



The Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston
The San Jacinto Dispatch
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**DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
STATE CONVENTION 2010—HOUSTON, TEXAS**

The 119th State DRT Annual convention was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Houston, Texas, on May 13-15, 2010. The *Stars of the Republic* was the theme for the convention. The activities started on Wednesday evening with a dinner at the Log House for the Board of Management and continued at the hotel with business meetings and luncheons.

During the Opening Session on Thursday, Nathan Tollett, Director of Sales, Greater Houston Visitors Bureau, welcomed the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to Houston and our own past President Carolyn Lightfoot responded to his welcome. Judge Mark Davidson was the keynote speaker and he spoke about the importance of preserving our history.

On Friday evening, the rains flooded Houston, but spirits were not dampened and everyone had a fabulous night at the Historical Evening Dinner. The San Jacinto Chapter was well represented throughout the Convention and was recognized at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday with three awards: First Place--Achievement Award, the Texas History Award and the Volunteer Hours Award.



Flag Ceremony



Friday Luncheon
Greetings from Kameron Searle



Flag Ceremony



Stars of the Convention!!!



Patti Atkins, President General and CRT



Sandra Meier, District VI Representative



Anita Cooper & Martha Haydel



Decorations for Friday luncheon



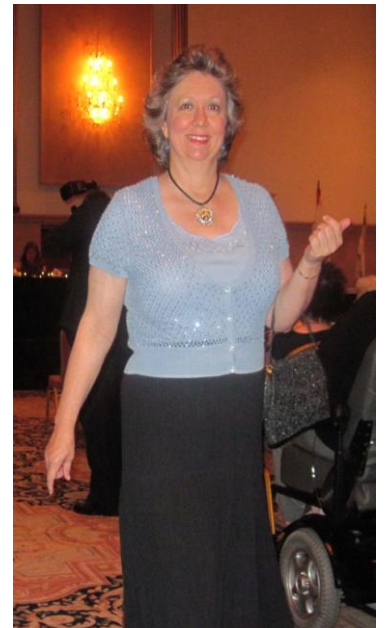
Kameron Searle, The Brown's And Eron Tynes



SJC Members Glittered



Eron Tynes and Martha Haydel



Eron Tynes, SJC President



L to R: Tamara Kittleson, Martha Haydel and Sally Whittington



Brady's Landing



State DRT Award



The Water Fountain

June Luncheon

The June luncheon and chapter meeting was held on June 3, 2010, at Brady's Landing at the turning basin on the Ship Channel in Harrisburg. Members and guests assembled in the Turning Point Room for this event. It was a wonderful luncheon and such a joyous occasion as we gathered together before our summer break. The pledges to the flags were led by special guests Dani Cheek and her daughter Jordan Cheek.

The highlight of the June Luncheon was the presentation of the Outstanding Texas History Teacher Award to Dani Cheek by Luanne Zacek. Luanne spoke of Dani's dedication to teaching fourth grade Texas history and the inspiration she has for her students. Dani was most gracious in her acceptance and shared a little of the history of Anahuac during her talk.

During the program, Esther Simon and Mary Ann Walker were recognized for 50 years of membership in the Daughters. In addition, several 25 year members were also recognized: Jean Amsler Cathriner, Elizabeth Marsh Christian, Patricia Dewhurst, Carolyn Burton Hamilton, Marion Smith Hargrove, Carol Smith Johnston, Virginia Ford Karuba, Louise Loose Levy, Carolyn Andrews Lightfoot, and Nancy Chapman Wallace,

Marion Hargrove was present and received her certificate and that of her sister, Carol Smith Johnston. Marilyn Chapman received the certificate for her daughter Nancy Chapman Wallace.

As is tradition, another highlight of the June Luncheon was our new member service conducted by Eron Tynes and Marje Harris. Betty Burkett, Sue Davis, Carol Haddock, Dana Stover, and Shelley Gottschalk were sworn in as new members. As part of the ceremony, each new member was presented with . . . *two symbols, recognized worldwide, that are synonymous with the pride, joy, and beauty of our great State, Our State Flag, whose Lone Star once flew over the Republic from which you are descended, and our State flower, the Bluebonnet, whose azure blue beauty blankets our beloved State each spring.*

Eron Tynes recognized all members of the San Jacinto Chapter Executive Board and Log House Board members for their service over the past year. She reminded everyone that while the chapter has the summer off, the boards continue to meet during the summer to conduct chapter business.

