



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



The San Jacinto Dispatch

Eron Brimberry Tynes, President

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Linda Beverlin, Editor

President's Message



Since the massacre at Goliad on a Palm Sunday, March 27, where 350 men, after surrendering, were taken out and shot, the Texian Army continued its retreat east. On April 12 and 13, General Sam Houston ferried his troops across the swollen Brazos River using the steamship "Yellowstone." He then marched to the site of present day Hempstead, where two cannons awaited them. The two cannons were donated by the people of Cincinnati and would become known as the "Twin Sisters."

On April 15, General Houston and the Texian Army came to a fork in the road where they could either go to Nacogdoches or move south towards Harrisburg. They turned south and marched towards that swampy prairie where the San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou converge.

As descendants of these men and women of the Texas Revolution, we as Daughters must always remember that our heritage is a sacred honor to be cherished. The Texas Veterans "bequeathed their memories and their deeds with an 'Undivided Texas' as a precious legacy to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, by them to be held in trust forever."

I hope each of you will make a special effort to join us on San Jacinto Day as we celebrate the most significant battle in the Western Hemisphere and pay tribute to the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

"TEXAS, ONE and INDIVISIBLE"



Eron Tynes, President

Texas Essay Reception

Please join us on May 3, 2008, as we host the reception for the Texas History Essay Contest winners and their parents. All participants will be recognized during the program. The reception will begin at the Log House at 2:00 p.m.

Every year, the Daughters sponsor an essay contest for 4th and 7th graders. Each chapter sends out information on the essay contest to local schools. The essay topic this year for 4th graders was "The Austins", and for 7th graders, the topic was "The Texas Rangers." We will award the four winners from the San Jacinto Chapter with a check, trophy, and a certificate. All of our participants will receive certificates and will be offered an opportunity to read their essays during the program.

The winners for 4th grade were Jes Chauviere, and Ryan Lancaster, both students at Hamilton Elementary, and Amy Shum, a student at McFee Elementary. The 7th grade winner was Aljay Tan from Kahla Middle School. All students were from Cy-Fair ISD.

Please make a special effort to attend this reception as we honor these Texas students who have displayed such an interest in Texas history. It will be so heartwarming to hear these students read their essays that they have worked so diligently to prepare. They are the future of Texas.



The Thelma Maresh Scholarship Winners



The Thelma Maresh Scholarship committee met Thursday, April 3, to review the applications for the scholarships. Shirley Lightfoot has been chairman of the committee for several years and has done an excellent job of recruiting entries. Many thanks to Rose Slatten, Mary Jane Harmon, Brenda Auld, and Jan DeVault for assisting with reviewing the scholarship applications. Scholarship winners have been chosen and will receive their awards on San Jacinto Day, 2008. Thanks to Mrs. Thelma Maresh's generosity, the scholarship awards will be able to continue for years to come. It was a very difficult decision, as a number of well qualified students entered this year. The recipients will be presented certificates from Madge Roberts, President General DRT, at the San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony. Their checks will be presented before they leave for college.

The three recipients are: First Place, \$3000 to Lauren Decker, who will major in Advertising; Second Place, \$2000 to Kelsy Anderson, who will major in Early Childhood Education; and Third Place, \$1000 to Katlyn McCoy, who will major either in Architectural or Civil Engineering.

CRT Convention



The Children of the Republic of Texas 48th annual convention hosted by District IX DRT/CRT chapters will be held on June 20 & 21, 2008. The Hilton Houston Hobby Airport Hotel, 8181 Airport Blvd., Houston, Texas 77061, will be the location for the convention. Please contact Loretta Williams for information and/or a registration form.

Email: latejana@comcast.net or call 713 673-1418

Friends of the Log House



Here's a great big pioneer "hello" from the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum. We are working our way towards the end of another great year. We have been fortunate to receive gifts from so many of our friends and benefactors. It's people like you who enable us to keep the doors open, the house clean, our bills paid, the grounds manicured, and the fireplace working during cold weather. Thank you, one and all!

This is a reminder that it takes over \$1000 every month to keep the Log House operating. That's more than The Country Store can support by itself. Sally and Luanne do a great job selling, but they need a little help. We are fast approaching the "lean months." After the state convention, we will not have many other opportunities to sell our Texana items, as all the chapter and district meetings go dormant for the summer months.

