaudete* (Joyful) Sunday, the third Sunday of the season. As we light the four candles one by one, we're reminded of how God's light has gradually illumined the world's darkness through history, culminating in Jesus, the Light of the World and the Sun of Justice.
Fr. John, State Chaplain



CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

Holy Creator of Trees,
 bless with your abundant grace
 this Christmas tree as a symbol of joy.
 May its evergreen branches be a sign
 of your never-fading promises.
 May its colorful lights and ornaments call us
 to decorate with love our home and our world.
 May the gifts that surround this tree
 be symbols of the gifts we have received
 from the Tree of Christ's Cross.
 Holy Christmas tree within our home,
 may Joy and Peace come and nest
 in your branches and in our hearts. Amen.
 - Author Unknown