



*Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston
The San Jacinto Dispatch
September 2008*



President's Message

Welcome back! I hope you and your family fared well in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Many are still without power and have sustained damage. My prayers are with you and those who are dealing with storm related issues.

While I do miss seeing so many of you when we are on our summer break, I do think our founders definitely had the right idea to meet from October to June. As we begin again this fall, there is always a sense of renewal and commitment to those ideals that we cherish. Our heritage that grants us the privilege of belonging to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is a unique responsibility.

Both of our Boards have been busy meeting this summer and planning for the coming year. The Log House chimney was repaired with funds provided by a Native Texan License Plate Grant. In addition, the "cow chairs" were recovered and look just marvelous in the Log House. I am so looking forward to our

October meeting so each of you can see what a difference they make in the house.

Esther Simon, Gwen Kunz and Collette Herzog are at the Log House almost every week working very diligently to maintain the Log House and the Texas Heritage Garden. Ann Bevil has been extremely busy preparing an outstanding number of programs for this coming year.

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, as the Log House will be hosting a number of events this fall along with our annual Christmas Open House. Come and join us 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"



Eron Brimberry Tynes, President

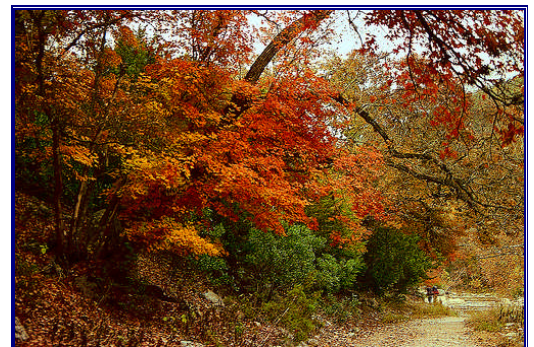


Announcement

**Daughters of the Republic of Texas
District VI and District IX Workshop**

The District VI and IX Workshops have been canceled. The District VI workshop was to be held on September 27th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Houston. One of the hosts of the workshop, New Kentucky Chapter, will be refunding all registration fees. People who have registered for this workshop may expect to receive a refund by October.

**Autumn in Texas
Lost Maples State Park**



Life Members

If you are at least 65 years of age, you are eligible to become a Life Member of the San Jacinto Chapter. This membership class was first started approximately 20 years ago. As per our by-laws,

“A member may purchase a life membership at a cost of \$500.00 provided she is 65 years or older. This amount shall be deposited in a separate account, monies from which may be used as approved by the San Jacinto Chapter Board to pay state and chapter dues each year as needed. The life membership is applicable only to San Jacinto Chapter and is nontransferable.”

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Life Members do not receive annual dues notices and have the assurance that they will always be a member. Please consider becoming a Lifetime Member so you will never have to worry about payment of your membership dues.



Fall Lineage Fair @ Clayton Library

By Phyllis Moody, Corresponding Secretary

It is time again to entertain prospective members for SJC at a lineage fair! The San Jacinto Chapter will once again participate in a Lineage and Family History Fair on Saturday, October 4, 2008, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Clayton Genealogy Library. Mark your calendars!

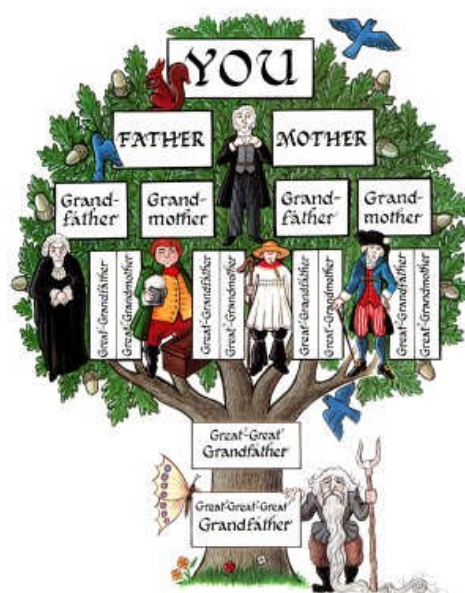
This is the 2nd annual fair held at Clayton Library. SJC participated in the fair last year where we met several interested persons for DRT. There will be several organizations with representatives in attendance. If you want to join another lineage group, or are interested in knowing more about them, please come.

