

*Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston*

*The San Jacinto
Dispatch*

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Welcome back, Daughters of the Republic of Texas!

The San Jacinto Chapter has planned many great programs and events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you at our regularly scheduled meetings as well as our other important DRT functions.

October Meeting



Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2, **Sylvia Garcia** will be the speaker at our **October 4th** meeting. By taking office on January 1, 2003, she became the first woman and the first Hispanic ever elected to serve on Commissioner's Court. Harris County Precinct 2 includes the San Jacinto Battleground. She will speak on the San Jacinto Historical District.

Commissioner Garcia has been at the forefront in working to develop the San Jacinto Texas Historic District (SJTHD). This is an exciting concept which enables communities throughout East Harris County to tie into our rich history as they work on a variety of public projects. Whether it is public parks, improved roadways or educational projects related to Texas History, those within the SJTHD have yet another tool for economic development, fund raising and preserving history.

As one of its objectives, the San Jacinto Chapter holds a special interest in the San Jacinto Battleground and Museum of History. Commissioner Garcia is also an advisory board member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum.

NOTE: For this October meeting, we will call the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and then conduct our business agenda. We will then follow with our speaker, Commissioner Garcia. Lunch will be served after the program.



President's Message From the Desk of Eron Tynes

"Honor the Texas Flag, I pledge allegiance to thee . . ." When we recite the Texas Pledge at our meetings in our own Log House, I am always filled with a sense of commitment to our great state and its wonderful heritage. Also, singing Texas our Texas renews in me that spirit of Texas that lives in all of us.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as the 49th President of the San Jacinto Chapter. I am also blessed to be able to work with such a talented group of ladies that serve on the San Jacinto Chapter Board and the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum Board. Both boards have been busy meeting this summer and planning for the upcoming year.

Our September meeting was begun by Mary Jane Harmon presenting such an inspiring Invocation and Becky Lee playing Texas our Texas so beautifully. The highlight of our September meeting was the information regarding the Thelma Maresh Scholarship and how privileged our chapter was to be the beneficiary of such a generous bequest. (See additional article in newsletter).

At our June Luncheon, I challenged each of our members for the coming year to focus on "Teaching Texas" to our Texas children. As Daughters of the Republic of Texas, we have a responsibility to teach the children of Texas about the Alamo, Goliad, San Jacinto, and the Runaway Scrape. If we do not preserve our Texas History and teach our children and grandchildren what it means to be a Texan, how will they know who they are?

Where would we be, were it not for the bravery, courage, and sacrifice of these pioneer men and women of the Texas Revolution who were so willing to give their lives for Liberty and Independence? When we talk about Texas, not only are we honoring the memory and spirit of our pioneer ancestors, but we are educating the children of Texas about their roots and the legacy of our pioneer ancestors.

Our newest Log House Board member, Kae Theilen, has volunteered to conduct training for those interested in being a docent or wanting to teach an educational program. At our September meeting, a number of new members volunteered to be a part of this very important component of our Log House. We are looking forward to conducting more educational programs promoting Texas History.

I wholeheartedly look forward to seeing each of you this year at our Log House. It promises to be an exciting year for the San Jacinto Chapter and the Daughters, with the Capital Campaign, The Vision, the Thelma Maresh Scholarship and our annual events at the Log House. Come and join us this fall as we focus on our objective of perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.

TEXAS, ONE and INDIVISIBLE



The 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.

An annual contribution is a great help in maintaining the house and grounds. 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. We also accept donations of furniture, equipment, landscape services, etc. 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:

Texas Star--\$25

Silver Star--\$50

Shining Star--\$100

Gold Star--\$250

Lone Star--\$500

Platinum Star--\$1000 - and higher

For more information, call Martha Haydel at 936-756-6941, or email at gjohn@aol.com

District VI Glenwood Cemetery Marking Project March 2007



Eron Tynes and Carolyn Lightfoot presenting Anita Cooper with a framed newspaper article of the Glenwood Cemetery Marking Project at the June Luncheon

Log House 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 Brenda Auld at 281-497-0528 or bauld@houston.comcast.net regarding the availability of the Log House for **any** function and to schedule an event at the Log House.

District VI Fall Workshop Friday, September 21, 2007



Hosted by Judge Nathaniel H Davis Chapter, DRT

The DRT District VI Workshop will be held Friday, September 21, 2007 at the Ramada Inn North, 16510 I-45 North, Houston, Texas, located on the northbound feeder road between Richey Road and FM 1960. Registration begins at 8:30 followed by the meeting at 9:00. The fee will be \$30 which includes lunch and registration. *Reservations for the meeting must be made by September 1st. After September 1st, an additional \$5 will be charged.*

Registration without lunch is \$10.

