

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

November 2011

## Lines from Luanne

San Jacinto Chapter DRT President



What a glorious day to celebrate 120 years of Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the San Jacinto Chapter! The beautifully decorated cake with the DRT and SJC seals commemorated the past, present and future of our historic organization. Gina Bouchard, past SJC President, said she had never seen the house look as good as it does now.



Sallie Gordon's video presentation of her book Houston's Courtlandt Place detailed information of one of Houston's oldest and finest neighborhoods. It was enjoyed by all.

Phyllis Moody and I attended the Texas State Genealogical Society Convention in Houston and set up the Country Store there. We had many inquiries about DRT membership and the Log House. Sally Whittington, Anita Cooper and Linda Beverlin assisted with sales making it a profitable weekend for the Log House.

Decorating the tree at the Log House is a special occasion. Our collection of handmade ornaments placed on the tree with the new Texas ancestor ornaments remind us of Christmas's past. Times were much harder, but the celebration of the season was much simpler. As we plan for the season, let us remember those who came before us and did so much for our great state. Let's remember the reason for the season.

Luanne Zacek, President

## Christmas Luncheon



The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Log House on December 8, (the second Thursday). The meal will be catered by Liebman's Wine & Fine Foods and will include Orange Almond Salad, Lemon Herb Chicken Breast, Grilled Vegetables and Leibman's English Bread Pudding. Seating will begin at **11:15 a.m.**

The cost is \$25.00. The deadline for your reservation is December 1. There will be no refunds. Please make your check payable to *San Jacinto Chapter*. Mail your check to:

Luanne Zacek  
6521 Patricia Lane  
Katy, TX 77493

The Country Store will be open for holiday shopping at **10:30 a.m.** before the luncheon, and afterwards, and will feature many good bargains, so bring your Christmas list! We will also have special music by The Gloryland 4 starting at 11:30 a.m. You won't want to miss this annual Christmas event!

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## Christmas Luncheon Program

The luncheon program will begin at **11:30 a.m.** with special Christmas music by The Gloryland 4. The Gloryland 4 is a gospel quartet of men organized at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. They have been together for about 8 years, singing in the "barbershop" style, providing a cappella harmony for many groups around town. Their ages vary widely, their voices range high and low, and their inspiration comes from a love of the gospel message put to music. Two of the men sing in the Houston Symphony Chorus, and one also plays clarinet and sax in another fun group, The Sunshiners. Another performs as a thespian and all sing in their church choirs.

A ceremony will be conducted at the luncheon to welcome 8 new members that have been approved within the last 6 months. Our new members are Jo Rodgers, Tonya Anderson, Opal Rainey, Rhonda Barclay, Liz Leifeste, Bana Caskey, Mary Ann Wynn, and Julia Hogan. At the conclusion of the ceremony, our Chapter President, Luanne Zacek, will present each new member with a state flag of Texas and the state flower, the bluebonnet, to commemorate the occasion.

## Ben Taub Pediatric Unit Toy Drive



This year, the CRT will be collecting toys for the Ben Taub Hospital Pediatric Unit at the Christmas Luncheon and the Christmas Open House. As a chapter, we support this worthy CRT project. If you wish to contribute to the toy drive, please bring your unwrapped gift to the Luncheon or the Open House.

## Christmas Open House



The Christmas Open House will be **December 11** from **2-4 pm**. Make this event a family tradition because Santa will be there! Refreshments will be served and Christmas music will be provided by our own First VP, Cindie Gruetzmacher, and her husband Bob.

Unwrapped new toys will also be collected for the CRT special project, the Ben Taub Hospital Pediatric Unit Toy Drive. The CRT will assist with delivering the toys to the children at the hospital.

## Registrar's Report



The San Jacinto Chapter currently has six prospective members and two new members. We welcome Mary Ann Gaines Clore Wynn who was approved for membership 24 October 2011 and Julia Hogan who was just approved on 02 November 2011.

Marje Harris, Registrar

## Chaplain's Report



In a recent conversation with Pat Craig, she talked about her improvement of mobility. She now uses the computer and telephone after extensive hand therapy at TIRR. We hope she continues to improve in the coming months. Mary Jo Brice is in the final stages of her radiation treatments. Although, she is not feeling her best, she keeps that winning smile on her face and her spirits up. Our sincere sympathy is extended to member Beverly Taylor Maurice in the home going of her husband, Robert G. Hindman.

God Bless these three wonderful members of **SJC**. Please report to Kae Theilen any illness or death within our family of SJC daughters.



## Luncheon Help Needed

Brenda Stover will need help setting up for the Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, **December 7**, at **10 a.m.** Contact Brenda if you can volunteer to help.

## PMLH Rental



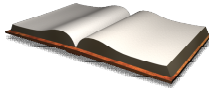
The Pioneer Memorial Log House is currently used for a variety of occasions including San Jacinto Chapter activities, other DRT and CRT activities, and fundraising rentals. Because of the growing popularity of the Log House and in order to avoid "double booking" it is important to coordinate all use of the Log House. Please contact Luanne Zacek at (281) 391-8464 or [lzacek@hotmail.com](mailto:lzacek@hotmail.com) regarding the availability of the Log House for any function and to schedule an event. Chapter members and historic/patriotic organizations can rent the Log House for a reduced fee of \$150.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book

Many of you have inquired about the beautiful book Brenda Stover assembled on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea and Gala. Her expertise and valuable time created a lasting memory for all of us to enjoy. This treasured book can be ordered for \$60. Contact Brenda if you are interested in purchasing one for yourself. A book would also make a wonderful Christmas gift.

