

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

March 2015

From the President...

San Jacinto Chapter DRT President



It is Spring at the Log House and the grounds look great. Come and check it out.

Be sure and show our love of Texas by flying your flag on April 21st and attending the San Jacinto Day Ceremony at the Battleground at 11:00 am that day.

The newly planted Pioneer Garden is fabulous. The Log House looks great from Cambridge Street with this beautiful landscaping out front. Be aware of construction on Cambridge to install new utilities.

The March field trip to Galveston was informative and great fun. Those of us on the bus had a chance to visit. Lunch at Gaido's was a great way to finish our day.

Pioneer Days was a great success. Our volunteers enjoyed our visitors, and our visitors enjoyed the Log House.

All these activities happen because of our dedicated volunteers. I thank all of you who will make it all happen in 2015.

God bless Texas!

Sharolyn



Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum and Pioneer Garden

April 2nd Chapter Meeting

10:00 am

"Crazy Texas Weather"



Our speaker for the Chapter Meeting on April 2nd is **David Tillman**, Eyewitness News Meteorologist, KTRK-TV, Channel 13. Join us as he speaks about "Crazy Texas Weather."

David joined Channel 13 in late 2000 and received an Emmy for his coverage of the snowstorm that hit the city. He is a member of the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association. A graduate of Jackson State University, David and his wife Patricia have three children.

Jamie Moran, Second Vice President

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Registrar's Report



The San Jacinto Chapter welcomes new members.

Janice McNatt

Approved: December 2014
Ancestor: Catherine Hunsaker Kimmel

Ashley Michelle Naumann

Approved: December 2014
Ancestor: Shadrach Morris

Heather Rae Naumann

Approved: December 2014
Ancestor: Shadrach Morris

Wanda Shofner Naumann

Approved: December 2014
Ancestor: Shadrach Morris

Benavides Angelita Crispin Acosta

Approved: February 2015
Ancestor: Juan Jose Palacio

Lisa Hansen Braly

Approved: February 2015
Ancestor: Colonel James Morgan

Marje Harris, Registrar

Texas Pioneer Days 2015



Thank those who participated in Texas Pioneer Days. Over 125 visitors toured the Pioneer Memo e on March 16th and 17th. The children's craft tables were busy and refreshments were enjoyed by all. The children went home with a goody bag and memories of being in a log house. Educating the young people about Texas history is part of our mission statement.

Volunteers participating with me were **Margaret Standard, Ann Tanner, Sharolyn Wood, Jamie Moran, Deborah Liss-Frank, Gina Bouchard and her granddaughter Liberty Robson, Phyllis Moody, Margie Harris, and Margie Forster**. I apologize if I didn't recognize anyone else who helped during this special week.

Luanne Zacek, Fourth Vice President

San Jacinto Chapter Member to Speak on Plans for Memorial Park



Big plans are in the works to restore Memorial Park and the portion of Buffalo Bayou which flows through the park. The Memorial Park Conservancy has laid out its plans to Houston City Council. The Memorial Park Long Range Master Plan has been unanimously passed by City Council.

San Jacinto Chapter member **Marilyn Van Way**, chair of the Memorial Park Committee for State DRT, spoke to City Council in support of the plans at the request of the Memorial Park Conservancy. President General-Elect Dr. Betty Edwards also spoke endorsing the plan. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and the University of Texas have advisory positions for Memorial Park as Reverter Holders under the terms of Miss Ima Hogg's will. Miss Hogg was a member of San Jacinto Chapter

With the City Council vote, the Memorial Park Conservancy will begin work with funds that are available through fundraising. Harris County Floor Control is awaiting approval from the U.S. Corp of Engineers. The goal of the master plan being presented is to promote use of the park while restoring and preserving its natural state.

Marilyn Van Way, Chair, DRT Memorial Park Committee

SJC March 5th Field Trip to Galveston

Members and guests toured The Cradle and Trinity Episcopal Church on our March field trip to Galveston. Sidney Sherman Chapter members opened The Cradle for our visit, with Linda Cooper, chair of the State DRT Cradle Committee, describing the history and architecture of this important DRT site. Trinity Church, founded in 1841, was our next stop where docents guided us through the historic church. We thank Precinct 4's Senior Program for providing a bus for many of us. SJC members who lived near Galveston, met us there. Everyone gathered at Gaido's for lunch. We were so pleased to have new members Angelita and Lisa join us for the bus trip.



San Jacinto Chapter Members at The Cradle

On the porch: Anita Cooper, Diana Stachowiak, Joann Russell, Liz Liefeste, Margarita Dufino (guest), Sally Whittington, Gwen Kunz, Angelita Acosta, Judy Cannon (guest), Carolyn Shimek, Bonnie Hutton, Ann Tanner, Susan Strommer, Lisa Braly;

Front row: Sharolyn Wood, Jamie Moran, Deborah Liss-Frank, Luanne Zacek, Sharon Hanan, and Margie Debowski (Ima Hogg Chapter)



2015 Thelma Maresh Scholarship Winners Announced

The San Jacinto Chapter Scholarship Committee will officially announce the winners of **the 2015 Thelma Maresh Scholarships** at the April Chapter Meeting. Six Houston area high school seniors will be awarded scholarships of \$5,000 each, to be presented at the San Jacinto Day Ceremony at the San Jacinto Monument on April 21st.

