



Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter
The San Jacinto Dispatch



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President's Message

What an honor it was to have Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner, Sylvia Garcia, as our speaker for the first regular chapter meeting of the year. Commissioner Garcia inspired us with information about the San Jacinto Historic District and Project Stars™. She is truly a friend of San Jacinto and is dedicated to the development of this area that is so rich in Texas history.

For our Texas Moments this year, I have chosen the theme, "The Road to San Jacinto". For October, the Texas moment was about the Battle of Gonzales, which is considered to be the start of the Texas Revolution. The "Come and Take it Flag" was Texas' first battle flag, and first lone star flag. Depicted on a white cloth was a cannon with a lone star above it, and the words "come and take it" beneath the cannon. Gonzales Day, October 2, is a Texas Honor Day, where we pay tribute to the bravery of the Texans at Gonzales who dared the Mexican Army to come and take the cannon.

Our Founders Day is fast approaching. I spoke during our October meeting about the courage and dedication of the ladies, these "Real Daughters" who came before us. Our State DRT Founders Day is November 6 (Texas Honor Day) and our San Jacinto Chapter's Founders Day is November 9. Our founders wisely had the foresight and the vision to define our mission of perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas. It is truly an honor to belong to this organization that is so unique in its heritage and its responsibilities to the people of Texas. Be sure and join us at our November meeting as we celebrate 116 years as members of not only the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, but also the San Jacinto Chapter.

And to share with you from an address that Miss Betty Ballinger presented at the second annual meeting, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, held in Houston, April 20 and 21, 1893.

" . . . Let us seek out the graves of our heroes and having found them, let us care for them with grateful reverence. Be ours the duty to visit it and mark the spot where Texas was won for us, Gonzales, the Alamo, Goliad, San Jacinto-milestones along the bloodstained path to freedom. Let us celebrate the great days in Texas history not by a holiday simply, but by a recital of the great deeds they commemorate. All that we have, all that we are, we owe to these men and women.

. . . We must not only pray with Moses on the mountain top, but we must fight with Joshua in the valley bearing ever as our watchword,

"TEXAS, ONE and INDIVISIBLE"





**Commissioner Sylvia Garcia
Speaks at First Chapter Meeting
for 2007- 2008**

We were honored to have The Honorable Sylvia Garcia, Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 2

speak at our October meeting. Commissioner Garcia started off the new year for the San Jacinto Chapter with a dynamic presentation about San Jacinto. She spoke on Project Stars™ and the formation of the San Jacinto Historic District. The San Jacinto Historic District is the 5th largest historic district in the state and the largest in Harris County.

Project Stars™ is a collaborative effort that brings together the port region communities of East Harris County. This effort resulted in a Master Plan utilizing tools such as innovative urban landscaping, unique image enhancement techniques, and strategic economic development focusing on untapped historical resources. This Master Plan was created over a two year period and currently targets enhancements for 26 historic sites on major corridors. Some of these historic sites include the David G. Burnet Memorial Park, the Battleship Texas, the Lynchburg Ferry Crossing, Washburn Tunnel Historic Crossing and many others. Commissioner Garcia's development of the San Jacinto Historic District will ensure the rediscovery and preservation of historic sites so significant to San Jacinto and Texas history. - Eron Tynes



November 1st Meeting

Ms. Janet Wagner, a noted Houston historian, will present a very informative program entitled "Texas During the Civil War". She will discuss the old Confederate Railroad that went down McKinney Street, and some of the artifacts found near the Convention Center Hotel and Minute Maid Park. She will also discuss the probable location of Sam Houston's 30 acre farm and the cemeteries around the old Jefferson Davis Hospital and the Houston Fire Department complex.

Stephen F. Austin Flag Raising Ceremony



The Cradle of Texas Chapter DRT invites everyone to their Stephen F. Austin Flag Raising Ceremony.

