

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

May 2013

From the President:



Log House Tree Uprooted

The large oak tree in front of the Log House porch was uprooted by the storm on April 27th. The forestry division from Hermann Park cleared the sidewalks prior to our May meeting by removing the trunk and limbs of the tree. Our Log House grounds are part of Hermann Park. Sincere thanks to the crew from Hermann Park for responding so quickly.

Go by the Log House to view the size of the remaining tree stump and roots. The uprooted "root ball" and three foot diameter tree stump is on its side in our front plant bed.

We were fortunate that the tree fell toward Cambridge Street. The Log House appears to have suffered no damage in the storm. That's the good news. The bad news is that the falling tree damaged a smaller pine tree near the street, tore down our standing sign, and broke down sections of the front fence. One section of the front walkway was also damaged from the force of the tree hitting the ground.

Our Log House rabbits seem to have weathered the storm. Rabbits, large and small, are easy to find around the grounds. Good news is that we seem to have made a major dent in the fire ant population. Thanks to Gwen Kunz and Margie Forster for attacking our "ant" problem.

Sharolyn



June Luncheon June 6th



Lakeside Country Club

Our last chapter meeting of the year will be the June Luncheon being held at the Lakeside Country Club, 100 Wilcrest Drive, on June 6th beginning at 11:30 am. Along with our new officer installation, we will have our New Member Ceremony and recognize our 25 and 50 year members.

Menu

Lakeside Trio Salad: Half avocado stuffed with chicken salad, half Roma tomato stuffed with shrimp salad; sliced fresh seasonal fruit with a poppy seed dressing. Served with assorted muffins and rolls

Dessert: Lakeside Pecan Ball - large scoop of vanilla ice cream rolled in chopped pecans and topped with hot chocolate sauce garnished with fresh mint

Water and ice tea with lunch, coffee with dessert

The cost is \$26.00. Checks need to be made out to *San Jacinto Chapter DRT*. The deadline for making your reservation is May 28th. Include the reservation form on page 5 with your check.

Mail checks to:

Brenda Stover
13515 Kimberley Lane
Houston, TX 77079

Note: Just a reminder that Wilcrest is under construction at the gate into LCC so traffic may be a little slower than usual.

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Memorial Ceremony

San Jacinto Chapter observed the traditional Memorial Ceremony at the May chapter meeting. As members' names and membership information were read, symbolic candles were lit and a white rose was placed in a crystal vase to honor each of our Daughters who have passed away this last year.



Betty Boyles Isbell (1923 – 2012)
*Dec. 12, 1946
Ancestor: Frances Menefee White

Ruth Jerauld Hill Goodpasture (1931-2012)
*Jan. 20, 1999
Ancestor: Asa Hill, Sr.

Dorothy Jo Goudelock Anderson (1934-2012)
*Aug. 13, 2003
Ancestor: Jean Benjamin Bavoux

Mary Jo Cappleman Brice (1936 -2012)
*March 9, 2007
Ancestor: Jabez Fitzgerald

Laura Sue Higginbotham Davis (1932-2012)
*Jan 25, 2010
Ancestor: Dr. John Hassel

Dorothy Knox Duncan Hughes (1917-2012)
*March 27, 1968
Ancestor: Elizabeth Dallas Duncan
George J. Duncan

Julia Garcia Aguilar (1925-2012)
*Sept. 2, 2004
Ancestor: Juan N. Seguin

Louise Margaret Loose Horr Levy (1926-2013)
*April 30, 1985
Ancestor: Middleton Perry

* Date approved for DRT membership

May 2nd Meeting

Ron Stone Jr. spoke to the San Jacinto Chapter at the May 2nd chapter meeting about “**Houston Television History.**” Ron was the Master of Ceremonies at the 2013 official San Jacinto Day Celebration at the San Jacinto Battleground. Ron began his career in communications in 1987 at KPRC-TV in Houston. A passionate student of history, Ron has taught graduate level courses on Texas and Civil War history at Houston Baptist University.

