

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

February 2017



From the President

Our exciting field trip to Bayou Bend is just around the corner; we will visit Bayou Bend and enjoy lunch at the Black Walnut Cafe. Please make your reservation and mail in your fee so you can be part of the fun!

Happy Valentine's Day to our San Jacinto Chapter Sweethearts! These are all the ladies who volunteer for every possible job and work tirelessly at the Log House. These special ladies provide us with delicious refreshments at our meetings and keep the Log House tidy and ready for our get-togethers.

*Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!
Jamie Moran, President*

Fly Your Flag

HONOR and MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

- 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)

February Meeting

Historic events happen often in a city like Houston, but sometimes these events have an international impact. Such an event was the subject of the February meeting.

The program was titled "Dinner at 8:05" and was a description of the preparations for the dinner hosted by President George H. W. Bush at Bayou Bend during the 1990 Economic Summit held in Houston.

The docent in charge of the power point presentation was Annette Mullendore and the presenter was Alison Read who authored the paper as part of her requirements for becoming a Bayou Bend Docent.

A beautifully decorated table and delicious food were also highlights of the meeting. Thanks to Gwen Koch for taking on this responsibility for our chapter meetings.



Ann Tanner and Jamie Moran with the guest presenters Annette Mullendore and Alison Read at the February meeting



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 2, 2017—Field Trip
Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens

April 6, 2017—Nina Hendee
Texian Legacy

May 4, 2017—Memorial Service
Remembrances of San Jacinto from San Jacinto descendants Nancy Burch, Luanne Zacek and Gina Bouchard

June 1, 2017—June Luncheon
BraeBurn Country Club
Installation of Officers, State Convention report, and New Member ceremony

San Jacinto Chapter Scholarships

Each year the San Jacinto Chapter helps several high school seniors to jump start their college careers with the awarding of a scholarship.

The Thelma Maresh Scholarships, funded by the generous legacy of San Jacinto Chapter member Thelma Maresh, are awarded each spring at the San Jacinto Day Ceremonies at the San Jacinto Monument.

Scholarship information has gone out to several school districts and private schools in the Houston area. Historically, some schools are better than others about getting this information to those graduating seniors who qualify.

If you have a child, grandchild, niece/nephew, or neighbor who will graduate from high school this spring and would like to apply, they may contact Luanne Zacek for more information.

lzacek@hotmail.com

FYI – More information to Come –Plan Ahead

- Two days during Spring Break week the Log House will host Pioneer Days. Refreshments and activities - plan to volunteer.
- San Jacinto Day activities at the Monument include recognizing our scholarship winners; a great day to honor the heritage of our chapter.

March Meeting

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas will have a field trip to Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens on Thursday, March 2, 2017. The admission price is \$10 and needs to be submitted to Martha Jorgensen by Thursday, February 23, 2017.

Participants are to arrive at the Kilroy Visitors Center on the corner of Westcott and Memorial by 9:30 a.m. for a group tour beginning at 10:00 a.m. Guests will be asked to put their belongings in lockers at the Visitors Center and are to wear broad-heeled shoes in order to protect the carpeting at Bayou Bend.

Any questions can be directed to Ann Tanner at 713-782-4055 or by email at tanner1801@sbcglobal.net.

Martha Jorgensen
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Upcoming CRT Event February 26

On February 26, 2017, San Jacinto Chapter CRT and the Ima Hogg Chapter CRT will co-host a CRT Open House at the PMLHM from 2pm-4pm.

The program will be presented by Tom Greene titled ***Flags of Texas***. Refreshments will be served.

San Jacinto Chapter Members Support Southern Heritage Ball

Thanks to Brenda Auld, Ann Brandt, Martha Jorgensen, Gwen Koch, Janice McNatt, Tamara Phillips Mailloux, Sharolyn Wood, and Luanne Zacek for all their hard work organizing and running the silent auction for the Southern Heritage Ball.



My Journey to DRT

One of the interesting aspects of the San Jacinto Chapter is that, for each of us, the Journey to DRT has taken a different route. Some have arrived through a family lineage that has at its focus one ancestor. For others, there were several brave men and women who were part of the heritage we bring to DRT. Then, we start our own journey. The San Jacinto chapter has members who have spent years honoring their family's legacy through DRT. One of those journeys has been shared by long time member, Betty Davis Stokes.

