



*The Daughters of the Republic of Texas*  
*San Jacinto Chapter, Houston*  
*The San Jacinto Dispatch*  
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***San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony***

The official San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Approximately 300 people attended to celebrate the 174th anniversary of the most significant Battle in the Western Hemisphere. The Deer Park High School Orchestra played for the singing of the National Anthem and "Texas our Texas."

The ceremony featured Ron Stone, Jr., as Master of Ceremonies and James Haley, as the keynote speaker. Mr. Haley is the author of Sam Houston and a Texas History entitled Passionate Nation. During his speech, Mr. Haley spoke of the significance of the Battle of San Jacinto and that the battle is now viewed in the broader context of a continent-wide series of revolutions in which the forces of tyranny were defeated by those who sought freedom.

The Invocation was given by Patsy Teas, Chaplain General, San Jacinto Descendants and Miss Ima Hogg Chapter, DRT. Sam Giuffre, Junior Member, Sam Houston Chapter, SRT, led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and Daniel Work, Fourth Vice President General, CRT led the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Trey Strake, Chairman, San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board, presented opening remarks.

Sam Houston IV, Knight of San Jacinto, read the Battle Report from San Jacinto, written by his great-grandfather, General Sam Houston. State Representatives Dan Branch and Wayne Smith presented a proclamation from Governor Rick Perry naming Sam Houston IV as General of the Texas Army. The Fife and Drum played "Will You Come to the Bower." There was the laying of the Memorial Wreath and the Salute to the Texas Patriots was conducted by the Texas Army and SRT Texian Volunteers.

Patti Atkins, President General, DRT and Eron Brimberry Tynes, President, San Jacinto Chapter recognized the Thelma Maresh scholarship winners. A total of \$6,000.00 was presented to high school seniors, Jenny Le (First Place), Heather Muir (Second Place) and Sarah Petta (Third Place).

During the presentation, Ms. Tynes said that the San Jacinto Chapter holds a special interest in the San Jacinto Battlefield, explaining that one of its original purposes was “to acquire and mark the Battlegrounds of San Jacinto, where our Republic was born.” Ms. Tynes also noted that the Texas Veterans had bequeathed their deeds and memories to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas by them to be held in trust forever. In closing she also said, “As Daughters we are proud of our 118 years of service to the people of the State of Texas. We are honored and humbled to be entrusted with the sacred duty of preserving the historic sites of the Texas Revolution so dear to every Texan’s heart. We are proud to be Custodians of the Alamo and proud of our heritage here at the San Jacinto Battleground.”

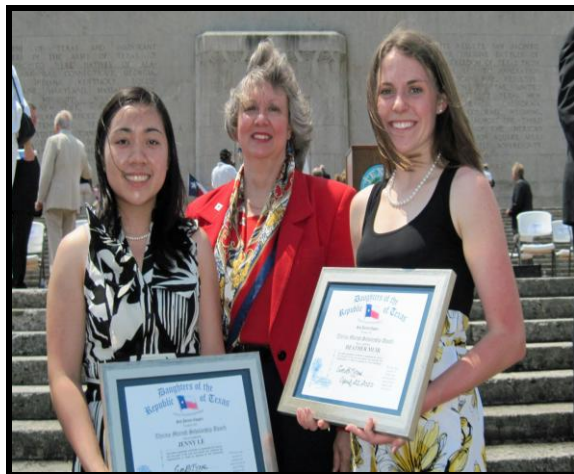
The ceremony was organized under the auspices of the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board, with Nancy Burch and Will Haddock serving as Co-Chairs for the Planning Committee. Other San Jacinto Chapter members serving on the Planning Committee were Jan DeVault and Eron Tynes.

After the ceremony, many of us went over to the Monument Inn Restaurant for a celebratory lunch. The restaurant was filled with daughters and sons of The Republic of Texas descendants, the Texian Army and many others as we celebrated this most significant of our Honor Days.