In addition, special presentations were given to the following members for outstanding service to the chapter during this current year: Brenda Stover for the Newsletter, Betty Petty for Membership Committee and Docent, Carolyn Gilbert for the Website, Cindie Gruetzmacher for volunteering her husband, Bob, and the Chili Cook-off, Margaret Standard for Raffles that benefit the Log House, and Mary Ann Howard for the Christmas Luncheon.

Members present and receiving certificates for their participation on the Patriotic Education Committee were Marje Harris, Ann Tanner, Linda Beverlin, and Ann Bevil. The Patriotic Education Committee is the committee that is responsible for the Texas Essay Contest and the Thelma Maresh Scholarship. Other members who received certificates were Marilyn van Way for chairing the Telephone Committee, Sue Montgomery, Social Committee and Sharolyn Wood, Docent.

Three members, Brenda Stover, Betty Petty and Margaret Standard were eligible for the Member Attendance Award Drawing. Betty Petty was the winner of the drawing and will have her member dues paid for the next year. Sally Whittington and Martha Haydel led the chapter in singing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” and the meeting was adjourned until next October.

LUNCHEON PICTURES



Sally Whittington & Mary Ann Howard



Eron Tynes with New Members Betty Burkett, Shelly Gottschalk, Dana Stover, Sue Davis, Carol Haddock and Marje Harris, Registrar



Eron Tynes & Jordan Cheek



Luanne Zacek & Dani Cheek



Doris Anderson

AWARDS WERE PRESENTED

Marilyn Chapman



Brenda Stover



Cindie Gruetzmacher



Carolyn Gilbert



Margaret Standard

Newsletter Editor:
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Co-Editor: Phyllis Moody

It has been my privilege this year to write the newsletter for the San Jacinto Chapter.

I would like to thank Phyllis Moody for her guidance and support each month as we went through the creation process. Her commitment to excellence is just what I needed to complete each issue.

It has also been my pleasure to serve our President Eron Tynes. Eron has provided unwavering leadership for the San Jacinto Chapter while fostering our Texas heritage in her presentations around the State. From her depth of knowledge, she has answered my unending questions about Texas and The Daughters of the Republic.

Both of these ladies are truly imbued with the Texas spirits of service and loyalty and make me proud to be a Daughter.

Brenda Stover
Editor

LOG HOUSE UPDATE

This is the time of year that we pay our dues and make donations to the Log House. As you know we have had some special circumstances this year, which led us to install a security system. The cost to install the system is only the beginning--each month is followed with a bill for the monitoring, and then once a year we have permits. With our last break-in we had damage to Brooks Cottage screens and a broken window, all of which then had to be repaired. This is on top of the regular bills each month that add up to approximately \$1,200-\$1,400. Without the income from the Country Store we would not have been able to pay our bills.

As you pay your chapter dues, please consider a donation to the PMLHM in the amount of \$50 or more. Some of you have already put your Friends donation in the mail, and I thank you for that. If you live in an older house you know how much it takes just to keep things repaired and a bit ahead of the next repair job. We are looking for ways to pay for a new fence, which is a major investment.

Kae Theilen, Treasurer
Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum

Friends of the Log House

We gratefully acknowledge the following supporters for getting their Log House donations to our treasurer, Kae Theilen, before vacation schedules get too busy. Thanks a million, *Friends*. We deeply appreciate each and every contribution,

Ann Tanner
Maxine Brimberry
Jane Fieldcamp

Eron Tynes
Vickie Gilbreath
Martha Hirsch

Linda Beverlin
Gwen Koch
Susan Gaze

Brenda Stover
Dana Stover

In Memoriam, for Kelsey Lukingbeal:
Kae Theilen

Eron Tynes

Sally Whittington

Luanne Zacek

In Memoriam, for Edd Hendee, Jr.
Eron Tynes

Honorarium for Marje Harris
Miki Norton

if you want to become a member of Friends, please contact me. Let us use this month as our kick-off campaign for the 2010-2011 year, and keep the ball rolling forward!

Membership levels are as follows for Friends of the Log House:

\$25 Texas Star
\$500 Lone Star

\$50 Silver Star
\$1,000 Platinum Star

\$100 Shining Star

\$250 Gold Star

I wish you a restful, rejuvenating summer! Hope to see you in the fall with rosy cheeks and a spring in your step!