Rooms are available at the Ramada Inn North where our workshop is being held. The phone number for reservations is 281-821-2570. The rate for a room is \$69.00 (plus tax). Ask for rooms blocked for *Daughters of the Republic of Texas*. The Ramada Inn North has a shuttle van to and from Bush Intercontinental Airport.

Directions:

Northbound: Exit I-45 at exit #64 (Richey Road), Stay on the Service Road

Southbound: Exit I-45 at exit #64 (Richey Road). Make a U-Turn under the Freeway at Richey Road; Stay on the Service Road.



ALAMO GALA

Once again, the Alamo Gala Committee has performed an outstanding feat and organized **The Fifth Annual Alamo Gala**. This year's theme is "*Always Remembering, Honoring the Alamo Heroes through Film, Books, Art & Song.*" The honorees will be the Steves family and the Master of Ceremonies will be Frank Thompson. The Gala will be held October 4, 2007 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Boulevard at I -10 & Wurzbach.

The Gala will begin with a cocktail hour and silent auction at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Grand Live Auction and Special "Teach a Child" Auction. Entertainment and dancing will be provided by "KR Woods and the Gone to Texas Band".

Proceeds from the Gala will benefit education, and preservation and operations of the Alamo. Individual tickets begin at \$125 – *Black Tie Optional*. For more information, please call 210-225-1391, ext 34. Donations must be received by September 26, 2007. Checks should be made payable to **DRT, INC. Alamo Fund**.

The Alamo depends solely upon money from sales in its gift shop and donations made from individuals and private foundations to fund its preservation, education, and general operations. The Alamo receives no monetary help from local, state or federal government. The DRT, a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, has served as custodian of the Alamo for the State of Texas since 1905.

So far, the San Jacinto Chapter has filled one table and is working on a second. If you want to attend, or have anything you would like to donate for the auctions, please call Eron Brimberry Tynes, San Jacinto Chapter, at 281-820-0676.

SAVE THE DATE:
October 27, 2007
Lineage Fair @ Clayton Library
5300 Caroline, Houston
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



San Jacinto Chapter will participate in the first annual Lineage Fair at Clayton. Members, please mark your calendars!

If research is your passion, sign up with our chairman to assist at the SJC table. Anyone may attend this lineage fair and see the other organizations represented. Come and bring your friends or family members who just might have a Republic of Texas ancestor.

We look forward to telling others about SJC-DRT, and "Teaching Texas." The San Jacinto Chapter will present a program at 11 a.m. for about 45 minutes. Contact Phyllis Vaughan Moody for more information.
moodyphyll@pdq.net 713-621-1884

CRT

Members of SJC-DRT, if you have a story to add about your ancestor, please contact me at 713-673-1418 and we will include the history in the next issue. The CRT is proud to have members whose ancestors have contributed to the formation and distinction of Texas.

Loretta Williams



News from the Country Store



We have new shirts with the Texas logo on them. The 2007 Capitol ornaments will be in soon and ready for the collectors. New tote bags are really cute and ready to go. If you need a baby gift, Texas Mother Goose is a cherished gift and one the whole family can enjoy. I will see you in my corner at the October meeting. Please be patient with me as this is all new to me and Eron is a hard act to follow. Remember that sales from the store support our wonderful Log House.

Luanne Zacek

Docent and Educational Program Training

Join us on October 10, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at the Log House for training. This training is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a docent, present programs, or just wants to learn more about the Log House and our San Jacinto/DRT history. Our new Log House board member, Kae Theilen, has volunteered to conduct the training with the assistance of Eron Tynes. Kae also volunteers at the Heritage Society and has experience in training docents.

One of the auction fundraisers at the Alamo Gala last year was to fund "Traveling Teaching Trunks". Each district now has a "Traveling Teaching Trunk" that will rotate among the chapters. We hope to have the trunk available at the training on October 10. If you are able to join us on the 10th, please call Kae Theilen at 713-681-2644.

We are also looking for members who are interested in assisting us with conducting Texas History educational programs. This past summer, several school groups visited the Log House, so we are looking for more volunteers to participate in this program. If you can volunteer once or twice a year to be a docent, or to present a program on Texas History to a group of children, this will help fulfill the mission of the Log House, "Teaching Texas". Call Pat Craig at 713 974-2729 or Ann Tanner at 713 782-4055. We will schedule you for the day of your choice, along with another volunteer.





TEXAS HONOR DAYS FLY YOUR TEXAS FLAG!

