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United Daughters of the Confederacy®

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Message from the President



Summer is over, children or grandchildren are back in school, the leaves will soon be changing color and the ORAN M. ROBERTS CHAPTER 440, UDC is off to a running start!

As the new President, this is my first newsletter and I want to share with each of you my goals and projects for 2006-2008.

Our First Goal - Update our Bylaws - As far as we can tell, the Bylaws were last updated in 1989. They are very outdated and do not conform to UDC General or Texas Division Bylaws and must be revised even though it is not a "Bylaw year." We have received permission from Janice K. Langford, President, Texas Division, UDC, to proceed with the revision of our Bylaws. The draft update was carefully considered by the Bylaws Committee, which was chaired by Judy **Meschwitz**. She and the members took the old Bylaws and updated them to conform with all current requirements. Also, a big thank you to Patsy **Silva** for her contribution of finding a copy of the old 1989 Bylaws and her keen insight into updating them.

In addition, the proposed Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by Carolyn Orlebeke, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, Texas Division, UDC.

Chapter Website

http://www.geocities.com/lks_friday/UDC/UDC-001

Texas Division Website

<http://txudc.org/>

UDC General National Website

<http://www.hqudc.org/>



Chapter Officers

Lynna Kay Shuffield, President
Rita Crabbe, Vice President
Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary
Connie Surrency, Treasurer
Lynna Kay Shuffield, Registrar
Carolyn Farmer, Historian
Judy Hoke Meschwitz, Recorder of
Military Service Awards
Minalee Ferguson, Chaplain

September 2006 - 25 Members
Chartered - 19 February 1901

**CHAPTER MEETING DATES
2006-2007**

- 16 September 2006 (Saturday)
- 18 November 2006 (Saturday)
- 20 January 2007 (Saturday)
- 17 March 2007 (Saturday)
- 2 June 2007 (Saturday)

LOCATION

**Park Place Regional Branch Library
8145 Park Place**

< http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/branches/par_home.html >

TIME: 2 p.m.

Driving Directions - From I-45 Southbound: Exit 38B Howard Dr./Bellfort Ave. Stay to the left and U-turn under the freeway. Move to the right on the I-45 feeder for approx. 1-mile. Turn right on Park Place Blvd. Library is in the 2nd block on the left.

Driving Directions - From I-45 Northbound: Take Exit 39 Park Place Blvd/Broadway Blvd - go 0.7 mile Turn right on Park Place Blvd. Library is in the 2nd block on the left.



CHAPTER WORKSHOP

28 Oct 2006 (Saturday)

Park Place Regional Branch Library
8145 Park Place
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



110th Texas Division Convention
5-8 Oct. 2006 (Thur-Sun)

Houston Marriott West Loop
1750 West Loop South - Houston, Texas
[610 Loop between Post Oak & San Felipe]
Hosts - Division I [Houston]

113th UDC Annual General Convention

2-6 Nov. 2006 (Thur-Mon)

Omni Hotel
100 S. 12th Street - Richmond, VA



16 Dec 2006 (Saturday)

Holiday Brunch (11 a.m.) &
Tour of Museum of Southern History (12:30 p.m.)
14080 Southwest Freeway
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Please send mailing address, phone number & e-mail address updates to:
e-mail < ksfriday@sbcglobal.net >

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**Corrections / Changes / Updates
to your Yearbook**

Confederate Gravemarkers

Do you have a Confederate ancestor who does not have a gravemarker? If you would like help to obtain a FREE gravemarker for your ancestors, contact:

Judy Hoke Meschwitz - xxxxxxxxxxxx

xxxxxxxxxx - Houston, Texas 77xxx

e-mail < xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx >

Next Issue of Newsletter - Nov. 2006

Deadline - 15 Oct 2006



UDC Days of Observance

10 Sept	UDC Founders Day
16 Sept	Birthday of Admiral Franklin Buchanan
27 Sept	Birthday of Admiral Raphael Semmes, Rear Admiral of the Confederate Navy

**Membership Dues are payable
Sept. 1st - \$35 per year - Send to:**

Connie Surrency, Treasurer, xxxxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxx - Houston, TX 77xxx



District I News

Jamie Davis, Chairman
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It's almost here – after two years of work, we will soon have the 110th Texas Division Convention here in Houston. I hope you have all made plans to attend Convention. It is really a lot of fun! You will have the opportunity to learn more about UDC, make new friends and find more opportunities to serve. This is an election year and that is always exciting.