At the May meeting, before the business session, SJC held the annual Memorial Service for our members who passed away this last year. During the business portion of this meeting, officers for 2013-2015 were elected, Chapter Bylaws were amended, our 2013-2014 budget was adopted, a new member was voted on, and an associate member was elected.

Nancy Burch read the invocation written by Kae Theilen, our Chaplain, as Kae was unable to attend. New member, Martha Jorgensen, played the piano for “Texas, Our Texas.” Sally Whittington and Martha Haydel led the singing. The “Native Texas” bumper sticker was the favorite door prize. The volunteers who bring refreshments each meeting continue to do a wonderful job.



May Hostesses
Susan Stormer, Diana Stachowiak,
Deborah Liss-Frank, Jamie Moran,
Luanne Zacek



Ron Stone Jr.
Nancy Burch



Members at Large Greeted by
Rose Slatton

2013 Texas History Essay Contest Winners

The winners of the 2013 Texas History Essay Contest and their families were honored at the Pioneer Memorial Log House on May 5th. The students read their essays and were presented with a certificate, a trophy, and their prize money. Luanne Zacek was in charge of the ceremony. Thanks to the members who attended and served refreshments to our guests. The winners are:



4th Grade

- co-1st Place Sarah L. Schafer & Chloe A. Beck
Sacred Heart, Conroe
- 2nd Place Olivia M. Sims
Sacred Heart, Conroe
- 3rd Place Audrey Mirabelle Hudson
Holy Spirit Episcopal

7th Grade

- 1st Place Sarah Gracey
Salyards Middle School-CyFair ISD
- 2nd Place Varun Thachil
Smith Middle School-CyFair ISD
- 3rd Place Anjali Kamat
Smith Middle School-CyFair ISD



7th Grade Winners

Sarah Gracey, Varun Thachil, Anjali Kamat,
With President Sharolyn Wood and
4th VP Luanne Zacek



4th Grade Winners

Audrey Hudson, Sarah Schafer, Chloe Beck,
Olivia Sims
With President Sharolyn Wood and
4th VP Luanne Zacek



Families Listen to Students Read Their Essays



4th Grade Winners

Sarah Schaefer, Olivia Sims, Chloe Beck
With Teacher Brenda Schaefer

SAN JACINTO CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2013-2015



Officers for 2013-2015 were unanimously elected at our May chapter meeting:

President – Sharolyn Wood
4th VP (Ways & Means) – Tamara Phillips
Historian – Angela Mahmarian
Corresponding Secretary - Sally Whittington
Registrar – Marje Harris
CRT Registrar – Luanne Zacek
Chaplain – Ann Tanner

New members Jamie Moran and Deborah Liss-Frank will accept appointments as 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President this summer. They will be presented for election at our October meeting.

Thanks to our Nominations Committee members Margaret Standard, Kae Theilen, Luanne Zacek, Tamara Phillips, and Angela Mahmarian.

Update on vacant offices from the President:

Recording Secretary: Kae Theilen has declined her nomination as Recording Secretary due to health reasons. Margie Forster has volunteered to serve as acting Recording Secretary until a permanent appointment can be made.

Treasurer: A volunteer is needed to serve as Treasurer. Anyone interested in serving as Treasurer should contact Sharolyn for more details.

This past term, the Treasurer and an appointed Assistant Treasurer handled the job responsibilities for the chapter. This year, the job duties will be divided among three members with the addition of a “dues chair.” Brenda Auld, a former treasurer, has volunteered to collect the 2013-2014 dues this summer. With the number of members in our chapter, we need a volunteer to handle dues to relieve the treasurer of those duties. Thanks, Brenda.

The official elected Treasurer will continue to be responsible for signing chapter checks and for keeping the chapter books and generating our monthly reports using the computer accounting system set up by current Treasurer Tamara Phillips and Assistant Treasurer Gwen Kunz. Financial duties, including filing all necessary IRS reports, will continue to be the responsibility of the Assistant Treasurer.



