

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



April 2019

## UPnext: Coyla Holmes, District VI Representative

Coyla Holmes, our District VI Representative will talk to us about the upcoming 2020 State Convention being held right here in our city of Houston. Please come and hear all about it!

## April Recap: Ima Hogg and the Hogg Family



Our speaker, Linda Martin, presented the compelling story of Ima Hogg and the Hogg Family. With years of dedication to the Bayou Bend Docent Organization and since 2015, as General Chair, Linda is an authority on the Hogg family and Ima Hogg.

Linda educated us with stories about the Hogg family history and how their fortunes grew, beginning with Texas Governor "Big Jim" Hogg. She shared how family dynamics influenced Ima to become one of the most admired women in Texas, most notably for her contributions to the arts and her work to benefit the people of Texas.

### Fun Fact about Ima Hogg and Memorial Park

Memorial Park, whose benefactors were Will and Mike Hogg, benefitted from Miss Ima Hogg's leadership. The original deed of sale to the city specified the land to remain "for park purposes only". If not respected, the land would return to Hogg family ownership or its heirs. For 50 years, Miss Ima was guardian of the Park, saving it from numerous potential encroachments, including proposals for oil wells and construction of Houston's once-famous Astrodome stadium. She faced down over a hundred such proposals, some with prominent local backers, enabling Memorial Park to remain a haven for Houstonians.



*April Showers  
Bring May Flowers*

### From the President

Dear Daughters,  
Another year is almost over and San Jacinto Chapter keeps moving forward. The first stage of repairs to the Log House is completed and we'll be back there for our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. A special thanks to Sharolyn Wood and her committee for the very hard, time-consuming work in preparing the Log House for structural repairs, and then cleaning the interior and putting it all back together. Beautiful work!

Congratulations to our new Executive Board for 2019-2020. The new officers will be installed at our June luncheon on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the BraeBurn Country Club. Please see the invitation in this newsletter and send your check for the luncheon as soon as possible.

Also, please plan to attend our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting not only to see the repairs to the Log House, but to hear our District VI Representative, Coyla Holmes, speak to us about the 2020 State Convention being held in Houston. We will also have our annual Memorial Service.

I hope to see you at these events.

Laura-Hill Taylor,  
President



**SAVE  
THE DATE!**  
San Jacinto  
DRT Luncheon  
Thursday,  
June 6,  
2019



**Memorial Service:**  
There will be a  
memorial service at the  
next chapter meeting



### Honor and Memorial Days 2019

**April 21**

San Jacinto Day (1836)

### Program Schedule, 2019

**May 2**

Coyla Holmes,  
District VI Representative

**June 6**

June Luncheon

### New Members

Catherine Louise Hennessy-Baen

*Ancestor:* Carl F. Blumberg

Shea McKinzie Williams

*Ancestor:* John Swanson Yarbrough

Tess Ellen Embrey

*Ancestor:* Thomas Jefferson Rusk

### Transfer Member

Veronica Lee Thelen, "Roni"

*Ancestor:* Cader Buxton Brent

### Membership Approval Requests

Stacy Anne Ryan Mangum

*Ancestor:* William B. McShan  
Almanzon Huston

The below was read at the last Chapter meeting by the Chaplain,  
Sally Whittington. This excerpt is from [healthlivingyoga.com](http://healthlivingyoga.com),  
by the author, Harinder, a former sailing sea captain.

### Do You Pray?

#### I love this interpretation of a Prayer. What is a prayer?

Prayer doesn't only happen when we kneel or put our hands together  
and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing  
good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer.  
When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer.

When we send off our near and dear ones and say, "drive safely"  
or "be safe." That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need  
by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive  
someone, that is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought.

Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships.

Prayer is an expression of your silent being.

