



*Daughters of the Republic of Texas
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Eron Brimberry Tynes, President

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Linda Beverlin, Editor

June Luncheon

The San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon was held on Thursday, June 5. A big Texas thank you goes to Phyllis Moody and Luanne Zacek for planning such an outstanding luncheon that was well attended by DRT members and guests. It was a wonderful event and a joyous occasion as we met before the summer break. President Eron Tynes presented Luanne and Phyllis with flowers for chairing the luncheon and for attractively decorating the tables. Luanne Zacek did a fabulous job of organizing door prizes and the drawings that were held during the course of the luncheon.

The luncheon was held at Bells and Whistles Café which is located across the street from Inn at the Ballpark and Minute Maid Park. Mr. David Smith, owner of Bells and Whistles, who recently gave a generous donation to the Log House, told luncheon attendees a little about himself and how his restaurant, which was designed with a Texas motif, became a reality. The luncheon was held in a very nice private room at the restaurant.

President Eron Tynes opened the meeting with a moment of remembrance for Marian Beckham before welcoming members and guests. Then, the pledges to the U.S. flag and the Texas flag were recited, followed by singing "Texas Our Texas." Mary Jane Harmon gave a beautiful invocation before the restaurant waiters began serving the first course of the meal.

The highlight of the luncheon was the new member service conducted by Eron Tynes, Marje Harris and Mary Jane Harmon. Two of the three new members were inducted: Jennifer Pesek, #26270, and Diane Stachowiak, #26632. It was a proud moment for Luanne Zacek when she pinned a member pin on her daughter, Jennifer. Diane Stachowiak was surprised by the appearance of her parents and her daughter who were there for her induction. Christy Brown, #26631, was unable to attend.

During the program, Beverly Kraft was recognized for her 25 year membership. Other 25 year members were Eugenia Molthen and Joanne Stark, who were unable to attend.

Eron Tynes recognized the San Jacinto Chapter and Log House Board members who were present for their service over the past year. She reminded everyone that while the chapter has the summer off, the Boards continue to meet conducting chapter business.

Special presentations were given to the following members for outstanding service to the chapter during this current year: Linda Beverlin for the newsletter, Mary Jo Brice for chairing the reception for the Texas essay winners, Gwen Kuntz for faithful service to the Log House and gardens, Luanne Zacek and Sally Whittington for the Country Store, Marilyn Van Way for chairing the telephone committee, Ann Tanner for Log House Docents and hostess, and Anita Cooper for representing the chapter and District VI at numerous functions throughout the state.

Registrar Marje Harris reported that she is working on several new member applications and hoping the paperwork will be complete by the time we meet again in the fall.

Phyllis Moody brought the luncheon to a close with the raffle drawing for the Texas table runner.

Martha Haydel led the chapter in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and then President Tynes adjourned the meeting until next October. After the luncheon, members gathered at Inn at the Ballpark to view the historic marker noting the location of the founding of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in 1891. This State DRT Founders' marker was originally erected in 1986 and rededicated in November, 2007.

June Luncheon Pictures



Historical Marker

First row - Eron Tynes, Gerry Robbins, Esther Simon,
Gwen Kunz, Martha Haydel

Second Row – Peggy McGinty, Carolyn Schimek,
Marilyn Chapman, Peggy Payne, Patricia Bacot



Maryanne Tallichet, Kay Martin, Gina Bouchard and
Marilyn Johnson pictured in front of the luncheon room
windows with Inn at the Ballpark in the background



Mr. David Smith, owner,
Bells and Whistles Café



New member, Diane Stachowiak, and Marge Harris



Jennifer Pesek being pinned by mom, Luanne Zacek



Eron Tynes bringing Phyllis Moody and Luanne Zacek down to size



Diane Stachowiak with her parents and daughter



Phyllis Moody with the Precinct 4 bus driver drawing the raffle winner for the table runner



Phyllis Moody and raffle winner, Linda Beverlin

CRT Luncheon

On Saturday, June 14, 2008, the Children of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, held their End-of-Year Party at the Log House. In addition, five new CRT members were sworn in.

Audrey Maribel Hudson

Parent, James E. Hudson III

**Jacqueline DeVault
Madeline DeVault**

**Parent and SRT Member, Chris DeVault,
Grandmother, Jan DeVault, past President, San
Jacinto Chapter**

Katherine Wallace

**Grandmother, Marilyn Chapman, current CRT
Registrar and past President, San Jacinto Chapter**

Anastasia Morrow

**Parent, Mrs. Janet Morrow
Grandfather, Mr. Ed Preston, SRT member
Brother, junior SRT member, Preston Morrow**

The new incoming CRT President, Kelly Fisher, was present along with her parents, Carrie and Clay Fisher, President, San Jacinto Chapter, SRT.

Loretta Williams, Third Vice President and CRT sponsor, conducted the new member ceremony and Helen Williams, CRT Chaplain, recited a special prayer for Marian Beckham. Other CRT members in attendance were Catarina Williams, outgoing CRT chapter President, and James Antal.

David Williams, San Jacinto Chapter, SRT, Laurie Antal and Eron Tynes, San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, were also present. Lunch was served along with a special cake and ice cream to welcome the new CRT members.

