

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

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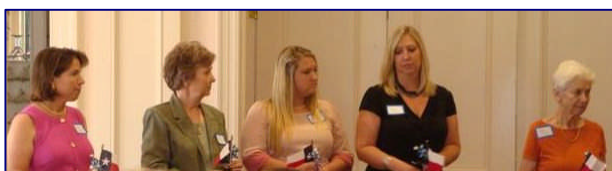
June Luncheon Lakeside Country Club



The June luncheon and chapter meeting was held on June 7, 2012, at Lakeside Country Club in the Pinelake Room. Brenda Stover was our hostess and greeted members and guests as they arrived.

A delicious trio salad lunch was served, and the view from the Pinelake Room was gorgeous. The election of Sharolyn Petty Wood as San Jacinto Chapter President and Luanne Zacek as 4th Vice President was ratified and voted on by members present at the luncheon. Past Presidents, Marilyn Chapman and Eron Tynes, conducted the installation ceremony. Yellow roses were presented to Sharolyn and Luanne. Sharolyn was accompanied to the luncheon by her mother, Betty Petty, and her daughter, Laura Cox, who are also San Jacinto Chapter members. In-coming President, Sharolyn Wood, presented Luanne Zacek the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Ex-President's pin.

New members Laura Stover, Dolly Korenek, Lindsey Sullivan, Laura Korenek Sullivan, and Edna Reid were welcomed and given the traditional Texas flag and bluebonnet bouquets in a ceremony led by Marje Harris, Registrar, and Kae Theilen, Chaplain.



Laura Stover, Dolly Korenek,
Lindsev & Laura Sullivan. Edna Reid



New Member Ceremony
Kae Theilen, Chaplain,
Marje Harris, Registrar

The President's Achievement Awards were presented for three outstanding projects during the 2011-2012 year. *The Outstanding Administrative Project Award* was presented to Marje Harris, Cindie Gruetzmacher, Tamara Phillips, and Tina Shelton for their work reconciling our membership, dues, and email rolls.

The Outstanding Fundraising Project Award was presented to Luanne Zacek for the commissioning and sale of the lovely cloisonné ball ornaments. Texas Pioneer Days, held at the Log House during Spring Break 2012, was named *Outstanding Project to Promote Texas History*. During the five-day open house, over 800 parents and children were Log House guests for tours, refreshments and Texas history projects for the children. Luanne, who had the vision for this project, and Ann Tanner, who heads our docents, were recognized for their work to ensure the success of this project.



Pioneer Days
Carolyn Gilbert, Luanne Zacek,
Bob Gruetzmacher

Brenda Stover was thanked for her efforts in organizing the wonderful June luncheon. The meeting adjourned after Sally Whittington led the traditional singing of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

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Installation Ceremony



"...Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, this is a momentous occasion. As we install in office these women who will serve you this next year, I charge you to remember in this hour your duty and responsibility to loyally support the women who we have elected as our leaders." *Eron Tynes*

Past President Marilyn Chapman asked, "Will the following officers please come forward and line up from left to right as your name is called? 'Sharolyn Wood and Luanne Zacek.'

"Sharolyn Wood, as President, you will preside at all meetings of the chapter, appoint all committees, and represent the chapter officially. You will have the general supervision of plans for extending, unifying and rendering effective the work of the chapter.

Luanne Zacek, as Fourth Vice President, you shall also assist the President when requested. You shall be in charge of fundraising projects and also serve on the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum Board. You will chair the Ways and Means Committee."

Presenting the traditional yellow roses, Eron Tynes, Past President, stated, "It is a privilege for me to welcome you as the new officers of the San Jacinto Chapter, and my wish for you is that you may find ever-increasing joy and inspiration in the service you render this Association.

"San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, I present to you, your new President and San Jacinto Chapter Board, and I bespeak for them your loyalty and cooperation. Each of you are now confirmed as officers of the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas. I give you and your officers my very best wishes. I assure you that, although I am a Past President, I shall continue as an active member feeling it is a privilege and high honor to serve DRT."



Luanne Zacek, 4th Vice President,
Sharolyn Wood, President

Awards Certificates



Two certificates were awarded to the San Jacinto Chapter at the 2012 DRT State Convention. The certificates were on display for viewing at the June Luncheon.

Keeping Texas History Alive Certificate of Recognition

"San Jacinto Chapter, Houston, Texas District VI"
Signed by President General Karen R. Thompson and Fifth Vice-President General Shirley Burnett.

Chapter Awards 2011-2012, San Jacinto Chapter – Houston, President – Luanne Zacek

"Achievement Award, 2nd Place;
Texas History Award;
Volunteer Hours Award;
President General's Project Award"

Presented by Awards Committee Chairman, Ana Flores and President General Karen R. Thompson.



Marje Harris, Sharolyn Wood,
Laura Wood Cox

Senior Members

During the luncheon program, one fifty-year member and four twenty-five year members of the San Jacinto Chapter were recognized. Claire Jean Clapp was present to accept her certificate awarded at the 2012 State Convention.

SAN JACINTO CHAPTER HONOREES

50 YEAR MEMBER

Burke, Bobbye Manning – 29 May 1962

25 YEAR MEMBERS

Clapp, Claire Jean Click – 14 Feb 1987

Kipp, Sissie Bennatee – 8 Oct 1986

Smith, Beverly Turner – 17 Dec 1986

Taylor, Charlotte Darby – 9 June 1986

Teacher of the Year



At the luncheon, Luanne Zacek, 4th Vice President, introduced the San Jacinto Chapter 4th Grade Teacher of the Year, Kendra Wyche. She has taught 12 years and is presently teaching at Lee Elementary in Cy-Fair ISD. Kendra had her students develop power point presentations about famous Texans, thus utilizing research, computer and writing skills. Kendra was accompanied to the luncheon by her husband, Gary, and her 2 lovely children. She received an acrylic apple plaque and a check from the San Jacinto Chapter. Congratulations, Kendra!



