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JPCA Day

February 17, 2015!

At 1 p.m. a group photo will be taken on the south steps of the Capitol. Please wear your uniform if possible.(if you are attending the Civil Process Seminar, classes will resume at 2 p.m. in the Capitol Auditorium). If you would like to attend class, please register ASAP, as we need to secure transportation and be able to give an accurate number to the hotel. Thank you. www.tjctc.org *
Please note the JP class is full, but you can still come for the day.

JPCA will hold a Legislative Reception at the Doubletree Guest Suites on 15th and Lavaca from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will be inviting all State Senators and Representatives to this Reception.

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During the legislative session, the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association has a special event at the Capitol, known as JPCA Day. On this day, we want to have as many JP's, Constables, Deputies and Clerks descend upon the Capitol to meet with their state Senators and Representatives. In recent years, JPCA has worked on many issues facing JP's and Constables. We cannot do it without your help. There is strength in numbers, and we need you!

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Every legislative session has challenges. In an effort to reach out to more legislators during this session, JPCA needs your help! Contact your State Representative and your State Senator regarding legislation that affects Justices of the Peace and Constables. For more information contact Constable Carlos Lopez, Travis County Constable.

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Justices of the Peace and Constable's Association of Texas, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
June 26, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Truitt at 9:35 a.m.

Stan Chapman of High Standard Firearms LTD addressed the membership and advised that he and his company was donating an AR-15 to the membership to be raffled off during the Banquet.

Judge Suzy Thompson reported that an audit was conducted on the JPCA financials and that although Wayne Pierce did not have all of the financial reports because of the short time he was Sec/Treasurer, what information he did have was satisfactory for the Audit and that the financials were in good standing.

Executive Director Roger Roundtree advised that with 1 clerk school remaining in July the training center has registered approximately 3000 attendee and that the webinars have been successful. He is in the process of replacing the position that left by Amanda Sharp when she resigned the department. The Training Center is still in discussions with the OMNI for office rental space and they are looking at different locations as well. Judge Shilla Hart, representing West Texas JPCA made a donation of \$500 to the Scholarship fund and she stated that since they do not have a legislative account they would also like to donate to the JPCA Legislative fund a check in the amount of \$1512.36. Chief Deputy Todd Tiemann advised that as the President of North Texas JPCA that NTJPCA would also like to donate to the JPCA Legislative account \$1000. Larry Gallardo along with Sallie Gonzales advised on behalf of South Texas JPCA they would also pledge \$1000 to the JPCA Legislative Fund. During the "pass the hat" an additional \$972 was collected.

Judge Kay Phillips prior to giving the Scholarship report advised that she had a check form the Daily Court Review in the amount of \$2500 to be donated to the JPCA Scholarship account. She also went on the advised that although he was not able to attend this year's conference, Constable Ron Hickman sent a check in the amount of \$5000 to be donated to the JPCA Scholarship account. With the change from last year to transfer \$10 from each active membership Wayne Pierce reported that \$12840 would be transferred to the Scholarship account. Judge Phillips reported that there were 39 total applicants, of which 5 were disqualified and 5 were received after the posted cutoff date of May 23, 2014. Leaving a total of 29 high school and college applicants. These applicants were reviewed and scored individually by the scholarship committee and those scores were tabulated to get a total score. The Committee then meet as a whole and decided to award a total of \$21000 in scholarship awards. The breakdowns of the recipients were that the top 4 in high school and college would receive a \$1500 scholarship each totaling \$12000. The next 9 recipients (tie between 8th and 9th place) would then receive \$1000 each totaling \$9000. The \$1500 recipients included: College: Jordan Acker, sponsored by Judge Brenda Acker. Alexa Haverlah, sponsored by Constable Clerk Krishna Haverlah. Ryan Pinson, sponsored by JP Clerk Maria Pinson. Jordyn Warren, sponsored by Judge Connie Hickman. High School: Sara Ballmann, sponsored by Judge Ray Ballmann. Madeline Jones, sponsored by Judge Dorothy Lewis. Deric McCurry, sponsored by JP Clerk Cari McCurry. Josia Williams, sponsored by Judge B.W. Baucum.