I certainly enjoyed my time with you making favors last July. The lunch was wonderful and I was so happy to meet so many of your members.

See you at convention!



Upcoming Chapter Birthdays

Sept. 4th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sept. 17th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Oct. 5th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Oct. 5th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Oct. 6th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Please be sure and send your birthday greetings!

Newsletter - To save on postage, we are sending out the newsletter in Adobe .pdf format to those members and other interested individuals via e-mail. Please remember to let us know about your new e-mail address -or- if you do not want to receive your copy of the newsletter in this manner.

Also, if you know anyone who would like to be added to our distribution mailing list, please let us know.

Those who do not have e-mail, will receive their copy by regular U.S. Mail.

Summer Workday Event



[Photo-table/left-L to R: Carolyn Farmer, Rita Crabbe, Lynna Kay Shuffield; table/right- L to R: Annette Hill, Karen Campbell, Judy Meschwitz]

On Saturday, July 15th, the chapter held a "workday" to make party favors for the Real Daughter's Luncheon we will be co-hosting at the Texas Division, UDC, Convention in Houston on Friday, 6 Oct 2006. There were nine members in attendance, one guest and Jamie **Davis**, President of Dist. I, also attended.

Members present included: Karen **Campbell**, Rita **Crabbe**, Carolyn **Farmer**, Lisa **Franklin**, Annette **Hill**, Judy **Meschwitz**, Jamae **Murphy**, Lynna Kay **Shuffield** and Anne **Woods**. Guest: Gerrie Yates.

A wonderful luncheon was served by the Hostess Committee, Karen **Campbell**, Annette **Hill** and Anne **Woods**.

Great fun and enjoyable companionship was enjoyed by all. Lots of planning for 2006-2007 is underway and much discussion was had regarding future projects. If you were not there, what fun you missed!

We now have three different party favors made in quantities of 200 each.

Door Prizes were donated by: Lynna Kay **Shuffield** and Judy **Meschwitz** and the winners were: Jamae **Murphy** and Anne **Woods**.



Meeting Minutes

Date: 3 June 2006

Place: Heard's Prairie-Petteway Cemetery, near Bremond, Robertson Co., TX

Meeting was called to order by Lynna Kay **Shuffield**, at 11:00 a.m. with the following members attending: Karen Byars **Campbell**, Rita **Crabbe**, Judy Hoke **Meschwitz**, Lynna Kay **Shuffield** and Anne Richardson **Woods**.

Also attending was Janice K. **Langford**, President, Texas Division and from the L. S. Ross Chapter 100, UDC, located in Bryan, Texas, were: Doris Johnson **Emshoff** and Anna Robertson **Kellett**.

The rituals and normal business meeting agenda were not conducted and the meeting proceeded with the dedication ceremony.

Mrs. Janice K. **Langford**, President Texas Division, UDC of Huffman, Texas was the Presiding Officer and performed the ritual of dedication to honor the memory of these men and the remember their service during a monumental time-period in America.

The meeting then recessed for a covered dish luncheon.

At 3:30 p.m., the meeting was reconvened and the Ceremony for the Installation of Chapter Officers for 2006-2008 was conducted by Mrs. **Langford** to install the following individuals: Lynna Kay **Shuffield**, President; Rita **Crabbe**, Vice President; Karen **Campbell**, Recording Secretary; Judy **Meschwitz**, Recorder of Military Service Awards.

A short business meeting was conducted to approve the applications for Military Service Awards for: Jack Hess, Jr.; David Mullinax; Elmer Mullinax; O. V. Sheffield, Alcy T. Shuffield, Jr.; John L. Shuffield and Wulburn E. Shuffield. As well as vote for our chapter delegate to the Texas Division, UDC Convention who is Lynna Kay Shuffield, President-elect of the chapter for 2006-2007

Benediction by Karen **Campbell**, Chaplain.

Adjourned and we sang Dixie at 4:15 p.m.

Karen **Campbell**, acting Recording Secretary

Installation of Officers for 2006-2008

Presiding Officer: Janice Langford, President, Texas Division, UDC
Saturday, 3 June 2006



Photo - L to R - Chapter Officers: Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary; Judy Meschwitz, Recorder of Military Service Awards; Rita Crabbe, Vice President; Lynna Kay Shuffield, President; Janice Langford, President, Texas Division, UDC .

