

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

September 2011

Lines from Luanne

San Jacinto Chapter DRT President



What an honor to be SJC President for the next two years. Eron Tynes is a hard act to follow but she has been wonderful in helping me transition into the position. The SJC Board and PMLH Board have met throughout the summer and are working to make the year a good one. As our brave ancestors answered the call, I hope you too will step up to make the San Jacinto Chapter the best chapter in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

I want to share a little about me with you. My ancestor is Aaron Burleson, youngest brother of Edward Burleson of Austin's Little Colony that settled in the Bastrop and Travis County area. I became a member of DRT in March, 2007 along with my daughter, sister and 4 nieces. Managing the Country Store for four years has been rewarding in that I have traveled to many district meetings and state conventions while getting to know ladies of the chapter and DRT members across the state. I taught school 32 years and am now retired. I have two daughters and 3 precious grandsons. I am past president of the Katy Area Retired Educators and stay busy with travel, volunteer work and craft projects. I love my SJC-DRT.

Deaths - Mary Jane Harmon, our eloquent chaplain and storyteller, passed away on July 1, 2011. She was remembered in a memorial service held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church Chapel on July 7, 2011. We each fondly remember Mary Jane and have our own stories of how special she was in our lives. At our chapter meetings, she prayed the most powerful prayers and we were truly blessed. She will be missed by so many of our chapter members and children.

Eron Brimberry Tynes, past president of the San Jacinto Chapter, has been made an honorary member of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. We are proud of you and congratulate you. President General Karen Thompson has appointed Gina Bouchard to represent DRT on the San Jacinto Committee and Colette Herzog to the Memorial Park Committee. Sara Parr was appointed to the Board of Management as Treasurer General and Carolyn Lightfoot was elected District VI Representative. San Jacinto Chapter will be well represented with DRT on the state level.

The San Jacinto Chapter's beautiful cloisonné ball ornament will surely be a treasure. The ornament is designed by Kitty Keller of Seguin whose mother was a DRT member. The San Jacinto Monument with bluebonnets is on side one, our cherished Log House is on the opposite side. The sundial and boulders placed at San Jacinto by our chapter are also on the ornament. The price is \$30 and there are still a few available. Contact Luanne Zacek if you would like to order as it is first come until they are all sold. Delivery date is the first week in December. More ornaments are on the drawing board for future fundraising.

Each month, a member will be featured in the newsletter sharing about her ancestor. Cindie Gruetzmacher, First Vice President, has been hard at work with her committee on the yearbook. Her ancestor is John F. Beal.

Mark your calendar for the annual CRT Pumpkin Carving to be held on Sunday, October 16 at 2:00. CRT members, prospective members, parents and grandparents are invited. Please RSVP to Kay Martin at 281-242-6376 or rmartin44@windstream.net so each child will have a pumpkin.

Dues forms have been mailed out and are due back by October 1, 2011. Notices have been sent by email and regular mail to all members.

Luanne Zacek, President

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June Luncheon – June 2, 2011

The San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, June luncheon and meeting was held at Lakeside County Club on the 2nd of June. Brenda Stover coordinated the wonderful luncheon of a three-salad medley and a chocolate covered ice cream ball for dessert which was enjoyed by all in attendance. Brenda, along with Luanne Zacek, created the lovely table arrangements.



Eron Tynes, Brenda Stover

Eron Tynes, Chapter President, presided over the meeting. Twenty-five year chapter members were recognized and a list of the chapter awards received during the DRT State Convention was read to attendees. Eron recognized the Log House Board and the San Jacinto Chapter Board and gave each member a certificate of appreciation. She also distributed certificates to members who made significant contributions to the chapter. During the meeting, the Investment Policy Statement, as of 31 March 2011, was presented by the finance committee and it was ratified. Also, Misters Rick Whittington and Bob Gruetzmacher were recognized as Honorary Members for their contributions to San Jacinto Chapter.



Luanne Zacek,
Rick Whittington



Eron Tynes, Bob Gruetzmacher

Marje Harris, Registrar, reported a membership of 331, and Tamara Phillips, Treasurer, gave the most recent and up to date Treasurer's Report. Anita Cooper, First Vice President, made a presentation of a pair of State of Texas bookends, made from limestone from the San Jacinto Monument, as a gift of the 2010-2011 board members to Eron Tynes, out-going president. In addition, Brenda Stover surprised Eron with a specially made table top book commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Log House. Pictures in the book were taken by several members of the chapter who participated in the anniversary tea party and dinner back in February.