The \$1000 recipients included: College: Elizabeth and Rachael Ballmann, sponsored by Judge Ray Ballmann. Andrea Multer, sponsored by Deputy Constable Dale Multer. Carlie Ross, sponsored by Constable Tim Burch. High School: Gabriella Berger, sponsored by Constable Don Berger. Haley Blanco, sponsored by Deputy Constable Martin Blanco. Shelby Rae Moody, sponsored by JP Clerk Laverne Moody. Madison and Matt Templeton, sponsored by Judge Lewis Templeton. Resolutions were presented and read to the membership honoring Constable Mike Truitt, The Conference Host Committee, Judge John Carson and Judge Kay Phillips. Motion was made by Jackie Miller and seconded by Suzy Thompson to accept and the motion passed with the resolutions becoming a part of these minutes. Judge Advocate Jackie Miller Jr gave a report on the Associations bylaws and asked that a committee be formed to look strongly at the by-laws and to bring to the membership next year any and all revised by-laws once they have been reviewed and brought "up to date". Motion was made by Sallie Gonzales and seconded by Carlos Lopez to accept the report and recommendation.

After a 25 minute recess the meeting resumed. The 2015 conference report was given by Larry Gallardo and Bennie Ocha III. The conference will be June 22-26, 2015 at the Isla Grande at S. Padre Island. Room rates will range from \$129 for a cabana to \$250 for a 2 rooms suite.

Judge Phil Montgomery made a presentation along with his clerk, Linda Morales, to host the 2016 Conference in San Antonio. A motion was made to go to San Antonio in 2016 by Judge Nance Bosquez and seconded by Larry Gallardo. Motion passed.

President Mike Truitt announced the results of the election as follows:

District 6 Director: Dale Clark Sgt-At-Arm: Rick Coffman Sec/Treasurer: Chad Jordan

Being no old or new business, President received a motion to adjourn from Jackie Miller Jr and seconded by Suzy Thompson.

Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas, Inc. 70TH Annual Business Meeting June 24, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Truitt.

Presentation of Colors made by Jackie Miller Jr. and Lonnie Hunt with the National Anthem sang by Jeannie Klump. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wichita County Judge Woody Gossum

Invocation was given by District 2 Director B.W. Baucum.

Welcoming remarks were given by President Mike Truitt. The following Guests and Dignitaries were introduced by Judge Janice Sons and each gave an opening welcome to Wichita Falls and Wichita County: Wichita Fall Chief of Police Manuel Borrego, Wichita County Judge Woody Gossom, Wichita County Sheriff David Duke, Wichita Falls Mayor Glen Barns and Sheppard Air Force Base Col. Fletcher.

Minutes of the June 26, 2013 Annual Business were presented by Constable Wayne Pierce for consideration and Judge Suzy Thompson made the motion and second by Constable Chad Jordan that they are accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Due to a vacancy in the Sgt-At-Arms position President Mike Truitt made the motion and second by Constable Gene Mayes to appoint Constable Rick Coffman. Motion passed. Financial report was presented by Constable Wayne Pierce and a motion was made by Constable Dale Clark and second by Judge Jackie Miller to accept the financial report. Motion was passed. Nominations of Directors are as follows:

Clerk Representative – Elizabeth Tolbert, nominated by Gene Mayes and seconded by Rick Coffman. No other nominations and motion made by Bobby Gutierrez and seconded by Dale Clark to elect Elizabeth Tolbert by acclamation. Motion Passed. Deputy Representative – Bobby Gutierrez, nominated by Dwain Read and seconded by Kay Phillips. No other nominations and motion made by Suzy Thompson and seconded by Kay Phillips to elect Bobby Gutierrez by acclamation. Motion Passed.

