

Daughters of the King – Diocese of Texas – Fall Assembly – Sep 2024 – Officer Reports

President Report

It has been such an immense pleasure and joy traveling around the Diocese this year! Sister Veronica-Noel our Evangelism Chair and I have been putting on the road miles. We have been hosted by individuals in their homes, staying at local motels and making one day trips whenever possible. We are so blessed to be able to share God's love wherever we go: thank you for the invitations and opportunities we have had. Here is a breakdown of what has been happening.

March 2-3 Assembly at St Martin's Houston

March 3 Kathy Akin presented the charter and installed 14 new members in a new chapter at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Austin. DAL Paige Alvarez-Hanks had the vision for the chapter

March 9 Visit to a local Nursing home to see a Daughter there.

March 10 Returned to nursing home with essentials for same Daughter

Started working on Gratitude beads for Triennial

March 11 Ordered more supplies for beading!!!

March 12 Delivered a Blessings blanket

March 16-17 Province & Assembly in Bossier City, LA

March 18 Phone conference with Board members

March 20, more beads, more beading for Triennial

March 21 CT scans negative, Cancer in remission; Praising God!!

March 23 Folding palm crosses with CHapter 1291 in Angleton

March 24 more beading

April 5,6,7 pm Diocese of Dallas Retreat at Shepherd's Pasture in Jefferson, TX

April 12 Home visit and blanket delivery

April 14 Sister and I to visit with St Brigid's of Ireland Chapter at St Thomas the Apostle in Nassau Bay

April 20 Spent time on phone with Daughter whose Mother is in Hospice,

Stuffed swag bags for Triennial for 6 hours

April 23 Mailed a Blessings blanket

April 30 Started PT for Lymphedema, fun times!

May 1 Met with Teresa Antley

May 4 GBS rehearsal Bryan

MAy 11 GBS Bryan

May 12 All Saints Cameron Sister and I presented the charter and installed 4 new members. DAL Sheryl Colley had the vision for this Chapter

May 14 Mailed another Blessings blanket

May 27 Home visit and meals to a newly widowed Daughter.

May 30 Joined Mother Nan Doerr and Sister to sing for Father Mike Gemignani in his Hospice room.

May 31 Sister and I to St John's, Austin, Ways to Pray

June 1 Sister and I to visit a homebound Daughter with singing and Communion

June 3 Phone meeting with Laura Goehrs to discuss Fall Assembly

June 8 GBS rehearsal in Bryan

Numerous DOK phone calls, texts and emails(almost 3 hour drive, good timing)

June 9 Meeting with Teresa re: scholarship questions

Spoke with Sara Brown DAL in Eagle Lake, interested in restarting chapter

June 11 Delivered Blessings blanket

June 13 Delivered Blessings blanket, meals and encouragement

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June 22 Sang with GBS for Father Mike's memorial service at Holy Trinity, Dickinson, made rose quartz prayer beads for singers.

June 26-30 Triennial

July 3 COVID:(

July 8 Hurricane Beryl. Our power was restored pretty quickly, many others were not so fortunate.

Delivered food, meals and assisted bedbound parishioner with ADLs

July 10 Delivered more food, delivered a Blessings blanket

July 12 Mailed a Blessings blanket

July 13-14 Cooked breakfast and lunch to serve to congregation Sunday the 14,
delivered meals to homebound

July 19-20 Holy Comforter JDOK sleepover(they; stay up 'way too late for me and my inflatable mattress gave out about 1 am)

July 21 Joined a contingent of Daughters to worship at St Luke's the Evangelist with Reverend Marcia Sadberry(this is the historic first Black Episcopal Church in Houston).

July 23-31 numerous calls, texts and emails with Camp Allen regarding registration for Fall Assembly

July 25 Letters to Convocational Reps

July 28 Home visit to bereaved Daughter whose daughter died; meals, Blessings blanket, encouragement.

July 30 Delivered Blessings blanket

Registration OPEN!

August 1 Letter to Board, agendas completed

August 2 Met with Teresa, tried to fix laptop issue, final notes, getting t's crossed

August 16 Delivered meals, encouragement to bereaved daughters whose Mom had passed.

August 25 we have 88 registrants for Assembly, praying for this Assembly to be a blessing.

We have worked through challenges together and have become stronger. If you would like a visit from a Board member, please let us know.

I continue to send out daily prayers which God has placed on my heart. You may find them on our DOT Facebook page.

