

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

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From the President...



I look forward to seeing you at our November 1st meeting when we will be honoring Stephen F. Austin's birthday, November 3rd, and DRT Founders Day, November 6th. We have new members, prospective members, and transfer members to meet and greet. I hope to see you there.

Door prize tickets will be at the registration table near the front doors. Be sure to sign-in and get your ticket as you pick-up your name tag.

At our October meeting, one of our door prizes, a "Sam Houston for President" bumper sticker, caught the eye of our speaker Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby. I explained, "Sorry, Sir, I cannot give you the bumper sticker as it is a door prize." Not wanting to disappoint him, I gave him the web site where one can be purchased and gave him a door prize ticket.

The drawing was held as Gov. Hobby ended his presentation on his mother, Oveta Culp Hobby. Have you guessed who won the drawing? Yes. A rousing cheer went up when Gov. Hobby won the door prize and happily left with his "Sam for President" bumper sticker.

Come. Join the fun and hear an interesting presentation on Jesse Jones.

Sharolyn

To purchase "Sam Houston for President" bumper sticker:
http://www.samhoustonmovie.com/buy_bumper_sticker.php

October 4th Meeting



Fall at the Log House

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San Jacinto Chapter Recognized in DRT Book

San Jacinto Chapter will be recognized in the new DRT book titled: *The Daughters: A Dozen Decades of DRT*, for our work establishing the San Jacinto Battleground, erecting the Memorial Boulders and the Sundial, building our Log House, and our current scholarship program.

The book celebrates 121 years of DRT history and will be released at the 2013 Convention. For information and to pre-order, go to: <http://dozendecades.com>.

The following is a preview from the section discussing our Log House.

Excerpt:

Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum –

As 1936 approached, chapter members embarked on the project to build the Log House as part of the Centennial Celebration. ... The chapter formed a committee to raise the necessary money and to construct the Log House. In the midst of the Great Depression, members raised almost \$4,000, principally from donations of one dollar or less. The logs were donated. Stones used to construct the fire place and chimney were collected from sites with significance to Texas pioneers and Texas independence.

The Log House was dedicated on March 2, 1936, the 100th anniversary of the Texas Declaration of Independence ... to honor our Texas pioneer ancestors. ... The City of Houston donated the site in Hermann Park for the Log House in honor of the Allen brothers ... In 2012, over 800 school children and their parents visited the Log House during "Texas Pioneer Days" held during Spring Break.

The 75th Anniversary of the Log House was celebrated by the chapter in 2011. In 2012, the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance named the San Jacinto Chapter the winner of a "Good Brick Award" for stewardship of the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

Draft, *The Daughters: A Dozen Decades of DRT* (to be published 2013).

More information: Our Yearbook has information about our Log House on page 84. Newsletters can be found on our website with the history of our Log House--December 2010, January 2011, February 2011, and the Special Edition in 2011. In addition, the "Log House Book" compiled by Sarah Groce Betlett is also on our website.



Texas Heritage Garden

This is one of the two Belinda's Dream from the Antique Rose Emporium in Independence, TX, which I planted in the Texas Heritage Garden this summer. These roses are classified as the new Earthkind Roses, which is a cross between the Jersey Beauty and a Tiffany. It is a fast growing and sturdy shrub with few disease problems, a prolific bloomer with a distinctive fragrance of their own. Antique roses, many of which were found roses from old homesteads throughout Texas were originally brought here by the earlier settlers and are grown on their own rootstock which have been able to thrive without care. The Texas Rose Rustlers group was responsible for finding many of these original antique roses in the 80s.

Colette Herzog, 5th Vice President



December Meeting and Luncheon



San Jacinto Chapter's Christmas Ladies' Luncheon will be at the Log House on **December 6th** at 11:30 a.m.

Come enjoy good food and fellowship, along with Christmas music and a chance to shop in our Country Store for special Texas gift items. As in previous years, we will collect toys for the children's unit at one of the neighboring hospitals.

The cost is \$22.00. Please get your reservations in by November 27. Make your check payable to **San Jacinto Chapter**. We cannot give refunds. You may pay for the luncheon at the November chapter meeting or mail your check to:

Brenda Stover
13515 Kimberley Lane
Houston, TX 77079-6005

Our Log House will be beautifully decorated for the season with greenery and poinsettias. Please plan to attend.

Christmas Open House



The Christmas Open House will be **December 9th** from 2-4 pm. Families with children are encouraged to attend as Santa is planning to be at the Log House. We hope to see all our Children of the Republic of Texas, members and guests.

Members are invited to help decorate the house after the board meeting on November 29th. Come at 1 pm for a baked potato lunch and stay to deck the halls! RSVP at woodsharolyn@aol.com or 713-522-0396.

Country Store



Come visit the SJ Country Store at the November meeting. Many of the new items will be available at this time. Then, the SJC Country Store will once again be set up in the dining room at the December meeting, Open House, and for a special event later in December. The Country Store has new ornaments, new ties for men, and new books for children. Come see the new items and make your selections for Christmas gifts. We will be looking for you and surely want to help you find that special item.



November 1st Meeting **Author Steven Fenberg** **10:00 am**

Author Steven Fenberg will talk about the subject of his award-winning book, *Unprecedented Power: Jesse Jones, Capitalism and the Common Good*, at the November chapter meeting. A graduate of Bellaire High School and the University of Texas, Mr. Fenberg is the community affairs officer for Houston Endowment where he has pursued a variety of projects on Jesse Jones and his undeniable imprint on Houston in the first half of the 20th century, as well as his significant influence on the entire nation.