The counties within each district were read by Suzy Thompson and the nominations are as follows:

District 1 – Nancy Bosquez, nominated by Dwain read and seconded by Kay Phillips. No other nominations and motion made by Kay Phillips and seconded by Bobby Gutierrez to elect Nancy Bosquez by acclamation. Motion Passed.District 2 – Aurora Chaides-Hernandez, nominated by B.W. Baucum and seconded by Jim Doolin. No other nominations and motion made by Chad Jordan and seconded by Suzy Thompson to elect Aurora Chaides-Hernandez by acclamation. Motion Passed. District 3 – There was none present to represent District 3 Director and that position will be filled by an appointment by president Elect Janice Sons. District 4 – Billy Johnson Jr., nominated by Billy Johnson and seconded by Suzy

Thompson. No other nominations and motion made by Jackie Miller Jr and seconded by Bobby Gutierrez to elect Billy Johnson Jr by acclamation. Motion Passed. District 5 – Bennie Ochoa III, nominated by Juan Mendoza and seconded by Sallie Gonzales. No other nominations and motion made by Sallie Gonzales and seconded by Bobby Gutierrez to elect Bennie Ochoa III by acclamation. Motion Passed.



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District 6 – Martin Castillo nominated by Jim Humphrey and seconded by Jackie Miller Jr. Dale Clark nominated by Todd Tiemann and seconded by Jackie Miller Jr. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Chad Jordan and seconded by Sallie Gonzales that nomination cease and the 2 nominees would be placed on the ballot for an election. Both individuals were given an opportunity to speak to the membership.

District 7 – Danny Thomas nominated by Carlos Lopez and seconded by Bobby Gutierrez. No other nominations and motion made by Sallie Gonzales and seconded by Chad Jordan to elect Danny Thomas by acclamation. Motion Passed.

District 8 – Eugene Mayes nominated by Suzy Thompson and seconded by Jackie Miller Jr. No other nominations and motion made by Suzy Thompson and seconded by Carlos Lopez to elect Eugene Mayes by acclamation. Motion Passed.

District 9 – Kent Layton nominated by Wayne Money and seconded by Mark Brusso. No other nominations and motion made by Chad Jordan and seconded by Jackie Miller Jr to elect Kent Layton by acclamation. Motion Passed.

District 10 – Ryan Gable nominated by Wayne Maddox and seconded by Chad Jordan. No other nominations and motion made by Sallie Gonzales and seconded by Chad Jordan to elect Ryan Gable by acclamation. Motion Passed.

President Mike Truitt recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 11:08 a.m. Suzy Thompson made the report from the Nominating Committee as follows:

With President Elect Janice Sons moving up to President, 2nd Vice President Larry Gallardo moving up to President Elect and 3rd Vice President Phillip Montgomery moving up to 2nd Vice President. Motion was made by Suzy Thompson and seconded by Gene Mayes. Motion passed.

The Nominating Committee nominated Carlos Lopez for 3rd Vice President and was seconded by Bobby Gutierrez. No other nominations and motion made by Bobby Gutierrez and seconded by Jackie Miller Jr. to elect Carlos Lopez by acclamation. Motion Passed.

The Nomination Committee nominated Jackie Miller Jr for Judge Advocate and was seconded by Bobby Gutierrez. No other nominations and motion made by Chad Jordan and seconded by Gene Mayes to elect Jackie Miller Jr by acclamation. Motion Passed.

The Nominating Committee nominated Rick Coffman for Sgt-At-Arms and was seconded by Jackie Miller Jr. Dwain Read was nominated by Aurora Chaides-Hernandez and was seconded by Jim Doolin. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Chad Jordan and seconded by Sallie Gonzales that nomination cease and the 2 nominees would be placed on the ballot for an election. Both individuals were given an opportunity to speak to the membership. The Nominating Committee nominated Chad Jordan for Secretary/Treasurer and was seconded by Sallie Gonzales. Wayne "Doc" Pierce was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Jim Humphrey and seconded by Jackie Miller Jr. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Sallie Gonzales and seconded by Jackie Miller Jr that nomination cease and the 2 nominees would be placed on the ballot for an election. Both individuals were given an opportunity to speak to the membership.

