



The Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston
The San Jacinto Dispatch
June, 2011

June Luncheon

Lakeside Country Club

The June luncheon and chapter meeting was held on June 2, 2011, at Lakeside Country Club in the Pinelake Room. It was a wonderful luncheon and such a joyous occasion as we gathered before our summer break.

A delicious trio salad lunch was served and the view from the Pinelake Room was gorgeous. The highlight of the June Luncheon was the installation of the new San Jacinto Chapter officers for 2011-2013. Eron Tynes and Esther Simon conducted the installation ceremony. Yellow Roses were presented to each incoming officer. Texas Flag centerpieces designed by Luanne Zacek decorated the tables.



Eron Tynes presenting the President's pin to Luanne Zacek.



Eron Tynes, Esther Simon and Luanne Zacek

San Jacinto Chapter Executive Board 2011-2013



Front Row – Sharolyn Wood, Recording Secretary; Nancy Burch, Second Vice President; Luanne Zacek, President; Kae Theilen, Chaplain; Marilyn Chapman, CRT Registrar;
Back Row – Tamara Kittleson, Treasurer; Linda Beverlin, Historian; Cindie Gruetzmacher, First Vice President; Sally Whittington, Corresponding Secretary; Marje Harris, Registrar; and Kay Martin; Third Vice President.



Installation Ceremony



Eron Tynes swearing in Luanne Zacek, Cindie Gruetzmacher, Nancy Burch, Kay Martin and Kae Theilen

... Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter of Houston, this is a momentous occasion. As we install in office the women whom you have chosen to guide and direct your chapter these next two years, I charge you to remember in this hour your duty and responsibility to loyally support the women who you have elected your leaders. Upon you in large measure rests the success of the new administration.

... Having been duly elected as officers of the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, do you solemnly promise to uphold its Charter and Bylaws and endeavor through just administration of them to keep the spirit of unity in the bond of peace and to work zealously to promote the success of the Association during the ensuing years? ...

... It is a privilege to welcome you as the new officers of the San Jacinto Chapter, and my wish for you is that you may find ever-increasing joy and inspiration in the service you render this Association. ...



From left to right; Sally Whittington, Marilyn Chapman, Marje Harris, Linda Beverlin, Tamara Kittleson and Sharolyn Wood.



Honorary Members



Rick Whittington was presented with an Honorary Membership by Luanne Zacek.

During the past several years, Rick has volunteered his time to provide security at the Log House during special events. He always attends the Texas Independence Day Celebration and Chili Cook off and was at both 75th anniversary Log House Celebrations. As events at the Log House have grown, Rick has provided a much needed service and we appreciate his valuable time.

Eron Tynes also presented an Honorary Membership to Bob Gruetzmacher. During this past spring, Bob coordinated a project at the San Jacinto Battleground to spruce up the SJC Boulders, DRT panels, the Sundial and the Texian Army Camp Site. We are deeply grateful to Bob for his efforts to beautify this part of the battleground in preparation for the 175th Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto and Texas Independence.

In addition, Bob brought his pressure washer and cleaned the sidewalks and front porch of the Log House for its 75th anniversary. He has also played Santa Claus during the Christmas Open House and provided music at the Christmas Luncheon.

We appreciate all his untiring efforts on behalf of the San Jacinto Chapter.



Senior Members

During the program, the twenty-five year members were recognized. In addition, Eron Tynes recognized the members of the San Jacinto Chapter Executive Board and Log House Board members for their service over the past year. Also, certificates were presented to all the members in attendance for their contributions over the past year. Eron thanked everyone for their efforts as we worked to promote Texas history and to commemorate 175 years of Texas Independence.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERS

CAMPBELL Joyce Coleman	013710	12/11/1985
CRICHTON Helen Agotta	014024	4/9/1986
HAYDEN Anne Wiech	014046	4/16/1986
HERZOG Collette Baker	014022	4/9/1986
JACKSON Jacqueline Wiech	014045	4/16/1986
JONES Marajane Gill	013883	2/21/1986
KENNETT Anne Darby	014026	4/9/1986
NESBITT DeEtte DuPree	013467	7/29/1985
PERKINSON Jane Ross	014152	5/15/1986
SHIMEK Carolyn Ivy	013946	3/11/1986
WHEATON Jane Groneman	013711	12/11/1985
WHITAKER Velma Galny	013662	11/13/1985