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Phone: (713) 467-0680



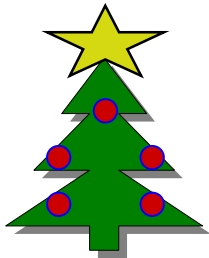
## Country Store



Come early, stay late!!! - to see the new items in the PMLHM country store. We now have so many new items in the store that depict Texas as well as Houston. Included are note cards, note pads, and portable drinking containers with the Houston skyline printed on them. Also, there are Texas themed napkins, note cards and writing pads which would make wonderful small gifts for a friend or family member. There is a new plaque which reads "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave" and trivet tiles stating "Bless This Home." We offer a new "God Bless Texas" desk picture frame and a new red, white, and blue ornament for sale that is displayed on our store Christmas tree. The number of new things for sale are too numerous to list here, so be sure not to miss these exciting items in the country store and get your Christmas shopping started, or finished on December 8!

Recall those facial chamois from last year? Those make great stocking stuffers and we have just a few left. Don't forget that many of you ordered the SJC cloisonné ornament and those will be arriving soon. Yours will be ready for you to pick up, and a few extras will be for sale. We still sell those wonderful children's books, as well as additional Texas books for your reading pleasure. We have ordered new silver spoon and quarter bracelets for your wrist – wear one showing your pride for Texas. Men's ties and ladies scarves are still available in abundant supply. We look forward to you shopping at the country store this holiday season.

## Friends of the Log House



Please help decorate our Christmas Tree in the Log House. Choose your level of giving from the decorations below with a check payable to the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum, and mail to:

**Gwen Kunz**

2001 Holcombe Blvd. #2901  
Houston, TX 77030.



- Replace Plants - \$40 each
- Gas - \$25 monthly
- Water - \$30 monthly
- Lawn Service - \$55 weekly
- Chimney Cleaning - \$100
- Vacuum Cleaner - \$125
- Yard Clean-up 2X Year - \$500
- Phone - \$50 monthly
- Insurance - \$600 monthly
- Exterminator - \$150 quarterly
- Alarm System - \$30 monthly

Thank you for sharing your Christmas gift with us.

Luanne Zacek, President,  
San Jacinto Chapter, DRT  
Kae Theilen, Chair, Friends of the Log House

## Log House Needs



The Log House is still in need of garden tools such as rakes, shovels, sprinklers and hand tools. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to the Log House, please call Colette Herzog, 5<sup>th</sup> VP, and she will arrange to pick them up. Her phone number is (713) 461-3257.

## Governor Mark White

If anyone took pictures of the governor at the September meeting, please email them to Linda Beverlin at [lbeverlin@comcast.net](mailto:lbeverlin@comcast.net)

## Nametags

Email the editor at [lbeverlin@comcast.net](mailto:lbeverlin@comcast.net) if you need a nametag.

## Republic of Texas Ancestor Ornament



Cindie Gruetzmacher will be selling, and putting the names on these ornaments before and after the luncheon. Stop by her table and have her make one for you!

\$5/1 ornament/1 ancestor  
with a Gold star if born in the Republic

Proceeds benefit PMLHM

*You may also order your ornament by mail.  
Make checks payable to PMLHM. Send your check to:*

**Cindie Gruetzmacher**  
10622 Indian Paintbrush Ln.  
Houston, TX, 77095-4254

## Sharp Raffle Item on the Block



Carving a Christmas turkey? We have just the knife set for you and your guests to use during your delicious holiday meal. This latest raffle item consists of 8 stainless steel knives nestled in a wooden display block. This "Taste of Texas" set is valued at \$80. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the PMLHM Christmas Open House on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. Carve your way to the raffle table before or after lunch at the December 8 meeting!

## Additional Parking



Additional parking can be found in the Ben Taub Hospital Parking Garage. Members who park there will be given a free parking voucher at the meeting. Please continue to park in the garage if you are able.

## Meeting Refreshments



Ladies, have you signed up to help with the refreshments for a certain month? Call Margaret Standard (713-862-4997) to assist at least once with the goodies provided at a meeting. All names of the SJC members who bring items to share will be entered into a drawing for a nice prize at the June Luncheon.

## November 3rd Chapter Meeting



**Luanne Zacek, Sallie Gordon, Nancy Burch**

Sallie Gordon, co-author of the book, Houston's Courtlandt Place, was the speaker at our November chapter meeting. She spoke about the historic homes that line this one-block-long street in the heart of our city, and the people who have lived there since it was first developed in 1906. One of the early residents was a member of our chapter, the late Mae Wynne (Mrs. I. B.) McFarland. Sallie's presentation included many wonderful photographs showing life on Courtlandt Place through the years. Sallie's presentation was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

**Founders' Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**Founders' Celebration Table**



**Left to Right: Cindie Gruetzmacher, Dorwayne Hinde, Liz Leifeste, Ann Tanner, Shannon Work**



**Pat Bacot, (center), with guests & Marilyn Van Way  
Betty Petty (background)**



**Sally Whittington  
Anita Cooper  
Country Store**



**Left to Right: Sue Montgomery, Anita Cooper, Ann Tanner,  
Nancy Burch, Anne Kennett, Kay Martin, Gina Bouchard**



**Phyllis Moody displaying  
Sharp Raffle Item**