



Colorado State Court Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Colorado State Convention Security
June 2-4, 2017

National Convention South Dakota
July 2018

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Message from State Regent

Ladies, the New Year is here. The State Convention is coming up very, very soon. I want you all to look at yourselves, look at your Court and think about what you see going on. Who is doing all the work? Who is coming up with the ideas?

How many of the ladies of your Court, are actually doing the work?

We all make New Year's Resolutions. Mostly to better ourselves, and not always in a way God would find favor with. Not that losing weight isn't good or finishing all of those craft projects we all have in our closets wouldn't be a good thing, but how many of our resolutions are the ones that help us to grow with God, to hear him better, to see Jesus in all those around us?

Also, as you all know, it is time to vote for new State Officers. Maybe you are thinking, "I can't do any of those things", but if you are a mother, a room mother, a volunteer at the church, any of those things, then you must know that you are filled with gifts from the Lord. I bet if you really tried any of those positions, you could do it. We all are filled with different gifts that the Lord has given us. Pray on it. What does God want you to do with those gifts? Let them set under the basket, where your light can't shine? I know there are things out there that I can't do, but I also know that those unfinished craft projects are proof that I can do all kinds of things. I just need a little help to finish them. Finishing those projects are skills I am still learning and need help on. If you are like me, you are constantly still learning. God isn't finished with us yet, but he does want us to use those gifts. Think about it, Pray about it. You can always find little ways to grow and learn.

Happy New Year, and may our Gifts grow throughout this coming year.

Bonnie Valcik

Prayer Corner

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardship from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright even in the shadow;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

And by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year ahead.

Anonymous

State News

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is a doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, It is dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi



COLORADO STATE BOARD WEB SITE

To learn more about what is going on at the State level, please visit:

www.catholicdaughterscolorado.org.

There is also a link to the National Board's web site on the state's website or you can go directly to National at: www.catholicdaughters.org

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE STATE BOARD?

Are you considering running for a State Office? Being on the State Board can be time consuming sometimes, but it is a rewarding job. There is some travel and committee work, as well as the regularly scheduled board meetings, which you help to schedule. Being a State Officer not only takes time, but your talent too.

If you are interested in being a State Officer, training is available at the Biennial State and Territorial Officers Workshop held July 13-16, 2017 at the National Shrine of our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

JCDA

JCDA Sunday is February 19, 2017. If you have a JCDA Court, please plan something special for them on that day. If you have not already applied for a Charter from National for your JCDA Court, please do so. If you don't already have a Court, perhaps you have been thinking of starting up a Court? Contact your State Chairman, Mary H. Ganir at (see officer list for contact information)

SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter are some special packets of information that you will need for your January meeting:



Circle of Love Reporting Forms
 Colorado State Convention Information and Registration Forms
 Sample Forms for Running for State Office



State News - continued

CIRCLE OF LOVE REPORTING FORMS

Ladies, I suggest you start now completing the Circle of Love reporting forms for the period March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017. Each court chairman must complete these forms and they must be **POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2017** to your State Chairman. A good suggestion for each court chairman is to keep an on-going record of all activities so when these reports are due, there isn't a mad scramble to try and remember what happened during the past year. If you have any questions on how to complete the reports, please contact your state chairman.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

The names of the delegates and alternates are to be sent to the State Regent immediately following the election. This list should be in the hands of the State Regent **no later than February 15, 2017**. The State Regent will then inform National of the total number of delegates and alternates **no later than March 10, 2017**.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

Based upon the number of members for which each court was billed by National on November 15, 2016, the following is the total number of delegates and alternates you are entitled to elect to our 2017 Biennial State Convention:

		<u>Members</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Little Flower #925	La Junta	23	2	4
Mount of the Holy Cross #941	Grand Junction	73	4	8
St. Theresa #980	Sterling	35	2	4
St. Anthony #1248	Durango	57	3	6
Sacred Heart #1606	Cortez	74	4	8
St. Anne #1622	Lamar	45	3	6
Holy Family #1794	Security	78	4	8
Sangre De Cristo #1810	Alamosa	47	3	6
Madonna of the Mountains #2035	Lakewood	74	4	8
Sts. Peter & Paul #2669	Wheat Ridge	60	3	6



National News

WEBSITE CONTEST

We have entered a time where many of our members and courts are technologically savvy and who have embraced the internet as a tool to inform members and recruit new members. Based on the request of many members, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas now offer local, state, territorial, and campus courts the opportunity to enter their CDA websites in a national contest.

