



*Daughters of the Republic of Texas
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President's Message



Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. As we begin a new year, there is always a sense of renewal and commitment to those ideals that we cherish. Our heritage that grants us the privilege of belonging to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is a unique responsibility.

As the New Year begins, we reflect back on our Pioneer Ancestors and wonder what it was like in Texas, January, 1836. The Texian Army defeated the Mexican Army during the Siege of Bexar in December, 1835. With the retreat of the Mexican Army across the Rio Grande, Texas was in many ways at peace in January, 1836. Texans were beginning to think about plowing their fields, sowing the seed, and rounding up stray cattle.

With the New Year, we also start to organize our lives in order to fulfill our commitments. I have been busy this past week planning for all of our upcoming events. First on our agenda will be the Harris County Hospital District Fun Run on January 26 at our Log House. The biggest event for the Log House will be February 24 as we host our Texas Independence Day Celebration and Chili Cook-off. We will be participating in the Sugar Land Genealogy Conference on February 23, the Heritage Days at Jesse Jones Park on February 9, and the Museum Educators Workshop on March 8. Our field trip will be March 6 to the San Jacinto Monument, April 19 is the San Jacinto Symposium, April 21 is San Jacinto Day and April 26 is the Battle Re-enactment.

It promises to be an exciting time as we work with the SRT, the Texian Army and other historical groups as we promote our Texas heritage. Come and join us in the new year as we fulfill our objective to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.

"TEXAS, ONE and INDIVISIBLE"



Eron Tynes, President

Texas Independence Day Celebration & Chili Cook-Off



Come join the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT and CRT as we celebrate Texas Independence Day with the Texian Army on Sunday, **February 24, 2008**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Log House. It will be a Living History Festival, along with a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Tom Green, SRT, will be there to display his Texas Flags, along with Larry Hoff, Blacksmith, and Edwin Erwin who will be on hand to sign Land Grants. The Texian Army in conjunction with the Sons of the Republic of Texas will present the reading of William Barrett Travis' famous letter. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 per child under 16. Please feel free to come in period dress or your favorite Texana.

It is time to dig out Uncle Bob's old chili recipe and start chopping those red hot chili peppers. Prizes will be given for: Best Authentic Texian Chili, Best Deer Meat Chili, Best Armadillo Style Chili, Best Roadkill Chili, Best Trailriders' Chili, Best Rattlesnake Rattle Chili, Best Red Hot Pepper Chili, Best Possum Chili, Best Squirrel Chili and more. If you are interested in having a Chili Team please contact Eron Tynes @ 281-820-0676.

As part of our celebration, we will have a **Flag Retirement Ceremony**. Last year the Flag Retirement Ceremony was held and a number of the children participated. This year we are inviting all children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., to participate in this moving patriotic ceremony. We will hold a rehearsal on **February 24** at 1:30 pm. This will allow the children to become familiar with the ceremony itself.

We will also be holding a Silent Auction to raise money for our Log House. If you have anything you would like to donate, call Luanne Zacek at 281 391-8464. Also, we need Chapter members to assist with registration, judging the Chili Cook-off, and with setting and cleaning up. If you can help out, please call Eron Tynes at 281-820-0676 or email: 54texan@peoplepc.com



January 3rd Meeting



Betty Chapman with her early photos of Houston kept us mesmerized from the earliest photo of Main Street (1856) to the last photo of men on wagons hauling oil equipment in the late afternoon, truly ushering in the new century. We saw a photo of the first hospital with nuns in their habits which gave a clue as to its significance as a hospital. It was located where St. Joseph's Hospital presently is.

Christ Church Episcopal and the first Presbyterian Church were the oldest churches. Both churches were dated as from 1839, however, the Presbyterian Church was the older by two weeks. Sweeney's Clock, the first service station, Houston Public Library, the 1911 courthouse (presently under restoration), Ye Olde Cottage Inn, and the 1929 and 1935 flood photos were also viewed. We had fun guessing what building and where the building was in the photos.

Ann Bevil, Second Vice-President



6th Annual Texas Med 5K

The Harris County Hospital District's Texas Med 5K Fun Run will be held on January 26, 2008 at our Log House. The proceeds will benefit the Hospital District's Mammography Services.

Gwen Kunz is seeking members to form a DRT team. The team entry form deadline is January 25 and must be signed by each team member. The fee is \$20 per team member. You can get more information at the HCHD Foundation website: www.hchdfoundation.org. You may contact Gwen at 713 796-0639 or email her at kman@hal-pc.org if you are interested in joining the team.



