

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

October 2014

From the President:



We are busy at the Log House.

Our Log House is ready for the "Pioneer Garden Party" to dedicate our new Pioneer Garden on Saturday, **October 18th**, organized by **6th Vice President, Margie Forster**. The **Texas Heritage Garden Committee's** hard work is evident around the Log House grounds. In addition to landscape up-keep, dead and dying trees and roses have been removed and work done to save trees at risk. Our thanks to Margie, her committee, and her volunteers. Contact Margie to participate.

The Log House will be transformed by **3rd Vice President Deborah Liss-Frank** to the "spooky" Log House for our CRT pumpkin party on **October 24th**. Contact Deborah to participate.

SJC chapter members attended the combined District IV, VI & IX Workshop held on **October 11**. **President General Ellen McCaffrey** was present with other general officers and state committee chairs. Our Country Store was manned by **4th Vice President Tamara Phillips**, assisted by **Luanne Zacek** and **Sally Whittington**.

The 2013-2015 yearbook is being updated by **1st Vice President Leah Jorgensen**. A pdf version will be posted by our web site manager **Carolyn Gilbert**. To protect our privacy, member information is omitted from the e-Yearbook.

Our contractor has completed the renovation of the twenty-one windows in the Log House, exterior wall repairs, and weather proofing of the doors. This extensive project to clean and then reseal the 12 window panes in each window, while repairing broken panes, will halt the water seepage in our windows, leaving the Log House more weather proof.

...and maybe best of all, **Marje Harris**, our **SJC Registrar**, has taught 3 lessons in her six week series on genealogy computer research. Marje is a genius and keeps us laughing. The handouts are outstanding. It's not too late—contact me to join us for the final three lessons on **October 22, 29 and Nov. 5**.

Sharolyn



November 6 Chapter Meeting 10:00 am

Please join us on November 6th and help our chapter welcome our guest speaker, **Deborah Markey**. She will discuss "History and Master Plan for the Houston Arboretum".

Deborah Markey became the Executive Director of the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center in 2005. In her tenure with the organization, she has managed the Arboretum's business operations effectively to ensure a strong positive bottom line and has tripled the organization's income, resulting in increased community visibility and organizational capacity.

Currently, Ms. Markey serves as a trustee at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Prior to her career at the Arboretum, she was a community leader in the Houston Heights. She remains a resident of the Houston/Woodland Heights for the past 30 years.

On the agenda for our November business meeting will be confirmation of our 1st Vice President, Leah Jorgensen, and Treasurer, Martha Jorgensen, and electing the Nominations Committee for 2015-2017.

Jamie Moran, Program Chair



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"Pioneer Garden Party"



**San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, and
Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum
cordially invite you to
celebrate the new Pioneer Garden
Saturday, October 18, 2014
Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum
1510 Cambridge Street, Houston, Texas
77030**

Open House & Tours

11 am to 3 pm

Join San Jacinto Chapter Past Presidents for the
dedication ceremony

Pioneer Garden Dedication

1 pm

Docent-guided tours include the Log House Museum, including Phoebe's cabin with its early Texas artifacts, and the new Pioneer Garden featuring native Texas plants.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsors and volunteers who helped establish the new garden will be acknowledged at the dedication ceremony..

CRT Pumpkin Decorating and Halloween Fun

**Celebrating the Seasons—
Children of The Republic of Texas
Saturday, October 25th – 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Deborah Liss-Frank, 3rd Vice President, will welcome our CRT chapter members and guests at the "Spooky" Log House for Halloween fun. CRT members, chapter member children and grand-children, and friends are all invited.

Deborah and her committee will have pumpkin crafts, face painting, cookie decorating, and Halloween treats for the children of all ages to enjoy. The Halloween Party was a hit with all those attending last year.



Luanne Zacek and friends in 2013

Dress up for Halloween!

Bring a friend!

Enjoy the party at the Log House!

Contact Deborah at dliss@sbcglobal.net
or (832) 755-5550



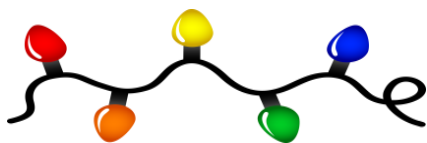
Texas Honor Days

Fly your Texas flag!

***Stephen F. Austin's Birthday, 1793
November 3***

***DRT Founders Day, 1891
November 6***

Log House and Christmas Tree Decorating Dec. 2 at 1:00



Join the Christmas Events Committee
and the Chapter Board Members
to decorate our Pioneer Memorial Log
House for the Christmas holidays.