Luann Zacek will be our speaker representing DRT. She will give a brief talk on “what it means to be a member of DRT.”

Tables will be set up at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to assist or work the table, you may volunteer anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. One hour shifts are available.

Please contact Phyllis Moody at moodyphyll@pdq.net
We invite you all to join us.

**Lineage and Family History Fair
Saturday, October 4, 2008
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Clayton Genealogy Library**



Friends of the Log House



By Martha Haydel, Chair, Friends of the Log House

Hello Daughters and all friends of the Log House! We welcome you to another action-packed year within the walls of this revered home of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT. We will hold most of our meetings here and many other functions as well.

Many of you know that the *Friends of the Log House* is an auxiliary to help promote the house and to raise funds to keep us afloat and "in the black." As with any house, it takes a constant income to pay our monthly bills - utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc. We appreciate the faithful contributors who remember us throughout the year. Any chapter member or any of your family or friends is eligible to be a Friend of the Log House.

A wonderful opportunity to help the Log House is through memorial donations. Some of us use this program to remember deceased Daughters, friends or family members. In addition, some send in memorials for living friends and family on special occasions. It is a thoughtful way to remember special occasions and to help the Log House.

We want the Log House to be here for our chapter for a long time. Thank you again for keeping it alive and well!

Marian Prestbo Beckham Texas History Teacher Award



By Eron Tynes, President

In 1991, the Fondren Foundation authorized a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the San Jacinto Chapter. This grant is to be used for a teaching excellence awards program.

Since that time, the interest from the grant has been used to present an award to an outstanding Texas history teacher each year. The principle of this Fondren Foundation grant is still intact. The San Jacinto Chapter has continued over the years to award numerous teachers for their passionate dedication to teaching Texas history to their students.

At their July meeting, the San Jacinto Chapter Board approved the renaming of this award as *The Marian Beckham Texas History Teacher Award* in honor of Marian Prestbo Beckham.

Marian was a 52 year member of the San Jacinto Chapter. She had also been a member of the CRT, San Jacinto Chapter, throughout her childhood.

During her professional career, she dedicated herself to teaching fourth grade Texas history. After her retirement, she spent many hours at the Log House conducting classes for school groups relating to pioneer life and Texas history.

Should you desire to make a contribution in Marian's honor, please send your check payable to:

**San Jacinto Chapter
c/o Chapter Treasurer, Pat Craig
845 Augusta #17A
Houston, Texas 77057**

All donations in Marian's name will be deposited into the *Marian Beckham Texas History Teacher Award* fund. Please mark the memo on your check with "Teacher Award."



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@comcast.net regarding the availability of the Log House for **any** function and to schedule an event at the Log House.



Anne Ross Lackner

Anne Ross Lackner, Emeritus member passed away on August 20, 2008 at the age of 94. She was born November 19, 1913 in Waco, TX to Evander McIver and Margaret Sharp Ross. Anne graduated from Sam Houston (Central) High School and went on to receive her Bachelor's Degree in English from Rice Institute and her Master's Degree in education from the University of Houston. Anne retired from Roberts Elementary after 30 years of teaching. Anne was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston.



She was a direct descendant of the granddaughter of Jose A. Navarro and one of her lateral ancestors was Juanna Navarro Perez Alsbury, an Alamo survivor.

She became a member of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT (#005829) on November 29, 1965. Anne also belonged to the, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Magna Carta Dames.

Services were held on Monday, August 25, 2008 at Forest Park Lawndale with interment following at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. The Texas Flag and the San Jacinto Chapter flag were displayed during the service.

The Country Store

*By Luanne Zacek & Sally Whittington,
Co-chairs, Country Store*



Eron took the country store to Crockett for their district meeting and Luanne took it to Waco. The sales were good. Luanne and Eron went to Fredericksburg on Sept. 6 and had a most successful day selling at the District VIII workshop.

The store has new fingertip towels that are monogrammed with "*Life, Liberty, and Texas.*" We also have the new *Keep Texas Beautiful* ornament depicting a west Texas theme. You will want to add it to your collection.

I am eagerly awaiting David Davis's new book giving a Texas theme to Aesop's Fables.

The state seal crystals are a must have for those people who have everything. Stop by the store; you will find us in our cozy corner.