My Journey to DRT By Betty Davis Stokes

I have been a member of DRT since 14 Mar 1975 when my papers for Whitmil Little Bentley were signed by the Registrar General and President General. I have 11 Republic of Texas ancestors from Nacogdoches Co., Texas. They are: Whitmil Littlefield Bentley and his wife Margaret Hamil, Margaret's father Andrew Hamil, William Redwine Carnes, his wife Elvira Brewer, their son William Franklin Carnes, Jackson Grayson and his wife Anna Craft, their daughter Eliza Elizabeth Grayson and her husband James G. Blackburn, his father James Blackburn.

I was the San Jacinto Chapter Registrar more than once. I was Chapter Vice President several times and edited and produced the Chapter Yearbook for 14 years. I was CRT Registrar General and 3rd VP General. I served on the Cradle Committee.

I was on the committee to prepare the first edition of *Daughters Reflections*, the first statewide newsletter ever done for the DRT. I was Editor for two years of *Daughters Reflections* and did the bulk mailing personally. To have a mailing list, I took the last edition of the Daughters' convention book which had the membership listed with their Chapters. I was given the saved text file of the book and I was able to move the membership names and addresses individually to a simple database program. When I finished that, I wrote letters to all the Chapters. I included the information for their Chapter and asked them to send it back with corrections and additions. Some Chapters had not sent in anything. After I entered everything I sent the file to DRT State headquarters where they turned it over to someone who converted it to a relational database.

On a Personal Note:

Betty, who is now 85, is no longer able to attend Chapter meetings at the Log House. I know she would love to hear from chapter members.

Betty's contact information is:

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I truly enjoyed the *My Journey to DRT* stories that have been shared. Please share **YOUR** story for a future issue. Send it in any format and I can use it.

In Remembrance



Marie "Theo" Theodora Kendall
Date of Death - 4 Jan 2017
006202 3 Dec 1967
49 Year Member
Ancestor: General Sidney Sherman

Marie is survived by her daughter, Pamela Skotak and husband Hilton Marques; son, Christopher Skotak and wife Sammi Skotak; daughter, Kimberly Skotak and husband Michael Coté. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ethan and Caleb Marques, Amber and Carson Skotak, and Cormac and Everly Coté-Skotak.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 9:30 am at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3601 Milam Street, Houston, Texas 77002. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, 2525 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007.



Caroline Frances Kemp Gregory
Date of Death – 12 Jan 2017
#009563 23 Jan 1978
39 Year Member
Ancestors: David Burket and Benjamin Cromwell
Franklin

Caroline Kemp Gregory was born on the 4th of September 1926, to Robert Edwin Kemp and Elbie Woodrome Kemp, and died in Houston on Thursday, the 12th January 2017.

Caroline graduated from San Jacinto High School and attended Texas Women's University in Denton. She married Lloyd J. Gregory, Jr., M.D., at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Houston in 1945.

She was appointed by Governor Bill Clements to the Battleship Texas Foundation, for which she served over 20 years. Caroline was an active member in the Harris County Medical Society Women's Auxiliary, the Magic Circle Republican Women's Club, and St. Luke's Methodist Church. She also served as President of the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, President of the River Oaks Garden Club, as well as President of Holly Hall Retirement Home Advisory Board.

She is survived by her three children, Lloyd J. Gregory III, Anthony Kemp Gregory and his wife Karen, and Carole Gregory Lawson and her husband David. Her grandchildren include Anna Gregory Thomas, Paige Gregory Heimann, Mary C. Lawson Corrigan, Laura Lawson Langmade, Hope Gregory Pereira, Hayden Elizabeth Lawson, and Anthony Kemp Gregory, Jr., in addition to 6 great grandchildren.

Caroline's daughter Carole Gregory Lawson and grand-daughters Elizabeth Lawson,, Lauren Lawson Langmade, and Mary Lawson Corrigan are all members of San Jacinto Chapter DRT.