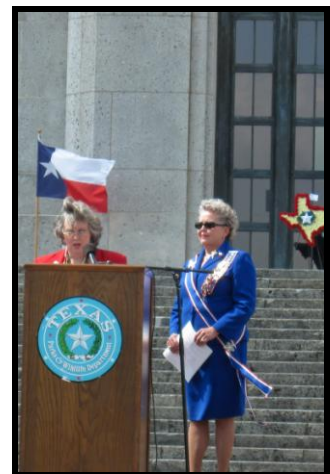
### 2010 Thelma Maresh Scholarship Winners



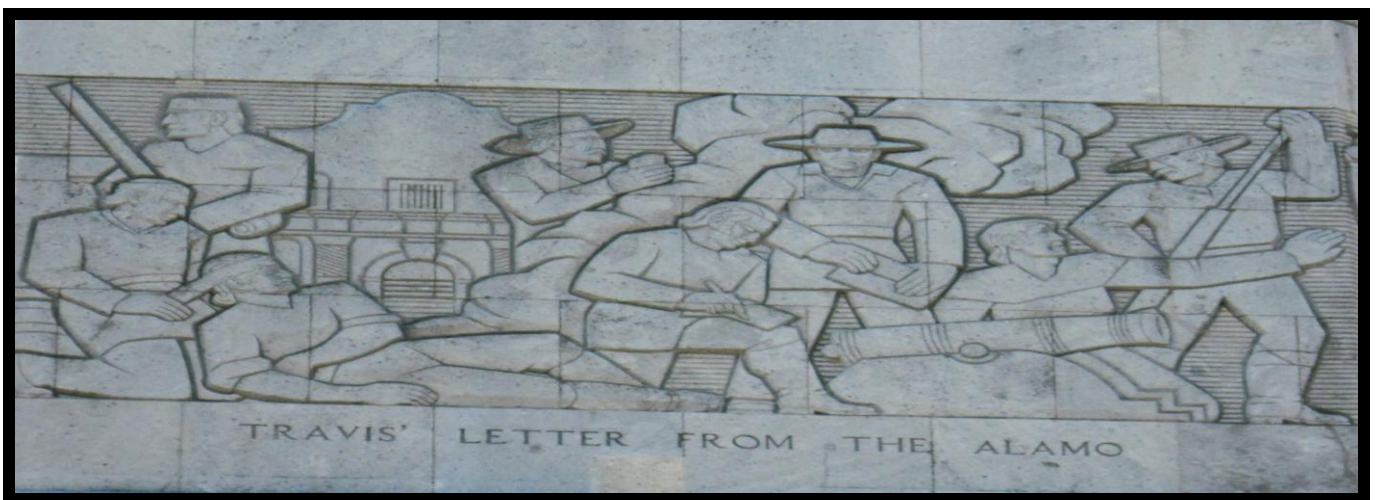
Eron Tynes, SJC Pres.



Jenny Le, Eron Tynes, Heather Muir



Patti Atkins, Pres. Gen.





San Jacinto Salute



Battle Re-enactment



### Fourth and Seventh Grade Essay Winners-2010



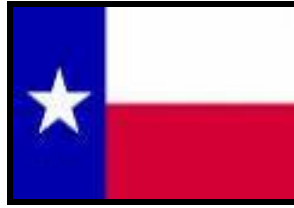
L to R: Elizabeth Collier, Wesley Partridge, Hailey Brenner  
Back Row: Alexandra Pierce, Erin Williams, Sarah Nash



Sandra Meier and Elizabeth Collier

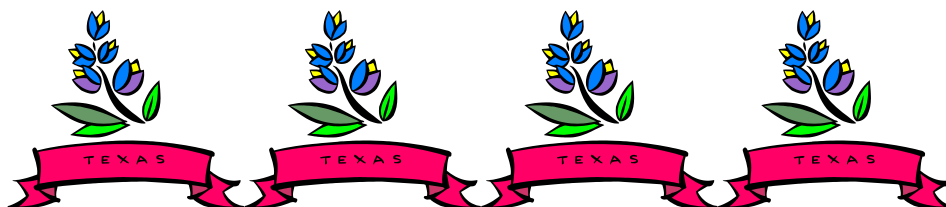
On May 1, 2010, the San Jacinto Chapter hosted the reception for the Texas History Essay Contest winners and their parents at the Log House.