SEPTEMBER 15, TEXIAN NAVY DAY

OCTOBER 2, GONZALES DAY

The Texas Revolution began in 1835 when Texans and their “**Come and Take It**” Flag fought off the Mexican Army at the Battle of Gonzales.

Historical Dates

- September 6, 1900** The mighty 1900 Storm leveled Galveston Island. Over 6000 people lost their lives on this tragic day.
- September 25, 1839** The Treaty of Amity, Navigation, and Commerce was signed on this day. The treaty between Texas and France recognized Texas as an independent nation.
- September 16, 1875** The teeming port city of Indianola on Matagorda Bay was completely destroyed by a devastating hurricane.
- September 30, 1830** Jim Bowie was granted his Mexican Citizenship, allowing him to engage in business activities in Texas.
- October 2, 1788** Ben Milam was born.
- October 3, 1789** Lorenzo de Zavala, the first Vice-President of the ad interim government of the Republic of Texas, was born.
- October 7, 1883** Susana Dickinson Hannig, sole Anglo survivor of the Alamo, died.
- October 9, 1835** The Goliad Campaign ended when 51 Texans overran a small group of Mexican defenders at the presidio at Goliad.
- October 10, 1835** Gail Borden's first issue of the *Telegraph and Texas Register* was published.



New Members

SJC would like to welcome the following members into our chapter:



Christiana Leigh Blades, DRT # 26441
Ancestor: Jackson Fitzgerald

Cynthia Lea Jeko Blades, DRT # 26440
Ancestor: Jackson Fitzgerald

Jill Ann Dibrell Staewen Brooks, DRT # 126412
Ancestor: Catherine Christilles

Misty Lark Francis Corbitt, DRT # 26479
Ancestor: David Levi Kokernot

Nancy Mahon Guest, DRT # 15172
Transfer from Texas Star Chapter
Ancestor: Redding S. Blount

Parr Davidson Jeko, DRT # 26438
Ancestor: Jackson Fitzgerald

Ann Earline "Lin" Culley Adams Johnson, DRT # 24607
Transferred from Charles Calvin McCoy Chapter
Ancestor: Joseph Yeamans, Sr.

Ms. Joan Fowler Manges, DRT # 26477
Ancestor: David Levi Kokernot

Peggy Lee Becker Payne, DRT # 26406
Ancestor: De La Fletcher Roysdon

Catherine Parr Jeko Thompson, DRT # 26439
Ancestor: Jackson Fitzgerald

Sharlet Audre Manges Warner, DRT # 26478
Ancestor: David Levi Kokernot

Membership Changes

Request for Transfer Into San Jacinto Chapter

Dorothy Franklin Kemp Cagle, DRT # 11523
Ancestor: Benjamin Cromwell Franklin

Maryann Gustine Cullinane, DRT # 11742, died 10 Jun 2007 at the age of 88. She was admitted to the San Jacinto Chapter DRT on 30 October 1982 and was an Emeritus member as of December 2003. She was sponsored by Mrs. Mary S. Richardson and Mrs. L. H. Riley.

Total Membership: **375**

Marje Harris, Registrar, San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, Houston

Thelma Burnett Maresh



Thelma Burnett Maresh, a member of the San Jacinto Chapter since January 30, 1934, passed away on January 17, 2007. During her lifetime, Mrs. Maresh made many financial gifts not only to the Chapter, but also to the Log House. She was a past President of the San Jacinto Chapter and a past President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She had a deep passion for Texas History and established the Thelma Burnett Maresh Scholarship for our Chapter. These Scholarships are presented every year on San Jacinto Day during the commemorative ceremony at the San Jacinto Monument.

In her memory, Mrs Maresh bequeathed to the San Jacinto Chapter a substantial financial gift that will enable scholarships to be presented for many, many years to come. A special committee for the Thelma Maresh Scholarship Fund has been established to ensure our faithful stewardship of this generous inheritance. I have appointed Brenda Auld as Chair. Other committee members are Nancy Burch, Ann Bevil, Carolyn Lightfoot, Marian Beckham and Gina Bouchard.

Mrs. Maresh has left us with a legacy that we will always cherish and treasure. Her dedication to the lofty principles of the Daughters, along with her deep love for our beautiful state and its illustrious heritage, is an inspiration to us all.

Eron Brimberry Tynes

NOTICE - YEARBOOK - We are still in the process of preparing the yearbook and will notify you when it has been mailed. A calendar is being sent as a separate attachment for upcoming events.

Remember to keep us informed of special events in your life. Also, if you have an article for the newsletter, you may send it to me by email or U.S. Mail by the 10th of the month. (Please reference SJC DRT.)



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