

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

January 2017



From the President

The New Year has arrived and with it resolutions galore! 2017 will be an exciting and busy time for our Chapter. Our Nominating Committee will be hard at work searching for new officers; Ann Tanner has planned wonderful programs for this New Year and an exciting Field Trip for March.

I hope this will be the year that you step-up and commit to serving your Chapter in a meaningful way. We need members to help us keep the San Jacinto Chapter viable and an important part of DRT.

Volunteering a little of your time goes a long way in keeping our Chapter alive and flourishing. So make the San Jacinto Chapter your best New Year resolution!

Jamie Moran, President



Left: Carolyn Hamilton, Dr. Carlos Hamilton, Ann Tanner, Jamie Moran

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HONOR and MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

- January 26 * Mirabeau B. Lamar Day
- 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)

On January 26, the state of Texas annually honors Mirabeau B. Lamar as Texas' Father of Education.

Lamar served as second President of the Republic of Texas and during his term the current Lone Star flag and state seal were officially adopted.

January Meeting

The San Jacinto chapter met on January 5. Dr. Carlos Hamilton, Jr. MD presented the program based on his book "A Rose Blooms in Texas: Coming of Age in the Civil War Era".

Although the story line of the book focuses on Texas during the Civil War, Dr. Hamilton's presentation highlighted several people who were involved in the winning and development of the Republic of Texas. Through stories of Samuel May Williams and Col Ashbel Smith, MD, the audience was drawn into the compelling life of a young woman from east Texas.

Dr. Hamilton's wife, Carolyn Burton Hamilton, is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter.



Members had the opportunity to obtain a copy of Dr. Hamilton's books through a donation to his educational foundation.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 2, 2017—Bayou Bend Speakers Bureau
"Dinner at 8:05 p.m."

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

February Meeting

The **February 2** meeting of the San Jacinto Chapter will feature Annette Mullendore, a Bayou Bend docent and member of the Speakers Bureau, who will present the program titled "**Dinner at 8:05**". The program will illustrate the procedures that were put in place when President George H. W. Bush held a dinner at Bayou Bend during the 1990 Economic Summit.



Field Trip Information **March 2, 2017**

March 2 the San Jacinto Chapter's monthly meeting will be our annual field trip. This year, members will be touring the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens.

Members will meet at Bayou Bend for the tour and then have the option to join the group for lunch.

Times and lunch details will be announced at the February meeting and will be in the February newsletter.

The cost of the tour is \$10 and needs to be paid to Martha Jorgensen.

Martha Jorgensen
702 Wycliffe Drive
Houston, Texas 77079-3510

PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE MUSEUM **Contributions November – December, 2016**

FRIENDS

Nancy Burch
Marjorie Forster
Gwen Kunz
Dr. Lorena Maher
Kay Martin
Betty Petty
Penny Remick
Margaret Standard
Diana Stachowiak
Ann Tanner
Sally Whittington
Sharolyn Wood
Randalls Good Neighbor Program

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Kae Theilan

Shell Oil Company Foundation Matching Gifts
Shell Oil Company Hero Program

In Memory of LeRoy Stavinoha

Luanne Zacek

In Memory of Herbert Griffin

Luanne Zacek

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.

Thanks to Our Great Volunteers

An organization which runs on the power of its volunteers will be successful in direct correlation to members stepping up when there is a need.

Everyone who attended the Christmas luncheon or visited the Pioneer Memorial Log House during the holiday season can verify that the volunteers who helped to decorate the Log House for the holidays did a wonderful job.

But the work does not end when the party is over. For every ornament on the tree and every piece of decorative garland that goes into place, it must come down and much of it packed away.

Thanks to the following volunteers who took the time from their holidays to “undecorated” the Log House and get everything back to everyday order.

- ★ Luanne Zacek
- ★ Jamie Moran
- ★ Janice McNatt
- ★ Margaret Standard
- ★ Ann Tanner
- ★ Gwen Kunz
- ★ Marje Harris

Log House Update

For new members, and a reminder to those who have been members longer, the Pioneer Memorial Log House ownership is both an honor and a great responsibility for the San Jacinto Chapter.