Eron Tynes, President, introduced each student before they read their essay, then presented them with a certificate and check for their category. Sandra Meier, District VI Representative, presented District VI winner Elizabeth Collier her award. The topic of the essay for the seventh grade was John R.I.P. Ford and the fourth grade topic was Texas State Cemetery. Winning essays were very imaginative and historically correct! After the awards ceremony, refreshments were served by Ann Tanner. It is heartwarming to know that the future of TEXAS is in very good hands.



## **HISTORICAL DATES IN TEXAS HISTORY**

<b>May 23, 1541</b>	<b>Coronado gave thanks for having found friendly Indians in the Palo Duro Canyon; Texas had a Thanksgiving 79 years before the Pilgrims.</b>
<b>May 24, 1690</b>	<b>The Mission San Francisco de los Tejas was founded in east Texas.</b>
<b>May 17, 1835</b>	<b>A. B. Dodson married Sarah Bradley. She later gave him a flag--a red, white and blue banner with a lone star for his army company.</b>
<b>May 14, 1836</b>	<b>Santa Anna and President David Burnet signed the Treaty of Velasco.</b>
<b>May 19, 1836</b>	<b>Nine year old Cynthia Ann Parker was captured by Indians; it would be 24 years before her rescue.</b>
<b>May 16, 1888</b>	<b>The state capitol was dedicated.</b>
<b>May 18, 1912</b>	<b>The battleship "Texas" was commissioned.</b>
<b>May 28, 1929</b>	<b>The state song, "Texas Our Texas" was adopted.</b>



## May Meeting Memorial Service



Memorial Service



Eron Tynes and Marje Harris

At the May meeting, a memorial service was held to honor SJC Daughters who have passed away during this past year. Eron Tynes and Marje Harris conducted the ceremony. A candle was lit and a white rose was placed in a crystal vase in remembrance of each member. Ann Tanner, Luanne Zacek, Gwen Kunz, Nancy Burch, Francita Ulmer, Brenda Auld, and Ann Bevil assisted by reading a short biography on each member.

The Daughters who were remembered at the ceremony were Carol Mobley Renaud, Joyce Turner Moroney, Josephine Wehner, Emma Vestal Emmot, Dorothy Baker Goodwin, Eliabeth Eastham, and Reba Jo Eppes Irwin.

## End-of-Year Luncheon

The June luncheon will be held at **Brady's Landing**, 8505 Cypress Street, Houston, Texas 77012.

This will be our regular meeting and will start at 11:30 a.m. During the business meeting, we will have a new member welcome service.

Bus transportation will be provided to the restaurant from St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer. If your plans include riding the bus, you **must** reserve your seat. After lunch, the bus, will visit two historical markers. The bus will leave promptly at **10:30 a.m.** and will be parked at the back of St. Luke's parking lot, on church property, near the corner of Edloe and Alabama.

Checks for your reservation should be made payable to: **SJC-DRT** and the cost is \$25 per person.

Mail the reservation form and your check to:

**Ann Bevil**  
**1237-C Post Oak Park Drive**  
**Houston, TX 77027- 9209**

**Your reservation form and check MUST be received no later than May 29, 2010. (Form is attached)**

**\* Any reservation made after May 31 will incur a \$5 late fee.**

### Country Store

Sales at the Country Store during the convention were a big success! Our move back to the Log House was much lighter. I will be ordering new things and replenishing our old ones after the June audit. Be watching for a new Keep Texas Beautiful ornament and a new Capitol ornament. Thanks to all the helpers at the convention. Phyllis, Kae, Sally, Martha, Tamara, Cindie and Linda showed their true San Jacinto spirit. And Phyllis, Marje and Tamara baked those delicious cookies which were a hit with convention attendees. Remember to let me know if you have any new ideas for the store.

See you in my corner,  
Luanne

#### SCENES FROM THE COUNTRY STORE AT THE CONVENTION



Linda Beverlin at Country Store Table



Luanne Zacek



Kae Theilen and Sally Whittington



Auction Item



Linda Beverlin, Kae Theilen, Tamara Kittleson,  
Phyllis Moody and Sally Whittington



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## May Program Presentation



**Ann Bevil, Edward Cotham, Jr, Eron Tynes**



**Nancy Burch and Esther Simon**

### “Was the Civil War in Texas Important?”

Our May 6, 2010, speaker was Civil War enthusiast and expert, Edward T. Cotham, Jr. Mr. Cotham is the author of several books on the Civil War; his most recent, Sabine Pass: The Confederacy's Thermopylae won the Dan and Marilyn Laney Prize for Civil War Battlefield Preservation.