So here we are with our hat in our hands, hoping that you will help us weather the dry season with a nice donation before our fiscal year ends. We have a couple of months left before our last meeting in June, so please include us in your financial planning. If everyone helps the Log House just a little, the burden will be light and you will hardly notice it. Remember that a donation in the memory of a loved one is also very welcome.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Martha Haydel, Chair of FLH

The Country Store



The Country Store will be on the road to the San Jacinto Symposium and the San Jacinto Festival. If you are at either of these events, we could use your help with the store. The new book, Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers, is a hit and would make a nice gift with the wildflower ornament from *Keep Texas Beautiful*...We take cash, checks and credit cards. Thank you for your support.

Luanne and Sally



**Texas Honor Days
~ Fly Your Flag ~**

April 21 ~ San Jacinto Day

Historical Dates



1718	May 1	The Mission San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo) is founded.
1830	April 6	Law of 1830 - Mexico enacts a law to stop American immigration to Texas. It is a prime seed that leads to the revolution six years later.
1836	April 15	Sam Houston turns his army toward San Jacinto.
1836	April 19	Houston appeals for help to fight the war.
1836	April 21	The Texans defeat the Mexican army at San Jacinto.
1836	May 14	Santa Anna and President David Burnet sign the Treaty of Velasco.

April Meeting

During the April meeting, Sally Tyler, Executive Director, Memorial Park Conservancy, Inc. gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ongoing Capital Campaign for improvements to Memorial Park. Some of the improvements included a pedestrian/bicycle bridge, a new running center, additional running trails, refurbishment of the tennis plaza and other changes. Ms. Tyler also talked about the Butterfly Garden and stated it is in need of some TLC. If there is anyone who would be interested in helping with this ongoing project, please contact Allison Grady, Volunteer Coordinator, Memorial Park Conservancy, Inc.
E-mail: allison@memorialparkconservancy.org or call 713-863-8403

Raffle to Raise Funds for Brooks Cottage



A new, commissioned, quilted table runner along with matching dinner napkins have been donated to the chapter for a raffle package. This professionally quilted table runner and 12 napkins are made from different fabrics in the Texas theme. The table runner is 20 inches wide x 58 inches long. Beautiful colors of red, white, blue, and yellow are seen throughout the pieces. Proceeds from this raffle will be used to start a special designated fund which will benefit the renovation of Brooks Cottage.

Jill, of Sunflower Quilts, having a deep love for quilting and creating something beautiful each time she quilts, did an excellent job on the table runner and napkins. Make sure you have the opportunity to see this lovely addition to any dining table at the May or June meetings. Tickets will be available for purchase at the May regular meeting and at the June luncheon just prior to the drawing. Phyllis Moody is handling the sale of the tickets. This raffle package will be taken to DRT state convention where raffle tickets will also be sold.

The drawing for this package will be during the luncheon at our last chapter meeting on June 5, 2008. Don't miss the opportunity to have this stunning item on your dining table. Winners need not be present to win!

1 ticket for \$ 5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00.



San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony

The Official State of Texas, Battle of San Jacinto Commemorative Ceremony, will be Monday, April 21, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at the San Jacinto Monument. The keynote speaker will be Jesus F. de la Teja, PhD., Texas State Historian. The Master of Ceremonies will be Ron Stone Jr.

Madge Roberts, President General, will join Eron Brimberry Tynes, President, San Jacinto Chapter, in presenting the Thelma Maresh Scholarship winners. The Sons of the Republic of Texas will also present scholarship awards. The San Jacinto Chapter, SRT will present the enlisted sailor of the year award for the USS San Jacinto and the Sam Houston Chapter, SRT will present the enlisted sailor of the year award for the USS Texas. There will also be a laying of the memorial wreath.

In addition, the San Jacinto Chapter will present to the San Jacinto Museum of History original documents regarding the Texas Veterans Fund. These documents date to 1904 when we were made trustees of this fund. The fund later was used to erect the sundial at the Texian Army camp to the memory of the nine men who gave their lives at the battleground for Texas liberty.

A bus has been reserved and will leave St Luke's Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer Rd., on April 21, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. Please call Ann Bevil by April 16, to reserve your place. After the ceremony, we will have a *Dutch treat* lunch at the Monument Inn.

