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Welcome from President **Sergio De Leon**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your JPCA President! I joined JPCA in 2001 shortly after being elected Constable and became more active once I was elected Justice of the Peace in 2012 and to now serve as your President will go down as a highlight of my professional career.

Over the next 12 months, I look forward to working with the entire JPCA Board and our membership to advance our goals and objectives.

We have a diverse organization that is truly dedicated to professionalism and serving the Texas community. We are rural and urban, we are coastal and plains, we are one person offices and 20 plus employees, we are male and female, we are young, and young at heart. We are Anglo, Hispanic, African-American, Asian, and many others. In short, WE ARE TEXAS! We are one state, one people, and united in our effort to make Texas the greatest state in the nation.

I am so proud of all of our clerks, constables, and judges who have worked so hard under enormous circumstances over the past couple of years to deliver quality service to our constituents.



As president, my priorities will be JPCA priorities! Accordingly, I will work with our education committees and the training center to make sure the training we provide to our members is top notch. Additionally, I look forward to working with our legislative committees to pass legislation that will enhance our respective roles and prevent legislation that would negatively impact us.

This is going to be a fun and exciting year and I look forward to working with all of you to grow and strengthen JPCA.

Onward Together,

Judge Sergio De Leon
JPCA President

Congratulations

2022 JPCA AWARD WINNERS!

- (1) BEST PRACTICES AWARD: HON. ROWDY HAYDEN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 4
 - (2) T.A. VINES AWARD: HON. LUZ PAIZ, JIM WELLS COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 5
 - (3) JUDGE OF THE YEAR: HON. AMBER KING, LOVING COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
 - (4) SWEETHEART AWARDS: MS. TERESA KOCH, MEDINA COUNTY CHIEF COURT CLERK
MR. ELDON "LEE" DUNN, HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE'S OFFICE SERGEANT
- CONSTABLE OF THE YEAR: HON. KEVIN MAYBERRY, FANNIN COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3
(NOT PICTURED)
- CLERK OF THE YEAR: MS. LEESA LANE, COLLIN COUNTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR
(NOT PICTURED)



JPCA DOMINOES TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by: Perdue Brandon



(Pic L to R; Brady Hooks, Constable John Hooks, Constable Larry Armstrong, Constable John Miller)

On Tuesday, June 28th, at the 78th Annual JPCA Conference in College Station Constable John Hooks and his son Brady (Walker County) bested six teams in the 42 Dominoes Tournament sponsored by Perdue Brandon. Constables Larry Armstrong and John Miller (Hill County) finished in second place. The tournament registration sent \$135 to the JPCA Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Perdue Brandon for sponsoring the great prizes for the winners. A special thanks to J.R. Woolley (Waller County) for organizing the Dominoes Tournament!!

NEW BYLAWS

New bylaws were adopted by the members at the 78th Annual JPCA conference. Learn more about JPCA and our new bylaws at the link listed.

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*We want to
hear from
You!*

Have a story you want to share? Contact us at the email listed below!

Trainings Around the State

Mental Health Conference



JPCA members and officers attended a two day Texas Association of Counties conference on Mental Health: Changes and Challenges in Round Rock, July 20-21. Topics included COVID and mental health, the impact of the Damon Allen Act on magistration and bonding, and education about Childhood Traumatic Experiences that may still be impacting defendants. Jessica Foreman, TJCTC Education Manager, and Amber Myers, TJCTS Staff Attorney, taught a class on creating a Sequential Intercept Map for a court's criminal and civil procedures to identify solutions for person in the Justice system that have mental and substance use disorders. Many speakers also spoke on the dearth of mental health facilities and beds in Texas, as well as legislative changes and updates that may provide additional funding and new beds for mental health services.

Story by: Judge Sylvia Holmes, Travis County

Pictured: JR Woolley (Waller County) Gregory Johnson (Bell County) Kelsey Bernstein (TAC Legislative Team) Holly Williamson (Harris County) Karen Diaz (San Patricio County) and Amber Myers (Staff Attorney TJCTC)

Chaplain's CORNER

In the secular world, some adults think that because they have reached adulthood, growth and training are no longer necessary. Other adults are involved in continuing education or attend night classes and the like. In our organization and professions, we receive training on a regular basis through TJCTC and Lemit.

In the Christian world, many Christian adults have not moved beyond the initial act of placing their faith in Jesus Christ. To some they may view the Christian life as static rather than a continual process of maturing. What I have found is some adults equate regular church attendance with Christian growth and may even be unaware of deeper levels of spiritual maturity they need to experience. You may say I go to church every Sunday. I admit that coming to church worship services every Sunday hearing the word taught and explained does move you toward maturity to an extent.

As members of JPCA we all are joined together in our professions serving and moving toward a more professional educated role in government. May I suggest that we should have that same zeal and drive as Christians toward spiritual maturity? We should desire & want more in learning and knowing God's word and how it is applied to our daily lives. And yes, even applying our spiritual maturity to our professional lives.

For many, they believe they are "called" into the profession they serve today. I say, "Amen" to anyone that believes they are exactly where God wants them. But God's word teaches we are to strive for and move toward "Spiritual Maturity." Are you moving toward spiritual maturity?

Dwain Read, JPCA Chaplain

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JPCA COMMITTEES

Committees are the thread that keeps JPCA running. Committee members volunteer countless hours each year to ensure that our association is responsive, informed, and friendly. Click the link below to see all of your committee members.

CLICK HERE

Interested in joining a committee?

Contact JPCA at jpcaoftx@gmail.com for more information about serving on a committee.

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We hope to see you in
SAN ANTONIO
June 26 - 30, 2023
for the 79th annual
JPCA Conference



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