Hearts United

by Mrs. James Walter Strong

Published in the *Confederate Home Vidette*,
Austin, Texas, 1 Jan 1913, Vol. 1, No. 17, p. 1

I come not to sing of sorrow and pain,
Of times when the hearts of a nation did bleed,
But I sing of the glorious peace of our land,
Of the love and the strength of our Father's great deed.

There's harmony now, where once there was strife,
A hand-clasp instead of a sword,
The Blue and the Gray are brothers today,
All sharing together—not death-strokes, but life.

'Tis a world full of sunshine, a world full of song,
The whispering winds tell of beauties they see,
The North and the South say, "Welcome my friends,"
There's peace in the air and close neighbors we are."

Full many a hero has gone to his rest,
Who fought for the cause of his heart,
But the Father sends blessings to those who are left,
For each soldier boy played his part.

Rejoice, then, and sing with me gladly,
Be filled with the light from above,
Lend an ear that is willing to these words of praise,
For they're prompted by heavenly love.

Profile of Our Ancestors

[NOTE: Please submit your biographical sketch / narrative to Lynna Kay Shuffield, Newsletter Editor.]



Private Andrew Jackson Dukes Co. D, 12th Cavalry Regiment, Missouri Prisoner of War

[Great-grandfather of Anne Richardson Woods]



Andrew Jackson "Dutch" Dukes was born in Independence, Jackson Co., MO, on Sunday, 11 April 1841, the son of Robert Sherard Dukes and Eliza Hall. The place he was born is on land now occupied by the old Jackson County Courthouse and is a designated historical site in Missouri.

He joined the cause of the Confederacy on Friday, 26 Dec 1862, serving as a Private in Co. D, 12th Missouri Cavalry. He was present at muster January and February 1864 and was taken prisoner in New Orleans in General E. K. Smith's surrender to Major General E. R. S. Canby on Friday, 26 May 1865. Dukes was paroled on Wednesday, 14 June 1865, at Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. He had been wounded by an enemy's ball, which first hit his hand, then went into his chest. Dukes later told his family that the 12th Missouri Cavalry did not have enough horses to even be called a cavalry.

The 12th Cavalry Regiment, formerly the "Jackson County Cavalry," was organized during the Summer of 1863. The unit was assigned to General Shelby's Brigade, Trans-Mississippi Dept., and confronted the Federals in Missouri and Arkansas. Later it was part of Price's operations in Missouri. The regiment sustained two casualties at Marks' Mills and 35 during Price's Expedition. It was included in the surrender on Friday, 2 June 1865.

Its commanders were Colonel David Shanks, Lieutenant Colonel William H. Erwin, Major Samuel Bowman and Major H. J. Vivien.

After the war, Dukes returned to his father's home in Clay Co., MO, where the family had been displaced by Order #11. He soon went to Mansfield, Tarrant Co., TX, attracted by the stories of a superior officer in the cavalry. He arrived with 50 cents in his pocket.

Dukes first worked for wages, saving money to buy "black land" for as little as 25 cents an acre, as most farmers preferred the sandy soil for vegetables and similar crops. The land dramatically gained value when cotton was propagated in the area.

In Mansfield, Dukes attended a dance in the Spring of 1873. When he saw Martha Virginia Boydston enter with her escort, he turned to a friend and asked, "Who is the lady in the door? Introduce me to her. She will be my wife or I'll never have one." They married Thursday, 13 Nov 1873 at Ellis Co., TX.

In 1890, Dukes bought the residence of John C. Collier, located at 401 East Elm in Mansfield on a sharply-rising slope providing an excellent view of the town. Behind the house, the hill sloped gently down to the banks of Walnut Creek. In the yard was an immense pine tree; hence, its name, "Lonepine." This home is now the location of Blessing Funeral Home, and in 1985 the location received a Historical Marker placed by the Texas Historical Commission.

Three children were raised in the home: Martha Lena Dukes, born Sunday, 25 Oct 1874; Leonidas Sherard Dukes, born Friday, 25 Aug 1876 and Roberta Drusilla Dukes, born Friday, 1 Nov 1889.

The Dukes spent the hot summer months in Flour Bluff near Corpus Christi. The children were required to go to school only from September to February. Nonetheless, they were well-educated; Lena and Lon attended Ad-Ran-Jarvis College and Roberta went to New York City to study music and voice.

