

The Lone Star



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CoDA Texas Officers: Chair-Terri S., Vice Chair-Noreen M., Treasurer-Robert G., Secretary-Dephny Z.

Texas Business

Texas 2009 Voting Entity Issues

The CoDA Service Conference was held in Seattle in July along with the Convention. The Texas issues will be reviewed at the business meeting Sat. morning at the State Assembly in Ft. Worth Nov. 6-8. All of Texas' state issues were submitted to committees.



1. Texas requests that the following phrase (or something similar) be added to the wording in the Fellowship Service manual (FSM) regarding reading the four Foundational documents as written: "...as written, with the exception of substituting Higher Power for God."
2. Texas requests that CSC business/committee meetings and Convention workshops not overlap if CSC and Conventions are held together in the future.
3. Remove CoDA Teen Committee from Sections 9 and 10 on page 6 (or any other place it may be referenced) of the Fellowship Service Manual.
4. Texas is concerned that the CoDA World Board members are losing sight of the Board's duties. Per the Second Tradition: "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." In addition, Texans who have served as CoDA Board members or in other service positions at past Conferences have reiterated the statement that Board members do not perform committee work.

Texas Website

We are looking for suggestions on possible companies that will accept prepayment to host our web site; please contact Karen G. (kkg1456@yahoo.com).

Texas 7th Tradition Donations

THANK YOU to all CoDA Meetings and Individuals for the 2009 7th Tradition contributions to CoDA Texas From the CoDA Texas Treasurer, Robert G.

Gracias a todos las reuniones CoDA y los individuos por sus contribuciones de la 7^a traducción del 2009. De la Tesorera CoDA, Robert G.

TX006 – Austin	\$62.00	TX207 – Richardson Wed.	\$60.00
TX008 – Houston	\$52.00	TX341 – Ft. Worth Unity	\$50.00
TX020 – Houston	\$50.00	TX419 – Brazos Blue Bonnets	\$30.00
TX046 – Houston	\$73.00	TX471 – Tyler	\$40.00
TX074 – Tyler	\$50.00	Spring Board Meeting	\$10.00
TX089 – Richardson Sun.	\$10.00	May Campout	\$11.00
TX140 – Austin	\$30.00		

Total 2008 Contributions	\$578.57
Total 2009 Contributions as of Aug. 31, 2009	\$528.00

According to the 12 Traditions, CoDA is self-supporting through its own contributions. Seventh Tradition donations help CoDA Texas send Delegates to CoDA Service Conference, provide seed money for the annual retreat, pay for the CoDA Texas web site, state PO Box, provide seed money for State Assembly, and pay for postage to mail these newsletters! Suggested donations above prudent reserves are 60% to the city community, 30% to CoDA Texas, and 10% to CoDA World. Send Texas donations to: **CoDA Texas, P.O. Box 300511, Austin, TX 78703-0009. Please provide the meeting number with your donation.**

SCHEDULED UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, AND GATHERINGS. CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS, CURSOS, Y CONGREGACIONES

Month Mes	Event Evento	When Cuando	Where Donde	Contact Contacto
<u>Sept. 2009</u>	Speaker Meeting	Sept. 19 7:00-9:00	Dallas, TX	Sharon M. 972-661-9843
<u>Nov. 2009</u>	State Assembly	Nov 6-8	Ft. Worth, TX	Terri S. tismitty@hotmail.com
<u>Oct. 2009</u>	Fishing Trip	Oct 3 Sat.	Eustace, TX	Joe B. 903-677-3079 jberry7870@aol.com
<u>Dec. 2009</u>	Holiday Potluck	Dec 5 6:30-9:00	Dallas, TX	Sharon M. 972-661-9843
<u>Jan. 2010</u>	23 rd Birthday Party	Jan 16	Houston, TX	David L. david.lewallen@sbcglobal.net

CoDA Fishing Trip Oct. 3

By Joe B.

If you love to fish, come to the CoDA Fishing Party at Purtil Creek State Park on Oct. 3. Bring your own food and drink (there are BBQ grills on site). The entrance fee is \$3 per day. No fishing license required and you release the bass after catching them. Pets are allowed on a leash. To camp out make your own reservations; call the park at 903-425-2332. Everything is impromptu—no programs or meetings planned. Look for the CoDA sign near the Bait and Tackle shop area on Sat. Any questions, contact Joe B. at 903-677-3079 or jberry7870@aol.com. If it rains, the outing is canceled.

Revised Inner Child and Parenting Sections in the CoDA Book

By Karen G.

We have been reading the Frequently Asked Questions section in the book, and we discovered differences in the text, depending on which edition was used. Texas submitted a Voting Entity issue to return paragraphs about the inner child and parenting ourselves, which the Literature Committee accomplished. These new sections are longer and even better than before! If you get a chance, check them out as they are powerful.

What's Happening in CoDA World?