New 2008 Capitol ornament

Number thirteen in the series, this remarkably intricate Capitol Ornament replicates the central rotunda's impressive terrazzo floor design. In celebration of the 1936 Texas Centennial, terrazzo flooring was installed throughout the first level of the Capitol. Positioned at the center of the immense rotunda floor is the Great Seal of the Republic of Texas, surrounded by the six seals of the sovereign nations that have governed all or part of Texas. It is breathtaking when viewed from the fourth floor Rotunda Gallery.

October 2nd Meeting
Bernard Forrester
“Treasured Archives at TSU”

By Ann Bevil, Second Vice President

Special Collections at TSU

You will not want to miss Bernard Forrester's presentation on the many treasured archives Texas Southern University owns. These include “Chattel” papers from the 1800s showing slave ownership by Texas' founders, a 400-year-old book about Africa, a first edition of poetry by Phyllis Wheatley, and newspapers from the 1750s! Bernard Forrester, the archivist at TSU, believes this book collection at TSU may contain the only copies of the book in the world. Do join us for this most informative and interesting presentation on the archives at TSU!



CRT News

By Loretta Williams, Third Vice President

The CRT San Jacinto Chapter received 36 certificates for participating in various CRT projects for the year 2007-2008 at the annual CRT Convention held this year in Houston. Helen Williams, the past Chaplain General for the CRT BOM, was elected to the position of Parliamentarian General. Aaron Lee Evan Noack, who has been a member of the CRT since 1992 and served on the CRT BOM for the past five years, was elected President General for the year 2008-2009.

A CRT swearing in ceremony of new members and officers for the San Jacinto Chapter was held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum.

We welcomed and thank all of the new members and current members that attended the event. Miss Kelly Fisher was sworn in as the CRT San Jacinto Chapter President for the year 2008-2009. Congratulations to Miss Fisher in her position as President of the CRT San Jacinto Chapter.

Thank you also to our DRT President, Eron Tynes, for her assistance and to all the DRT ladies who made the swearing in ceremony a successful and fun event.

We wish all the CRT members a good school year and if you have questions about any of the events. feel free to call the CRT Sponsor, Loretta Williams, at 713-673-1418 or email at latejana@comcast.net

The Texas Pledge

**"Honor the Texas flag;
 I pledge allegiance to thee,
 Texas, one state under God,
 one and indivisible."**



CRT Calendar 2008-2009

10/11/08 Tour of the Battleship Texas (gratis) 2:00 P.M

10/25/08 Pumpkin Decorating - **Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum** 2:00 p.m.

12/14/08 Christmas Open House - **Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum** 2:00 p.m.
(Please bring a small gift for the Ben Taub Pediatric Ward for our annual donation.)

2/22/09 Texas Independence Day Celebration and Chili Cook-off 2:00 P.M.
(Please participate in the cook-off or just attend and have a great time.)

4/25/09 San Jacinto Festival Day
(Show your TX pride and come view the reenactment.
You can tour the living camp, listen to great entertainment, or participate in an activity.
(There are always great vendors and plenty of fun to go around.)

6/7/09 Swearing in of New CRT San Jacinto Members - Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum 2:00 p.m.

6/12-13/09 CRT State Convention 2009

MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome
6201 E. Bus I-20
Odessa, TX US 79762

September/October Dates



Sept 20th TEXIAN NAVY DAY
HONOR DAY - FLY YOUR TEXAS FLAG

Sept 27th District VI meeting, Houston - CANCELED

Sept 29th FRENCH LEGATION DAY
MEMORIAL DAY - FLY YOUR TEXAS FLAG



Oct 2nd GONZALES DAY
HONOR DAY - FLY YOUR TEXAS FLAG

Oct 2nd SJ Chapter Meeting 10:00 @ The Log House
PMLHM & SJC Board meeting @ Log House

Oct 4th Clayton Library Genealogy Fair 10:00 - 4:30



Attendance Award

The San Jacinto Chapter Board will award one year complimentary dues to a chapter member for 2009-2010.

How to enter - Attend every chapter meeting and sign the book. Those members who attend the most meetings will have their names entered in a drawing. The drawing will take place at our June Luncheon, 2009. Nancy Burch has volunteered to coordinate the drawing.

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