*Keep praying always.....*

## Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

### 2019

April 21	<i>Presentation of San Jacinto Chapter Thelma Maresh SJC Scholarships</i>	4:00 pm
	Pioneer Memorial Log House	
	Refreshments will be served.	
April 25	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
	Pioneer Memorial Log House	
May 2	Chapter Meeting	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
	Pioneer Memorial Log House	
May 30 thru June 1	DRT Annual Convention Austin	
May 30	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
	Pioneer Memorial Log House	
June 6	June Luncheon	11:30 am
	BraeBurn Country Club	
	8101 Bissonnet	

## Thelma Maresh Scholarships

The Thelma Maresh Scholarship Committee for the San Jacinto Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas met on Saturday, March 29. The committee was made up of Luanne Zacek, Jamie Moran, Brenda Auld, and Brenda Stover. After reviewing applicants, we decided on five high school seniors.

**Lily Arteaga** Lily is a senior at Mayde Creek High School in Katy ISD. She is the daughter of Alonso and Kristin Arteaga. Lily plans to attend Sam Houston State University to major in Criminal Justice and minor in Forensic Science.

**Derick Del Rio** Derick is a senior at Cinco Ranch High School in Katy ISD. He is the son of Ricardo and Ivone Del Rio. Derick plans to attend the University of Houston and major in Finance.

**Jenet Johnson** Victoria Pavey is a senior at Deer Park High School in Deer Park ISD. Jenet is the daughter of Cheriyan and Mini Johnson. Jenet plans to attend the University of Texas at Arlington and major in Nursing.

**Victoria Pavey** Victoria is a senior at Deer Park High School in Deer Park ISD. Victoria is the daughter of Edward and Karla Pavey and niece of Liz Leifeste. She is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter. Victoria plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio and major in Education.

**Emma Ward** Emma is a senior at Clear Falls High School in Clear Creek ISD. Emma is the daughter of Barry and Bonnie Ward and the granddaughter of Nancy Burch. Emma plans to attend TCU and major in Biology on the Pre Med track.





## Around the Log House: Log House Repairs

Photos: Sharolyn Woods

Beginning March 11<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter began the renovation and repair to the Pioneer Memorial Log House. The Log House is now level and the foundation strengthened.

**New and Better.** The sagging front porch is rebuilt. The front porch logs and supports were in bad condition. Water damage undermined integrity of the Log House front. New log pillars for the front porch were stripped and now stand on concrete supports to prevent future rotting. New front porch step with better spaced steps, and a new handicap ramp were built.

The Log House Committee has capped all sprinkler heads near the Log House to prevent water from gathering around and under the Log House or spraying on the Log House.

The contractor, Steve Riha Construction Company, finished the foundation work and front porch repairs on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Putting It All Back.** To protect the Log House contents during construction, volunteers moved furnishing away from walls, removed all art work from the walls, stored items in the office in Brooks Cottage, and covered or wrapped the remaining contents in plastic. We're in the process of "putting it all back."

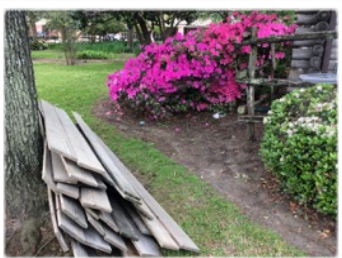
**Finishing Touches.** Two vintage wrought iron hand rails for the front porch steps are being reinstalled. Thanks to Gwen Kunz, who preserved these hand rails when previously removed, we are able to reinstall this piece of Log House history.

As part of the clean-up after construction, window casings and wood blinds have been cleaned and freshly laundered curtains rehung. You 'll be impressed on your next visit.

**Next Step.** We need to treat our logs. We are getting bids.

*Sharolyn Petty Wood*

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President  
Chair, Log House Committee



## San Jacinto Day Ceremony Cancelled

### Thelma Maresh Scholarships to be presented at the Log House

The San Jacinto Day Ceremony Committee has cancelled the ceremony scheduled to take place at the San Jacinto Battleground on April 21st due to the aftermath of the recent ITC fire in Deer Park.

