

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



May 2018

UPnext!
San Jacinto
DRT Luncheon
Thursday,
June 7, 2018
Reserve today!
Flyer Attached

UPnext: DRT Luncheon

The San Jacinto Chapter DRT June luncheon is just around the corner on June 7. It's a great chance for everyone to connect and catch up. The May 30th deadline to make reservations is fast approaching, so please send in your check to reserve your spot. For all the details and payment information, please see the invitation in this newsletter. And...don't forget to wear your spring or summer hat to the luncheon!



Houston Murder Stories, told by Mike Vance

Mike Vance captured everyone's rapt attention with oft forgotten or unknown Houston murder stories at our May meeting. Unlike famous murders in other major cities, many famous Houston murders have been highly underreported. This is a side of Houston that hasn't been written about much. Most Houston stories have tended to be about business and society. Mike feels it is important to preserve and tell these murder stories because they too are a part of Houston's storied history. Mike and John Nova Lomax co-authored the book, *Murder & Mayhem in Houston, Historic Bayou City Crime*.



Martha Jorgensen and Mike Vance.



Cake and candle lighting for the memorial service at the May meeting.



Texas concrete garden decoration raffle item.



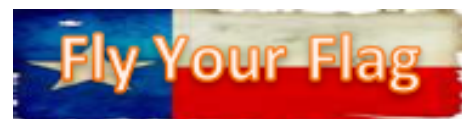
Summertime is Here!

From the President

Dear Daughters,
To say it's been a busy year is to put it mildly. Between Hurricane Harvey, Come & Sip It, our reorganization, and ice storms it seems that something was always going on. So it's now time to sit back and enjoy our June luncheon. Again this year we'll be at the BraeBurn County Club, so please put it on your calendar for June 7th. A copy of the invitation is enclosed in this newsletter.

Please send your check in as soon as possible **as the deadline for reservations in May 30th.**

Laura-Hill Taylor,
President



San Jacinto Chapter DRT Memorial Service was held at the May meeting.

Janet "Jan" Ann Miller DeVault
Ancestor: Samuel A. Williams

Edna Helen Avey Reid
Ancestor: Isaac Millsaps

Betty Jo Higginbotham Petty
Ancestor: John Hassell, M.D.

Molly "Becky" Rebecca
Brawley Lee
Ancestor: James Wales Jones

Mary Barden Attwell Worrell
Ancestor: Isaac VanZandt

Clare Smith Deaver
Ancestor: John L.D. Blackburn



The "Texas Star" Handmade Pendant *Buy Raffle Tickets now! \$20 each or six for \$100*

Member Carolyn Lightfoot commissioned and donated this exquisite handmade piece by jewelry designer Paul Cravey. This Texas Star pendant design is based on the Texas Ranger badge. It features a blue Texas Topaz in the star's center, surrounded by five white Texas topazes, one in each arm of the star. Proceeds will be used for needed improvements on the San Jacinto Chapter Pioneer Memorial Log House.

The drawing for the winner of this stunning piece will be held at the San Jacinto Chapter Annual luncheon held on June 7, 2018. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available for members to purchase by calling or texting Gwen Koch at 713-826-9061 or by emailing Gwen at jkoch11949@att.net

Please encourage your friends to buy tickets in support of the Pioneer Memorial Log House!

Program Schedule 2018

June 7, 2018
June Luncheon
Braeburn Country Club
State Convention Report



Texas Trivia Bits: The Texas Rangers

By the early 1830s, the Mexican War of Independence had subsided, and some 60 to 70 families had settled in Texas—most of them from the United States. Because there was no regular army to protect the citizens against attacks by native tribes and bandits, in 1823, Stephen F. Austin organized small, informal armed groups whose duties required them to range over the countryside, and who thus came to be known as "rangers". Around August 4, 1823, Austin wrote that he would "... employ ten men ... to act as rangers for the common defense ... the wages I will give said ten men is fifteen dollars a month payable in property ..." John Jackson Tumlinson Sr., the first alcalde of the Colorado district, is considered by many historians of the Texas Rangers to be the first killed in the line of duty. While there is some discussion as to when Austin actually employed men as "rangers", Texas Ranger lore dates the anniversary year of their organization to this event.

