



# State Association of Texas Pioneers

February 2021 NEWSLETTER

Fellow member of the State Association of Texas Pioneers

Wow, a little more than a year ago everyone was gung-ho about our new Honorary Lady Chairwoman, Jacki McAnear and our 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball. Then Covid-19 changed and continues to change what and how we live our daily lives. I know every one of you have had this virus affect a family member or a dear friend. I pray that God has provided you and your family with the comfort and love that was needed during your situation. But now, there is some hope due to a couple and possibly a third vaccine. Even with the vaccines, I am afraid we are still a ways off before we can return to a pre-Covid lifestyle.

As you may have heard, the city is planning to have Fiesta June 17 -27<sup>th</sup>. This is a sure "maybe" as we will see what the conditions are as we get closer to those dates. I have heard a lot of optimism from a couple of doctors and health insurance companies but only time will tell. But we are beginning to plan for Ball to happen on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Though it is too early to tell, we may have to make a few changes to what we have commonly done before. As we get closer to the dates, the city will provide some type of protocols that we must be adhered to. Whatever those are, we will make plans accordingly so that we can have the best Ball we can. So watch for upcoming information regarding tickets sales in the next few months.

In the meantime, it is time to renew your membership. Forms to do so are included in this newsletter. Please complete your form and return to our Treasurer, Karen Rogers. You will also note that there are a couple of new opportunities on the form to buy pins and patches. In addition, you can add a donation and designate it to our Scholarship fund or to help cover the costs of the Ball or simply to the general fund to operate the Association. I hope you will give this some thought. Please get your membership renewals in.

We typically have our annual Members Meeting the first Sunday in June. This year our meeting is tentatively set for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for time and place as we get closer to June. It is tentative for now because we don't know what city and state officials will allow at that time. Also at this meeting, we would be electing new officers and directors for the upcoming two years. Due to inability to hold, plan and participate in many of our normal events, I have asked our current officers and directors to continue in their position for another term. As of the printing and delivery of this newsletter almost all persons have agreed to extend their position. Thank you all who have served and met via zoom these last several months. I greatly appreciate your commitment to the Association.

May God bless you and keep you until that day when we can meet again.

Ronnie Nipper, President

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## 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (MEMBERSHIP)

### 1<sup>ST</sup> VP MEMBERSHIP – Annual Report

Greetings from the inner sanctum of quarantine! I hope and pray you are all doing well. My husband had a mild case of Covid-19 but is fine with no post complications. My daughter and I have been unaffected, and we are staying safe and warm due to our winter snow events at the time of this writing! In 2020, we added 18 new members 5 are Jr. Pioneers. Total active membership as of February 1, 2021 is 186 members.

**Please join me in welcoming our newest members:**

Melanie Evans, Billicarole Marie Evans (Jr. Pioneer), and Selah Marie Evans (Jr. Pioneer)  
Julie Clara Flowers  
Deborah Dial Knippa and Kevin Knippa  
Sandra Ojeda Medina  
Molly Rodgers-Allen  
Geraldine (Geri) Simms and Jon Simms  
Joseph Van Cleave (Jr. Pioneer) and Brittany Van Cleave (Jr. Pioneer)  
Dustin Whittenburg, Brooke Whittenburg, and Daniel Whittenburg (Jr. Pioneer)  
Diana Zinsmeister, Edward Zinsmeister, and Eleanor (Ellie) Zinsmeister

You recently received your 2021 Membership Renewal – and the dues deadline is March 31, 2021.

We have added the tax-free donation to the form along with the sale of our patches and pins. Please consider donating in support our programs. To grow our organization, we ask each of you to continue to promote and support our organization.

The 2021 Member Renewal Form AND New Member Application (“Join us”) at: [www.TexasPioneers.org](http://www.TexasPioneers.org)

### MEET YOUR ANCESTOR (MYA) – Annual Report

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we did not get to hold our annual “Meet Your Ancestor” event as planned in November 2020. We have scheduled our 2021 “Meet Your Ancestor” event for November 7, 2021 (first Sunday in November).

Registration to participate, location and time will be coming barring any further unforeseen gathering delays and requirements. Please mark your calendar and begin planning your ancestor you would like to present and share with us!