I encourage each of you to attend this ceremony and dramatically increase our DRT attendance. I plan to continue in the tradition begun by Carolyn Lightfoot, Past President, SJC and request all DRT members present to stand. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have over a 100 DRT present as we celebrate this most significant of Texas honor days! After all, what would the battlefield be today were it not for the San Jacinto Chapter? And where would we be today, were it not for the men and women of the Texas Revolution and the victory at San Jacinto?

*San Jacinto – the most decisive battle of the
Western Hemisphere*

Come join us as we celebrate this most significant
Honor Day:
Victory at San Jacinto – A New Republic of Texas.



Expanding the Horizons of Texas History



San Jacinto Symposium

This year's San Jacinto Symposium will be on Saturday, April 19, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the University Hilton and the University of Houston campus.

This year's program will feature:

- **Steve Harrington**, author of *The Gates of the Alamo*
- **Drenna Belden**, University of North Texas, who will "Explore the Texas Revolution Online Through the Portal to Texas History"
- **Betsy Davis**, "Making History Personal"
- **Stuart Reid**, author of *The Secret War for Texas*
- **Miguel Angel Gonzales Quiroga**, U.A. De Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico, who will discuss "Commonality and Conflict: Northeast Mexico and the Texas Revolution and Republic, 1835-1845"

The cost of the symposium is \$50 after April 11, based on availability. The registration fee includes lunch and parking in the Hilton garage.

Registrations may be made by mailing a check to:
Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground
P.O. Box 940536
Houston, TX 77094-7536.

**DRT HISTORIC SITE MEDALLION
FOR LA BAHIA TRAIL
ANDERSON, TEXAS, SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008**

La Bahia Trail was one of the earliest known trails through the southwest. It was named as Postal Route # 1 by the Republic of Texas. This is the FIRST permanent DRT Historic Site medallion.

Join us at the ceremony commemorating this site. For further information and directions, contact Anita Cooper, Fourth Vice President General, DRT, at ajcooper@cybergal.com
281-286-4433



See attached invitation.



Dr. Joe M. Moody, a member of SAR, his wife, Phyllis, and Ms. Eron B. Tynes, President SJC, enjoying themselves at a buffet dinner meeting for Alexander Hodge SAR meeting on March 25, 2008, where the Mayor of Richmond, Hilmar Moore, spoke about his family lineage, history of his farm, and told of his being the longest serving mayor in US history. Moore has served nearly 59 consecutive years as Richmond's mayor.



**Registrar's Report
03 April 2008**

Prospective Members

Dianne Cullinane Curry

Ancestor: Dr. Lemuel Gustine
Sponsors: Allison Ball and Phyllis Moody

Heather Suzanne Kendall

Ancestor: Sidney Sherman
Sponsors: Nancy Burch and Pat Craig

New Members

Diana Gail Akers Stachowiak

DRT #: 26632
Approved: 22 January 2008
Ancestor: Claiborn Ackers/Akers
Sponsors: Phyllis Moody and Allison Ball

Christy Beth Matthews Brown

DRT#: 26631
Approved: 22 January 2008
Ancestor: John Talbot
Sponsors: Gina Bouchard and Jan Dunham

To Date: Total Membership 364

Marje Harris, Registrar



Martha Haydel gave a Texas History presentation to the Nathaniel Hart Davis Chapter, DRT, March, 2008

"Education for a Presidency: Edgar Odell Lovett and the Creation of Rice University"

Dr. John Boles engaged us in a most fascinating account of the beginnings of Rice University from the intriguing death of William Marsh Rice and an alert bank cashier who noticed the discrepancy in a signed check by Mr. Rice. If the alert bank cashier had not been as alert, what might have happened?

Edgar Odell Lovett was not a Texan; he was not even a southerner. Rather with two Ph.D.'s, he was a rising star at Princeton University when the trustees of the newly founded Rice Institute called him in 1907 to be the school's first president. Working with a significant endowment, a vague charter, a supportive board, and a visionary's gift for planning, Lovett was sent on a fact-finding tour of educational institutions around the globe.

Dr. Boles, with his enthusiasm for the subject, provided us with a compelling view of the early beginnings of Rice Institute. Edgar Odell Lovett was a true visionary, showing such foresight along with the broad-minded trustees of Rice Institute.