Hannah Gravis is a senior at Cypress-Springs High School, Cy-Fair ISD and plans to attend Texas A&M.

Emily Wallace is a member of San Jacinto Chapter and a former San Jacinto CRT member. Emily is a senior at The High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, Houston ISD, and has not selected her college at this time.

Abigale Jackson is a senior at Stratford High School, Spring Branch ISD, and is uncommitted at this time.

Tyler Turner is a senior at Ridge Point High School, Ft. Bend ISD, and will be attend Texas A&M.

Andres Rivera Vazquez, a senior at Katy High School, Katy ISC, plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin.

Kaleb Dautrich, also a senior at Katy High School, plans to attend Texas A&M.

The members of the Scholarship Committee are **Luanne Zacek, chair, Brenda Ault, Brenda Stover, Jamie Moran, and Angela Mahmarian.**

Save These Dates

Mark your calendar. Bring your family out to the Battleground.



San Jacinto Day Ceremony

April 21st at 11:00 pm at the Battleground

San Jacinto Chapter Daughters will be part of the ceremony held at the San Jacinto Monument on Tuesday, April 21st. **Nancy Burch**, co-chair of the San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony, will represent the Sam Houston family. **Ann Tanner**, SJC Chaplain, will give the invocation. **Leah and Martha Jorgensen**, SJC officers, will lead the singing of *Texas Our Texas*. **Charlie Pesek and Liberty Robson**, SJC CRT members, will lead the pledges to the flags. Liberty and Charlie are descendants of soldiers who fought at San Jacinto.

The 2015 Thelma Maresh Scholarships will be presented to the winners by Chapter President Sharolyn Wood, assisted by President General Ellen , Ellen will also lay the memorial wreath at the Monument.

San Jacinto Festival

April 18th All Day

The San Jacinto Festival will be held at the Battleground on April 18th. Join the many Texans who will visit the battleground that day.



San Jacinto Chapter Nominations Committee to Report

The San Jacinto Chapter Nominations Committee will present its report to the Chapter at the April 2nd meeting to announce the nominations for San Jacinto Chapter Officers for the 2015-2017 term. The election for officers will be held at the May Chapter Meeting on May 7th. At that time those nominated by the Nominations Committee and any members nominated from the floor will be voted on by the members. The San Jacinto Chapter Officer Installation will be at our June luncheon.

The members of the 2015 Nominations Committee were elected at the December meeting: **Jamie Moran, chair, Carolyn Lightfoot, Marje Harris, Joann Russell, and Ann Tanner.**

Pioneer Garden News



Thanks to the volunteers who faithfully help maintain the Texas Heritage Gardens at the Log House, including the new Pioneer Garden. Gardens, like children, thrive on tender loving care. A number of Chapter members took time out of their busy schedules to come to January and February workdays. To participate in future grounds workdays, contact me, Margie Forster, at 713-376-4820 or margie.forster@sbcglobal.net.

The new Pioneer Garden beautifully sets off the Log House from Cambridge Street as the picture on page 1 shows. The grounds are in bloom—azaleas, red buds, yellow iris, and cala lily's. Preparing for spring, Rose Society members expertly trimmed our rose bushes, and a tree company removed dead wood, did deep root feeding, and sprayed our heritage trees.

Docents Carolyn Gilbert and Beth McCarty have welcomed visitors to the Log House Museum this year. Many of the visitors were families with young children who were fascinated by the spinning wheel, toys and doll bed among the Museum's Texas artifacts. Please contact Docent Committee Chair Ann Tanner at 713-782-4055 if you want to volunteer to become a Docent. Or, bring your friends and family to hear the history of Texas come to life at the Log House on the third Saturday of each month, from 1 to 3 pm.

Margie Forster, 6th Vice President



Docents Beth McCarty and Carolyn Gilbert welcome visitors at the Pioneer Memorial Log Museum

In Memorium

Betty Harriet McCutchan

Betty Harriet McCutchan was born in Midland, Texas to Margaret and Gordon McCutchan on February 16, 1953, and died March 8, 2015 at age 62. She was a graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock, Texas, Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, the University of Texas School of Law, and the United States National War College in Washington, D.C.

Following seven years as an Assistant District Attorney for Tarrant County, Betty entered the United States Foreign Service serving as a consular officer in India, Chile, Turkey, and Washington, D.C.; as Deputy Chief of Mission in Guyana and as Regional Director of Foreign Missions in Houston.

She was a member of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir, the

American Association of University Women, PEO Sisterhood, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Chi Omega sorority, and the Houston Tuesday Musical Club Chorus.

She is survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law; Ann and John Schoeninger of West Harford, Conn. And Carolyn and Bog Montgomery of Sherman, Texas, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Betty was approved as a member of the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas on September 24, 2014, joining through her ancestor Robert G. Cartwright.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 13, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church. Burial was Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Greenwood Memorial Park in Ft. Worth, Texas. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Texas 77030.