WHEN: November 3, 2007
TIME: 10:30 a. m.
Where: Stephen F. Austin death site under the Austin Oak in West Columbia, Texas, just off Hwy 36 N on BCR 467, near the Wal-Mart store.

Fourth and seventh grade students and the Junior ROTC will be leading the rituals and taking part in the program.



LINEAGE DAY AT CLAYTON LIBRARY

5300 Caroline
Houston, TX

The first Annual Lineage Day at Clayton Library will be held Saturday, October 27th from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. All day, over twenty-one lineage societies will have representatives in attendance to talk with you and answer any questions you might have about their organization. In addition, seminars will be presented by several lineage organizations, including The San Jacinto Chapter DRT. Seminar seating is limited. Please call the Clayton Library Information Desk to reserve a seat at the seminar(s) of your choice. 832-393-2600. No reservation is needed to speak with the lineage society representatives.

SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS

- 10:00 a.m.** "SAR, Yesterday and Today" - Sons of the American Revolution
- 10:30 a.m.** "Today's DAR" - Daughters of the American Revolution
- 11 a.m.** "Teaching Texas" - Daughters of the Republic of Texas (Eron Tynes)
- 11:30 a.m.** "Who Were the Huguenots?" - Huguenots Society of Texas
- 12:00 noon** "Finding Cherokee First Families" - Cherokee National Historical Society
- 12:30 p.m.** "Honoring your Ancestor in Mr. Madison's War" - Daughters of the War of 1812
- 1:00 p.m.** "Cemeteries – How to Make Them Outlast Us." Sons of the Republic of Texas
- 1:30 p.m.** "What Constitutes Patriotic Service" - Daughters of the American Revolution
- 2:00 p.m.** "Tips for Getting Young People Involved in Family Searches" - Children of the American Revolution

Pumpkin Decorating



There will be a pumpkin decorating at the Log House on October 28, 2007 from 2-5p.m. This event is being sponsored by the San Jacinto CRT. There will be plenty of pumpkins available to be decorated. Bring your ideas. For more information contact Loretta Williams at (713) 673-1418.



SJC Member Gives Talk in Montgomery



Martha Haydel
in costume

Excerpt from the Conroe Courier News:

"The Montgomery Historical Society held its regular meeting on September 23 in Montgomery, TX. The keynote speaker was Martha Haydel who lives in the Lake Conroe area. Her topic was "the Canary Islands-Texas Connection." It covered her

family's involvement in early Texas. Through the decades beginning in 1731, her ancestors founded San Antonio, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and survived the Battle of the Alamo.

Martha's talk was well received by those present. There was a lively question and answer session followed by refreshments. Everyone came away from the meeting with a new appreciation of those hardy pioneers who helped form Texas into the great state it is today."

Marian Beckham Honored District VI Workshop

At the District VI Workshop, Marian Beckham was presented with the first 50-year member pin by Sandra Meier, Senior Member Chair. Marian has been a member of the San Jacinto Chapter since March 7, 1956. Prior to that, she was a CRT member for many years. Carol Steakley, State DRT Registrar, did the honors and fastened the pin onto her ribbon. Marian has been a very dedicated member of not only the San Jacinto Chapter, but the state DRT as well. She has served as District VI Representative and Third Vice President General in addition to being President of the San Jacinto Chapter. It was an honor to have Marian Beckham presented with the state DRT's first 50-year pin. She is an inspiration to all of us with her love for Texas and its illustrious heritage.

- Eron Tynes



SJC-DRT Members Who Attended the District VI Workshop

Bottom row left to right: Eron Tynes, Carolyn Lightfoot, Marian Beckham, Marje Harris
Top row left to right: Martha Haydel, Phyllis Moody, Luanne Zacek, Anita Cooper, Brenda Auld

Log House Rental

The Pioneer Memorial Log House is currently used for a variety of occasions including San Jacinto Chapter activities, other DRT and CRT activities, and fundraising rentals. Because of the growing popularity of the Log House and in order to avoid "double booking," it is important to coordinate **all use** of the Log House. Please contact Brenda Auld at bauld@comcast.net or 281- 497- 0528 regarding the availability of the Log House for **any** function and to schedule an event at the Log House.