Luanne Zacek, Kendra Wyche

New Members Report



Marje Harris, Registrar, announces that San Jacinto Chapter has fifteen new members approved from January to May, 2012. We look forward to meeting and greeting them when our meetings resume in October.

#29169 Andrews, Catherine Lann – Approved: 23 Jan 2012

#29172 Andrews, Julia Gayle – Approved: 23 Jan 2012

#29517 Blaylock, Helen Yvette Reid – 17 May 2012

#29171 Feldman, Claire Elizabeth – Approved: 23 Jan 2012

#29170 Feldman, Mary Katherine – Approved: 23 Jan 2012

#29251 Barnes, Linda Darnell Cooper – 21 Mar 2012

#29247 Bolton, Pauline Helen Wells – 21 Mar 2012

#29450 Korenek, Laretta Agnes "Dolly" Stiles – 07 May 2012

#29191 Malone, Meredith Gaines – 02 Feb 2012

#29518 Reid, Edna Helen Avey – 17 May 2012

#29215 Sterling, Kylie Anne – 19 Feb 2012

#29366 Stover, Laura Adams – 15 Apr 2012
#29368-S #29369-S

#29451 Sullivan, Laura Ann Korenek – 07 May 2012

#29453 Sullivan, Lindsey – 07 May 2012

#29452 Sullivan, Rachael Leigh – 07 May 2012

One new membership was approved posthumously for Ruth Lee Hodges Gaines, #29192, approved February 3, 2012.

Convention Report



Anita Cooper, SJC Bylaws Chairman

The 121st annual DRT Convention was held in Austin. A total of 596 members attended. The Vision introduced two fundraisers to help them attain their goal to buy the property adjacent to the French Legation in Austin. The DRT Charter added Texas Heroes Day on September 18th as an Honor Day.

The DRT Bylaws were revised, amended, and voted on at this convention. "Legally adopted" was removed. Dues were increased to Initiation fee \$70, annual dues \$45, supplemental \$40. Next year, 2013, dues will be due in September, one month earlier than the current deadline.

"President Elect" and "Executive Committee" were struck from the Proposed Revision. Headquarters and Republic of Texas Museum are now two separate committees.

Because of the lengthy discussion of bylaws, all Administrative and Standing Committee reports will be emailed to chapter presidents. A total of 43 amendments to the Bylaws Revision passed. The new Bylaws will be available at the District Workshops – ours is Sept 8th. The 2013 Convention will be in Beaumont, May 16-18, 2013 at Holiday Inn & Suites. To make your reservation now, call 409-842-5995.

San Jacinto Chapter's Red-tailed Hawk

On Sunday, June 10th, my husband, Mike, and I were on the front lawn at the Log House and noticed the baby red tail hawk which has adopted our Log House porch roof as her new home. The remnants of her former nest are also on the roof. The young bird is sheltered under a long limb of a pine tree. In conversations with wildlife rescue experts, I learned that the young bird will continue to be cared for by its mother, growing quickly. Next time you are near the Log House, come by and see our *Rebecca*.

Our new "daughter" has been named *Rebecca* by Nancy Burch, our 2nd Vice President, for Rebecca Fisher, a charter member of the Daughters. Rebecca Fisher, who served as State President for eighteen years, was captured by the Indians as a small child, rescued and went on to live an extraordinary life. Find out more about Rebecca at The Handbook of Texas Online.

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/ffi22>

Cindie Gruetzmacher wrote an article for the April Newsletter about the Red Tail hawk family. She published a beautiful picture of one of the adult hawks and the nest when it was nestled in one of our pine trees at that time.

Colette Herzog has taken this recent picture of our *Rebecca*. The hawk mother was in the pine tree keeping watch. Colette reported that the dad was screeching and circling the Med Center hunting for food.

Our Log House is a refuge for this bird family in the busy Medical Center. Those women who collected contributions "a dollar at a time" to build this memorial to our pioneer ancestors would be proud to have these visitors.

Sharolyn Wood, President



Calendar Announcements



Chapter Working Meetings at the Log House

By-Laws Committee Meetings:
June 13, July 11, August 8

Finance Committee Meeting: June 23

Executive Board Meetings:
June 28, July 26, August 30
PMLHM Board Meetings: 10:00 am
Chapter Executive Board Meetings: 11:15 am

District VI Workshop

The District VI Workshop is sponsored this year by San Jacinto Chapter. Our members are needed to help plan and assist on the day of the Workshop. To volunteer to help, please contact Sharolyn Wood at woodsharolyn@aol.com.

Date: September 8th
Place: Hilton Garden Inn, 12245 Katy Freeway
Registration: 8:00 am
Business Meeting: 9:00 am
Lunch: 12:00 pm
Adjourn: 2:00-3:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: October 4th, Log House.

Dues Notice

Time to Pay 2012-2013 Dues



The Annual Dues form for June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013 is attached with this Newsletter. Combined state and chapter dues are \$60, \$15 of which remains with our chapter. We keep our chapter dues amount at \$15 a year because of your generous contributions to the chapter.

Make your check payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Mail form and check to:
Tamara Phillips, SJC Treasurer
11900 Shadow Creek Parkway #1413
Pearland, TX 77584

Send in your Volunteer Information with your dues form and payment by October 1, 2012. Dues will be considered delinquent after that date with the member placed on the inactive roll.