

Junior Jazz 2013

Let's make it a great school year!

A Message from your President

Dear JCDA sisters, I am so excited to start my term as your new JCDA State President! My name is Clella Evans, and I'm a 17 year old senior at Round Rock High School. I am very active in my school, where I'm involved in National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, yearbook, and band. I'm also an altar server at my church and secretary for my local court. I've already met some of you and even been to an installation, and summer is just now ending! I hope I'll get to meet you all in the next two years, and I'm so excited for what the other state officers and I have planned! As you all go back to school and start facing new challenges, I hope you remember this verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.*

Love, Clella

A Message from your 1st Vice

Hello JCDA sisters! My name is Olivia Perez and I will be your new State 1st Vice President for the next 2 years! Words cannot describe how thankful I am for being elected to lead in this position! I'm 16 years old and currently starting my junior year at Roma High School. I'm very active in my community and I love doing service for others. I currently serve as the 1st Vice President of my local court. I play golf and tennis, and I sing and play the violin. I also participate in the journalism club at school. My favorite school subjects are History and English. This is going to be a great school year! I'm definitely excited for this term, and I hope you are too! Lastly, I want you to remember that anything and everything is possible with God on your side.

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Take care,
Olivia

A Message from your 2nd Vice

Hi! My name is Kaya and I'm your 2nd Vice President. My main hobby is acting in my school's theatre department. My favorite things about JCDA are spending time with friends, being a role model for the younger girls, and building a better relationship with God. In the next two years, I would love for the JCDA family to continue to grow and be closer to each other.

Kaya PriceJCDA
State 2nd Vice President



A Message from your Secretary

Hi JCDA members. I am from Shiner, and I am going to be a junior at St. Paul High School. Some things that I like to do are bake, decorate cakes, read, fish, and hunt. I am on my school's basketball and softball teams and I also play trumpet in the school band. I am a member of the Shiner 4-H Club, Girl Scouts, and NHS. This summer, I served on team for the Teen ACTS retreat in Hallettsville. I also attended the Texas Brigades camp as an assistant leader. I have been a member of JCDA for nine years and currently serve as reporter for my local court. I feel that by being a State JCDA officer, I can set an example for young girls. I remember looking up to the girls that served as officers when I was younger and thinking that was something I wanted to be a part of. I think it is good for other teenagers being of service and making a difference in the community. Most importantly, though, JCDA gives me an opportunity to strengthen my relationship with God. I feel blessed to be a part of JCDA. In the next two years, I think it would be neat for JCDA to pick a certain service project that all the courts in Texas can have an opportunity to participate in. This would give everyone a common cause to work for.

Emily Malinovsky
State JCDA Secretary

A Message from your Reporter

Hello fellow JCDA sisters! My name is Marissa Hernandez Pena and I am from court Pope Pius #1805 from Lubbock. I am a junior at Friendship High School. I go to St. Joseph's Catholic Church. I am very involved with our youth program. I am part of our parish youth council and a part of our teen and regular choir. I hope to someday be a Christian singer or a Registered Nurse. I hope to become closer to all of you as well as my fellow state officers. Well that's a little bit about me I hope to see you all soon.

From your State Reporter Marissa Hernandez Pena

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A Message from your Chaplain

Dear JCDA Members:

Summer is over and school has started. I hope that all of you will get a fresh start with the new school year. We just recently met with your new State Officers. They are a very enthusiastic group of young ladies with many good ideas for our Texas JCDA.

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38. How often do you put your complete trust in the Lord?

Msgr. John Peters, JCDA State Chaplain

A Message from your Co-Chairman

Hello to all of you in JCDA! Not too long ago I wrote an article for the CDA State Newsletter regarding "Keeping up with Past State Regents" and I thought I was done writing articles. Not so. I did not think I would have to write another article so soon, however here I am introducing myself to you. My name is Sheila Martinka and I am a CDA Past State Regent (2009-2011) and now serving as State Youth/JCDA Co-Chair along with Peggy Supak.