National has transmitted all the guidelines of the Website Contest to all local court regents. The regent must provide this information to your court webmaster as soon as possible. If you do not have the information, please contact the State Regent, who will provide you with all the guidelines. Please be sure to review the qualifications. **It is such a shame when wonderful websites get disqualified because they forget just one of the requirements!**

Local and Campus Courts will submit their website entries to the State Website Chairman by **MARCH 15, 2017**. The 1st place winner in each category and division will be submitted by the State Chairman to the National Chairman. State and Territorial Courts will submit their website contest entries to the National Chairman. To be eligible for the 2017 National Website Contest, all entries **must be POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2017**.

Local court entries should be sent to the State Website Contest Chairman:
Mrs. Bonnie Valcik
See Officer List for Contact Information

2017 EDUCATION CONTEST

The two themes for the 2017 Contest:
Whatever You Do For The Least of My Brethren, You Do For Me
or
Helping the Needy Where I Live

National Education Chairman, Marialice Sagan, asked that Local Regents please be sure that your Education Chairman have these deadlines for the National Education Contest. They are as follows:

Local Court deadline to receive your entries, is no later than February 15, 2017
The State Court deadline, to receive the Local Courts entries, is no later than March 15, 2017
Send them to:
Lucy Gasaway
See Officer List for Contact Information

National Contest deadline is April 15, 2017

Please be very careful to check for spelling and grammar. Also, please review the pictures accurately to make sure they comply with the rules. To avoid disqualification, please follow the rules and regulations and make sure that the back of each entry is signed as specified. **NO ENTRIES SHOULD BE FOLDED OR ROLLED AND NEATNESS IS A KEY FACTOR IN JUDGING.** If you have any questions, please call her. Don't forget that all CDA members are encouraged to enter the contest. There is a lot of talent out there among our members! Remember that students do not have to be Catholic nor do they have to attend a Catholic School in order to enter the contest. The education contest will make an excellent contact and in my experience, families who home school always welcome such an activity for the children.

National News - continued

The National Board and the National Staff pray that the Peace and Love of the Christ Child be with you and your families during the Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The 44th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade is this year. The Theme for the march this year is "The Power of One". Several of the National Board will be attending Mass for the March for Life. The March for Life Rally, which is scheduled to begin at noon at the National Mall, January 27, 2017. The Catholic Daughters will meet at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. On the ground floor of the Museum, at the Atrium Café. They will meet there at 12:30 pm to warm up a bit before going out to the March at 1 pm.

If you can't attend the March, please watch EWTN. National Regent Helene Shepard and National Regent Elect Olga Samaniego are scheduled to be interviewed before the March. Please, keep all the March for Life pilgrims in your prayers.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

The Newsletter Contest guidelines have been sent to all local court regents. If you have not received the information, please contact your State Regent and she will provide you with the information needed.

All entries from the local courts must be postmarked to the State Regent by **March 1, 2017**. The first place State winners must be postmarked on or before **May 1, 2017** to the National Newsletter Chairman.

SEMI-ANNUAL DUES

By now you have received your semi-annual dues bill from the National Office. Please pay this promptly.

Remember, a vote of the court is not necessary to pay this invoice. **Please do not send dues payments in anticipation of the invoice as we cannot apply payment before the invoice is created and numbers often change.**

Be sure to make all checks payable to **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** and indicate the invoice number in the memo field.

GENTLE REMINDERS

- Please remember **ALL** checks to the National Officer **MUST** be made payable to: "**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**" No other name (National Office, Catholic Daughters Headquarters) or any abbreviations (CDA, Cath. Dgtrs. of Amer.)
- Please be sure that your Court # and State appear on the face of your check.
- Please only write the invoice # or Charity/project name in the memo space.
- Always use your State and your Court # in **any** email or letter sent to the National Office.
- Please alert the National Office of any address changes ASAP - 1,749 members have moved from the address listed with National. 918 have moved more than 19 months to 4 years ago! (Ladies you can do the math - $1,749 \times \$.75 = \$1,311.75$ - That is a lot of returned postage that **YOU** are paying for with your Dues.)