Please send your suggestions and fellow organization contact information to me  
Diane D. Baird-Barger at [dianedbaird@gmail.com](mailto:dianedbaird@gmail.com) or 210-846-0225©

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (EDUCATION)

The Executive Board is thrilled to announce the 2020 Student Scholarship to Eleanor Zinsmeister from McArthur High School and the Educator of the Year to Mrs. Deborah Covarrubia-Barcenez from Harlandale Middle School. With the approval of our Executive Board our Teacher Recognition recipient will also receive a \$50.00 gift card to use at his/her discretion. Although we have been unable to have our fund raisers at meetings, we have received donations through Memorials and gifts by members. We are very grateful for everyone’s diligence in keeping this program alive to benefit those who are furthering their education and the teachers who are diligently preparing them.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the Texas Pioneer Scholarship Application.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy DeVries

Our Honorary Lady Chairman Announcement Party was held on February 23, 2020. Here is a picture of our Lady Chairman, Jacki McAnear with her brothers, Ken McAnear and Ron McAnear and her sister in law, Diane.



Due to Covid-19  
Fiesta 2020 was cancelled, Jacki McAnear will represent The State Association of Texas Pioneers  
As Honorary Lady Chairman in 2021.



These two items are available for purchase



We have a Texas Pioneer patch that can be sewn or ironed onto clothing and bags. A great way to honor our organization, our heritage and our ancestors. These are \$5.00 each.



The McAnear family sponsored the 2020 State Association of Texas Pioneer Fiesta Medal. Available for \$7.00 each. A 2021 medal will not be made.

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### **Fiesta Commission News**

We received a small grant from the Fiesta Commission that has historically supported our Patriotic & Historical Ball. However, the Fiesta Commission is trying to force every Participating Member Organization (PMO) to be self-sustaining. Due to the cancellation of 2020 Fiesta, they have generated very little revenues like many other PMO's. We would encourage our members to join the Fiesta Commission. You can join online at, <http://www.fiesta-sa.org/be-a-member> . There are several different Individual and Business Membership Levels, each with its own set of benefits. To renew membership, choose "Member Login" or join for the first time at "Member Application" and enter your information in the blanks.

**Be sure to put "State Association of Texas Pioneers" in the "Referred By/PMO Affiliations" box!**

You can also download a membership application page from the link above and send it to this mailing address - Fiesta San Antonio Commission, Inc., 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78215.

**Members of the Fiesta Commission receive a 15% discount at the Fiesta Store.**

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### **Join in the Fiesta Fun and get involved!**

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**101<sup>st</sup> Patriotic & Historical Ball**

Saturday, June 19, 2021  
La Villita Assembly Hall  
401 Villita St.  
Decorating at 1:00 p.m.  
Ball from 7:00 to 11:00 pm

**Pilgrimage to the Alamo**

Monday, June 21, 2021  
Beginning at Auditorium Circle  
3:30 pm

**Carriage Decorating**

Cancelled for 2021

**Battle of Flowers Parade**

Cancelled for 2021

**Fiesta Flambeau Parade**

Cancelled for 2021

Fiesta 2021 is on a limited schedule for June, 2021.

More information will be released on the schedule from the Fiesta Commission as the event get closer.

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**THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PIONEERS  
APPLICATION FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2020-21**

APPLICANTS MUST BE GRADUATING SENIORS IN MAY, 2021  
WHO RESIDES IN TEXAS AND THE CHILD OR GRANDCHILD OF A CURRENT MEMBER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

NAME OF PARENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET (APT. #) CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

SCHOOL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT/ GRANDPARENT (CURRENT MEMBER) OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PIONEERS:

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND – MONTH & YEAR? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE? \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST YOUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL:

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PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND A ONE PAGE ORIGINAL COMPOSITION DESCRIBING YOUR EARLIEST TEXAS ANCESTOR, TELLING HOW/WHY THEY CAME TO TEXAS, AND WHAT THEY DID AFTER THEY ARRIVED.

THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PIONEERS NAME & PHOTO RELEASE FORM - I hereby grant the State Association of Texas Pioneers permission to use my name and likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media ("photo") in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

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Signature Parent/Guardian Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student

EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION TO: [scholarship@texaspioneers.org](mailto:scholarship@texaspioneers.org) or mail to Texas Pioneers,  
P.O. BOX 6869, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78209.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY April 30, 2021.