Martha Virginia "Mattie" Dukes died on Monday, 16 March 1903, and was buried in the Mansfield Cemetery located in Mansfield, Tarrant Co., TX.

Dukes walked to town every day to visit friends or to sit in the First National Bank, of which he was a stockholder and director. The "long" walk to town convinced Dukes in 1909 to trade houses with Dr. William B. McKnight, whose home was only one block from downtown. It was originally the home of Julian T. Field, a founder of Mansfield.

In this beautiful home, reminiscent of Jeffersonian architecture, A. J. Dukes died of pneumonia on Wednesday, 28 Dec 1921. He was buried beside his wife in Mansfield Cemetery, where his grave is marked by a Confederate marker.

[Written by Margaret Richardson Bates, sister of Anne Woods - March 2006 - FYI: Margaret is a member of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter 639, UDC, Kansas City, MO]

Heards Prairie-Petteway Cemetery Confederate Gravemarker Dedication Ceremony - 3 June 2006



L to R - Front: Members of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, Texas – L to R - Back: Karen Campbell, Judy Meschwitz, Lynna Kay Shuffield, Anne Woods, Rita Crabbe, Janice Langford

On Saturday, 3 June 2006, the ORAN M. ROBERTS CHAPTER 440, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) held a Gravemarker Dedication Ceremony to honor the service of 19 Confederate Veterans at the Heards-Prairie Petteway Cemetery near Bremond, Robertson County, Texas.

Mrs. Janice K. **Langford**, President of the Texas Division, UDC of Huffman, Texas was the Presiding Officer and performed the ritual of dedication to honor the memory of these men and to remember their service during a monumental time-period in American history.

Karen **Campbell**, Chaplain of Oran M. Roberts Chapter, 440, UDC read the prayer and Lynna Kay **Shuffield** read the poem, "A Dedication" by Rev. Dr. Randolph McKim.

There were well-over 350 individuals who attended the ceremony, which also included a celebration of the Heards-Prairie Baptist Church's 130th Anniversary.

The markers were provided at no charge from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs and placed in the cemetery by Leonard White, the long-time caretaker of the cemetery since 1985.

The program for the day was coordinated by Gerrie Jones Dickens **Yates** and Kay Lynn Mayer **Knee**. These ladies did an amazing job and produced an outstanding event.

The color guard for the ceremony was provided by the re-enactors of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, Texas and included: 1st Lt. Mark Hanna, Sgt. Ron Paynter,

Trooper Tim Lee, Trooper Mike Kientzle and Trooper Wiliam Paynter.

Also participating in the ceremony was Rev. Kenny O'Quinn, pastor of the Heards Prairie Church.

The program ended with singing "Dixie" and a cannon salute was performed by Randy Billingsley of Maysfield, Texas with his one-pound cannon, known as "Little Sister." He was assisted by Gene Shuffield of Houston. The cannon carriage is replicated from 1800s period and was used as a community cannon to signal volunteer "Minute Men" to form in town to aid against Indian attacks.

Members of the ORAN M. ROBERTS CHAPTER, who attended the ceremony were: Rita **Crabbe**, Karen Byars **Campbell**, Judy Hoke **Meschwitz**, Lynna Kay **Shuffield** and Anne Richardson **Woods**. Also attending from the L. S. Ross Chapter 100, UDC, located in Bryan, were: Doris Johnson **Emshoff** and Anna Robertson **Kellett**.

Names of the Confederate Veterans Honored

David Barclay - 1st Infantry Regt., Texas State Troops

Thomas Jefferson Benge - 6th Infantry Regt., AR

George H. Brantner - 4th Infantry Regt., Texas

Andrew J. Garner - Co. G, 1st Cavalry Regt., AR

Uriah Gibson - 20th Infantry Regt. (Elmore's), Texas

Ezra S. Gunter - Co. F, 9th Infantry Regt., AR

John M. Hand - Co. F, 4th Infantry Regt., Texas

Edward Hudson* - Co. H, 2nd Infantry Regt., Texas

Owen Jenkins - Co. C, 9th Infantry Regt. (Nichols), TX

William W. Johnson - Co. K, 20th Infantry Regt., TX

David W. Meggs - Co. C, 11th Spaight's Battalion, TX

Benjamin F. Oldham - Co. L, 1st Light Artillery Regt., MS

M. Micajah Petteway - Co. G, 1st Infantry Regt. (Consolidated), AL

Judge Conger Rogers - Co. E, 28th Infantry Regt. (Gray's), LA

John P. Shelby - 1st Cavalry Regt. (Reserves), MS

Joshua T. Stanford - Co. G, 2nd Infantry Regt. (Quinn's), Mississippi State Troops