Legislative Committee reports were given by Judge Becky Kerbow and Carlos Lopez along with a Legislative Update given by Rick Thompson of Texas Association of Counties.

Chairs of the Education Committees were recognized along with the committee members that were present.

Motion made by Suzy Thompson and seconded by Bobby Gutierrez to recess and reconvene on June 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting June 24, 2014

President Mike Truitt called the meeting to Order at 12:18 p.m. The Roll of members was called at the Following were Present: Mike Truitt, Janice Sons, Larry Gallardo, Phil Montgomery, Wayne Pierce, Rick Coffman, Jackie Miller Jr, Nancy Bosquez, B.W. Baucum, Billy Johnson Jr, Bennie Ocha III, Dale Clark, Eugene Mayes Elizabeth Tolbert, and Martin Castillo. The invocation was given by Judge B.W. Baucum.Sec./Treasurer Wayne Pierce gave a brief overview of last year's audit and advised the Board of Directors that new receipts for merchandise had been purchased and at the advice of the Audit the receipts were printed with the following statement "This purchase may not be tax deductible".

The financial report was given and motion was made by Gene Mayes and seconded by B.W. Baucum to accept the financial report as presented. The minutes of the Bod meeting on 6/26/2013, the New BOD meeting on 6/28/2013 and the Mid-Term meeting on 01/16/2014 were presented and a motion was made by Jackie Miller Jr and seconded by Martin Castillo to accept the minutes and presented.

President Mike Truitt gave the President's report and thanked Wayne "Doc" Pierce for taking on the role of Sec./Treasurer in the interim. Mike also discussed the new "push cards" that are being developed stating basically who and what JPCA is and that Texas Association will produce the cards and cost of printing only. Larry Gallardo discussed the

inventory and sales of merchandise. He also discussed that the 2015 Conference will be at the Isla Grande at S. Padre Island and that the dates at June 22-26, 2015 and that the Executive Board will arrive on the 21st. Rates for a cabana room will be \$129/night and a 2 room suite will be \$269/night. The Group code will be 1506JPCATP and the room cutoff date is May 29, 2015. There was no old business discussed.

New business of having TAC (Texas Association of Counties) take on the membership program of JPCA was tabled to the New BOD meeting on 6/26/2014.

There was no executive session and Directors gave brief closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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This is a very hard working Executive Board. They attend all educational seminars throughout the year and are very active with the Texas Association of Counties. With the legislators already hard at work, please be in contact with the JPCA board and let them know if you are willing to volunteer during this busy legislative session.



2014-2015 Justice of the Peace and Constables Association Board of Directors

District 1 Director: Judge Nancy Bosquez

District 2 Director: Judge Aurora Chaides-Hernandez

District 3 Director: Vacant

District 4 Director: Judge Billy Johnson
District 5 Director: Judge Benny Ochoa, Jr.
District 6 Director: Constable Dale Clark
District 7 Director: Constable Danny Thompson
District 8 Director: Constable Eugene Mayes
District 9 Director: Constable Kent Layton
District 10 Director: Constable Ryan Gable

Court Clerk: Elizabeth Tolbert

Deputy Constable: Chief Deputy, Bobby Guiterrez



Constable Eugene Mayes—T.A. Vines Award



Judge B.W. Baucum—T.A. Vines Award



President Mike Truitt and Judge Kaye Phillips—"Mama Kaye" retired in in 2014 but is still a very active member of JPCA. Judge Phillips has served on the Judge's and Clerk's Education Committees and also served many years as Secretary Treasurer of JPCA. She retired, but she is still around! We love you Mama K!!!!!



The Swearing in of the new President, Judge Janice Sons, by outgoing President Constable Mike Truitt.

