

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



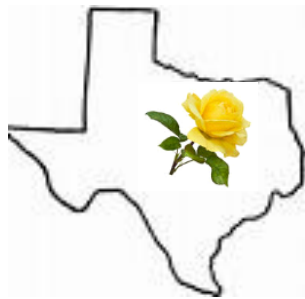
February 2016

From the President...

Our February Texas Honor Day is the 19th. The legal entry into the Union was December 29, 1845. The decade-old Republic of Texas did not formally transfer the authority to the new State of Texas until February 19, 1846.

February brings us closer to Spring and all the fun events we can look forward to. Our field trip is on March 3rd, sign up with Ann Tanner. April will see us all at the San Jacinto Ceremony. Start making your plans to join all of the fun that will be coming up very soon!

Jamie



Want to be more involved with SJCDRT?

The position of Chapter Recording Secretary is open and just waiting for YOU! This a wonderful opportunity to support the chapter while working with a great leadership team.

Contact President Jamie Moran if you can step up and into this role.
moranjamiet@aol.com



- February 19** * Texas Statehood Day (1846)
- March 2** * Texas Independence Day (1836)
- March 2** * Sam Houston's Birthday (1793)
- March 6** * Alamo Heroes Day (1836)
- March 27*** Goliad Heroes Day (1836)
- April 21** * San Jacinto Day (1836)

The March Meeting is on the Road!

The annual SJCDRT field trip will be **March 3**. We will be visiting the Opera House, War Museum, and Dilue Rose Harris House in Columbus with luncheon at a local tea room.

Cost for lunch and admission is \$25. The deadline for getting your money to Ann Tanner or Martha Jorgensen is **February 25**.

Any questions, contact Ann – tanner1801@sbcglobal.net

The bus will leave from the shopping center at the corner of Westheimer/Voss at 8:30 am.



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**February Highlighted Committee
Record Retention Committee**

Chair Angela Mahmarian with members Gwen Kunz, Marje Harris, and Eron Tynes



The new SJDRT records retention policy has been passed and your record retention committee is hard at work organizing all of our records in storage. If any members have any old records in their possession, that they would like to turn over to the committee, please call Angela Mahmarian at 713-667-8376 and she will make arrangements to pick them up.

Does anyone know who donated the following items?

Please contact Angela Mehmarian at (713)-667-8376.

- # Three wooden cabinets with glass shelves in two of them
- # Red glass candy dish
- # Four red punch cups
- # Red vase with hairline crack

If not claimed by April 1, they will be available for purchase.



In case you missed it...February Meeting Highlights

Our guest speaker, Janet Jucker, CEO of *Three Brothers Bakery* shared the history of the bakery and the family who founded it. In a moving presentation titled 'Honoring a Legacy While Creating Our Own', we followed her husband's family from their bakery in pre-WWII Poland, through the agonies of the Holocaust, immigration to the United States, and a final settling in Houston. The three brothers did what they knew best and opened a bakery. Many of the recipes used today came from the old family bakery in Poland. Members got a sample of these wonderful baked goods as Janet brought gingerbread iced cookies for all. A wonderful Valentine's themed table of goodies was provided by the chapter presidents.



Ann Tanner, Janet Jucker, Jamie Moran



Jamie Moran, Luanne Zacek, Carolyn Lightfoot, Gina Bouchard, Sharolyn Wood, and Eron Tynes provided refreshments for the meeting

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The following prospective members were approved at the February meeting by the SJDRT members present.

Wiley, Barbara Middleton (ancestor: Wilber H. Miller)
2424 Alamanni Drive
Pearland, Texas 77581-1628
832-598-2785 h
281-793-8912 c

Lieck, Carlotta Garcia (ancestor: Julian Flores)
2810 Brookline Drive
Missouri City, Texas 77459
713-440-9997

The Country Store

The Country Store is a unique part of the SJCDRT and PMLH experience. At every meeting members have the opportunity to purchase a variety of Texas themed items from jackets and jewelry to children's books. Some of the most sought after items are the many chapter and state ornaments, with yearly additions eagerly awaited.

This year a beautiful and unique ornament, **The Bluebonnet**, is available from the store. This ornament will not be produced again and is in limited supply. The cost is \$25 plus \$5 for shipping. You can purchase one to be mailed by contacting:

Luanne Zacek

lzacek@hotmail.com

6521 Patricia Lane

Katy, Texas 77493

291-391-8464



Yearbook for 2015-2017 going to press

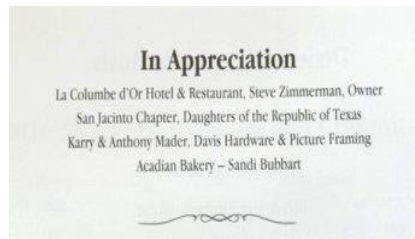
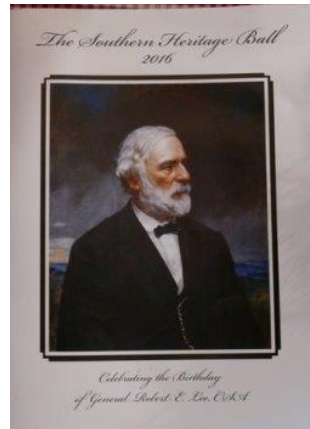
The yearbook for the 2015- 2017 has been updated and is ready to go to the printer.