Prior to joining Houston Endowment, the philanthropic foundations established by Jones and his wife in 1937, Mr. Fenberg wrote about political, environmental, and social issues for magazines and newspapers. He wrote and produced *AIDS: Just Say Know*, an educational play that was performed throughout greater Houston in theaters, community centers, churches, and synagogues, and as in-service training for teachers and law enforcement officials when the disease was in its infancy and misinformation had instilled widespread fear.

He first wrote a biographical sketch about Jones in 1992 for Houston Endowment and was intrigued to discover that Jones was the most powerful person in the nation next to President Franklin Roosevelt throughout FDR's entire administration. He subsequently assembled an extensive archive of Jones's personal and business papers, created permanent exhibits about him that are now installed at Houston Endowment and Rice University, conducted an oral history program to interview those who knew Jones, and served as executive producer and writer on PBS's Emmy Award-winning documentary film *Brother, Can You Spare a Billion? The Story of Jesse H. Jones*, narrated by Walter Cronkite. He also has been a consultant for the Will Rogers Museum in Claremore, Oklahoma, and the DePelchin Children's Center in Houston, both institutions relevant to Jones's story.

NOTE: There will be no book sales at the meeting. For those who have a copy of Mr. Fenberg's book and would like to have him sign it, please feel free to bring it with you to the meeting.

Nancy Burch, 2nd Vice President



Registrar's Report

04 Oct 2012



Marje Harris, Registrar, reported that San Jacinto Chapter has nine prospective members, three new members, and four member transfers into San Jacinto Chapter. The death of two SJC members was also reported.

Prospective Members

Cheryl Crane Crawford
Ancestor: Lytle Crawford

Kimberly Marie Crockett
Ancestor: David Crockett

Kerry Lynn Harrigan Phillip
Ancestor: Daniel Elam

Charlotte Augusta Lange MacVane
Ancestor:

Jacqueline Carole Stevens Mattingly
Ancestor: Alexander Compton

Heather Linn DuBois Motschman
Ancestor: Whitmil L. Bentley

Karen "Denise" Novakoski,
Ancestor: Jean Benjamin Bavoux

"Amy" Rebecca Lueders Wallace
Ancestor: Peter Swanson

Nancy "Ellie" Wallace
Ancestor: Peter Swanson

New Members

#29799 Ramona Caroline Adams Davis
Ancestor: James Francis Trotti
Approved: 28 Sep 2012

#29818 Deborah Ann Liss-Frank
Ancestor: Washington Jefferson Viser
Approved 10 Oct 2012

#29817 Jessica Morgan Liss
Ancestor: Washington Jefferson Viser
Approved 10 Oct 2012

Member Transfer

Transfer from Tejas Chapter

#28218 Leah Jorgensen

#28220 Martha Jorgensen

#28219 Bonnie Meine

Transfer from Jane Wells Woods Chapter

#22054 Lyne Nikki Soika Quinn

Death of Members of SJC-DRT

#22332 Ruth "Jerry" Jerauld Hill Goodpasture
Ancestor: Asa Hill, Sr

#02714 Laura Sue Higginbotham Davis
Ancestor: Dr. John Hassell



Laura Sue Higginbotham Davis

Laura Sue Davis died October 14, 2012, in Houston. Sue, a highly respected teacher, was beloved by her family and many friends who knew her to be a good and faithful servant to her family, her community, and her God. Sue was born to Joseph Austin and Laura Evin (Sharp) Higginbotham on December 27, 1932. Sue was a graduate of Reagan High School and graduated from the University of Houston in 1953 with a Physical Education Degree. Sue and her college sweetheart, John Houston Davis III, married August 1, 1953. After John's military service in the 1950s, they moved to Oak Forest where they raised their sons, John and Mark. Sue is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a sister, Beth Higginbotham Bitner, a brother, Sam Higginbotham, a brother-in-law, Robert H. Petty, a nephew, Robert A. Petty, and niece, Stephanie White Kain. Sue is survived by sons John Steven Davis and wife, Teri Justice, of Houston and Mark Edward Davis of Los Angeles, CA, a sister, Betty Higginbotham Petty, Betty's daughter, Sharolyn Petty Wood, and grandchildren Chris, Ricky and Laura who considered Aunt Sue their other mother and grandmother. Sue is survived by many nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. A 6th generation Texan, Sue was a member of San Jacinto Chapter, DRT. She was active in the retired teachers, her church garden club, and Lydia Circle. A family graveside service was held on Saturday, the 20th of October, followed by a memorial service at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Rev. Frank Coats, presiding.



Ruth "Jerry" Goodpasture

Ruth Jerauld Hill Goodpasture died July 3, 2012, at her home in hospice care with family. Born Feb. 22, 1953, in Houston, she graduated from Saint John's School, Houston; took a BA from Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va., in 1974; and in 1975 received a masters in Spanish from Middlebury College in Vermont. Married in 1974 to Frank Goodpasture III, they moved to Bristol in 1978, where they made their home and raised five children. In addition to being a homemaker, Jerry was a tireless volunteer in various organizations. A lover of family and country, Jerry was a member of numerous heritage societies to include the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of the Cincinnati, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the most exclusive group being The Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She is survived by her parents, her husband, Frank; her sister and husband; her brother and wife; her father in-law; her sister in-law and husband; her three sons, Frank IV, Benjamin Wilton, and John Ridley; and her two daughters, Ruth Jerauld and Mary McLean. A burial service was held on July 8, in Bristol VA, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church with the Rev. George Bunn III and the Rev. Conrad McNeer officiating.