Bookends
given to Eron

Esther Simon, Fifth Vice President, assisted Eron Tynes with the installation of new officers. Each member stood and accepted a yellow rose presented to them as they were installed, one by one. Eron presented Luanne, newly installed President, with the President's pin and a Log House key. The president's pin is traditionally passed from president to president, and has been for many years.

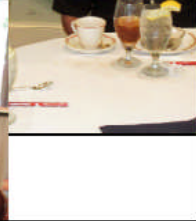
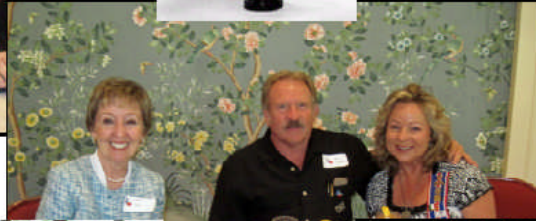
Everyone enjoyed the lovely luncheon, the beautiful Pine Lake Room setting and surrounding manicured grounds of the country club. The group adjourned for the summer.

San Jacinto Chapter DRT Officers 2011- 2013

President, Luanne Zacek
 First Vice President, Cindie Gruetzmacher
 Second Vice President, Nancy Burch
 Third Vice President, Kay Martin
 Recording Secretary, Sharolyn Wood
 Corresponding Secretary, Sally Whittington
 Treasurer, Tamara Phillips
 Registrar, Marje Harris
 CRT Registrar, Marilyn Chapman
 Historian, Linda Beverlin
 Chaplain, Kae Theilen



SJC-DRT Officers, 2011-2013



CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAMS 2011-2012

Thursday, October 6, 2011 10 am	Former Gov. Mark White Subject to be announced
Thursday, November 3, 2011 10 am	Sallie Gordon, Author "Courtlandt Place"
Thursday, December 8, 2011 10 am	Christmas Luncheon and New Member Ceremony
Thursday, January 5, 2012 10 am	Virginia Bernhard, Author "Ima Hogg"
Thursday, February 2, 2012 10 am	Jim Bailey, Documentary Producer "Historic Texas Courthouses"
Thursday, March 1, 2012 10 am	Field Trip to McFaddin Ward House, Beaumont, TX Details to be announced
Thursday, April 5, 2012 10 am	Denton Florian, Documentary Producer "Sam Houston"
Thursday, May 3, 2012 10 am	Ramona Davis, Greater Houston Preservation Alliance "Saving Houston Landmarks" and Memorial Service for Departed Members
Thursday, June 7, 2012	End-Of-Year Luncheon, Convention Report, and New Member Ceremony Lakeside Country Club

Reminder:
Be sure to pay your dues by
October 1!



Registrar's Report **August 25, 2011**



Marje Harris, Registrar, reported at the most recent SJC Board meeting that the chapter currently has three prospective members and one new member. Elizabeth Leifeste was approved for membership in August. Marje also reported one death, Mary Jane Murphey Harmon. The total membership to date is 335.

The Office of Fourth Vice President

There was no one elected to the Fourth Vice President position which is still open as we begin our new year. The 4th VP board member is the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Contact Luanne Zacek if you are interested in fulfilling this position, or assisting the board with the activities of this office.