Martha Haydel, Chairman
Friends of the Log House

Board of Management Dinner Held at Log House

Past President Generals from the San Jacinto Chapter



Mrs. Anson Jones, Carrie Kemp, Julia Hagan,
Madge Houston Hearne



Erette Red and Thelma Maresh



Patti Atkins, Stephanie Gault and Evelyn Reininger



Sandra Meier and Anita Cooper



Gwen Kunz, Eron Tynes and Martha Haydel



Tables Set for Dinner



Colorful Buffet

San Jacinto Chapter, DRT



General Meeting Registrar's Report 03 June 2010

Baker, Sharyn	Ancestor:	Isaiah Baker
	Sponsor:	Eron Tynes Marje Harris
Penley, Karen E. Reinstate	Ancestor:	Nathaniel S. Middleton Phyllis Moody Allison Ball
Willard, Kathy Reinstate	Ancestor:	James Denn
	Sponsor:	Jerry Haynes Carolyn Lightfoot

To Date: Total Membership 346

Marje Harris
Registrar, San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, Houston

NEW HOURS FOR LIBRARY

Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research

New hours effective June 14, 2010

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 10am-6pm
Wednesday: 10am-8pm
Thursday: 10am-6pm
Friday: 10am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: CLOSED

**Note: Clayton Library is closed on
City of Houston Holidays.**

At the Convention



Auction Prizes-Guitar & Afghan



Recipes from the Convention Country Store

Bags of cookies, baked by Marje Harris, Phyllis Moody, Tamara Kittleson, Kae Theilen and Luanne Zacek, sold at the Country Store were a big hit! Here are the recipes.

Snickerdoodles

½ c. (3.25 oz) veg shortening (Crisco)
 ½ c. (4 oz) unsalted butter
 1 ½ c. (10.5 oz) sugar
 1 t. vanilla
 2 t. baking powder
 2 large eggs
 ¾ t. salt
 2 ¾ c. (11.5 oz) unbleached flour

Coating:

½ c (3.5 oz) sugar & 2 t. cinnamon
 Mix into bowl or plastic bag.

Preheat oven to 400. Lightly grease or line 2 baking sheets with parchment or silpat. Cream shortening, butter, sugar, vanilla & baking powder beating until smooth. Add eggs; beat until smooth, scraping bowl once. Add salt & flour mixing slowly until combined. Scoop out about 1 T. of dough & roll into a ball. Once several balls have been made, put into coating mixture; gently shake until all are well covered. Place on cookie sheet @ 1 ½" apart. Using the bottom of a glass, flatten each cookie to about ½" thick. Bake the cookie for 8 minutes until golden brown around the edges. Remove from oven; put on rack to cool. Makes 7 doz



Cindie Gruetzmacher & Phyllis Moody

Crispy Christmas Balls

¾ c. sugar
 4 oz of unsalted butter
 2 egg yolks
 1 - 8oz pkg cream cheese
 Cook in heavy pan until simmering.
 Continue simmering 8-9 more minutes stirring frequently. Watch carefully so it does not burn.

Remove from heat and add...

1 - 3.5 oz can Angel Flake coconut
 1 c. pecans
 1 T. vanilla
 2 c. Rice Crispies

Mix, then form into Brazil nut sized balls and roll in powdered sugar.



Country Store Helpers
At the Convention
 Linda Beverlin, Kae Theilen,
 Tamara Kittleson, Phyllis Moody
 and Sally Whittington





President's Message

Sunday, June 20, was the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. However here in Texas, for many of us, summer begins around May 1, when the temperatures start to climb towards the 90's and we turn on the air conditioning. And for the San Jacinto Chapter our year ends in June, as we go on summer break.

People often ask me – what is my favorite chapter event? In the past, I would have said the Texas Independence Day Celebration and Chili cook-off or the Christmas Open House, both held at the Log House. I have now decided it is the June Luncheon as it the time where we recognize so many of our members for all their contributions to our chapter over the past year.

At State Convention we were recognized for several Awards. 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 and we accomplished many of our goals.

We also reflect on what has been accomplished during the previous year. One of the highlights of the past year was the installation of the siding on Brooks Cottage and replacing the old windows. In addition, due to the two burglaries, a new security system has been installed at the Log House and Brooks Cottage.

As we look forward to next year, we are focused on the 75th anniversary of the Log House. The Log House was dedicated on March 2, 1936 in honor of the Texas Centennial. Texas, herself will be celebrating 175 years of Independence next Spring.

Charlotte Taylor and Nancy Burch will be Co-chairs of the 75th anniversary committee for the Log House. We have much to do – there will be numerous challenges and opportunities during the upcoming year. I am asking each of you to assist us as we work to achieve our DRT objectives and commemorate this milestone anniversary for our treasured Log House.

As descendants of these men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas, it is our heritage and legacy. We must not lose sight of that objective and work in unity as Daughters of our beloved State of Texas. It is the tie that binds us all together.

Eron Brimberry Tynes

TEXAS, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE

REMINDER: Dues DATE has changed. See attached form!!!!

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER

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2009-2011

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