February Meeting "Conversations with a Map Collector"

Have you heard a talk on map collecting? We are in for a treat to have Paul Gervais Bell present "Conversations with a Map Collector" on February 7, 2008 at 10:00 am. He has collected Texas maps for years and is very knowledgeable about them. Mr. Bell also serves as a Trustee on the San Jacinto Board of Trustees. His presentation is in preparation for our field trip to the special exhibit on "Landmark Maps of Texas" at the San Jacinto Museum of History on March 6, 2008. Hope to see you at our February meeting!

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SJHAB Elects New Officers

The San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board elected a new slate of officers at their meeting held on Dec. 13th. Al Davis, Jr. of Houston has been named as the new Chairman, succeeding Jeff Dunn of Dallas. Trey Strake was elected as Vice Chairman, Randall Risher was elected Secretary and Jan DeVault, San Jacinto Chapter member, assumed the vacant at-large position. The board advises the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on proper historical development of the battleground at San Jacinto. Al Davis is an honorary member of the San Jacinto Chapter.

New Chairman
Al Davis



Texas Honor Day



Lamar Day - January 26



Historical Dates



1821	January 17	The Mexican government gives Austin permission to settle 300 families in Texas.
1822	January 24	Jared E. Groce arrives on the banks of the Brazos to set up a home. Among his belongings is a supply of cottonseed - the first in Texas.
1839	January 25	The Republic of Texas adopts its new flag.
1901	January 14	Clara Driscoll writes the San Antonio Express in a plea to save the Alamo.
1925	January 20	Miriam Amanda "Ma" Ferguson becomes the first woman governor in Texas history.
1927	January 31	The mockingbird is named the official state bird



CRT Report



On Jan. 5, 2008, Helen Williams, Chaplain General of the CRT, Catarina Williams, President of the San Jacinto CRT Chapter, and Loretta Williams, San Jacinto Chapter CRT Sponsor, attended the Chartering Ceremony for the Nancy Tevis Chapter at the Mc-Faddin-Ward House Visitor Center in Beaumont, TX.

The President of the Tejas Chapter DRT, Betty Terrell Owens, called the chartering ceremony to order. Helen Williams, Chaplain General of the CRT, led the invocation and also gave the benediction. Reed Denton, Custodian General of the CRT, presented the CRT Flag. The colors were posted by Kyle Cox, Recording Secretary General of the CRT, and Billy Horton, Corresponding Secretary General of the CRT. Michelle Williams, 5th V.P. General, led the Pledge to the United States Flag. Texas Our Texas was led by Linda Cansler and the President of the DRT Chapter, Betty Terrell Owens, introduced the guests. Special Guests were DRT President General, Madge Roberts, 3rd V.P. DRT General, Faye Chism, 4th V. P. General, Anita Cooper, CRT Registrar General, Barbara Stevens, Wanda and Debra Westfall of the Thomas William Ward Chapter of Odessa, TX, Peggy Townsend of Miss Ima Hogg Chapter, and numerous other guests. Courtney Hennessee, Treasurer General of the CRT and 3rd V. P. General CRT, Jessie Eddins were also in attendance.

Melody Townsend, 4th V.P. General of the CRT, presented the Indian Paint Brush, the official flower of the CRT. First V.P. General of the CRT, Ashley Graham, presented the certificates and roll call. The new members were sworn in and officers were installed by Amber Horton, CRT President General. Fourteen CRT members comprise the Nancy Tevis CRT Chapter. The President of the Nancy Tevis Chapter is Brittnie Smith, V.P. - Randi Owens, Secretary - April Burke, Registrar - Lauren Ewest, Chaplain - Seth Owens, Historian - Lauren Smith, and Sergeant-at-Arms - Beau Owens.

A reception was held afterwards and tours were given of the historic McFaddin Ward House. The event was enjoyed by all and the Nancy Tevis CRT Chapter President, Officers and members were very hospitable to all their guests. One of the parents, who sported a DRT husband pin, remarked that he was surprised at the good response that they had and the numerous guests that came from far away. It was a beautiful and well organized ceremony.

All CRT members are invited to attend the Texas Independence Day Celebration & Chili Cook-Off at the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum and Living Texas History Festival. It will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2008 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Please contact DRT President Eron Tynes if you would like to participate in the cook-off. It is always an enjoyable and learning event.