Gratitude is a memory of the heart. A heart of gratitude always recollects the past of what God has done. Thanks be to God! Tory

Vice President Report

Since Spring Assembly 2024 I have continued to forward emails to the Convocational Representatives for our President, Tory. Also, I sent reminders to Convocational Representatives to contact Chapter Presidents about changes in their officers. I appreciate each one of our Convocation Representative's. It has been a blessing to serve with you for the past 5 years. You are the lifeline in communications.

Austin: Marjie Lawrence

SE: Nancy Polmanter

Galveston: Teresa Antley

East Harris: Catherine Thompson

San Jacinto: Chelsea Waschek-Gaukin

NW (Waco): Carol Mellis

West Harris: Corinne Cooper

SW: Mary Bounds

Central: Nancy Leaton

North Region: Mary Beth Butler

NE: Linda Leath

The Order of the Daughters of the King, Diocese of Texas, Vice President

Karen Courville

Membership Chair Report

I work with all the Chapters in our diocese in providing any help they need. I build the Membership Report for each of our two Assemblies and the Necrology report for the Spring Assembly. I assist our President Tory Arnold with anything she needs regarding membership. I also supply annual membership statistics for Province VII. I work closely with our National Office to keep our Membership lists error free.

We admitted a new Chapter this year. All Saints Episcopal Church in Cameron, TX. The Chapter name is All Saints of Cameron.

I work with the Chapters who have less than 3 members to see how they are doing regarding building up the chapter with new members. Currently we have only three chapters with 1 member and these chapters have chosen to close the chapter once their remaining Daughters have decided to move to Daughters at Large or resign their membership.

I sent an email to many Junior and Senior Chapters in August regarding the collection of dues in their chapters. The response I received was very heartening. So my focus for the forthcoming fiscal year is to keep up with all the Chapters on where we have many Daughters in default. This is a situation that needs to be addressed at the Chapter level. I plan to send quarterly reports to each Chapter that has an unusual number of Daughters in arrears.

One final note. Please send in to the National Office the New Officer's Report if you haven't already. It is due every September 1. You need to send this form whether or not the officer's have changed. To have a correct membership database that our National Office keeps for us is important when working with a Chapter that we are reaching the correct chapter officer.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Polmanter, Membership Chair

DOK Membership Report - August 25, 2024

SENIORS

Chapters	104
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	2,164
At Large	114
Behind on Dues	260

Chapters with 0 Members	0
Chapters with 1 Member	3
Chapters with 2 Members	0

JUNIORS

Chapters	
Total Members (Incl. DAL)	137
At Large	11
Behind on Due	67

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Chapters with 0 Members	0
Chapters with 1 Member	0
Chapters with 2 Members	0

Glory Bound Singers Chair Report

The Glory Bound Singers sang for the 2024 Spring Assembly in Houston, for the Province VII Assembly in Shreveport in March, and for the DOK Triennial in Louisville in June. We appreciate the financial support of both our Diocesan and Province VII members as we worked to transport and register the group for all three events, including scholarships for many of our members and two Commissioned newly-composed anthems by Janet Janzen that reflected the theme of the Triennial, "A New Day Dawns." We were delighted to have had several new members join us this year, including Cynthia Eichenberger and Marti Fagley from the new Ft. Worth part of our Diocese. New members are welcome at any time, as we continue to sing together for the Glory of God. Respectfully submitted, Dr. Linda Patterson, Director, Glory Bound Singers

Communications-Website Chair Report

We have had a Diocesan website for almost 20 years. We used 2 different sites that hosted us, both did not charge fees. Our latest host decided to go out of the website hosting business in mid-September. I have been looking at where to move. I am wary of using another free site, because of the type of ads that could be displayed. Therefore, we are moving to a commercial site, that will cost. I am currently spending most of my time working on the move. After September 15th, if you find something that does not work, please send me an email so I can correct it.

Thank you – Linda S. Blumberg, LBlumbergHome@gmail.com

Junior DOK Report

2024 in Review

Annual JDOK Retreat – 2024 - January 12 – 14th
Camp Allen, Campsite 3

We hosted approximately 56 young girls and 25 volunteers at our 2024 JDOK in January. The girls spent time bonding with one another as they immersed themselves in the splendor of Camp Allen. They participated in prayer walks and morning devotionals, went on a hike, played a game of Live Clue (Princess style) and used a new prayer tool (Prayer Maps). They were also able to spend time with our priest for the weekend, Reverend Kendrah, and ask her questions or request personal prayers. Our main devotional for the weekend was on Queen Esther (hence the Princess Diaries theme) and how she answered the call from God for her people and how we can do the same, in either big or small ways.