Honor & Memorial Days **September & October**



~~~Fly your Texas Flag~~~

**Texian Navy Day.....3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September**  
**French Legation Memorial Day.....September 29**  
**Gonzales Day, 1835, Come and Take It...October 2**

## **PMLH Rental**



The Pioneer Memorial Log House is currently used for a variety of occasions including San Jacinto Chapter activities, other DRT and CRT activities, and fundraising rentals. Because of the growing popularity of the Log House and in order to avoid "double booking," it is important to coordinate all use of the Log House. Please contact Luanne Zacek at (281) 391-8464 or [lzacek@hotmail.com](mailto:lzacek@hotmail.com) regarding the availability of the Log House for any function and to schedule an event. Chapter members and historic/patriotic organizations can rent the Log House for a reduced fee of \$150.

## Special Events

|                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Saturday<br>September 17, 2011<br><b>District VI Fall Workshop</b>                                                 | Host: Miss Ima Hogg Chapter<br>Hilton Garden Inn<br>12245 Katy Freeway<br>Katy, TX<br>9:00 am - 2:00 pm                                                            |
| Sunday<br>October 16, 2011,<br><b>CRT Pumpkin Decorating</b>                                                       | Hosts: SJCDRT and SJCCRT<br>Pioneer Memorial Log House<br>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm                                                                                        |
| Sunday<br>December 11, 2011<br><b>Christmas Open House</b>                                                         | Hosts: SJCDRT and SJCCRT<br>Pioneer Memorial Log House<br>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm                                                                                        |
| Saturday<br>February 11, 2012<br><b>Texas Med 5K</b><br>Harris Co. Hospital<br>District Run                        | Memorial Log House surrounding area<br>Details to be announced.                                                                                                    |
| Mon.-Fri.<br>March 12-16, 2012<br><b>Texas History Pioneer Days</b>                                                | Hosts: SJCDRT and SJCCRT<br>Pioneer Memorial Log House<br>10:00 am - 2:00 pm                                                                                       |
| Saturday,<br>April 14, 2012<br><b>12th Annual San Jacinto Symposium</b>                                            | Host: Friends of San Jacinto<br>Battleground<br>Houston Club, 811 Rusk<br><a href="https://www.friendsofsanjacinto.com/">https://www.friendsofsanjacinto.com/</a>  |
| Saturday,<br>April 21, 2012<br><b>San Jacinto Day Ceremony</b><br>Presentation of DRT &<br>SRT Scholarship Winners | San Jacinto Battleground<br>10:00 am<br><a href="http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/">http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/</a>                                          |
| Saturday,<br>April 21, 2012<br><b>San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment</b>                              | San Jacinto Battleground<br>10:00 am – 6:00 pm<br>Battle Reenactment: 3:00 pm<br><a href="http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/">http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/</a> |
| Saturday<br>May 5, 2012<br><b>Reception For Texas History Essay Winners /Teacher Awards</b>                        | Pioneer Memorial Log House<br>2:00 pm                                                                                                                              |
| Thur.-Sat.<br>May 17-19, 2012<br><b>121st DRT Annual Convention</b>                                                | Host: District VIII Chapter<br>Doubletree Hotel Austin<br>6505 IH-35 North<br>Austin, TX 78752<br>Reservations: 512-454-3737                                       |
| Fri.-Sat.<br>June 22-23, 2012<br><b>CRT Convention</b>                                                             | Mesquite, TX<br>For details, see San Jacinto<br>Chapter Yearbook                                                                                                   |

## Friends of the Log House

The Friends of the Log House was begun as a vehicle to give continued support to The Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum. Membership is open to anyone who loves Texas History and wants to help us foster that passion and enthusiasm. We encourage friends and acquaintances to join us in continuing our mission of preserving the past and protecting the future of our state's history.

Annual contributions are a great help in maintaining the house and grounds, but with rising costs for upkeep and repairs, we would welcome your added support beyond once a year. Our year runs from June 1 through June 30 of the following year (one month overlap). All monetary contributions are tax deductible and help us meet our obligations. Please consider the Log House as a beneficiary in your will.

Many opportunities are available for you to volunteer your services as a museum docent in our out-reach education to schools and private groups, in hosting programs and special events, in maintaining our gardens and grounds, etc. We welcome associate members, honorary members, and all Texas History enthusiasts to become a Friend of the Log House.

### Our membership levels are as follows:

Friend--below \$25  
 Texas Star--\$25  
 Silver Star--\$50  
 Shining Star--\$100  
 Gold Star--\$250  
 Lone Star--\$500  
 Platinum Star--\$1000 - and higher

So far this year we have received these donations:

Friend - 3  
 Texas Star - 10  
 Silver Star - 10  
 Shining Star - 4  
 Lone Star - 2  
 Platinum - 2

For more information, call Kae Theilen at (713) 681-2644, or email at [ktheilen@flash.net](mailto:ktheilen@flash.net)

**By mail:** Make checks payable to **PMLHM**  
 Send to:  
 Kae Theilen  
 5047 Oak Shadows Dr.  
 Houston, TX 77091-4529