CRT, San Jacinto Chapter



Left to right: James Antal, Jacqueline DeVault, Madeline DeVault, Helen Maria Williams, Catarina Elaine Williams, Audrey Maribel Hudson, Anastasia Morrow, Preston Morrow, Katherine Wallace, and Kelly Fisher



CRT President Kelly Fisher, her dad, Clay Fisher, President, San Jacinto SRT, and Eron Tynes



Chaplain's Report

The San Jacinto Chapter deeply regrets the loss of two of its members and offers its most prayerful condolences to their families.

Marian Prestbo Beckham DRT #004430

Marian Prestbo Beckham was born on June 24, 1935 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Houston and passed away on June 5, 2008. She was a proud 6th generation native Texan. Her ancestor was Captain Jesse Billingsley who served at the Battle of San Jacinto. Marian had been a member of the San Jacinto Chapter since March 7, 1956 and was a 52 year member. Prior to that, she had been a member of the CRT.

Marian served as President of the San Jacinto Chapter from 1999-2001. She was the District VI representative from 2001-2003 and was the Third Vice President General from 2003-2005. She was also a member of the San Jacinto Descendants, Ann Poage Chapter, DAR, and John Champion Chapter, Colonial Dames and numerous other associations.

Marian faithfully served the San Jacinto Chapter for many years and she will be greatly missed. She is survived by her husband, Lonnie Beckham, her daughter Melanie Bagley and husband Jim, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 9, at First Christian Church. She was buried at Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Patricia O'Tyson Forney DRT #020773

Patricia O'Tyson Forney was born on April 1, 1923 in Naples, Texas and passed away on June 18, 2008.

She married Lt. Byron Forney in 1946 and moved to Houston the same year. She was predeceased by her husband, Byron, on May 1, 1999 after 53 years of marriage. She is survived by three children, Mark Forney and wife Penny; daughters Lynn Young, and husband Steve, and Martha Moehlmann and husband, Albert; and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She became a member of the San Jacinto Chapter on December 11, 1995. Her ancestor was Campbell English. She was also a member of Tejas Chapter, DAR, and Jefferson Davis Chapter #1637 of UDC, and formerly served as an officer in the Aggie Moms Club.

A Memorial Service was held in the Jasek Chapel of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, on June 20, with burial services at Houston National Cemetery.

Quilted Table Runner and Napkins Raffle won by SJC Member

Linda Beverlin was the lucky winner of the raffle of the quilted table runner and napkins. The Precinct 4 bus driver was designated to draw the winning raffle ticket. What a delight to have this lovely raffle item won by a member of SJC!

A special thank you goes to Jill of Sunflower Quilts, Inc. for her expertise in making this raffle item. Countless thanks and appreciation also go to all of you who participated in the raffle, which raised approximately \$1800. These monies will be a big start toward funding the renovation of Brooks Cottage. At this time, if you would still like to offer a contribution to this renovation fund, please do so through the PMLHM, and mark your donation "Brooks Cottage Renovation." Please send your donations to PMLHM Treasurer, Kae Theilen.

It was my joy to manage this raffle and a true pleasure to turn all proceeds over to PMLHM.

Phyllis Vaughan Moody



President's Message



Where did the year go?

It is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since I was first sworn in as President of SJC. As I prepared the reports for State DRT this past Spring, I was so impressed by all of the hard work and the number of volunteer hours contributed by many of you as we worked to promote Texas history.

At the DRT state convention for 2008, SJC was recognized for: Achievement Award – 1st Place, Volunteer Hours Award, Texas History Award and President General's Project Award. All of this was possible because of your individual efforts as members of the San Jacinto Chapter. I have truly been blessed to work with so many talented members in our chapter as we accomplished many of our goals.

While our recent State Convention is one we will remember for years to come, we were also fortunate to again be recipients of a Native Texas License Plate Grant for the Log House. These dollars will enable us to repair the Log House chimney and recover the cow chairs.

I always enjoy attending CRT events and this recent End-of-Year-Party was a very special one as several new members were inducted. It was so uplifting to welcome three new CRT members who are the granddaughters of two of our past presidents. Becoming CRT members will prepare these children to be future DRT or SRT members.

Please feel free to share your ideas with the board this summer as we make plans for the upcoming year. As Daughters, our objective will continue as we perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.



“TEXAS, ONE and INDIVISIBLE”

Eron Tynes, President

A Note from the Editor

I would like to thank all of you for your support this year as I have tried to learn the fine art of editing a newsletter (with no experience)! I would especially like to thank Phyllis Moody who has spent countless hours helping me edit and rewrite articles and text. I could not have done it without the expertise and talent of this wonderful lady. Phyllis does so much to support our chapter, much of which is done behind the scenes. So, I would like to take this opportunity to personally recognize her and thank her for her unceasing assistance.

Our president, Eron Tynes, works tirelessly for the cause of DRT and our chapter. I have never witnessed such dedication and love for the legacy of Texas. She is a true Texas lady who embodies the strength of Texas women, embracing our Texas heritage at every opportunity. As a proud Texan, I appreciate her passionate efforts to “perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.”

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