Circle of Love-Leadership

Message from your State Leadership Chairman, Evelyn Irving:

Ladies, as you know we have our State Convention coming up. Have you considered running for a State Office? We really need you to pray about it and consider making this great leadership move.

State officers are here to ensure the growth of CDA in the New Term. Two things we need to know:
(1) who we are and (2) why we do what we do.

Our purpose is to know God, to love God and to serve God. Together, we come to know God; together our love for Him deepens; and together we serve Him.

The members of the State of Colorado will take their cue from you: attitude, joy, commitment, leadership, expertise and inspiration.

COLORADO NEEDS YOU TO COME FORWARD AND SERVE ON YOUR CDA STATE BOARD.

COLORADO STATE OFFICER POSITIONS

Duties in addition to those spelled out in the Bylaws:

- Expected to be knowledgeable about CDA, including but not limited to the Bylaws, Tools of the Trade, Circle of Love, National Charities and Protocol.
- Expected to attend all State Board meetings – usually held quarterly.
- Expected to attend and participate in the State Convention. Expenses paid per State's Standing Rules.
- Expected to attend and give presentations at the State Workshop, Regional Workshop, and/or local court workshops.
- Would have the opportunity to attend National Convention. State would advise re expenses.
- Could be requested to attend a National Workshop. State would advise re expenses.
- Will be assigned as a State Advisor to 2 or 3 local courts. This would entail:
 - Communicating with assigned court.
 - Attending semi-annual Financial Reviews.
 - Attending Installation of Court Officers and Receptions of New Members.
 - Attending a court meeting to have the opportunity of meeting members and getting to know more about the court and its plans.
 - Working with courts to which you are assigned in answering their questions about CDA rules, activities and reports.
 - May be requested to fill-in for another State Officer who is unable to attend a function.
- Will be assigned as Advisor to State Circle of Love Chairman. This would entail:
 - Communicating with Chairman
 - Helping Chairman with Circle of Love Reports, workshop and convention reports and letters for the state newsletter.
- New Ideas/suggestions for growing and improving CDA within the state.
- Other assignments as given by the State Regent.





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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.

Court News

Court Mount of the Holy Cross#941 – Grand Junction – (November Minutes) A Memorial Service for deceased members of the Court since 1925. The Court is working on making **their** Scholarship self-funding. A big Thank You was sent out to all the ladies of the Court for selling 150 lbs. of toffee bits. They raised \$755.

Court St. Anne #1622 – Lamar – (November Minutes) An Advent Retreat has been planned for Dec. 9th after the 5:30pm Mass. It will start at 6:30 and run until 8:30pm. There will be a short break part way thru. Christmas Treats for Shut-ins are needed because they have 30 bags to fill for December.

Court Sts. Peter and Paul #2669 – Wheat Ridge – (November Minutes) The Recording Secretary resigned. Paula Neal was nominated. There were no other nominations. A motion was made to accept Paula Neal as the New Secretary. Motion was seconded and passed. Thanksgiving Baskets – there are 25 families that will picking up baskets Nov. 22nd. Christmas Baskets – 25 baskets will need to be assembled. The baskets will be picked up on November 27th. Christmas Giving Tree has been set up for the four facilities. Susan Carabajal bought baby bottles for the Spiritual Adoption program. Parish members will be putting their names on a card and will pick up a bottle, which will be returned filled with money and checks. The donations will be given to Marisol Maternity Homes at a Baby Shower.

Court St. Anthony #1248—Durango—(December Minutes) Before the meeting, we held a Christmas gift exchange and signed Christmas cards for the local priests and deacons. Yearbooks were distributed. Barbara announced that in January we elect our delegates and alternates for the State Convention. Education contest packets were passed out at the school and to the directors of youth faith formation at the St Columba parish. CDA members already received their information. We sold memorial candles in October-November to fund the scholarship we give to a graduating senior. Members displayed some of the wheel-chair sized quilts and lap blankets that are ready to be distributed to the nursing home residents. Leslie told about the owner of the Durango Quilt Company that donated some batting and thread and quilted two of the quilts for us at no charge. Members baked and decorated Christmas cookies for the cookie sale at the Christmas bazaar. We were sold out by 12:30 and so we will probably need to make more cookies next year so we can go to the 3:00 closing of the bazaar. Blanche gave a report on the Epiphany luncheon scheduled for January 14. Local priests and the deacons and their wives are invited as our guests.