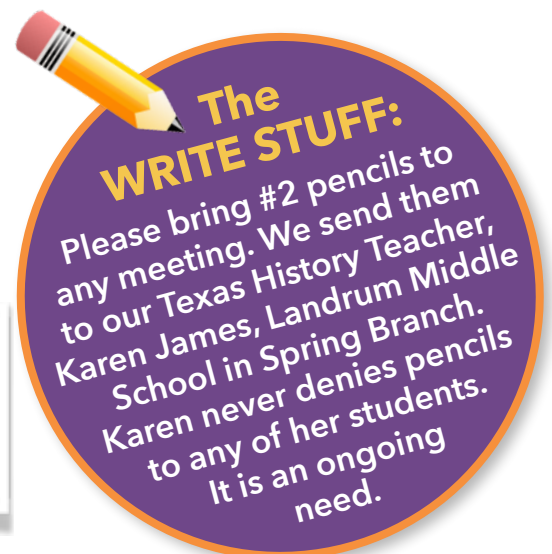
San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will present the Thelma Maresh scholarships to five Houston area students on April 21st at 4:00 p.m. as was originally scheduled.

**Please Note:** The location of the ceremony has been moved to the Log House.

Refreshments will be served. This will be the first event held in the Pioneer Memorial Log House since completion of the first stage of renovations and repairs.

*Sharolyn Petty Wood*

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President  
Co-Chair,  
SJD Ceremony Committee





## THE CAPITALS OF TEXAS

*Many different locations have served as capitals of the area that is now Texas, some served only briefly.*

**The National Capitals of Texas** Capitals of the six nations that have ruled Texas have been:

**Spain** - Valladolid (before 1551) and Madrid; **France** - Paris; **Mexico** - Mexico City, D.F.; **Republic of Texas** - San Felipe de Austin, Washington-on-the-Brazos, Harrisburg, Galveston Island, Velasco, Columbia, Houston and Austin; **United States** - Washington, D.C.; **Confederate States of America** - Montgomery, AL and Richmond, VA.

**The Administrative Headquarters** The administrative headquarters for Texas shifted many times from the arrival of the Spanish in the 16th century to the end of the Civil War.

**Spanish Provincial Capitals** In 1686, Monclova, Coahuila, Mex., became the first provincial capital for the area that became Texas. While Texas was associated with Spain and the Republic of Mexico, its government was administered largely from Coahuila, which alternately had Monclova and Saltillo as its provincial capital.

In 1721-22, Marqués de Aguayo, governor of Coahuila including Texas, led an expedition north of the Rio Grande and established the presidio of Los Adaes, east of the Sabine River on the site of present-day Robeline, LA. Los Adaes became the capital of Texas and remained so for half a century.

The government seat moved to San Antonio from 1772 - 1824. For two short periods of this time, the administrators of Coahuila y Texas conducted business from La Casa Piedra (Old Stone Fort) in Nacogdoches: Manuel Antonio Cordero y Bustamante in 1806 and Manuel María de Salcedo for three months in 1810.

**Mexican Provincial Headquarters** After Mexico became independent of Spain in 1821, Texas again united with Coahuila, of which Saltillo was the capital. The first state congress convened there Aug. 15, 1824.

The capital of Coahuila-Texas moved to Monclova, March 9, 1833. A heated controversy between Saltillo and Monclova ensued. When the issue was placed before President Santa Anna, he favored Monclova.

The capital of the first Anglo-American colony in Texas was San Felipe de Austin. The conventions of 1832 and 1833, and the Consultation of 1835 met at San Felipe, which stayed as official headquarters until March 1, 1836.

**Capitals of the Republic of Texas** The provisional government of the Republic of Texas met at Washington-on-the-Brazos March 1, 1836. This convention, in which all powers of sovereignty were claimed and exercised, adopted the Declaration of Independence on March 2. They also wrote a constitution and inaugurated executive officers. Because of the movement of Santa Anna's troops, President Burnet selected Harrisburg on Buffalo Bayou as the temporary capital.

