

JCDA – Circle of Love Reporting February 1, 2018 – February 1, 2019

Court Name: Our Lady of Belen

Regent: Mary Rita Esquibel

Number of Members: 8

Number: 1359

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Part I: YOUTH/JCDA

Title of the Project: JCDA Court Institution

In the Fall of 2018, our Regent Mary Rita Esquibel asked me to consider being the chairperson for JCDA. From her work for the Youth Spoke of Circle of Love, she believed that a future JCDA could happen for there was interest. I agreed to take on the project and Elena Martin, Recording Secretary, agreed to be my co-chair.

In December 2018, planning for the JCDA initiated. The committee agreed to have the 1st recruitment with the guidance of State JCDA Chairman and 2nd Vice Regent Yvette Griego on Saturday December 15, 2018. In attendance was Yvette Griego and 1st Vice Regent Angela Herrera and a mother and daughter from Santa Rosa. The mother and daughter were interested in starting a JCDA in their local court and were attending our recruitment for ideas. Currently there are no JCDA in New Mexico, so this project is very important and exciting for New Mexico.

The first recruitment meeting was a Tea Party. Flyers were made to advertise the meeting. It was shared on Facebook, Instagram, distributed at the local Catechism program, and verbal announcements made at the local St. Mary's Catholic School. The menu consisted of Chicken Avocado Salad and Chicken Salad croissant sandwiches with fruits and sliced meats, cheese and crackers. There was a variety of teas and scones. There was multiple activities such as "I am Distinctly Beautiful" and a Mother-Daughter Journal and discussion about what the JCDA is all about. As a souvenir of the event, all those in attendance were given their teacups and saucers to take home. There was about 14 young ladies in attendance. The 2nd recruitment meeting was scheduled.

The second recruitment meeting was Girl Talk. Again, flyers were made to advertise the meeting using the same forms as before. The meeting was on Saturday January 26, 2019. There was about 15 young ladies in attendance. Pizza, popcorn, grapes, sub sandwich, hot cocoa with marshmallows and juice was provided for the young ladies. Our guests included our State Regent Angelina Romero and 2nd Vice State Regent and NM JCDA chairman Yvette Griego. The first order of business was to decide on three possible court names to be sent to National for approval. After discussion and submission of many different names, the court voted on their three potential names. The next order of business was the nominations and election of officers. After voting the following were voted as the courts officers: President – Natalia Leon, 1st Vice President – Katrina Vigil, 2nd Vice President – Angelique Dominguez, Secretary – Ella Zamora, and Reporter – Jozlynn Diaz. The next order of business was the decision of monthly meetings. After discussion and voting, the court decided that their monthly meetings will take place on the second Friday of every month at 5:30 pm. Final discussion was on the possible institution date of the new JCDA. As of now, tentatively, the institution of OLOB JCDA and their Installation of newly elected officers may occur at the OLOB CDA 75th Anniversary celebration taking place on March 17. Once this is set in stone, all information regarding this will be communicated. At this time this is where the project finds itself with the JCDA 1st monthly meeting with elected officers for Friday February 8, 2019.