However, the Texas Rangers were not formally constituted until 1835. Austin returned to Texas after having been imprisoned in Mexico City and helped organize a council to govern the group. On October 17, at a consultation of the Provisional Government of Texas, Daniel Parker proposed a resolution to establish the Texas Rangers. He proposed creating three companies that would total some 60 men and would be known by "uniforms" consisting of a light duster (clothing) and an identification badge made from a Mexican Peso. They were instituted by Texan lawmakers on November 24. On November 28, 1835 Robert McAlpin Williamson was chosen to be the first Major of the Texas Rangers. Within two years the Rangers grew to more than 300 men.



Texas Rangers, Company D.

In their early days, Rangers performed tasks of protecting the Texas Frontier against Indian attacks on the settlers. During the Texas Revolution, they served mainly as scouts, spies, couriers, and guides for the settlers fleeing before the Mexican Army and performed rear guard during the Runaway Scrape and general support duties. These minor roles continued after independence, when the region became the Republic of Texas under President Sam Houston. Houston, who had lived with the Cherokee for many years (and who had taken a Cherokee wife), favored peaceful coexistence with Indians, a policy that left little space for a force with the Rangers' characteristics.

This situation changed radically when Mirabeau B. Lamar became president of the Republic of Texas in December 1838. Lamar had participated in skirmishes with the Cherokee in his home state of Georgia; like most Texans, he had not forgotten the support the Cherokee had given the Mexicans at the Cordova Rebellion against the Republic. He favored the eradication of Indians in Texas—a view that he shared with Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Thomas Rusk. Lamar saw in the Rangers the perfect tool for the task, and he obtained permission from the Texas Legislature to raise a force of 56 Rangers, along with other volunteer companies. During the following three years, he engaged the Rangers in a war against the Cherokee and the Comanche and succeeded in weakening their territorial control.

Article Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Texas_Ranger_Division

Photo Source:

<https://truewestmagazine.com/the-best-texas-rangers-photos-ever/>

Texas Ranger Research Center, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum



Work completed this Spring

The Log House grounds were cleaned and spruced up April 14 - 15 by volunteers and workers

Worker, Miguel Parilla and his helper worked on the following improvements:

- All grass was fertilized.
- Azalea bushes were pruned after their bloom cycle.
- Ground cover by the grape arbor was trimmed.
- Two dead rose bushes by the Magnolia tree in the back were removed.
- The Yaupon limbs over shed roof were cut back.
- Weeds were pulled and plants trimmed in the Pioneer Garden.
- Azalea and camellia beds, planting areas, and bare ground in the Pioneer Garden were tilled.
- Ginger next to grape arbor was cut back to 6 inches, and dead growth was removed.
- Weeds were pulled and trash vines removed.

Volunteers Carolyn Gilbert, Lee Forster, Margie Forster, Joy Kay, and George Hamborsky worked hard on these tasks:

- Two sprinkler heads were capped.
- Two fallen fence logs were put back in place.
- Plants growing over sidewalks near Ben Taub garage and hospital were trimmed.
- Lantana and other plants were pruned.
- Aspidistra (iron plant) around the large oak tree near parking lot and gravel walkway was pruned.
- Roses in Lila Smith Rose Garden and other areas were pruned.
- Weeds were pulled and dead leaved from the Lila Smith Rose Garden were cleared.
- Roses, azaleas, camellias, beautyberry, grapes in the arbor, and other planting beds were fertilized.
- The grounds were treated for fire ants.
- Litter was picked up.

Repair Projects

The Executive Committee intends to seek grants for needed major Log House repair projects. As we work on these major issues, please remember that our usual maintenance and upkeep previously handled by the now dissolved Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum, needs your continued financial support as outlined in 4th VP Gwen Koch's recent email.

In order to carry the Log House to its 100th Birthday in 2036, we need to act now on major repairs and renovations.

- Major repairs to level the Log House will require replacing rotting piers. This project will also include repairing the sagging front porch and damaged chinking, and treating the Log House exterior log walls to halt deterioration and seal cracking. The Log House is sinking at the front right corner.
- Replacing our antiquated A/C with a modern HVAC system is imperative. Until we have a new system, we will not have heat in the main room.
- We intend to upgrade to a regular size hot water heater to have adequate hot water for dishwashers and restrooms. The galvanized water pipes have deteriorated and must be replaced.
- Electrical updates to security lighting and installing modern lighting inside the log house are needed.

Our grounds look great due to Margie Forster and volunteers. Many thanks to the volunteers who generously helped pitch in their time to get the Log House grounds into tip top shape!