By Judi Ann, CoDA Board Chair

The place to be in November 2008 was Chicago, in July 2009 it was Seattle, and in July 2010 it will be Los Angeles. What is the place? It's the CoDA Service Conference (CSC) where decisions are made for the CoDA Fellowship. This week of business and committee meetings begins with Spirituality Day and finishes with a weekend convention chocked full of recovery seminars. Next year's event is promising to be an extravaganza with a Saturday night speaker that is sure to enliven and inspire us all. Who is the speaker? The Events Committee knows and will announce the exact dates, speakers, and hotel location in the not too distant future.

The big “*happening*” is CoDA’s growth throughout the world. The number of meetings outside of the USA is fast approaching the number of meetings within the USA. “How is that done?” you might ask. Easy – someone volunteers to start a CoDA meeting and contacts the Translation Committee for literature. The foundational documents are translated and the Fellowship grows from there. Actually, it’s not so easy. If you think there is miscommunication within the US Fellowships, there are even more opportunities for miscommunications in multi-national communications. Despite the challenges, CoDA World continues to expand.

Technology continues to roll in at CoDA - this month....

- CoRe announces the online web store. A bit of CoRe news from Texas: Janice retires from her position as CoRe office manager and processor. That work will be moved into the distribution center, which is located in the southeast.
- CoDA phone management goes high tech with a system that includes:
 - Toll free number
 - Availability of 500 voice mailboxes
 - Conference calling, and
 - Best of all, technology that makes it possible to schedule CoDA volunteers to answer calls – for a few hours each week. The 602-277-7991, a Phoenix number, remains unchanged. Watch the www.coda.org web site for an announcement of the toll free numbers – one for Spanish and one for English.
- Virtual meetings are going strong. See meeting times on the CoDA website under Alternative Meetings. There are now 22 virtual meetings. Have you dropped in on one?

The CoDA Board holds a monthly teleconference call. If you’d like to attend, sign up on the web site. If you’d like to learn more about becoming involved in CoDA business, contact me. I’d like to show you how to contribute your time and energy at the US or World levels. It’s work I truly enjoy and it’s a part of my personal recovery program.

Texas Retreat Co-Chair Needed

The good news is Judi C. was elected Chair of the CoDA, Inc. Board. The bad news is that she needs to give up her job as Co- Chair of the annual Retreat Planning Committee to focus on her new duties, which opens up an opportunity for someone who has enjoyed and benefited from the Retreat to give back. If you are interested or have questions, contact Marilyn B., mbarnes@petrohawk.com.

Camping Trips

Bob M. is planning two more camping trips this fall. If you are interested in knowing when and where the trips will occur, contact him at 903-262-7446 or bomo54@yahoo.com. Thirteen people attended the Krause Spring Camp out, which is the largest group to date. Despite the hot weather, the cold springs and numerous trees kept the heat from being oppressive. Everyone had a great time. Bob and Marilyn are accomplished campers and bring many of the comforts of home with them. It is quite impressive.

Next Newsletter and Board Meeting Minutes

The next newsletter will be sent out after Nov. 2009 (electronic copy). Send an e-mail to kkg1456@yahoo.com to receive a copy of the final 2008 State Assembly minutes.

Texas Contact List

Anyone who wants to be added to the Texas e-mail list may write to judiann104@yahoo.com. To **opt out**, send an e-mail to the same address. To correct or change an address for the postal mailings or opt out of the mailing, send an e-mail to danw1212@gmail.com or a letter to Dan W., 813 Rock Creek, Irving, TX 76039.

FORT WORTH HOSTS CODA TEXAS STATE ASSEMBLY



SAVE THE DATE! NOVEMBER 6-8, 2009

HAMPTON INN & SUITES
- FORT WORTH/BURLESON -
13251 JAKE CT., FORT WORTH, TX 76028
LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF I-20 ON I-35W AT
ALSBUARY BLVD. (EXIT #38)

• CALL NOW FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS AT 817-295-2727 OR WWW.HAMPTONINN.COM .
DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2009. ASK FOR THE "CoDA" GROUP RATE. RATES ARE \$85 (+TAX),
SINGLE OR DOUBLE. HOTEL ROOM INCLUDES A HOT BREAKFAST & HIGH SPEED INTERNET.
AMENITIES INCLUDE INDOOR POOL & FITNESS CENTER.

JOIN US FOR WORKSHOPS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!! • ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT -
- BUSINESS MEETING AND WORKSHOPS ON SATURDAY. SATURDAY EVENING IS SPEAKER NIGHT.
SUNDAY MORNING WILL END WITH A GRATITUDE AND SPIRITUAL CLOSING SESSION. •
FINAL AGENDA TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS ONLY \$25.00 / \$35.00 AFTER OCTOBER 6.
DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 6, 2009

.....RETURN THIS PART WITH YOUR PAYMENT-.....

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NOVEMBER 6-8 2009 CoDA TEXAS STATE ASSEMBLY

NAME _____

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GROUP NAME/NO. _____



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