Calton Walker - Co. D, Heavy Artillery, LA

Alexander L. Williams - Co. C, Madison's Regt. (Phillips), Texas & Co. C, 9th Infantry Regt. (Nichols), Texas

J. L. Willis - Co. C, Spaight's Battalion & Co. E, Spaight's Infantry Regt., Texas

* Rededication

President's Message

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The revised Bylaws will be mailed to each member prior to our meeting on Saturday, 16 Sept 2006 and they will be presented at the meeting under New Business.

The Bylaws will be considered under Old Business at our meeting on Saturday, 18 Nov 2006 and opened for discussion from the floor, amendments will be considered and a final vote will be taken for approval.

If you live out-of-town or cannot attend the 18 Nov meeting, please contact Judy and discuss your comments with her. You can call Judy at xxxxxxx-xxxx, write to her at xxxxxxxxxx, Houston, Texas 77xxx, or e-mail her at < xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx >.

Our Second Goal - Membership, membership, membership - Every member of our chapter will be asked to recruit at least one (1) new member no later than 1 March 2007.

Genealogy is more popular today than ever before. If genealogy is so popular, why aren't more women joining historical lineage societies like the UDC?

We need to grow to succeed. Many organizations have existed for years with more or less a stable number of members, or have continued to exist with a declining membership.

In the case of our chapter, we had experienced a declining membership, but since Feb 2005, we have grown from fewer than a dozen members to current 25 members.

Constant growth means new ladies joining with new ideas and invigorated interest levels. Newcomers will soon gain experience, and then they will become the next generation of movers and shakers within our chapter.

What does not work is dealing with new members in a negative manner! We do not want to stifle interest, and long-time members should become mentors to new members and help them to learn how to be productive members of the chapter.

Members who have been around for a number of years, tend to settle in and enjoy the social aspects of the UDC and no longer seem to strike out with new ideas and new energy levels. A chapter with a declining membership rarely produces new and

innovative projects in keeping with the objectives of the UDC.

Long-time members of the UDC already know about our organization, so what we need to do is strike-out into new territory and attract new members! What we need is new blood! We need our members to go fishing to "hook" some new ladies to join our chapter!

So, how do we find and interest ladies to join our chapter? We, the "old-timers," must go to the potential newcomers. We cannot wait for them to come to us!

Recently, a genealogy expert stated that genealogy societies/groups need to follow the 20-80 Rule – 20% of members are really interested and active and 80% only pay their dues.

We need to entice our inactive members to become active once again. However, we know several members live out-of-town or family requirements do not allow them the freedom to attending meetings, a few cannot drive to the meetings and would need a ride and several have work obligations on Saturday, etc.

Just because you are unable to attend our Chapter meetings, does not mean you have to be inactive and only pay your dues!

Reaching out with new projects is a sure-fire way to show prospective members we are an active and viable chapter. It also works best to interest individuals who at least have a casual interest in history and/or heritage.

At the recent Confederate Gravemarker Dedication Ceremony we held in June 2006, over 25 women approached us asking about membership in the UDC. While most of these ladies did not live in Houston, we were able to direct them to local chapters in their community.

So, pull-out your address book and start calling your nieces, cousins, neighbors, friends, etc., and ask them to attend a chapter meeting with you.

We have designed and printed 1,000 one-page flyers to recruit new members. These can be placed at local libraries, mailed or given to your friends and family, etc. Please let us know how many you need! Be sure and take them to your family reunion! We can always have more printed!

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Our Third Goal - Chapter Workshop - Saturday, 28 Oct 2006 - Park Place Library

We must train our members about how UDC operates, how to do their jobs as officers, committee chairs or committee members. Learning the "how to" of UDC is important to grow and cultivate our new members so they will be able to be the next leaders of our chapter.

Our Fourth Goal - Fund-raising, fund-raising, fund-raising. I know, it's an evil word, but it is necessary to keep the chapter functioning.