New Associate Member Elected

Recommended by Nancy Burch and Phyllis Moody, and elected as an associate member at the May meeting, was Virginia Carolyn Henderson Adams. She is the mother of SJC member Ramona Adams Davis. Mrs. Adams was born and raised in Jasper, TX where she still lives as an independent woman who is active in DAR. Although her Henderson family only reached Texas after it was a state, she loves Texas and all its history. Her great grandfather was David S. Henderson who was born in South Carolina, married June 1846 in Georgia, then later arrived in Jasper County, TX. The Henderson family heritage is of upstanding citizens of the same county for 160 years. It is with great pleasure we welcome Mrs. Adams as our latest associate member. Her certificate will be presented to her by her daughter on Mother's Day, 2013. The picture of Mrs. Adams was painted by her daughter, Ramona.

Do you, as a member of SJC, know of someone who is not lineage eligible for DRT but would enjoy being associated with our chapter? Associate members are not eligible to vote, or hold office on the executive board, but can become a vibrant part of our chapter. Present her name and a short essay to an executive board member so we can peruse her for membership.

DRT Convention May 16-18, 2013 - Beaumont, TX Make your plans to attend DRT State Convention May 16 - 18 in Beaumont!



The Registration Form can be found at:

<http://www.drinfo.org/members/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/2013-REGISTRATION.pdf>

Special Events:

Spindletop Tour, Thursday, May 16th, 1-4 pm
Opening Ceremony, May 16th @ 7:00 pm
Luncheon, Friday, May 17th
Historic Dinner, Friday, May 17th @ 7:00 pm
Awards Luncheon, Saturday, May 18th

The San Jacinto Country Store will be manned by our volunteers, Luanne Zacek and Phyllis Moody, at the DRT Texas State Convention. This is a major money raising event for our Log House.



DUES TIME AGAIN June 1st to August 31st



PAY YOUR DUES. Your DRT dues for 2013-2014 of \$60 per year must be paid between June 1st and August 31st this year. This is the first year the dues cutoff date is September 1st. Pay your dues timely - before September 1st - so that you do not incur the reinstatement fee expense. New members approved after April 1, 2013 do not pay dues for this year. They will pay dues after June 2014. The Dues Notice accompanies the newsletter.

CHAPTER PORTION. From your dues, our chapter retains \$14 per member to operate the chapter, as all chapters are required to forward \$45 per member to State DRT for State dues. Our chapter also pays \$1 per member each year to the President General's Fund. That leaves our chapter the remaining \$14 to operate the chapter from dues paid by active members.

CONTRIBUTIONS. To operate our chapter, we depend on individual contributions to the San Jacinto Chapter and the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum, as well as the profits from our Country Store, in order to print and distribute our Yearbook, maintain our web site, maintain and operate our Log House, decorate the Log House at Christmas, and support our projects every year. Projects supported by your San Jacinto Chapter include the San Jacinto Day Ceremony and the Texas History Essay Contest. Special thanks to all members who make the additional contributions which are vital to support the chapter.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. The dues form has a space to complete for any chapter member wishing to make a donation in memory of one of our deceased members.

LIFE MEMBERS. Life Members are not required to pay annual dues. The San Jacinto Chapter Life Member project will pay the State DRT dues for all Life Members. As currently administered, our chapter receives no chapter dues from the Life Member Fund; yet, the chapter is required to make a \$1 contribution on behalf of each Life Member to maintain our 100% participation record for contributions to the President General's Fund.

For these reasons and because your chapter needs your financial support, Life Members are encouraged, if able, to voluntarily pay dues or make a contribution to our chapter in any amount with which you are comfortable.

SEND your completed dues form and your check to:

**Brenda Auld, Dues Chair,
1241 Country Place Circle
Houston, TX 77079-3143**

San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon

June 6, 2013 ▪ Lakeside Country Club ▪ 11:30 am

New Member Service ▪ Officer Installation

50 & 25 Year Member Recognition ▪ State Convention Report

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COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION BY *May 28, 2013*

Please print

Reservation for _____

My Guest(s) _____

**Check for \$26 payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT**

**Mail to: Brenda Stover
13515 Kimberley Lane
Houston, Texas 77079-6005**