By day I work as a Nurse Practitioner at the University of Texas at Galveston (UTMB) although my clinic is on the mainland. I have been in nursing for 26 years now and working as a Nurse Practitioner for the last 8 years. I started with my Associate's Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto College Central and while working at Texas Children's Hospital as an RN, I attended University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston and completed my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. After 12 years I became a little bored, so I went back to school for my Master's Degree in Nursing which allowed me to be certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I completed my Master's at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, so you could say instead of a "house divided" I am a "person divided"! Anyway, I enjoy learning and most days enjoy my job taking care of children. My focus is on pediatrics and some days it is quite the challenge, but always rewarding. I enjoy teaching my parents and patients and I always learn something from them. I get to be both teacher and student!

In my "CDA Life", my home court is Court Our Lady of St. Hyacinth in Deer Park. I am a charter member of 22 years. We are very fortunate to have such an active CDA and JCDA court. I have helped out with my local JCDA court and enjoyed working with the State JCDA officers during my time on the CDA State Board. It is very refreshing and encouraging to see all of you eager young ladies coming together in your faith to do such wonderful things. I know you are all busy as I watch and listen to my two nieces who are active not only in JCDA but of course in their studies and extracurricular activities as well. You all amaze me with your non-stop energy and I was witness to a lot of that at the JCDA State Convention!

I am especially excited about the new term and new JCDA officers. We had a great meeting last month in San Antonio. Your JCDA State Officers have many great ideas and are enthusiastic about the next two years. I hope you all will be active and enthusiastic in your own courts and help spread the energy and enthusiasm all around the state of Texas!

I feel very privileged to be working with you all and with my State Co-chair, Peggy Supak. I want to thank our State Regent, Peggy Rosales for giving me the opportunity to embark on this new adventure! Look forward to working with all of you!

Sheila Martinka
State Youth/JCDA Co-chairman

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ITEMS FOR
SALE!!!

JCDA
Cups
Pins
Bears
Decals
T-shirts
Charms
Bags

A Message from your Co-Chairman

Hi young ladies of JCDA,

I am one of your new JCDA Co-Chairmen. My day job is serving as the County and District Attorney for Fayette County. I graduated from La Grange High School, received a Bachelor's Degree from Sam Houston State University and a law degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston. I love the law and learning new things every day. I worked at a law firm in Houston for 9 years prior to moving back to hometown La Grange in 1993. I immediately joined CDA and quickly began helping with our local JCDA court. In my spare time I read, hang out with family and friends and most of I love sports, especially softball, having played at Sam Houston and having coached a girls' select softball team for many years.

In my job it is often easy to lose sight of the fact that there is good in this world. To help remind me of this I surround myself with working with the youth in my community, parish and especially JCDA. Working with JCDA is one of the most gratifying activities I have the opportunity to engage in. It truly touches my heart when I run into a former member who has gone on in her life and she mentions how much JCDA meant to her then and how it helped shape who she is today. It also makes me smile each time I hear that a JCDA member has aged out of JCDA and has now joined CDA. I always think mission accomplished.

I was so impressed with our new state JCDA officers and their ideas at our first commission meeting in August. With their enthusiasm and energy I know they will accomplish many things. I agree with and encourage their desire to bring each of you closer to God and closer to each other. In the upcoming two years we plan to have joint projects throughout the state along with activities to bring juniors closer to their sponsoring CDA courts.

I am humbled that our State Regent has given me the opportunity to work with you juniors alongside Past State Regent Sheila Martinka. I look forward to doing everything in my power to carry on the strong tradition of JCDA in the great state of Texas.

Peggy Supak, CDA State Youth/JCDA Co-Chairman

NEWEST JCDA COURT



LEFT: Institution of our newest JCDA court, Court St. Francis de Sales, # 2647, Houston, Texas

Instituted July 17, 2013 by State JCDA President Clella Evans, JCDA State Secretary Emily Malinovsky, State Co-Chairmen, Sheila Martinka and Peggy Supak



District Deputy, District # 20, Mavis Dugas and Immediate Past State Regent, Carolyn Malik also in attendance

ABOVE: Installation of new officers for Court St. Francis de Sales. State Secretary Emily Malinovsky and State President Clella Evans were present in Houston to institute the new court and install the new officers July 17, 2013.