We have 25 clear crystal paperweights with the Confederate Battle Flag etched into the surface. These are really beautiful and we will sell them for \$10 each. We intend to use this money to pay the expenses of placing the UDC emblem on the grave of Adelia Dunovant.

Other fund-raising ideas include: 1) red leather bracelet with UDC initials in rhinestones; 2) homemade cloth jewelry pouches; 3) home-made bath salts; 4) garage sale where members donate unwanted items and the profits go to the chapter coffers; 5) we need suggestions!

Chapter Project #1 - Marking the grave of our founder, Adelia A. Dunovant with a UDC marker. Placing a Confederate gravemarkers on the grave of her brother, Capt. Wm. Dunovant and her father, Colonel A. Q. Dunovant.

Chapter Project #2 - Publishing a Biographical Sketch Booklet containing an individual history on every original and supplemental ancestor filed on by our current members.

Chapter Project #3 - Gravemarkers - Insuring Confederate gravemarkers are placed on the grave of every ancestor of our current membership.

Chapter Project #4 - Gravemarker Dedication ceremonies - Hold several throughout the year for markers placed by the chapter.

Chapter Project #5 - Texas Division Convention - We are asking our members who will be attending on Friday, 6 Oct 2006, to wear their red Chapter shirts. We want everyone to know we are ORAN ROBERTS PROUD!

During 2005-2006, we lost two members of our chapter. Please remember they will be honored, along with the other UDC members who died in the last year, at the Memorial Service on Friday morning of the Convention. When the names of our members are read, we stand while the flower tribute is placed on the Memorial Wreath.

We are co-hosting the Real Daughters Luncheon on Friday, 6 Oct 2006. We need all available members to attend the luncheon and participate. This will include placing the party favors on the tables at each place setting prior to the luncheon.

Chapter Project #6 - Saturday, 2 June 2007 - This will be our last meeting of the year for 2006-2007. We plan to combine the meeting with the presentation of Military Service Awards in honor of Memorial Day.

Do you have family members who qualify? If so, please prepare the necessary documentation so the chapter can honor the service.

Chapter Project #7 - Patriot Service - In light of current world events, we need to be doing more to assist our veterans. Even if you cannot attend our chapter meetings, this is a committee you can support.

BLANKETS FOR RECOVERY project is underway and we have been collecting fabric to make 3x4 foot lap blankets for the men and women at the VA Hospital here in Houston.

We are also collecting following items to take to the Michael E. DeBaKey VA Medical Center: gently used books (paper & hardback), magazines (not more than 6-months old), jigsaw puzzles, playing cards, board games, personal care items (nothing containing alcohol products, *i.e.*, only buy alcohol free mouthwash, etc.)

We are making plans to take the lap blankets and other items donated out to the VA Hospital after our Sept. 18th meeting. So bring your items with you to the meeting!

If you live out-of-town, you can collect similar items and take them to your local VA Hospital and get a letter of donation on behalf of our chapter!

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Thanks to one of our prospective members, Judy **Clark** and her husband, Herb, we received a \$100 donation from **Chaparral Plumbing Co.** to help purchase fabric to make lap blankets.

We have had the very kind support of Gerrie **Yates** who has sewn more than 20 of the lap blankets for this project.

If you would like to donate to purchase fabric or if you have fabric you would like to donate, please contact the chapter!

Chapter Project #8 - Flying your American Flag -

Even if you cannot attend any Chapter meetings, you can still fly your flag and every day that you do, the Chapter receives credit! So, pull out your flags and get them waving!

Chapter Project #9 - Reading -

Even if you cannot attend Chapter meetings, we will receive credit for your reading material (books, newspaper articles, poems, magazine articles, etc.) related to Southern History and the War Between the States! Keep a list and send it to the Chapter!

Chapter Project #10 - Supplemental Applications

- We are setting a goal that every member, whether they live in town or out-of-town, will undertake to complete one Supplemental Application between now and 1 May 2006! We now have 25 members and that a goal to have that many or more Supplementals filed in 2006-2007!

Remember, if you need help with research, we have members ready to assist you!

Recognition of Black Confederate Soldiers Committee

President General Esther Cope appointed this committee to gather information on black Confederate soldiers, including information on markers and monuments honoring these Confederate heroes.

Each Chapter should search out and document graves, markers, pensions, military records and other information on these men.