JDOK Transition/Metamorphosis Weekend – February 2024

February 9 – 11th

Camp Allen, Dunn Center

Our second Transition weekend saw five women and 8 Junior Daughters (high school and college age) from throughout the Diocese gather at the Dunn Center for a weekend of prayer and devotions. We explored the study of the 5 Marks of Love by the Society of Saint John the Evangelist delving into the topics of Tend, Listen, Teach, Tend and Transform. We spent time in prayer, used Prayer Maps, made and used Weeks Beads and so much more.

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Directress Day Retreat/Workshop – July 2024

July 13, 2024

Church of the Holy Apostle, Katy, Texas

We hosted a retreat/workshop for Directresses throughout the Diocese at COTHA on July 13th. We began with morning prayer lead by Adelle, followed by a yoga session lead by Victoria Walls. Adelle then presented a session on how to jumpstart your JDOK chapter. We broke for lunch and had a discussion with conversation questions as we ate. Following lunch, Adelle spoke to the group about our upcoming Transition retreat (October) and JDOK Retreat (2025). We then made Prayer Goo (a fun prayer tool they can use with their JDOK) and Adelle's husband, Matt played the guitar for us as we finished with worship.

2024 & 2025 – Upcoming Events

JDOK Transition/Metamorphosis Weekend – October 2024

October 11 – 13th

Camp Allen, Dunn Center

Leadership Team:

- Retreat Directress: Adelle Muller-McKinstry & Vicki Terrell
- Retreat Registrar: Lissette Smead

For High School & College aged girls

- Limited space available – 10 girls max

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- Registration coming soon!

ANNUAL JDOK RETREAT – 2025 - January 17 – 19, 2025
Camp Allen, Campsite 3

Leadership Team:

- Retreat Directress – Adelle Muller-McKinstry & Vicki Terrell
- Retreat Registrar – Lissette Smead & Deborah Northrup
- Retreat Chef – Paige Akard
- Camp Nurse – Tori Arnold
- Music – Lee Read

Registration:

On-line – September 1st – September 30, 2024 - \$30 per girl
October 1st – October 31, 2024 - \$40 per girl

Needs:

- Kitchen help
 - Unloading on Friday evening (starting at 3pm)
 - Shifts
 - Friday from 3 – 7 pm
 - Saturday 7am – 12pm
 - Saturday 11 am – 3 pm
 - Saturday 3 pm – 7 pm
 - Packing kitchen materials Sunday morning (starting at 10 am)

COMMUNICATION & TRAINING

GOOGLE GROUP/Facebook/Instagram

- All known directresses and involved adult leaders are invited
- Communicate information about the retreat & gatherings/luncheons/workshops
- Communicate activities & events of Junior Chapter

GOALS & GROWTH

- Increase support & networking for Directresses
- Focus on transitioning older JDOK (Transition Retreat October 11 – 13, 2024)

Diocese of Texas Junior Chapter Status

- Most chapters continue to struggle right now
- Need support from home churches and sr DOK chapters

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NAME	CHURCH	CITY	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS PAST DUE (FY23,FY22, FY21,FY20)
Queen Esther	Church of Holy Apostles	Katy	15	8
Eve Jr	St. Andrew's Episcopal	Bryan	6	4
Elizabeth Jr	St Peter's Episcopal	Brenham	8	5
Lamb of God	Good Shepherd	Kingwood	0	0
St Josephine Bakhita	St. Mary's Episcopal	Cypress	7	7
Angels of the Cross	St. John the Divine	Houston	19	12
Janet Jr	St. Cuthbert Episcopal	Houston	13	10
St Mary & Martha	Holy Trinity Episcopal	Dickinson	3	0
Miriam Jr	Calvary Episcopal	Richmond	0	0
Trinity Jr-Marshall	Trinity Episcopal	Marshall	0	0
Little Flower Jr	Trinity Episcopal	The Woodlands	21	14
All Saints-Stafford Jr	All Saints Episcopal	Stafford	0	0
St Joan's Jr	All Saints Episcopal	Austin	0	0
Grace Jr	St Dunstan's Episcopal	Houston	11	3
St Rose of Lima Jr	Trinity Episcopal Baytown	Baytown	3	0
Ben E Jr	Trinity Episcopal	Galveston	9	2
Holy Comforter jr	Holy Comforter Episcopal	Angleton	8	2
Lydia Jr	Church of the Ascension	Houston	3	3