As Mexican troops moved eastward after their victory at the Alamo, President Burnet and part of his cabinet boarded the steamboat Cayuga at Harrisburg on April 15, 1836, making it the de facto capital of the Republic until the Texas officials went ashore at Galveston on April 26. The capital then moved to Velasco until October.

In October 1836, Columbia (today's West Columbia) became the first capital of an elected government of the Republic of Texas. President Houston, on Dec. 15, 1836, ordered the seat of government removed to Houston. The government began operating from Houston on April 19, 1837.

In 1839, the Capital Commission selected the "site of the town of Waterloo, on the north bank of the Colorado" as the permanent capital. This was confirmed by the Texas Congress Jan. 19, 1839, and the place was renamed Austin in honor of Stephen F. Austin. President Mirabeau B. Lamar and his cabinet moved there October 17, 1839. When Mexican troops threatened San Antonio in March 1842, President Sam Houston ordered the government moved to Houston. Officials moved to Washington-on-the-Brazos, in September, and Houston sent men to Austin to fetch the archives. Austin citizens feared that if the papers were moved, Austin would lose its status as capital permanently. In an action known as the Archive War, the citizens stopped Houston's men and returned the archived to Austin. Austin became the capital again in 1844.

**Capitols of Texas** No trace is left of most of the early buildings in which the seat of government was housed. The Spanish Governors' palace still stands, however, at San Antonio. A replica of the one-story frame building that served as the Capitol at Columbia has been built at West Columbia. A frame structure where the Rice Hotel stands today was the Capitol at Houston. When Austin was selected as the capital, several log buildings were used until the first permanent structure was erected. This burned Nov. 9, 1881, and a temporary Capitol located off the Capitol grounds at the head of Congress Avenue served until completion of the present structure, which was opened May 16, 1888.

**Source:** <https://texasalmanac.com/topics/history/capitals-texas>



*A replica of the 1836 capitol in West Columbia.*



*The first permanent Capitol in Austin burning in 1881.*



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



*June Luncheon  
June 6, 2019 11:30 a.m.*

*Installation of 2019-2021 San Jacinto Chapter Officers  
New Member Ceremony  
Texas History Teacher Award*

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

*\$38 per person*

*Hats off to DRT!  
Spring / Summer Hats are encouraged!*



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

San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon  
June 6, 2019 11:30 a.m.  
Reservations must be received by May 30<sup>th</sup>

Please print

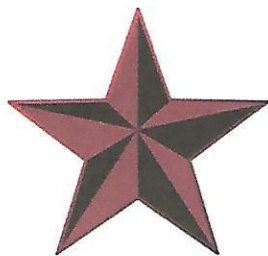
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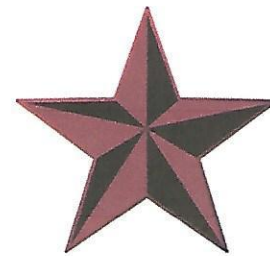
Check for \$38 each payable to:  
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

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**San Jacinto Chapter**  
**Daughters of the Republic of Texas**  
**2019-2020 DUES NOTICE**



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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Married Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Dues payment must be received by July 1 to be included in the 2019-2020 year book.  
**Dues received after July 1, 2019, will be delinquent; a \$25 fee is required by the state to be reinstated.**

**Checks will not be deposited until June 1**

New Members after March 1 do not pay dues for this year.

If you are paying dues for more than one member, please fill out a dues notice form for each member. We need the updated information for the chapter database and yearbook.

Total Dues Owed (\$70).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(State \$45) (Chapter \$25)

Associate/Affiliate Member (\$15).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Contribution.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Log House Contribution.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Roni Thelen, Treasurer**

**12014 Salt River Valley Ln**

**Humble, TX 77346**

**CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our chapter.

Current needs are listed below. Check those in which you may be interested.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter/name tags | <input type="checkbox"/> Website     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with CRT programs & trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Music             | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |                                      |