

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

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Lines from Luanne

San Jacinto Chapter DRT President



What an interesting January program on Ima Hogg which was presented by Virginia Bernhard. Did Miss Hogg have a romance while in France? Read Ms. Bernhard's book, Ima Hogg: The Governor's Daughter to find out. She was such an intriguing woman and one of our members.

VOLUNTEER

At the January meeting, I spoke to the chapter members in attendance about volunteering. We have several events coming up where we need your help. The Log House will be open one Sunday each month to draw visitors going to the zoo. Promoting the Log House is important to our mission statement. During spring break, March 12-16, the Log House will be open for Texas Pioneer Days. We will have activities for the children and refreshments. This is a time when we will need lots of help.

Other volunteer opportunities are the San Jacinto Symposium, San Jacinto Day Festival, scholarship, essay and teacher of the year selections. Please think about how you can help out. The idea is to promote the San Jacinto Chapter, the Log House, our Texas heritage and to have fun.

Also in April, the country store will be going to San Jacinto Symposium on Saturday, April 14, and to San Jacinto Festival, Saturday, April 21. If you are willing to assist with either of these events, please contact me.

We are ordering a new cloisonné ornament to sell at the state convention in May. You will find more information in this newsletter on the design, the cost, and how to order. Details will also be sent out through email. Be sure to order yours by February 1st.

After the next chapter meeting, there will be a docent meeting. I hope to see all of you February 2nd.

Luanne Zacek, President

February 2nd Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Award-winning documentary film producer Jim Bailey will be our speaker for the February meeting. His topic is "The Golden Age of Texas Courthouses," the subject



of a three-part PBS series that tells the stories behind the construction and preservation of the focal points of our state's communities. Jim's company, Sunset Productions, specializes in corporate and educational video programs, as well as television documentaries focusing on Texas history and cultural arts. A third-generation Houstonian, he is a graduate of Baylor University and the nephew of Bob Bailey whose photographs documented 20th century Houston history. It was with his uncles, Bob and Marvin, that Jim got his start in the film business.

Among his other PBS documentaries are "Uncommon Law: The Life and Times of Leon Jaworski;" "Brushstrokes of South Texas," a profile of artist Daniel Lechon and his murals at the Kenedy Ranch Museum; and "In Search of Houston's History," a look at the archival collections of the Houston Public Library. Currently, he is working on "The Art of Architecture," a visual tour of Houston's architectural presence scheduled to air this spring.

Nancy Burch, Second Vice President



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Chaplain's Report

We are saddened to report the death of our member Mary Love Parks Olsen. She passed from this life on January 3, 2012, and was laid to rest in Oaklawn Cemetery, Summerville, Texas on January 7, 2012. She had been a member of SJC/DRT since 05 September 1992. She will be remembered by our members, and close friend, Betty Shumake, as a very dear lady who was always friendly and gracious.

We continue to remember our members Mary Jo Brice, Ann Bevil and Pat Craig who are facing challenges to their health at this time. Your cards of encouragement would be appreciated by these ladies.

Kae Theilen, Chaplain



March 1st Field Trip

The Harris County Precinct 4 bus will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. from St. Luke's Methodist Church for a trip to Beaumont to visit the McFaddin-Ward home. This beautiful and historic home was built in 1905-6 in the striking and distinctive Beaux-Arts Colonial style. The structure and its furnishings reflect the lifestyle of the prominent family, W.P.H. and Ida Caldwell McFaddin, and their family, who lived in the house through several generations. For more information on the house, visit the Web site at <http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org>. Following the tour, we will have lunch at Sartain's Restaurant, known for its seafood. There will be two entree options -- shrimp or chicken. Cost for the field trip is \$20, which includes the guided tour of the home and lunch.

Checks made out to *San Jacinto DRT* should be given to Nancy Burch at the February meeting or mailed to her at 3311 Stoney Brook, Houston 77063. Your check is your reservation and must be received by Friday, February 24. Guests are welcome.

Nancy Burch, Second Vice President

**Only people age 50 and up may ride the bus unless they are assisting guests or members.*

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PMLHM Friends Report



There were twelve responses to the Christmas tree needs of the Log House. Those members gave a total of \$1,931 toward the upkeep of the Log House. Our thanks go out to our members for remembering the Log House with these Christmas gifts.

The total amount given to The Friends of The Log House for the first six months of this year from July/2011 – Dec/2011 has been \$4,865, and was given by 48 of our members. The Friends chart was updated as of the January meeting. Please check to make sure your name appears if you have donated in the past six months from July/2011.

Your donations are very important, as they help us keep the house in good repair, and cover many of those little things that seem to pop up unexpectedly after the yearly budget is planned and approved.

**Kae Theilen
Friends of the Log House Chairman**



Registrar's Report

Currently, there are no prospective members or new members to report. A former member was reinstated, Jill Staewen Brooks.

Marje Harris, Registrar



McFaddin-Ward House

New Cloisonné Ball DRT Ornament

Kitty Keller has designed another lovely DRT ornament for us to sell at the convention in May. The front of the ornament features "DRT" and the founding date. The back of the ornament has a brightly painted map of Texas surrounded by bluebonnets. The sides depict the San Jacinto Monument and the Alamo shrine, both icons representing the struggle for Texas Independence. You may preorder this intricately decorated ornament by mailing a check to Luanne Zacek, 6521 Patricia Lane, Katy, 77493, by February 1st. The cost is \$30. If you would like the ornament mailed to you, the cost is \$37 (includes postage). The proceeds of the ornament sales will be used to support the PMLHM.

Shown below is a rough draft of the ornament design.