If you have suggestions for programs for next year, please let me know at [abevil@aol.com](mailto:abevil@aol.com).

**Ann Bevil**  
Second Vice President



### KELSEY SANDERS LUKINGBEAL

of New York City. May 28, 1988 to April 15, 2010. The world has lost one of its most precious individuals in the loss of Kelsey on Thursday. Kelsey truly blazed her own trail and followed the song in her heart wherever it took her. She graduated from Elkins High School in Fort Bend County in 2006. Her pioneer spirit in the last few years led her to Washington D.C. where she attended George Washington University and interned for Congressman Hare of Illinois in his congressional office. Most significantly, Kelsey lived the last four months of

her life in New York City. Kelsey will be forever remembered for love of Siamese cats, her crazy sense of humor, her charismatic personality, and her unique style. Kelsey's Texas roots ran deep and she was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Mourning her loss but celebrating the 21 years that we shared with her are her mother, Patti Livingston, father, Steve Lukingbeal, older sister and brother, Katherine and Patrick Lukingbeal, and grandfather, Mark Lukingbeal. Kelsey had numerous cousins and aunts and uncles in Ohio and Texas. In lieu of flowers the family requests remembrances in Kelsey's memory be made to Austin Siamese Rescue, Inc. at P.O. Box 13474, Austin, Texas 78711-3474 or the charity of your choice. Services are tentatively scheduled at 4 PM, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Christ United Methodist Church, 3300 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, Texas.

Sleep my child and peace attend thee all through the night.

## **News From State Convention**

### **By-laws change – The new deadline for Dues is now October 1.**

*The annual dues shall be payable in advance. Dues apply from the first day of June (1 June) through the thirty-first day of May (31 May) each year. Dues shall be accepted beginning with the first day of June (1 June) and shall be **considered delinquent after the first day of October (1 October)**. The Chapter Treasurer shall issue notices of dues to all chapter members whose dues are unpaid by the first day of August (1 August). Members-at-large shall receive dues notices from the Second Vice President General. When necessary, the Chapter Treasurer or Second Vice President General shall issue a second notice by the first day of September (1 September). **A member whose dues have not been received by her Chapter Treasurer by the first day of October (1 October) shall be placed automatically on inactive membership status without further notice.** This also applies to dues from members-at-large.*

Attached to this newsletter is the updated Dues form with the new dates. Please ensure that you pay your dues as soon as possible, so you will not be placed on inactive status.

### **By-laws change - Emeritus Members**

*In the event a member of fifteen (15) years or more or a charter member of her chapter is placed in long-term care, is incapacitated, or finances forbid her from continuing to pay dues, and she would rather not resign, she shall be maintained on DRT records as an emeritus member until her death with all DRT Association and chapter dues being waived. Eligibility shall be established through written request to the Second Vice President General [See Article XIV, Section 5(b)].*

This change will now allow us to place members who qualify otherwise for “Emeritus” without their personal finances being a consideration.

## **The Vision**

During the convention, the members of the Vision Team gave a wonderful presentation regarding the purchase of property in Austin for future growth. Attached to this newsletter is the packet of information received from The Republic of Texas History Complex Vision. This request for a donation will be considered at the next San Jacinto Chapter Executive Board meeting.

## EVENING AT 2010 CONVENTION



**Helen Kelso, Carolyn Lightfoot, Sandra Meier and Nancy Burch**

Carolyn Lightfoot, SJC Past President, was tapped to respond to the welcome of Nathan Tollett, Director of Sales, Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, to the DRT State Convention. Her response highlights the melding culture of the city of Houston.