After a Baked Potato Lunch at 1:00, we
will decorate with greenery, festive
decorations, and heritage tree
ornaments.

Reserve your baked potato today.
Luanne Zacek at lzacek@hotmail.com or
(281) 391-8464



Ester Simon readies tree ornaments in 2013

Christmas Luncheon Dec. 4 at 11:30 at the Log House



Make plans to attend our Annual
Christmas Luncheon and enjoy good food,
good fellowship, and a terrific musical
program.

Mail your check made out to San Jacinto
Chapter/DRT for \$28 to:

Brenda Stover, 13515 Kimberley Lane,
Houston 77079.

Checks due by Tuesday, November 25



Log House Christmas Luncheon 2013

San Jacinto Chapter Christmas Luncheon

December 4, 2014 ▪ Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum ▪ 11:00 am

New Member Service ▪ Officer Installation

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COMPLETE THE FORM AND SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION BY November 25, 2014

Please print

Reservation for _____

My Guest(s) _____

**Check for \$28 payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT**

**Mail to: Brenda Stover
13515 Kimberley Lane
Houston, Texas 77079-6005**

Chapter Meeting October 2nd SJC learns about "Chili" from Martha Haydel

At our October 2, 2014, chapter meeting, San Jacinto Chapter member **Martha Haydel** presented a program about "*The Real History of Texas Chili*".

Members were entertained as Martha told the story of chili plants, the San Antonio chili queens, and the many ways chili is cooked today. Her special chili recipe is on the next page.



Marje Harris with new member Lisa Watkins (above) enjoy coffee during a break. Refreshments were served in the dining room (below).



Phyllis Moody helps in the Country Store.



Martha and her Chili display.



Martha Haydel speaking to San Jacinto Chapter

CHILI PRAYER From Martha:

This prayer was composed by Matthew (Bones) Hooks, a beloved black range cook in the Texas Panhandle. Bones' prayer went something like this:

"Lord, God, you know us old cowhands is forgetful. Sometimes, I can't even recollect what happened yesterday. We is forgetful. We just know daylight from dark, summer, fall, winter, and spring. But I sure hope we don't never forget to thank you before we eat a mess of good chili.

We don't know why, in your wisdom, you been so doggone good to us. The Chinese people don't have no chili. The Frenchmen is left out. The Russians don't know no more about chili than a hog knows about a sidesaddle. Even the Mexicans don't get a good whiff of chili unless they live around here.

Chili-eaters is some of your chosen people, Lord. We don't know why you're so doggone good to us. But, Lord God, don't never think we ain't grateful for this chili we are about to eat. Amen."



Martha's Chili Recipe

MoléPoblanoChili

- 1½ 12 ounce cans of beer
- 5½ Tbs. chili powder—mix of ancho & chipotle
- 2 Tbs. ground cumin
- 1 Tbs. smoked paprika
- 1½ tsp. beef bouillon granules
- 1½ tsp. dried oregano
- 2 Tbs. olive oil, plus more if necessary
- 1 ¾ lb. boneless beef chuck, cut into ½ inch cubes
- 1 lb. port loin cut into ½ cubes
- ½ tsp. each salt and pepper
- 2 medium-sized onions, chopped
- 2 poblano chili peppers, seeded and chopped
- 5 cloves of garlic, minced
- 4 oz. tomato sauce
- 1 Tbs. ground coriander
- 1 Tbs. green chili sauce
- 1½ tsp. molé poblano (in the supermarket's Mexican section)
- 1½ tsp. sugar

For garnish (optional):

1 Tbs. fresh lime juice
grated Monterey Jack cheese

1. Combine the beer, chili powder, cumin, paprika, bouillon granules, and oregano in a large, heavy pot. Add 1 ¼ cups of water. Bring the mixture to a boil, then remove from the heat.
2. Place 2 tablespoons of oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Brown the meat in small batches, seasoning with salt and pepper. Transfer the meat to the pot with a slotted spoon. Sauté the onions, peppers and garlic over low heat, adding more oil if necessary, until softened, about 8 minutes, then remove to the pot.
3. Stir in tomato sauce, coriander, chili sauce, mole poblano, and sugar. Bring the mixture to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 2 hours.
4. Just before serving, stir in lime juice. Serve with grated cheese, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

***NOTE: The recipe above was used for inspiration only—it only approximates what actually went into the chili you are eating today. No warranties, express or implied, are made as to how your chili will taste if you follow the recipe above. In fact, if you follow the recipe above, your chili probably won't even taste similar.*



Registrar's Report

Four new member has been approved:

#31054 **Barta, Cheryl Renee LeBlue**

Approved: 02 Jul 2014

Ancestor: Rayford Crawford Balance

Sponsors: Marje Harris and Phyllis Moody

31108 **Calhoun, Rose Marie Taylor**

Approved: 08 Aug 2014

Ancestor: William S. Box

Sponsors: Sharolyn Wood and Luanne Zacek

#31029 **Hutton, Bonnie Piel**

Approved: 06 Jun 2014

Ancestor: Blassingame W. Harvey

Sponsors: Jamie Moran and Marjorie Forster

#31102 **Milby, Mary Josephine**

Approved: 07 Aug 2014

Ancestor: William Polk Milby

Sponsors: Marilyn Chapman and Anita Cooper

Four prospective members were voted on at the October 2nd chapter meeting.

Sabrina Lorraine Bertran

Ancestor: Adolphe Oge

Sue Ann Satterfield Cook

Ancestor: Casper Habermacher

Ainslie Elizabeth Watkins

Ancestor: Christian F. Duer

Cassandra Faith Watkins

Ancestor: Christian F. Duer

The death of a SJC sister is sadly noted:

#011524 **Beverly Blanche Kemp Kraft**

Death: 28 Sep 2014

Approved 15 Jun 1982

Ancestor: Benjamin Cromwell Franklin

Marje Harris, Registrar

Contact Sharolyn at woodsharolyn@aol.com
to attend Marje's remaining seminars

Wed, October 22: State & Federal Land Records

Wed, October 29: Immigration, Naturalization,
Passport and Migrations

Wed, November 5: County Courthouse Records



2014 Combined Workshop Districts IV, VI & IX

The DRT Combined Districts IV, VI & IX Workshop was held on October 11, 2014, in Humble. Thanks to our District VI Representative, **Lacretia McReynolds** and the chapters who sponsored this year's Workshop, including District VI Seth Hurin Bates Chapter in Kingwood.

The program in the new format featured three presentations: "Putting Flesh on the Bones", about finding more on your Texas ancestors, "DRT 101", presented by **President General Ellen McCaffrey**, and "Writing Your Family History".

San Jacinto Chapter members **Luanne Zacek, Martha Haydel, Gwen Kunz, Tamara Phillips, Sally Whittington, Anita Cooper, Marilyn Van Way, and Joann Russell** attended. Anita was announced as Chair of the State Nominating Committee for 2015. Nominations are due December 1st. Luanne is chair of the San Jacinto Battlefield Committee, and Marilyn Van Way is chair of the Memorial Park Committee.

Tamara Phillips, 4th Vice President, along with **Sally Whittington** and **Luanne Zacek** manned the Country Store sales tables. Congratulations on making the Workshop a success for the Country Store!



County Store Gals
Tamara, Sally and Luanne staff the sales table at the
Workshop



In Memoriam Beverly Blanche Kemp Kraft

Beverly Blanche Kemp Kraft, 82, died at her home in Houston, Texas on Sunday, the 28th of September 2014. Born on the 21st of March 1932 in Houston, the second of three daughters born to Franklin and Cecil Selby Kemp, Beverly attended Lamar High School and Rice University. She married Jack Pickens Kraft of Baytown, Texas on the 25th of June

A sixth generation Texan and native Houstonian 1952, and they raised their children in Houston., Beverly worked for Spring Branch Independent School District before becoming a realtor for John Daugherty. A member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Assistance League, Beverly was also involved in Lamar High School alumni activities. Beloved by many, Beverly was a wonderful person, smart, fun, sweet, caring and interested in others.

Beverly is predeceased by her sister, Lucille Carnes and husband James, of San Antonio and her sister in law, Connie Murphy and husband Michael. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Jack Pickens Kraft, her three daughters and their husbands, Diane Mott and husband John of Scottsdale, Arizona; Martha Markwort and husband Glenn of St. Louis, Missouri; and Jennifer Donnan and husband Gary of Houston. She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Jack (Kat); David (Virginia); and Katherine Mott; Ross (Amy); and Beverly Markwort; and Will; Emily and Rob Donnan; two great grandsons, George Markwort and Theodore Mott; sister, Dorothy Cagle and her husband Robert; sister in law, Maryanne Kraft; brother in law, Charles Kraft and wife Doris; and eleven nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was on October 3, 2014, at Chapelwood UMC with interment at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

A member of SJC, other chapter family members include Dorothy Cagle, Francia Cagle, Danielle Cagle, Mary Corrigan, Caroline Gregory, Cynthia Hawkins, Hayden Lawson, Carole Lawson and Laura Lawson.