In an effort to reach as many Chapter members as possible, coming in a separate email is a survey asking for your opinion on meeting times and dates for the San Jacinto Chapter. The survey is formatted as a Google Doc and all you need to do is click on the link and it will take you to the survey. The link is secure and there is no issue with malware or viruses.

Please take the time to complete the survey. San Jacinto Chapter is your chapter and your ideas and opinions count.

Hello Fall!

Dear Daughters,
The Summer seems to have sped by and Fall is fast approaching. In fact, I’ve already seen advertisements for Christmas!

Our first meeting will be on October 4th and our speaker will be Chase Untermeyer. Mr. Untermeyer was scheduled to speak to us last January, but as you will remember, the meeting was cancelled due to freezing weather, so we look forward to his presentation in October.

On this first page of the newsletter is a very important notice. In an ongoing attempt to increase attendance at Chapter meetings and events, we are asking for your input about what timing for our meetings will work best for you and what would improve our meetings. Please take the time to complete this survey and submit it as soon as possible.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer, stay cool and I’ll see you in Fall.

Laura-Hill Taylor,
President

Thursday, December 6, 2018
San Jacinto Chapter
Christmas / Holiday Luncheon
at Tony’s
3755 Richmond Ave.
Houston, TX 77046

Invitation and reservation form coming soon.

You may confirm your reservation now by sending your check for $38 to:
Laura-Hill Taylor
5646 Grape St
Houston, TX 77096-1114
Our October meeting brings us Chase Untermeyer. He will speak on “Broadening the base of power in Houston from 1900 to the Present. He’ll describe how Houston has benefitted from leaders like Capt. Baker and Jesse Jones who shared power with anyone who wanted to build the city. Today, no one person or group decides what happens in Houston, which accounts for our admirable civic comity.

Chase Untermeyer is the chairman of the Qatar-America Institute, which aims to increase understanding of the important Qatari-American relationship in security, education, and energy.

Born in New Jersey, Chase came to Houston at the age 2. He is a graduate of Memorial High School. He graduated from Harvard College with honors in government in 1968. During the Vietnam War, he served as an officer in the US Navy aboard a Pacific Fleet destroyer and as aide to the commander of U.S. naval forces in the Philippines.

Returning to Houston, Mr. Untermeyer became a political reporter for the Houston Chronicle and executive assistant to the county judge of Harris County, Texas. In 1976, he was elected as a Republican to the first of two terms as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from a west Houston district. He resigned his seat to go to Washington in 1981 to serve as the executive assistant to then-Vice President Bush. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. During the first Bush Administration, he was assistant to the President for presidential personnel and director of the Voice of America.

From 2004 - 2007, he served as United States ambassador to the State of Qatar, on appointment of President George W. Bush. He is currently chairman of the Houston Committee on Foreign Relations and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.


Chase is married to the former Diana Cumming Kendrick of Sheridan, Wyoming, whom he met in the White House. Their daughter Ellyson, a 2016 graduate of Stanford University, is currently affiliated with Thiel Capital in San Francisco.
Texas Sticky Buns
Serves 8
Cook Time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, divided
- 1 Tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1/2 firmly packed light brown sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup pecan halves
- 1 (10 oz.) package refrigerated pizza crust
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Directions:
1. Pre-heat oven to 350° F
2. In a small saucepan, combine 3 tablespoons of butter, corn syrup, and 1/4 cup brown sugar over low heat, stirring constantly until butter is melted. Immediately pour into bottom of an 8 or 9 inch cake pan, tilting pan to completely cover its bottom. Immediately arrange pecan halves flat side up over syrup. Melt remaining tablespoon of butter in saucepan.
3. Unroll pizza dough on a floured surface and brush with butter. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup of brown sugar and cinnamon. Starting with wide end, roll dough up jelly roll style. With a sharp knife, cut into 8 equal slices. Arrange cut side up in the cake pan.
4. Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until golden. Remove from oven and immediately invert onto a serving platter. Be careful: Sugar is very hot. Allow to cool slightly and serve warm.
Texas Trivia Tidbits
Do you know what the Texas state flower is? What about the official state vegetable? Check out your Texas trivia knowledge!

Blue Bonanza
The beautiful bluebonnet is the state flower of Texas. Growing wild in the country side of South Central Texas, it is named for its color and resemblance to a woman's sunbonnet, the flower blooms in early spring, making Texas hillsides appear as endless seas of blue. 

Photo: Getty Images/iStockphoto www.travelandleisure.com

Melody Mocker
The mockingbird is the state bird, known to have the prettiest song of any North American bird. The song of the bird is a medley of the calls of many other birds, thus nicknamed the " mocker". But don't be fooled. A mockingbird can be a viciously fierce protector of its nest and environment, often seen swooping down on a dog, cat or predator venturing too close to the bird's protected territory.

Photo: https://statesymbolsusa.org

Nuts for Nutty Foods
Pecan trees are official state trees of Texas. Native pecan trees have shown to be an estimated 150 years old and can grow an average of 70-100 feet tall. The edible nuts the trees produce can be found in brownies, cookies and other foods.

Photo: https://nuts.com/nuts/pecans/hard-shell.html

Blue Gem
Texas blue topaz was chosen as the state gemstone in 1969. Usually found in stream beds and ravines, its crystal-like appearance is often associated with a feeling of peace and calm.

Photo: http://www.masontexastopaz.com/Topaz-Crystals---Gems.html

Butterflies are Free to Fly, Fly Away
Texas's state insect is the beautiful monarch butterfly. This type of butterfly is special because it is the only species of butterfly that does not hibernate, but migrates in changing seasons. Three to four generations of these gorgeous black and orange butterflies are produced each year.

Photo: wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarch_butterfly

Seashells by the Seashore
The lightning whelk is Texas's state seashell, aptly named for its many colored stripes. Found only along the Gulf Coast, it's unique because it's one of few shells that open on the left side.


But wait, there's more!
HOT stuff!!! The state pepper is the jalapeño.

Native grass rarity. The state grass, sideoats grama, sports a tiny flower during summer bloom.

Big on Friendly! The state motto is “friendship”, The Friendly State. Won't make you cry! The state vegetable is the 1015 sweet onion. Sweet Red! The state fruit is the Texas red grapefruit. NO beans! Texas chili, the official state dish, does not have beans.

Little Armored One. The Texas small mammal is the Armor-plated armadillo, a Texas symbol, is also known as “Hillbilly Speed Bump”.

Grab a partner, do-si-do! The official dance is the square dance. Gone fishin'! The state fish is the Guadalupe bass.

World's Largest! The Mexican Free-tailed Bat is the official flying mammal. Bracken Cave near San Antonio, is home to the largest known colony with nearly 20 million bats.

A Texas Icon. The state's large mammal is the Longhorn.

Source: www.senate.texas.gov