### ***Response to Welcome – 2010 Convention – Carolyn Lightfoot***

*Thank you, Nathan, for that warm welcome. The Stars are truly shining bright tonight in this room.*

*Madam President, Board, ladies and gentlemen: We are so happy to be here again in the namesake city of the **Hero of San Jacinto, Sam Houston**. Having our **119<sup>th</sup> Convention** here in this great city only a few miles from the hallowed ground where Texas won her independence from Mexico is a privilege and an honor.*

*We have come to embrace this City **as it surely embraces us** just as it did the legendary citizens who have **left their mark on one of the crossroads of the world**.*

*This city has been blessed with the likes of the Allen Brothers, William Rice, George Hermann, Howard Hughes, Jesse Jones, Miss Ima Hogg and the many cultures that make up our city today. We have no majority here. **To win, you must cooperate in your endeavors**.*

*Our ballots come in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Our restaurants are known around the world.*

*One shopping center has a Vietnamese tailor, Pakistani rug store, French linen emporium, South American potter, Italian clothier, and Chinese and Mexican Restaurants with the Mexican one touting its Greek salad. **We who live here look on this as normal**.*

*Some of you toured a small part of our city today, we encompass 581, Daughters, that is **almost 600 square miles of Texas**, and I'm sure you enjoyed seeing Clayton Library, where I, as well as a lot of you, have researched your heritage. **I spent a year of my lift there once**.*

*Our parks are many, but the crown jewel is Memorial Park and at **1503 acres**, it is one of the largest urban parks in the United States, in which **we, The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, thanks to Miss Ima Hogg, retain a revisionary interest**.*

*Thank you again, Nathan. We look forward to our days here in Houston.*

## Friends of the Log House

Our San Jacinto Chapter is blessed with a permanent home where we can meet, educate groups, and entertain guests. The original chapter members who sacrificed to bring this house to a reality in 1936 are depending on us to continue the legacy of our heritage.

The Log House Museum functions separately from the chapter. We have a separate board, bank account, fund raisers, etc., even though we are closely aligned with the chapter.

We are all aware of the necessity of maintaining our own homes. The Log House has the same needs. It costs about \$1,400 per month to keep the house open and functioning. Our home needs a steady supply of funds every year to continue to remain open.

Where do the funds come from? We use funds from grants, the sale of Country Store items, rentals by outside groups, tax-free donations from our members and other non-member supporters. Current membership expires June 30, so it is time again to help pay our bills. Membership levels are as follows:

<b>\$25 Texas Star</b>	<b>\$50 Silver Star</b>
<b>\$100 Shining Star</b>	<b>\$250 Gold Star</b>
<b>\$500 Lone Star</b>	<b>\$1000 Platinum Star</b>

When you have out-of town guests this summer, or throughout the year, bring them to tour our Log House and gardens. It's a lovely oasis in the middle of urban Houston. Call the house for a special tour, or to get the hours that it is open for the public (713-522-0396).

All those who love Texas history are eligible to become a *Friend*. Please consider this when you get ready to renew your membership dues to the chapter, and encourage your family and friends to join us. We want to see that "star quality" from all of you!

We are grateful to these donors for their contributions to the Log House in recent months. Without people like you, we couldn't stay afloat. We all appreciate your generosity.

**Kae Theilen                      Brenda Auld                      Sherry Bowersock**

**Phyllis Moody, in memoriam for Kelsey Lukingbeal**  
**Maxine Brimberry, in memoriam for Kelsey Lukingbeal**

Martha Haydel, Chair of FLH

**BLUEBONNET BRANCH CHAPTER- DRT**

**CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE  
DISTRICT VI WORKSHOP**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2010**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



**Native Texas License Plate**

If you do not already have your Native Texas license Plate, please support the DRT in its effort to preserve Texas history -- order your license plate today. Native Texas license funds are used "for the purpose of all aspects of preserving Texas historic sites or funding educational programs that teach Texas history, including but not limited to the maintenance and preservation of historic properties and furnishings as well as acquisition, maintenance, preservation and cataloging of historic documents and artifacts." Visit the Texas Department of Transportation website today for your Native Texas license plate application . . . and tell your native Texas friends and family!

<http://rts.texasonline.state.tx.us/NASApp/txdotrts/SpecialPlateOrderServlet?grpid=60&pltid=93>

**2011 CONVENTION**

**May 12-14**

**San Antonio, Texas**

Reservation line is now open at the Crowne Plaza-Riverwalk

Room rate is \$109 per night.

Telephone is 888-233-9527

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