Thanks go to Lisa Bradley for coordinating with the Boy Scouts to repair the fence. The security company has solved a long standing false alarm problem traced to the motion detectors. Laura-Hill, Juan, and I are hoping for fewer late night alarm calls.

Sharolyn Wood,

5th Vice President

Chair, Log House Committee

Help Needed to Find and Contact Life Members

We've been unable to contact the following life members.

Mary Bair
Delores Barnett
Nancy Law
Eleanor Leonard
Cynthia McDonald
Eugenia Molthen
Beverly Smith

If you know them or know how to contact them, please email or call Susan Stormer so we can update our database.

Susan Stormer contact info:

susan@familyaggies.com

Cell: 713.553.6432

Home: 281.391.0259

RECIPE CORNER

Our members share their yummy Texas recipes.

Artichoke Dip

Ingredients:

- 1 - 16 oz sour cream
- 1 - 16 oz mayonnaise
- 2 cans artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan Cheese
- 2 pkg Good Seasons Italian Dressing (dry)

Directions:

Mix. Refrigerate overnight. Serve with tortilla chips.

Texas Avocado Sandwich

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe avocado (medium size)
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped, toasted almonds
- 2 tablespoon crisp, crumbled bacon
- Dash of black pepper
- Dash of cayenne
- Dash of chili powder

Directions:

Mash avocado.
Add lemon juice.
Stir in almonds and bacon.
Add seasonings.
Mix to a creamy smoothness and spread between thin slice of white or whole grain bread. Serves two generously.

From The Houston Junior League Cook Book



Log House Fence Repair and Needed Repairs



Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

2018

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| May 15-19 | DRT Annual Convention, Dallas | |
| May 31 | Executive Board Meets | |
| June 7 | June Luncheon BraeBurn Country Club 8101 Bissonnet | 11:30 am |
| June 22 - 23 | 58th Annual CRT Convention Deer Park | |



*Please join us for the
San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas*



June Luncheon

June 7, 2018 11:30 a.m.

*New Member Ceremony
Texas History Teacher Award*

*BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074*

*Reservations Required - \$38 per person
Make your reservation with Laura-Hill Taylor by May 30th*

lhhtaylor@gmail.com - 713-771-7111

Spring / Summer Hats are encouraged!

=====Clip and mail with your check=====

San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon
June 7, 2018 11:30 am
Reservations must be received by May 30th



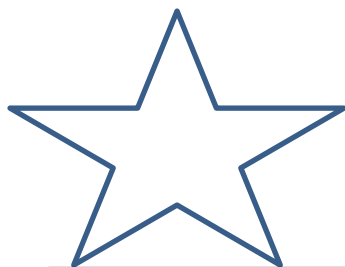
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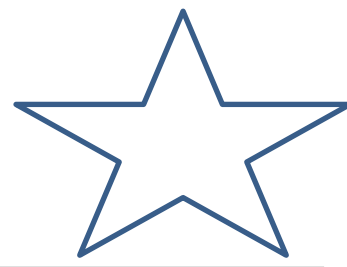
**Check for \$38 payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT**

**Mail to: Laura-Hill Taylor
5646 Grape
Houston, TX 77096**





SAN JACINTO CHAPTER DAUGHTERS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
2018-2019 DUES NOTICE



Please print

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip + 4 _____

Cell Phone _____ Phone _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Married Spouse _____

Dues payment must be received by July 1st to be included in the 2018-2019 year book.

New members who were admitted March 1 or later DO NOT pay dues this year.

Dues received after July 1, 2018 will be delinquent; a \$25 fee is required by state to be reinstated.

See attached dues collection timetable from State DRT

If you are paying for more than one member, please be sure to fill out a dues notice for each member. We need that updated information for the yearbook.

☐ Chapter and State Dues (\$60.00).....\$ _____

☐ Associate/Affiliate member (\$15).....\$ _____

☐ Chapter Contribution.....\$ _____

In memory / honor of: _____

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$ _____

Make Check Payable to San Jacinto Chapter DRT and mail with this form to:

Amanda Cowan, Treasurer

20603 Raingreen Dr

Katy, TX 77449-1832

Chapter Volunteer Opportunities

Current needs are listed below. Please check those in which you are interested.

Hospitality _____ Greeter / name tags _____ Website _____ Music _____

Photography _____ Assist with CRT program & trips _____ Newsletters _____