Loretta Williams, CRT Third Vice President

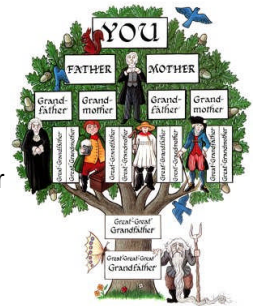
SJC to Participate in Sugar Land Genealogy Fair

Saturday, February 23, 2008

10:00am-4:00pm

Genealogy Fair

Sugar Land Community Center
226 Matlage Way
Sugar Land 77478



This event is open to the public and historical organizations in the surrounding area.

We need YOU!! We will need some volunteers who would like to work at the country store, or hand out brochures to interested persons about SJC or DRT. Someone will be at the chapter table(s) with you. We would like other members to participate in this fair, and show their interest in chapter projects. If you would like to work the fair for a short period of time, you will be given a choice of hour/hours you would agree to be present. No previous experience needed.

SJC will set up their two tables at 9:00am at the genealogy fair. LuAnne Zacek and Eron Tynes are going to man the "country store" table with many of the SJC products. Phyllis Moody and Marjie Harris will have a table with brochures, sample applications, and information packets to tell interested persons about DRT and how to join SJC. Eron Tynes is scheduled to be one of the speakers and the topic will be "From the Alamo to San Jacinto".

This fair is sponsored by Alexander Hodge, SAR.

Compatriot Lance Salge has been instrumental these past few years in putting this fair together, along with many of the members of AH-SAR. His expertise in encouraging persons to participate in the fair, as well as gathering the interested public to attend, has been an invaluable tool for the success of the past genealogy fairs sponsored by this SAR chapter.

The event is an opportunity to bring historical organizations and the public together. The public gets an opportunity to be exposed to the wealth of historical organizations that are available to them in and around the Houston area, and the organizations are provided an opportunity to gain prospective members, fund-raise, create an awareness of their many projects, conventions, community services, student scholarships, etc. It is a fun day where we will have a speaker or two and you will have a chance to mingle with other like minded history/genealogy enthusiasts.

For questions about the event you may contact Phyllis V. Moody, at moodyphyll@pdq.net or 713-621-1884.



Yearbook

By now, all of you should have received your new yearbook. It has been a long slow process, but well worth the effort. Many thanks to Janice Andrews for all the long hours she worked to achieve the new look that I envisaged for our yearbook. It would not have happened without her. It looks absolutely gorgeous! Thank-you to the ladies that helped to proof the yearbook...Martha Haydel, Phyllis Moody, Ann Tanner, and Eron Tynes and to Tina Shelton who has worked to keep the database current for us to work from.

Corrections: Page 17, Past Presidents of San Jacinto Chapter

Mrs. John DeVault (Jan DeVault) was president 1997-1999 (omitted)

Mrs. Earl Covington (Pam Covington) was president 1995-1997 (corrected dates)

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If you have not received your yearbook, or you have any corrections, additions, or comments, please let me know. Have a great 2008!

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Sara Parr, First Vice President



Missing Picture

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the old picture of four gentlemen's silhouettes which hung on the fireplace mantel, please call the chaplain, Mary Jane Harmon, at 713 621-0999. Thank you.



March 6 Field Trip San Jacinto Battleground

Come join us on a trip to the San Jacinto Battleground where we will be greeted and shown by the Park ranger the DRT marker sites, Santa Anna's capture site, and other interesting sites on our drive into the grounds of the San Jacinto Battleground. A special exhibit, "Drawn from Experience: Landmark Maps of Texas" is featured at the museum; Lisa Struthers, librarian, will be our featured speaker on "Maps of the Battlefield".

We will have lunch at the Monument Inn after viewing the map collection. The lunch is \$26.00 per person prior to February 15, 2008. After February 15, 2008, the lunch will be \$30.00 per person. St. Luke's Methodist Church Parking Lot will be our departing place at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2008. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Ann Bevil, Second Vice-President



Annual Proceedings/San Jacinto Chapter Yearbooks

We are in the process of updating our Chapter records. If you have any Annual Proceedings or Yearbooks from 1985 to the present that you would like to donate, we could use them to update our archives and also the Library at the San Jacinto Museum. We are really in need of Annual Proceedings from 1994 and 1997. Please call Eron Tynes @281-820-0676.

The Country Store



New to the store - We have the four ornaments that were created by Keep Texas Beautiful. They are beautiful - 3 are in the shape of Texas - one with an oak tree, one with a mockingbird and one with a bouquet of wildflowers in memory of Lady Bird who did so much to beautify our state and country. The fourth one is the symbol for KTB. These will be on sale at our February meeting for \$25. Also, a new order of monogrammed bags has just arrived. They are \$15 and that is quite a deal. See you in the corner at the country store...

Luanne Zacek, Co-chair, Country Store

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.)



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