The December newsletter contained a list of the many monthly and yearly expenses that are involved in the upkeep and the day to day maintenance of the Log House. It is only through the generosity of chapter members that the San Jacinto Chapter can continue to own and use the Log House.

Page 2 of this newsletter has a list of the most recent financial contributions made to help sustain the Log House. A huge thanks also to everyone who was named in the December newsletter, as well as this month, for contributions to the Log House or the Chapter.

Please continue to support the Log House through your contributions and purchases from the Country Store.

Get Ready to Prune

Along with the maintenance and upkeep of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, there is the upkeep of the plot of land upon which the house sits. An oasis in the concrete and pavement of the Medical Center, the PMLH yard is visited and enjoyed by many.

Again, the jobs involved in this upkeep are often done by chapter members who volunteer their time and skills. An opportunity is coming soon!

The middle of February is pruning time. Chapter 6th Vice President Margie Forster is planning a day of pruning to get the yards ready for spring. Please contact Margie and let her know you are interested in helping with this important project for keeping our yard looking great.

Don't know anything about pruning? What a great opportunity to learn from a Master Gardner and contribute to the maintenance of our beloved Log House.

If you are interested in helping, contact Margie Forster. Cell (713) 376-4820

Thanks to Sharolyn Wood

In addition to needing financial support for the Log House, there are many times when members are actually “doing the job” and that is what gets problems solved. Chapter 5th Vice President Sharolyn Wood exemplifies this daily.

In the past few months Sharolyn has supervised and helped with cleaning the entire house – top to bottom. Most recently she filled low places and holes in the drive area with bags of gravel.

Thank you Sharolyn for your dedication to keeping the Pioneer Memorial Log House a space to be used and enjoyed by many.

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.

If you have not completed the Member Biographical Form and sent or given it to Sally Whittington, please make that one of your New Year's Resolutions!
The needed information from the October Newsletter is below.

Member Biographical Form Needed by San Jacinto Chapter Chaplain

Our chaplain, Sally Whittington (281-333-5210), has received information from her DRT State representative that a new form is required from each of our chapter members as spelled out in the 2016 Manual of Procedure! This form needs to be filled out and returned to her as soon as you are able. President Jamie Moran will be sending you a letter with the form attached so you will have an electronic copy. If you receive this newsletter already printed, the form is attached.

This form is an informational form on you that the chapter will keep so that we will have a record of your family, your life in DRT, and hobbies and interests, etc. **The form can be found on the DRT website as well, under FORMS**, officially named **Member Biological Form M.06**. It will help us know you better!! The form may also be used for speaker information, record of activities for each member, chapter Memorial Service, and submission to the Chaplain General when reporting a member's death.

You can type your information directly into the form, save it on your computer, and forward it on to **Sally's email address ssw2517a@gmail.com**. Or you can print out a copy and either scan it back to Sally at **her email address** or US mail a hard copy to her at **18112 Lakeside Lane, Houston, Texas 77058**. Of course, you can bring it to the next chapter function as well, and hand it to her in person or to any member of the Board who will send it on to her. Your participation would be appreciated as we follow new guidelines outlined in the 2016 MOP.

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

Standing Rule #3 Changes

Standing Rule #3 changes were approved by the Board at the January 5 meeting. Changes made are in **BOLD**.

All chapter records will be stored at **Proguard Self Storage- Almeda, 5503 Almeda Road, Houston, Texas, 77004**. The President and ny members approved by her may have access to the storage unit.

Thanks to 3rd Vice President Deborah Liss-Frank for delivering the many Christmas toys donated by the San Jacinto Chapter at the December luncheon.

For several years, the toys have been donated to The Mission of Yaweh, a faith-based, non-denominational emergency & transitional shelter located in Houston.

During the holiday season, the shelter may house as many as 30 plus children. What a blessing it is to those struggling and often shattered families to have a gift for a child at Christmas.

A special thanks to all who donated for this project.