Texas Honor Days ~~~~~ Fly Your Flag

- November 3** **Stephen F Austin's Birthday**
"The Father of Texas" was born in Wythe Co., Virginia in 1793.
- November 6** **DRT Founders Day**
The Daughters of the Republic of Texas was founded this day in 1891.



Registrar's Report 04 October 2007

Registrar Marje Harris presented at the last meeting four prospective members which were all voted on by the chapter members present. Marje looks forward to working with these ladies. They were:

Prospective Member	Ancestor
Chelsey Jeanette King DeVault	John Washington Mayes
Amber Seely Gin	Robert Scoby
Joan E. Hoover Zuniga	William Gates Hubert
Alice Ann Mahon Jenkins	Redding S. Blount

There were no other transactions in the registrar's office during this past month except one death:
Mrs. Garnett Noser

GARNETT KATHRYN PICKETT NOSER

Noser, Garnett Kathryn Pickett
Mrs. Walter Peter
DRT # 9514

Ancestor: Anton Neuendorff
Supplements: Elizabeth Silkenbaumer; Simon Pieper;
Wilhelmina Silkenbaumer; Neuendorff Burtshell
Sponsors: Catherine Jackson and Pauline Kunze

Garnett Kathryn Pickett Noser died on September 26, 2007. She was born on August 3, 1914, in Eagle Lake, Texas. Her parents moved to Houston when she was an infant. Garnett attended Sam Houston Senior High School, earned a BA from the University of Houston in 1936, and attended the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado while working on her Masters degree in Education.

Garnett was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Lady Washington Chapter, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter which she joined on the 28th of November, 1977. Garnett's funeral mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 29, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. The San Jacinto Chapter's Texas State flag was unfurled at the rosary and at the funeral mass in celebration of Garnett's life, and several members of the San Jacinto Chapter attended the services.



Daughters of the Republic of Texas Founders Marker Rededication

You are invited to attend the Rededication Ceremony for our DRT Founders Marker on November 10, 2007 at 2:00p.m. The location is 620 Crawford, the corner of Crawford St. and Capital St., in downtown Houston. Our President General, Madge Roberts, plans to be in attendance. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas is the oldest patriotic women's organization in Texas and one of the oldest in the nation. A Texas Historical Commission Marker designates the original location of the Briscoe home, now a restaurant, Inn at the Ballpark, near Minute Maid Park in Houston. - Eron Tynes

Texas Historical Marker

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

On November 6, 1891, seventeen women met at the home of Mrs. Andrew Briscoe at this site to organize an auxiliary to the Texas Veterans Association. Mrs. Anson Jones was elected president of the new organization, Daughters of the Lone Star Republic. Goals set for the group included preserving the memories of Texas Revolution heroes, instilling Texas patriotism in the state's school children, preservation of historic sites, and promoting statewide celebrations of Texas Independence Day (March 2) and San Jacinto Day (April 21). The first annual meeting of the organization was held in Lampasas on April 21, 1892. A resolution was passed to change the group's name to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. By 1892 the first two chapters had been formed, one in Galveston and one in Houston. The DRT has been in the forefront of many historic preservation projects throughout the state. Clara Driscoll, on behalf of the D. R. T., wrote personal checks to save the Alamo from demolition. The organization also led efforts to preserve and commemorate the San Jacinto Battlefield site, and maintains the old General Land Office and French Legation buildings in Austin as museums.

Texas Sesquicentennial 1836 - 1986

*Remember to keep us informed of special events in your life. If you have an article for the newsletter, you may send it to me by email by the 8th of the month.
(Please reference SJC DRT.)*

Also, if you are in need of a nametag, please email me.



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