

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

October 2011

Lines from Luanne

San Jacinto Chapter DRT President



The October meeting was a true celebration of Texas pride and spirit. Fifty members attended and stayed after the meeting to visit. Former Governor Mark White shared stories about the Governor's Mansion and legislator personalities. A good time was had by all.

As we plan for Founders Day, let's remember those outstanding women who pulled together with their time, talent, and love of Texas to found the San Jacinto Chapter of DRT. One of the original purposes was to "acquire and mark the Battlegrounds of San Jacinto where our Republic was born."

This year our chapter will be celebrating the work they did 100 years ago in placing the boulders on the battleground. At our November meeting we will celebrate 120 years as Daughters and continue to "perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas." We will honor the Founders of DRT (Nov. 6, 1891), and the San Jacinto Chapter Founders (Nov. 9, 1891). Please plan to join us on Thursday, November 3rd, to celebrate these memorable days.

Luanne Zacek, President

Christmas Luncheon



The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Log House on December 8, (the second Thursday). The meal will be catered by Liebman's Wine & Fine Foods and will include Orange Almond Salad, Lemon Herb Chicken Breast, Grilled Vegetables and Leibman's English Bread Pudding. As in previous years, we will collect toys for the children of Ben Taub Hospital's Pediatric Unit.

The cost is \$25.00. The deadline is December 1. There will be no refunds. Please make your check payable to *San Jacinto Chapter*. You may pay for the luncheon at the November chapter meeting or mail your check to:

Luanne Zacek
6521 Patricia Lane
Katy, TX 77493

The Log House tree will be decorated with Republic of Texas ornaments to honor our ancestors and our house will be beautifully decorated with lush greenery. Please plan to attend.

Luanne Zacek, President

Parking



Thank you to those who parked in the Ben Taub Parking Garage during the October meeting, especially to Rose Slatton, one of our senior Daughters, who parked there. Although our parking lot was full, it greatly helped to have the 5 or 6 who parked in the garage. Members who park there will be given a free parking voucher at the meeting. Please continue to park in the garage if you are able.

Mark Herzog has moved the timbers by the parking lot so some may park in the grass as long as it is dry.

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Twenty Five Year DRT Members

Joyce Campbell - December 11, 1985

Helen Crichton - April 9, 1986

Anne Hayden - April 16, 1986

Colette Herzog - April 9, 1986

Jacqueline Jackson - April 16, 1986

Marajane Jones - February 21, 1986

Anne Kennett - April 9, 1986

DeEtte Nesbitt - July 29, 1985

Jane Perkinson - May 15, 1986

Carolyn Shimek - March 11, 1986

Jane Wheaton - December 11, 1985

Velma Whitaker - November 13, 1985

Mary Williams - February 13, 1986

Sally Yingling - August 1, 1985

Registrar's Report

September 29, 2011



Marje Harris, Registrar, reported at the most recent SJC Board meeting that the chapter currently has eight prospective members and one new member. Bana Llewellyn Weems Caskey was approved for membership 15 September 2011. The total membership to date is 336.

Chaplain's Report



I am happy to report there have been no deaths of members this month. However some of our members have experienced loses in their immediate families. Keep Phyllis Moody in your prayers as she lost her mother September 23rd, just six months after the death of her father. Please remember Peggy McGinty and Patricia Bacot whose mother died in September, also.

Please keep Mary Jo Brice in your prayers. She is undergoing treatment for lung cancer at this time. Please pray for comfort and healing for our member and her family.

Kae Theilen, Chaplain

Christmas Open House



The Christmas Open House will be December 11 from 2-4 pm. Families with children are encouraged to attend because Santa will be there.

Members are invited to help decorate the house after the board meeting on Dec. 1. Come at 1 pm for a baked potato lunch, then stay to *deck the halls!*



Luncheon Help Needed

Brenda Stover will need help setting up for the Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7, at 10 am. Contact Brenda if you can volunteer to help.

Honor and Memorial Days

November



~~~Fly your Texas Flag~~~

Stephen F. Austin's Birthday, 1793.....Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

DRT Founders Day.....Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

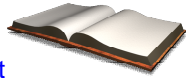
## PMLH Rental



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.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book

Many of you have inquired about the beautiful book Brenda Stover put together for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea and Gala. She put in much time and expertise in creating a lasting memory. She will order one for you for \$60. Contact her if you are interested.



Email: [bt.stover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bt.stover@sbcglobal.net)  
Phone: (713) 467-0680

## Country Store

The new Capitol of Texas ornament is now for sale in the store for \$25. Two brass chandeliers hang in the Chambers in the Texas Capitol and are among the oldest surviving light fixtures. Their large ornate designs feature the Lone Star and light bulbs that spell the word "T - E - X - A - S." This beautiful ornament is the 16<sup>th</sup> in the Capitol collection and one you will want to have.



## Log House Needs



Many of you are in the process of downsizing your home and may have things we could use at the Log House. We are in need of a gently used vacuum cleaner - one that is easy to lift and move around. Our yard and garden are in need of rakes, shovels, sprinklers and hand tools. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them, please call Colette Herzog, 5<sup>th</sup> VP, and she will arrange to pick them up. Her phone number is (713) 461-3257.



## 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

## **Inactive Chapter Members**

SJC-DRT members who did not pay their dues by October 1<sup>st</sup> have been placed on the inactive list.

## **Republic of Texas Ancestor Ornament**



A little log cabin...you quietly peak inside. A warm, crackling fire in the fireplace beckons you. Turning, you behold a beautiful Christmas tree standing bravely in the center of the room, bathed in the soft glow. Covering its branches is a gathering of Republic of Texas citizens. Are your ancestors there? \$5/1 ornament/1 ancestor. Gold star – born in the Republic.

Proceeds benefit PMLHM Christmas décor.

27 sold so far... See Cindie Gruetzmacher at the next meeting or order your ornament by mail.

Send your check to:  
**Cindie Gruetzmacher**  
10622 Indian Paintbrush Ln.  
Houston, TX, 77095-4254

## **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 meeting in November.



## **October 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting**



Our 2011-2012 year got off to a great start with a fascinating glimpse inside the Texas Governor's Mansion from Former Governor Mark White. He shared stories of the interesting and often humorous events that took place during his tenure.

*Nancy Burch, Second Vice President*



## **November 3rd Chapter Meeting**

10:00 am

**Speaker: Sallie Gordon**  
**Co-author of**  
**"Houston's Courtlandt Place"**

Next up for the November meeting is a program by Sallie Gordon, co-author of the book, "Houston's Courtlandt Place." She will talk about the historic homes that line this one-block-long street in the heart of our city, and the people who have lived there since it was first developed in 1906. One of the early residents was a member of our chapter, the late Mae Wynne (Mrs. I. B.) McFarland. Sallie's presentation also will include many of the wonderful photographs showing life on Courtlandt Place through the years.

A native of South Texas, Sallie and her family have lived on Courtlandt Place since 1986. The majority of images in the book are from private collections and include photographs not previously published. Developed for Houston's first big businessmen and power brokers, with homes designed by leading architects of the period, Courtlandt Place has been linked with the city's history for more than 100 years. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it remains a triumph of historic preservation.

*Nancy Burch, Second Vice President*