

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



August/September 2018



Reaching Out to Chapter Members

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.



From the President

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
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Honor and Memorial Days

September 16

Texian Navy Day

September 18

Texas Heroes Day

October 2

Gonzales Day *Come and Take It* (1835)

November 3

Stephen F. Austin Birthday (1793)

November 6

DRT Founders Day (1891)

December 9

Siege of Bexar Day (1835)

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January 26

Mirabeau B. Lamar Day,
Father of Education

February 19

Texas Statehood Day (1846)

March 2

Texas Independence Day (1836)
Sam Houston's Birthday (1793)

March 6

Alamo Heroes Day (1836)

March 27

Goliad Heroes Day (1836)

April 21

San Jacinto Day (1836)

District VI Meeting

Sept. 28-29,
2018

Hosted by:

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Friday Night

September 28 at 5:30
Tour of Simon Theatre
111 West Main

*Followed by
a light dinner.*

UPnext, October 4th Meeting



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.

Ambassador Untermeyer is the author of three volumes of diary-based memoirs of the Reagan-Bush era, *When Things Went Right*, *Inside Reagan's Navy*, and *Zenith: In the White House with George HW Bush*. He also published *How Important People Act: Behaving Yourself in Public*.

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.

Usher in the fall...
at the October meeting. Hear our dynamic speaker, Chase Untermeyer.
Learn about Qatar!

Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

2018

Sept. 27	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
Sept. 28-29	District VI Workshop Brenham Texas	
October 4	Chapter Meeting Speaker, Chase Untermeyer Pioneer Memorial Log House	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
October 25	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
November 1	Chapter Meeting Speaker, Judge Ken Wise Pioneer Memorial Log House	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
November 29	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
December 6	Christmas Luncheon Tony's Restaurant Speaker, Peggy Carter	11:30 am

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January 10	Chapter Meeting Pioneer Memorial Log House	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
January 24	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
February 7	Chapter Meeting Pioneer Memorial Log House	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
February 28	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
March 7	Chapter Field Trip	10:00 - 12:00 pm
March 12	Texas History Pioneer Day	
March 29	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
April 4	Chapter Meeting Pioneer Memorial Log House	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
April 21	San Jacinto Day Ceremony <i>Presentation of SJC Scholarships</i> San Jacinto Battleground Battle Reenactment www.sanjacinto-museum.org	10:00 am 3:00 pm
April 25	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
May 2	Chapter Meeting Pioneer Memorial Log House	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
May 30 thru June 1	DRT Annual Convention Austin, Details to be Announced	
May 30	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
June 6	June Luncheon BraeBurn Country Club 8101 Bissonnet	11:30 am

The WRITE STUFF:

Please bring #2 pencils to any meeting. We send them to our Texas History Teacher, Karen James, Landrum Middle School in Spring Branch. Karen never denies pencils to any of her students. It is an ongoing need.

RECIPE CORNER

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.
Photo: By James St. John, www.littlewildstreak.com/2018/06/19/beach-reading/



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