Chapters will send information to Ruth C. Allbritton, Chairman of this committee at: P. O. Box 38, Blue Mountain, MS 38610.

Include the following information:

- ❖ The names, military records or pensions, if possible.
- ❖ Location of grave and type of marker. If possible, include a photograph.
- ❖ Photos of monuments to black Confederates, including location, date erected and other dedication information.
- ❖ Any other pertinent information.

[This announcement is from the *UDC Magazine*, Aug 2006, Vol. LXIX, No. 7, p. 10]

Tour of Museum of Southern History & Holiday Brunch

As many of you may know, the MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN HISTORY, located in Sugar Land, will be closing at the end of the year (Dec. 2006).

The Board and membership of the museum are considering an agreement with Houston Baptist University (HBU) for the collection to be moved to the campus in 2007.

Before the museum closes, we are going to have a "road trip" for a tour on **Saturday, 16 Dec 2006**. The tour fee is \$3 per person, and we will adjourn afterwards to a local restaurant for a Dutch-treat brunch.

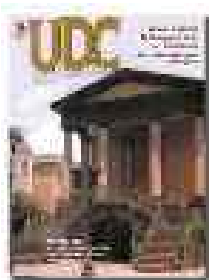
You can find-out more information about the museum on-line at: <http://www.museumofsouthernhistory.org/>

This will be the last opportunity for any of us to enjoy the exhibits of the museum because even if it moves to the HBU Campus, it will never be the same again.

Yes, the Museum Gift Shop will still be open and they promise some unique items you can purchase as last-minute stocking stuffers.

More information will be forthcoming in the days to come but start planning now to attend!

Seeking Back Issues of UDC Magazine



The Clayton Center for Genealogical Research in Houston would like to complete their set of *UDC Magazines*. They are asking our help to locate the missing volumes.

They have no issues for Vol. 1 (1938) through Vol. 6 (1943) as well as Vol. 26 (1963) and Vol. 27 (1964). While these sets are long

out-of-print, they would like to one-day acquire them so they will have a complete the set of the magazine at the library.

So, keep a lookout at garage / estate sales, eBay, used book stores or library sales for old copies of the UDC Magazine for the missing volumes. Consider it like a treasure hunt!



Chicken Salad Recipe

by Annette Hill

This recipe is fashioned after the chicken salad at Whole Foods (which is way to expensive to buy).

My version of the recipe:

3 chicken breasts with bones
2 carrots
1 stalk celery

Gently boil the above no more than 30 minutes.

2 stalks of celery, chopped
½ cup of pecans, chopped
15-20 red seedless grapes, halved or quartered

After chicken cools, debone and cut into bite-size bits. Mix the chopped items together and pour on poppy seed dressing (I used Marzetti's, you could cut back on the dressing and add mayo if not to your liking)

This is the best chicken salad ever!

NOTE: We can attest to how wonderful her chicken salad was when it was served at our July 15th Workshop. Everyone wanted the recipe!

Poem

by Varuna Hartmann Laurence, Poet Laureate
Oran M. Roberts Chapter, UDC

Dedicated to Mrs. Mary E. Davis and Mrs. Jane Rodgers. Read at the unveiling of the monument honoring them at Hermann Park by Oran M. Roberts Chapter UDC.

I.

Today an honor stone we place,
For these two women true,
That none forget, or erase,
The deeds they dared to do.

II.

The South had need of woman's hand,
They answered to the call,
They spun and wove, met each demand,
Did what they could for all.

III.

Sometimes, when the need was great,
To send a message through,
They took that errand, for a treat,
And proved what they could do.

IV.

The Chapter held by the strength and light,
Of these two lives, has grown,
Into a band of power and might,
Like a sturdy plant full blown.

V.

And when at last, their work complete,
And the bugle calls, come home,
They'll hear as they pause at the Masters
Feet,
Those thrilling words, Well Done!

MYSTERY QUESTIONS: Have we as a Chapter forgotten? Where is this memorial in Hermann Park? Who were these ladies? When was this memorial dedication (ca. Apr 1940)? **Who will step forward and undertake the quest to locate this memorial and solve this mystery?** Mrs. Davis died ca. 1935 and Mrs. Rodgers died ca. 1939.

NOTE: This poem was found in old records of the Chapter recovered from the Texas Room Collection of the Houston Public Library.