Thanks to members Luanne Zacek and Susan Stormer for helping get the yearbook ready to print



SOUTHERN HERITAGE BALL

The annual Southern Heritage Ball was held January 30 at the River Oaks Country Club.



SJCDRT members once again volunteered to help with the event's Silent Auction. Sharolyn Wood, Luanne Zacek, Margie Forster, and Lee Forster spent the morning setting up the silent auction. Members Sharolyn Wood and Luanne Zacek returned that evening and, along with Diane Stachowiak, and Susan Stormer monitored, took payments and distributed purchased items.

In addition to thanks from the organizations involved, the SJCDRT chapter will apply for a grant which brings \$2000 to our chapter.

This is a wonderful way to develop positive relationships with other heritage organizations while raising funds for our chapter, but a lot of work needs many hands. Please consider volunteering to help next year – good food, great music and a fun time for all!

NEW MEMBER

The following new member was approved 15 Dec 2015

Vossler, Kathleen Marie (ancestor: Lawrence Frank)

2209 Union Street

Houston, Texas 77007

713-861-9447

AFFILIATE MEMBER

A new affiliate member of the SJCDRT Chapter was approved at the February meeting.

Linda Beverlin, former chapter member, has moved to New Braunfels and is a member of the Ferdinand Lindheimer Chapter. Linda is now an affiliate member of SJCDRT.

Linda's new contact information is:

915 Santa Cruz

New Braunfels, TX 78132

Home: (830) 302-7498

Cell: (281) 435-5808

Pioneer Log House Open House & Rentals

Monthly Open House: San Jacinto Docents open the Pioneer Log House Museum for tours on the 3rd Saturday each month – Saturdays from 1-3 pm.

Beth McCarthy and Carolyn Gilbert serve as chairs of the San Jacinto Chapter Docents Committee for 2015-2017. At the October Open House, Beth and Carolyn greeted over 50 visitors.

Our docents put out the flags and open the front doors of the Log House to greet our visitors and to invite them in for a brief tour, explaining our Log House and our museum.

If you would like to participate as a docent, learning about our Log House and Museum, please contact Sharolyn Wood, at 713-305-2750 or woodsharolyn@aol.com.

Rental and Tours: The Log House is available for rental for meetings, receptions, dinners, parties and other special events.

Individuals and groups may rent the Log House and grounds for reasonable rates. Rates for chapter members or patriotic groups is \$150. The Log House looked great all decked out for a baby shower recently. Earlier this summer, the Log House was the perfect site for a Texas style wedding.

Luanne also schedules tours for interested groups.

A Master Gardener group recently toured the Log House. They were very impressed with the Log House and the grounds that Margie and her volunteers keep looking great.

Rent the Pioneer Memorial Log House or schedule a tour by calling Luanne Zacek at (281) 391-8464 or lzacek@hotmail.com.

Thanks to Luanne, Beth, Carolyn, Margie, and our Docents who help with our rentals. Income from these rentals helps support Log House repairs and maintenance.

Support of the Log House can happen year round. If you would like to make a donation in honor of the 80th Birthday of this beautiful building, mail your donation to:

Gwen Kunz
2001 Holcombe #2901
Houston, Texas 77030-4231

Celebrating 80 Years as a Memorial to our Pioneer Ancestors

On March 2, 2016, the Pioneer Memorial Log House will celebrate its 80th anniversary as a Houston landmark. Conceived and built in 1936 by the San Jacinto Chapter to serve as a hospitality venue for activities during the Texas Centennial and to honor DRT pioneer ancestors, its walls have heard epic stories of our state's illustrious history. Despite difficult economic times, our chapter raised all the necessary funds and the City of Houston donated the land in honor of the Allen brothers.

As we recognize this milestone anniversary, it is with pride and honor that we own this beautiful Log House that serves not only as our chapter's home but also as a unique tribute to our pioneer ancestors. The Log House was constructed with more than 250 pine logs that were cut, peeled and saddle-notched. Stones and bricks from Texas historic sites and homes of famous Texans were taken to build the chimney.

It takes all of us working together to maintain and support the Log House as we fulfill our mission to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.



San Jacinto Chapter ladies, April 2, 1936

Thanks to Eron Tynes for the article about the Log House and the reminder of this important anniversary.

For more information see our website

www.sanjacinto.drt.org,

then the tab for Pioneer Memorial Log House.

Scroll down and click on [Pioneer Memorial Log House 1936](#).