Ann Bevil, Second Vice President

Lila Smith Memorial Rose Garden

Please join us on May 1, 2008, at 12:15 p.m. as we dedicate the Lila Smith Memorial Rose Garden. We will have the dedication ceremony after our May meeting, which is our Memorial Service.

Esther Simon and Gwen Kunz have done a wonderful job of planning the rose garden. It truly is a beautiful garden, planted with Knock Out Roses. As each of you know, "Miss Lila" was the sweetest person and a true Texas lady. We were so fortunate to have her in the San Jacinto Chapter and she is greatly missed.



New Arrival

Charles Luke Pesek was born to Dr. Matthew and Jennifer (Zacek) Pesek on 4-4-08 at 7:12 am. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 in. long. Luanne Zacek, our Country Store Co-Chair, is the proud grandma. Congratulations, Luanne!



DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS 117TH STATE CONVENTION



"GATEWAY TO TEXAS"

DATE: May 14-17, 2008

LOCATION: HARVEY HALL CONVENTION CENTER, 2000 W. Front Street, Tyler, Texas

HOTELS:

- (1) Holiday Inn Select, 5701 S. Broadway, Tyler
903 - 561-5800 (\$84.00 per night + tax)
- (2) Best Western Southpark Inn & Suites,
120 West Rieck Road, Tyler 75703
903-534-8800 or 1-800-665-8850
(\$84.00 per night +tax)
- (3) Wingate Inn, 2421 ESE Loop 323, Tyler,
903-566-0600 ext: 657
(\$90.00 per night + tax)

Forms are on the members only website:
<http://drt-inc.org/members/>

Forms will also be sent in the *Daughters Reflections*

May 1st Meeting



Our May 1, 2008, speaker will be Larry D. Thomas, Texas Poet Laureate 2008. Mr. Thomas started writing poetry seriously in the early 1970's during his four-year tour of duty in the U. S. Navy. During his four-year tour of duty, he served as a correctional counselor in the Navy prison. Immediately after his service in the Navy, he secured employment with the Harris County Adult Probation Department where he rose from the rank of probation officer first to unit supervisor and ultimately to branch director. He wrote consistently on weekends during his 31 year career in social service and adult criminal justice, and was quite successful during that period of time in placing his poems in numerous respected national literary journals.

His first collection of poetry, The Lighthouse Keeper, was published in 2000 and was selected by the Small Press Review as a "pick of the issue" (May/June 2001). He has published six additional collections of poems which have received several prestigious prizes and awards. Mr. Thomas has a very special surprise to share with us on May 1, 2008. Come join us as you will not want to miss this presentation.

As part of our May meeting, we will be conducting our annual Memorial Service for those departed members during the past year:

Maryann Gustine Cullinane
Mary Jane Roos Donohue
Betty Frances Vining Glanville
Garnett Kathryn Pickett Noser
Lila Gordon Prestbo Smith
Sarabeth Caldwell Waller,
Carolyn Drew Brooks Whitson
Doris Stout Woolf
Glendora M. Hill, (Associate)

Ann Bevil
2nd Vice President



The Red Raging Waters By Larry D. Thomas

For weeks on end it has rained in Texas

Sending the Brazos miles beyond its banks

Where it rises even now under dark Texas
skies

Over the wooden floor of a bottomland
Baptist church,

Floating creaking pews shaped with the
aching buttocks

Of generations, the wild Brazos rising higher
yet

To the stained-glass robes of the Apostles,

Soaking the feet of Jesus and lapping the
elbows

Of His uplifted arms, creeping up the pulpit

On whose open Bible coils a fat
diamondback,

The red raging waters of the Brazos

Bringing to sweet communion the serpent
and the saint.

*(From Amazing Grace; first published in The
Texas Review)*

*Please send any articles you would like included in the
next newsletter to the editor by the 5th of the month and
please reference SJC- DRT.*



Email: lbeverlin@comcast.net

Linda Beverlin



DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Invite you to attend the

Dedication of a DRT Historic Site marker

For the La Bahia Trail

**Ceremony to be held at Anderson, Texas
(map on back)**

Sunday, April 20, 2008

2 p.m.

Contact:

**Anita Cooper 409-945-6849 or
ajcooper@cybergal.com**