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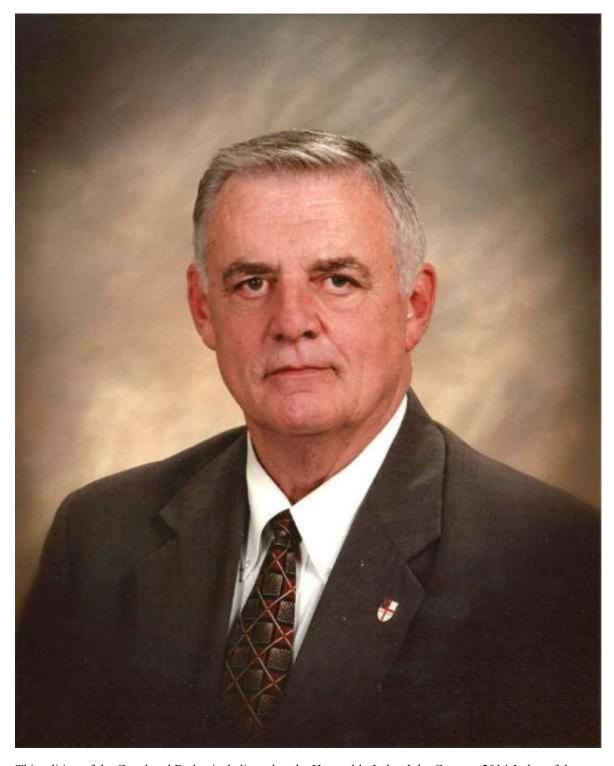


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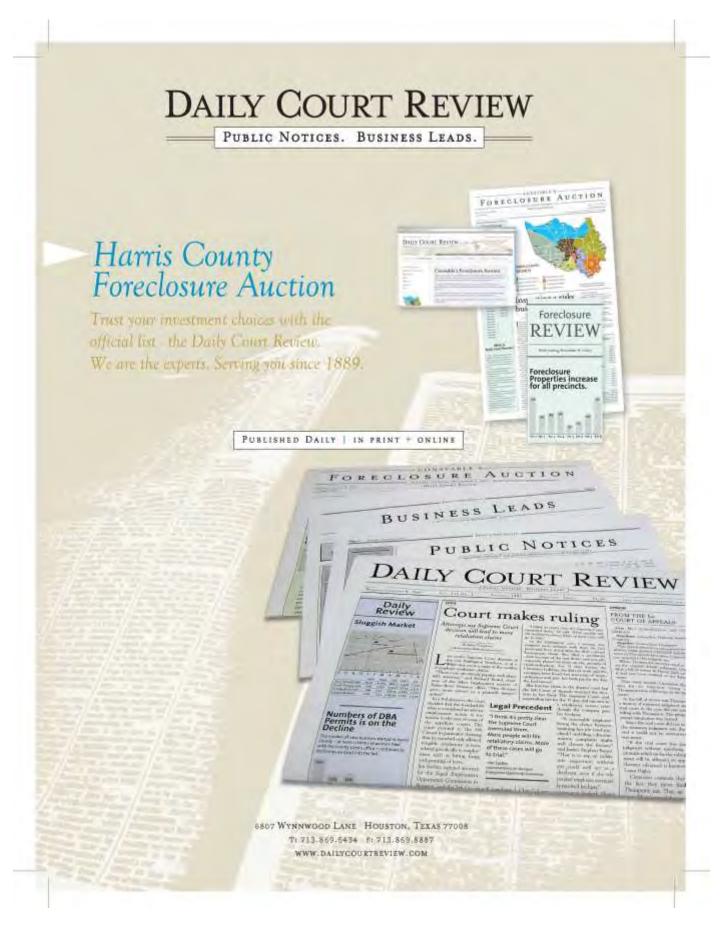
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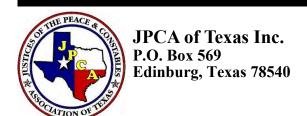
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