## Chaplain's Report



### Mary Jane Harmon

Drt # 021008

Ancestors: Phoebe Deborah Jackson Curlin, Jeritha Jane Curlin Ford, Hugh Curlin, Samuel C.T. Ford

### Mary Jane Murphey Harmon

Our member, Mary Jane, passed away July 1, 2011. She was admitted to DRT-San Jacinto Chapter August 21, 1996. She was active in our chapter serving as the Chaplain for several terms. She also loved children and could often be found teaching them how to make clove and orange ornaments during gatherings at the Log House. She will be remembered for her ready enthusiasm and eloquent prayers.

*Kae Theilen, Chaplain*

## Decorate the Log House Christmas Tree with Your Texas Ancestor!



Purchase a handmade ornament for the tree in honor of your Texas ancestor(s). Ornaments will be sold at the October and November chapter meetings for \$5 each. The proceeds will go to support the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum.

## Sharp Raffle Item on the Block

SJC has a new raffle item to reveal to you. It is a 9 piece set of Porterhouse steak knives encased in a wooden display block. This handsome set would be the perfect gift for the man in your life. Tickets will be sold only until December. The winning ticket will be drawn on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the PMLHM Christmas Open House.

Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 3 tickets for \$10.00. There is a limited amount of tickets, so be ready to *cut through the line* to get your tickets at the first meeting in October.



## October 6th Chapter Meeting

10:00 am

### Speaker: Former Texas Governor Mark White

Governor Mark White began his career in public service in 1966 as an Assistant Attorney General. In the Insurance, Banking and Securities Division for three years, he handled some of the state's first consumer protection investigations and represented the state in both trial and appellate cases.

In 1973, he was appointed Secretary of State and was the youngest member ever elected President of the National Association of Secretaries of States. As the newly elected Attorney General in 1979, he fought to remove regulations that forced up the price of electricity on all Texans.

In 1983, he was elected Governor of the State of Texas and his top priority was to improve the quality of public education for Texas children. His administration can best be summarized as did the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in their October 1986 editorial: "He has performed like a big leaguer during four of the roughest years any Texas governor has faced in recent memory. He had to make tough political choices—on education reform and coping with the state's budget problems...and White has been nothing short of courageous in standing behind HB72. Many a politician with less mettle would have buckled under to the pressures generated by the 'no-pass, no-play' rule and the protests over teacher testing, but White stood his ground".

After leaving public office, Governor White moved back to his hometown of Houston, Texas where he is an attorney and President of Geovox Security, Inc. He also serves on the Advisory Board of Biofuels Power Corporation. His civic responsibilities include serving on the Board of San Jacinto Museum of History, the Armed Forces Foundation Board and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Board. He is a member of the Texas State Bar, the National Association of Attorneys General, and the National Governors Association.

Governor White received a degree in business administration from Baylor University in 1962 and a law degree in 1965.

*Nancy Burch, Second Vice President*



## Customer Letter



### **Step One:**

Read through this letter to understand the advantage of being a part of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

### **Step Two:**

Take the letter with you to your neighborhood Kroger store the next time you go shopping.

### **Step Three:**

Present the letter with your organization's barcode to your cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your KrogerPlus Card you will be enrolled for the current year of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled KrogerPlus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund. Once a card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active for the remainder of the program year.

### **Q & A**

**How many Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor accounts can an organization have?**

One per organization.

Can a household "link" their KrogerPlus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your KrogerPlus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

### **Do I have to enroll each program year?**

Yes, all organization's and participants must re-enroll for each program year. Enrollment is June 1, 2011 through Dec 31, 2011 The Neighbor to Neighbor Program accumulation is **July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.**

### **How much can my organization earn?**

The Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

**Kroger Cashier: 1. Scan customer's KrogerPlus Card 2. Scan the attached Organization's barcode.**

The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program & contributing funds to their organization. When you scan the barcode, the description on the receipt will say "**Loyalty Div 0.00**". This means the barcode was properly scanned. The following Friday, the customer's receipt will display a message at the bottom of the receipt saying "**Your card is contributing to Neighbor to Neighbor #12345**"

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Please feel free to contact a Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program Representative with any additional questions at 866-995-7643 or email to [neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com](mailto:neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com). Additional information is also available at [www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com](http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com).