You are invited to become a sponsor for the  
**101st Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball**

Saturday, June 19, 2021

*Official Fiesta San Antonio Commission Event*

**The State Association of Texas Pioneers**

A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

Please consider supporting the Ball by sponsoring a table. Individual tickets will be available closer to Ball date. Individual tickets will be available at <https://www.texaspioneers.ticketleap.com>. Sponsoring a table will insure that you and your guests are seated together. There are three levels of sponsorship each for members of the Pioneers and non-members as described below. The number of seats at a table may be affected depending upon the City of San Antonio's protocol for Covid-19 social distancing at the time of the Ball.

\_\_\_\_\_ Some of our generous sponsors are unable to attend but have elected to sponsor a table and donate it back to the Pioneers to provide complimentary seating to our military guests and Fiesta dignitaries. If you would like to provide this wonderfully generous gift, please initial the blank at the beginning of this paragraph. **Please remember that if you do this, you may not invite other people to sit at this table. This sponsorship is tax deductible.**

All Table Sponsor benefits include:

- All sponsors could be introduced as part of the program during the evening.
- Sponsor name could be listed in the invitation if sponsorship donation is received by 4/30/2021.
- Sponsor name could be listed in the program if sponsorship donation is received by 5/15/2021.

<u>Sponsorship Levels</u>	<u>Member Price</u>	<u>Non-Member Price</u>
Panhandle Table Sponsor – 10 Seats w/sandwich wrap tray	\$300.00	\$350.00
Rio Grande Premium Package – 10 Seats (Front Row Table, 10 Pioneer Medals & sandwich wrap tray & chips)	\$400.00	\$450.00
Lone Star Super Premium Package – 10 Seats (Front Row Table, 10 Pioneer Medals, 20 Wine/Beer Drink Tickets & sandwich wrap tray & chips)	\$520.00	\$570.00

**Member price available only to dues-paid State Association of Texas Pioneers members in good standing.**

**Any unsold premium tables will be awarded to regular table sponsors by random drawing.**

Please circle your sponsorship level above and include a check for that amount. Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

To be listed in program (PLEASE PRINT)

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

All members of the State Association of Texas Pioneers will be given the first opportunity to sponsor a table via this newsletter. Letters will be sent to the persons and organizations that have reserved a table in previous years to allow them the chance to sponsor a table(s).

**Mail To: Texas Pioneers---- P.O. Box 6869----San Antonio, Texas 78209**

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**2021 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE – MARCH 31, 2021**

**Dues year IS: January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year**



**Statement of 2021 Dues for the State Association of Texas Pioneers**

Member Name(s)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Dues must be paid by March 31, 2021 to receive an invitation to the Patriotic & Historical Ball.**

**2021 Membership dues for Pioneer or Associate**

<b>Couple</b> Dues: \$ 40.00	– TOTAL \$ _____
<b>Individual</b> Dues: \$ 25.00	– TOTAL \$ _____
<b>College</b> (18-22 yrs) Dues: \$ \$10.00	– TOTAL \$ _____
<b>Junior</b> (0-18 yrs) Dues: \$ 5.00	– TOTAL \$ _____

Membership Pins - \$ 5.00 each - # Membership pins \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each = Total for Pins # \_\_\_\_\_

Embroidered Membership Patch - \$ 5.00 each - # Patches \_\_\_\_\_ Iron On: # \_\_\_\_\_ Sew On: # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a Membership Card? **mailed** \_\_\_\_\_ **emailed** \_\_\_\_\_ **not needed** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please consider making a one-time donation with your membership renewal.** Much of our success depends upon the dedication and support we receive from our members, and we thank you for your generosity. Your donation is tax deductible as we are a 501(c) (3) Not for Profit organization.

You may designate your donation by circling a preference(s) below. **DONATION:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Patriotic and Historical Ball: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

If not designated your donation will be assigned to the organizations' General Fund.

**Total Dues, Pins, Patches and/or Donation Enclosed \$**

Please return this form with dues payment to **Texas Pioneers---- P.O. Box 6869----San Antonio, Texas 78209**

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