Luncheon Pictures



Tamara Kittleson, Martha Haydel, Nancy Burch



Brenda Stover, Dianne Stachowiak, Candace Sawyer





Brenda Auld, Bob and Cindie Gruetzmacher



Linda Beverlin, Sue Montgomery, Ann Bevil



Phyllis Moody, Allison Ball, Mary Jo Brice



Amy Sopchak, Margaret Standard, Kae Theilen



Betty Petty, Shannon Work, Amy Teufil and Ann Tanner



Marilyn Chapman, Gwen Kunz, Esther Simon





Luanne Zacek, Sharolyn Wood, Eron Tynes



Rick and Sally Whittington, Anita Cooper



Rose Slatton, Angela Mahmarian, and Marje Harris



Maxine Brimberry, Kay Martin, Marilyn Van Way and Anita Walls



Elaine and Joe Tarver, Peggy Payne



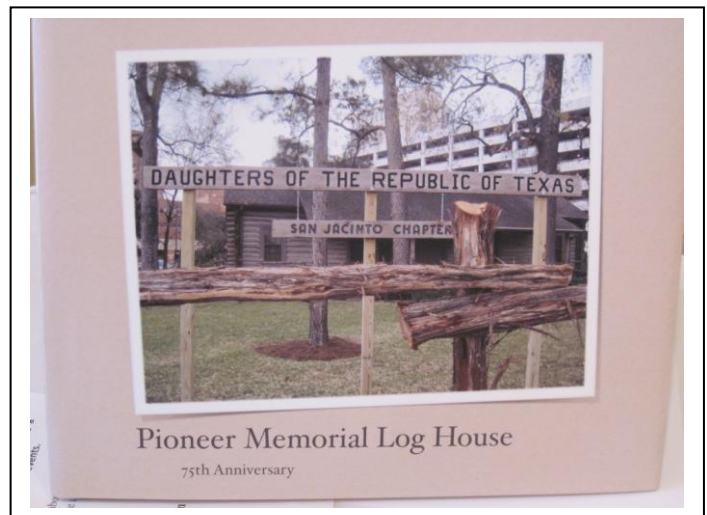
Ann Bevil and Allison Ball





Anita Cooper presenting to Eron Tynes from the SJC Board, the Texas State Seal bookends made with limestone. The limestone comes from the San Jacinto Monument.

Also during the Luncheon, Brenda Stover presented to Eron Tynes, the Pioneer Memorial Log House Album for the 75th anniversary. Brenda spent many hours creating this wonderful album to commemorate this milestone anniversary. She dedicated the book to Eron and it is a record of the happy events held at the Log House during this special year. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy, please contact Brenda Stover.



The Passing of the Gavel . . .

Luanne Zacek, President, addressed the luncheon attendees after being sworn in. She issued a challenge to everyone present to work in unity as we promote the heritage of our Texas ancestors.

Brenda Stover was thanked for all her efforts in organizing the June Luncheon. Sally Whittington and Martha Haydel led the chapter in singing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” and the meeting was adjourned until next October.



Teacher of the Year



Steven Baird at the State DRT Convention in San Antonio receiving the Outstanding Fourth Grade Texas History Teacher of the Year Award during the Historical Dinner. He is pictured (left) with Luanne Zacek, President-Elect, SJC and Shirley Burnet (right), Fifth Vice-President General, State DRT. We are very proud of Steven and all his accomplishments. He works diligently to teach children and promote Texas History.



Texas History Essay Reception

On May 5, 2011, 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, trophy and check for their category. The topic of the essay for the seventh grade was *The Alamo as seen through the eyes of Davy Crockett* and the fourth grade topic was *The Alamo*. Winning essays were very imaginative and historically correct! After the awards ceremony, refreshments were served. It is heartwarming to know that the future of TEXAS is in very good hands.



Braden Baird, Jordan Hennig, Eron Tynes, Emily Cole, Steven Baird, Logan Baird, and Noah Kenner



The Daughters of The Republic of Texas

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Perry Signs Legislation Relating To Alamo Preservation

AUSTIN—Following Texas Governor Rick Perry's decision to sign House Bill 3726, legislation relating to the preservation and maintenance of the Alamo by the General Land Office, officials with the Daughters of Republic of Texas said Saturday they are looking forward to working under new guidelines to continue their 106-year-long stewardship of the Cradle of Texas Liberty.

"We are pleased that Governor Perry has signed this legislation, and look forward to beginning an exciting new chapter in the history of the Daughters' stewardship of the Alamo," said Karen R. Thompson, President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Thompson said the Daughters and Alamo staff have been in constant contact with the General Land Office staff as this bill moved through the Legislature, and are ready to move forward.

"Commissioner Patterson and the staff at the General Land Office seem eager to work with us, and we look forward to entering into a contract with them which will enable us to continue our work protecting one of the most important historical sites in the American Southwest," Thompson said.

Under the legislation signed by the Governor, the General Land Office is directed to enter into a contract with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to insure continued operation of the historic shrine.

"The Daughters, the Alamo staff, and our Board of Management have wholeheartedly embraced this new direction and we look forward to many productive years working with the state to further the preservation of the Alamo," Thompson said.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas includes approximately 8,000 members in 105 chapters across Texas.

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NOTE: Media wishing telephone interviews with President General Karen R. Thompson may contact Tony Cardi at the numbers above to arrange an interview.

Texian Navy Day

Honoring

**Commodore Edwin Ward Moore
and the
Republic of Texas Navy**

Saturday, September 17, 2011 11:00 AM

**Battleship Texas
USS Texas (BB-35)**

USS TEXAS - USS UUSS

**Battleship Texas State Historic Site
3527 Battleground Road La Porte, Texas 77571**

Speaker: Dr. Archie P. McDonald Professor of History Stephen F. Austin State University

Ceremony organized and hosted by:

The Sons of the Republic of Texas

SRT sponsored by:

The Battleship Texas Foundation

With assistance from the staff of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

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(www.srttexas.org for additional details)

DUES NOTICE

Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues for 2011-2013. If you have not yet paid your dues, attached to this newsletter is a dues form. Please complete and send as soon as possible. Remember dues must be paid by October 1, 2011.

VOLUNTEERS HOURS FORM

Attached is the Volunteer Hours Form for June, 2011- June, 2012. Please keep track of your hours throughout the year so we can have an accurate record as possible. Thanks to everyone for all your effort to promote Texas history.

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER