

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



April 2021

Coming Up For The May Program: Chapter Memorial Service

The May chapter meeting will be our Memorial Service. It will be our first hybrid meeting with those participating in the service at the Log House and the rest of the membership virtual via ZOOM. The May meeting will be on the 6th and start time is 10:30 a.m. The link for the Zoom meeting will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

Pay in May Campaign

Our Chapter's Finance Committee gave Carla Brown, our Treasurer, the green light to create an online membership dues form for those members interested in paying their dues online with a credit card or through Venmo, an online payment app. More information will be emailed to our members.



As an incentive for all members to complete their dues payments in May, the names of all members who pay in May will be entered into a drawing for 2 free desserts or cakes of their choosing donated and baked by Laura Kaplan. (Desserts and date of delivery to be mutually agreed upon—desserts generally feed 8)



Welcome New San Jacinto Chapter Officers

The Chapter elected officers for 2021 – 2023 at the April General Meeting. Those in bold are new officers this term! The following ladies will begin serving after the June 3 Installation:

Beth McCarty (president)	Carolyn Gilbert (1st VP)
Nancy Burch (2nd VP)	Cat Baen (3rd VP)
Gwen Koch (4th VP)	Sharolyn Wood (5th VP)
Gina Bouchard (Chaplain)	Carla Brown (Treasurer)
Susan Caraway (Rec. Sec.)	Susan Stormer (Corres. Sec)
Debra Grigsby (Registrar)	Kathy Vossler (CRT Registrar)
Gwen Kunz (Historian)	
Martha Jorgensen and Ann Tanner (Directors)	

Welcome and thank you!!!

From the President:

We had a productive Chapter meeting on April 1, 2021! Our speaker, Dan Worrall, presented information about the Prehistory of Southeast Texas: I didn't know that people lived here for 650 generations before the Europeans came! (I'm proud to be able to go back 10 generations!). We learned about the Atakapan Indians as well as the Coco, the Akokisa, the Bidais and the Chitimacha groups who lived all up and down our rivers and bayous for hundreds of years. Fascinating!

We agreed to purchase two pavers for the RTHC in Austin, Texas, but are still in need of donations to purchase our third (to honor Ms. Red and Ms. Hagan, former Presidents General of the State DRT from our Chapter).

Welcome to six NEW MEMBERS: Patti Randolph, Joni Becker, Cathe Harris, Mary Lois Johnson, Donna Haas, and Molly Baen! We approved 5 more PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS also: Isabelle Di Stefano, Heather Henderson, Morgan Hoerster, Sharon Schaeffer-Jordan, and Teal Reamer.

Another set of congratulations goes out to our Scholarship Winners for 2021: Alexa Faith Bora who will attend Texas State Univ.; Sarah Elizabeth Brasseaux, Texas A&M Univ. (granddaughter of DRT member Shirley Brasseaux); Nathan Barnes Rather, Univ. of Texas at Arlington; and Kaleb Lee Parsons, Sam Houston State University. Each will be presented at a ceremony next Wednesday, April 21, in the auditorium at the San Jacinto Monument! You are invited to come and meet them!

Our Annual Report to the State was submitted on April 15th! We've had a very busy and productive year in spite of the pandemic! Please check out our plans for two more meetings in this DRT year: May 6 and June 3, 2021! We look forward to seeing you at both of these meetings either virtually (May) or in person!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Work Day at the Log House Grounds ~ April 15, 2021

A HUGE thanks goes out to the following Chapter members who came to the Log House to make the grounds and house even more beautiful than they already are: Gwen Koch, Sharolyn Wood, Tish Wolter, Gwen Kunz, Carolyn Gilbert and Jamie Moran. Also present: Guests from Hermann Park.

Jamie and Gwen met with 5 men from Hermann Park about replacing the Open House sign that hangs in the front of the property. The sign will be their regular metal sign size of 16 x 18 on a metal post. They committed to making two signs for our Chapter. One sign will go outside the fence between the rose bed and the fence corner. The other sign will go outside the fence by the bus stop.

Tish Wolter and Gwen Kunz worked on the grounds. Tish worked on cutting out dead leaves of aspidistra and Gwen did the same and picked up dead limbs left on the grounds by the park mowers. Gwen Koch worked on loading up Country Store items for the convention. She and Gwen Kunz conferred on the PPG pictures to be framed and on the State DRT and CRT charters to be framed. They also redesigned the contents of the display case closest to the early Texas history collection, using children's toys as the theme. Items taken out of that case were transferred to the small exhibit cabinet near the dining room. A professional photographer will be contacted to take pictures of the charters to be framed. Carolyn Gilbert cleaned the outside glass on all the display cabinets and dusted the items on top of the cabinets.

Everyone felt good about the work that was completed on the grounds that day. Thanks for all of your hard work ladies!!



Carolyn Gilbert cleaning the glass cabinets.



Tish Wolter removing dead leaves from the aspidistra plant (VERY labor intensive!)



Gwen Koch packing up inventory for Convention

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Let's support our SJC when we buy groceries!! ** Corrected shopping number**



Randalls

Kroger Community Rewards and Randalls grocery stores have given Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Pioneer Memorial Log House new numbers. Please check with your local Kroger to have your Kroger Plus Card updated for our new # RF149. Randalls donation card number is #14197 for the Pioneer Memorial Log House. You can request this number to be programmed onto your Randalls shopping card. Remember, you shop anyway, so this is a painless way for our chapter to receive a donation from Kroger and Randalls just because we shop. Every little bit helps!

Mark your calendars!!

Mark your calendars to hopefully attend our chapter's Installation luncheon on Thursday, June 3 at Braeburn Country Club. The club is so pretty with all of its windows looking out to their gardens, and we will all be ready to attend a social event. A registration form will be sent soon. We will need a minimum of 25 people to register in advance.

The country club follows CDC Guidelines, and hopefully we will all be vaccinated by June. If we do not have enough people interested in attending or guidelines change, we will cancel the luncheon and return people's payments. Let us know your interest in attending and mark your calendars for June 3. Our back up plan is to have something at the Pioneer Memorial Log House. If necessary a hybrid event will be planned so we can install officers, recognize the History Teacher, and introduce new members.

Please see registration form at the end of this newsletter. Keep your fingers crossed that we can be together in person in June! Stay safe and be well!

Gwen Koch, Social Chair Jkoch11949@att.net
~ 713/826-9061

San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

2021

San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
Chapter Meeting via Zoom (10:30 Meeting)	May 6
DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio	May 13- May15
June Luncheon	June 3



Welcome New CRT Members!!

Lorien Elizabeth Wolter
Daughter of Tish Wolter and
Malcolm Wolter

Morgan Magdalena Wolter
Daughter of Tish Wolter and
Malcolm Wolter

Correction:
Sarah Jane Wise
Daughter of Nikki Wise and
Judge Ken Wise



An Old Texas Recipe

Election Cake

(recipe written as printed)

1800 - Louise Wischkaemper

This old-fashioned cake, dear to the hearts of our grandmothers, is a troublesome, but delicious cake. 5 lbs. of sifted flour, rubbed with 2 lbs. of butter; 2 lbs. of sugar; 1 1/2 pts. homemade yeast; 2 lbs. raisins; 8 tablespoons wine; 8 tablespoons of brandy; 4 eggs; 1 qt. of sweet milk; 2 lbs. of currants; 1 lb. of citron; 1/2 ounce of grated nutmeg. To the butter and flour add 1/2 of the sugar; then the yeast and 1/2 of the milk. Lukewarm in summer, hot in winter. Then add the eggs, beaten; then the remainder of the milk and wine. Beat well and let rise in a warm place all night. In the morning beat sometime, adding the brandy, sugar, spices and fruit (floured), and let rise again very light. After which put in cake pans, and let rise 10 or 15 minutes. Have the oven about as hot as for bread This cake will keep any length of time. Temperance people can use 2 extra eggs and 2 wine glasses of rose water to take the place of the liquor which is as good or better.

Taken from The Daughters of the Republic of Texas District VIII Cookbook, "A Pinch of This and a Handful of That", Historic Recipes of Texas 1830-1900



During this month in Texas History



Judge Roy Hofheinz, the former boy mayor of Houston, opened his dream stadium to the world on April 9, 1965. It was officially titled the Harris County Domed Stadium, but the

judge named it the Astrodome, and that is the name the world uses today.

On that April day the judge called it the "eighth wonder of the world," and the President of the United States sat in a special box to see the New York Yankees and the Houston Astros play the first game. Mickey Mantle finally settled it by hitting a towering home run in the twelfth inning to give the Yankees a 2-1 win over the Astros.

That first indoor baseball stadium became a model for sports stadiums to come!

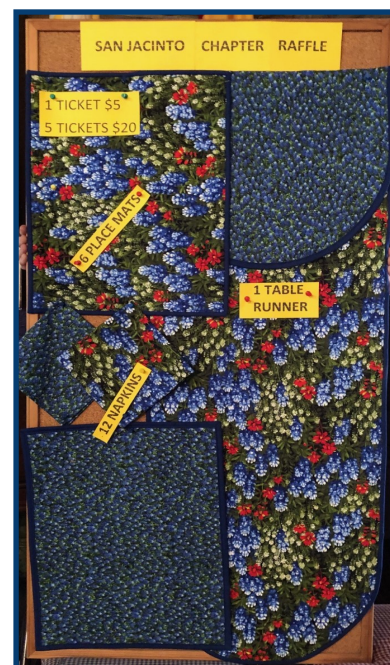
Taken from "The Book of Texas Days" by Ron Stone.

Want to possibly take home these lovely reversible placemats, napkins and table runner? Contact Gwen Koch to purchase your raffle tickets.

1 ticket \$5

5 tickets for \$20

Raffle will take place during DRT's State Convention



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San Jacinto Day Scholarship Ceremony April 21

San Jacinto Chapter will have a ceremony at 11:00 am on April 21st – San Jacinto Day – in the Auditorium of the San Jacinto Monument to recognize our Thelma Maresh Scholarship recipients. We will be joined by the San Jacinto Descendants who will lay their traditional memorial wreath.

The San Jacinto Chapter and the San Jacinto Descendants extend an invitation to all those who wish to honor the heroes of San Jacinto on this important day at the site of the significant San Jacinto victory. The Battleground is open for you to explore and to visit our San Jacinto "Sun Dial" dedicated in 1940 in honor of the San Jacinto veterans and our San Jacinto "Boulders" dedicated in 1912 marking the action across the battleground.

Chapter members are encouraged to attend the ceremony to meet the students and their families. Please plan to attend the ceremony and join chapter members for lunch at the Monument Inn after the ceremony. Contact Sharolyn Wood to be included in the group reservation. (woodsharolyn@aol.com; 713-305-2750)

Thelma Maresh is a past president of San Jacinto Chapter and past president general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Mrs. Maresh endowed the substantial scholarship fund with the chapter, permitting the chapter to award these scholarships. Traditionally, our recipients are recognized at the San Jacinto Day Ceremony

At the ceremony, five thousand dollar scholarships will be awarded to four recipients. These senior students live in the greater Houston area and plan to attend college or university in Texas. The chapter Scholarship Committee is chaired by Luanne Zacek, who advertised the scholarships to local high schools, worked with school counselors, and received the applications. After the submission deadline, the committee met and reviewed the applications. Other committee members are Brenda Auld, Deborah Liss-Frank, Jamie Moran, and Brenda Stover.

Our Chapter and the Descendants were able to organize this abbreviated ceremony with the assistance of the San Jacinto Museum of History after Governor Abbott's announcement permitting gatherings on March 2. Harris County had previously rejected the application to hold the official ceremony for 2021. "The San Jacinto Day – Under the Star" held on April 17, was also organized by the San Jacinto Museum of History after the March 2 announcement.

In these unusual times, we will have our chapter ceremony at the same place, at the same time, as the official ceremony with which we are familiar. This is the third year in a row that the official ceremony could not be held—2019 due to the refinery fire, 2020 due to the COVID shutdown, and 2021 due to rejection of the application to hold the official ceremony by Harris County. We look forward to the return of our traditional ceremony in 2022.



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We need your help!

San Jacinto Chapter has had six past President Generals. Carrie Franklin Kemp's family has generously paid for a paver in her name. The cost for three 8" X 12" pavers at DRT's new Republic of Texas History Center in honor of our chapter's past President Generals is \$2,550. A committee felt that Mary Smith Jones (Mrs. Anson Jones) as the first President General (and from San Jacinto Chapter) should be recognized with her own paver. And the other four past President Generals would be honored two each on the other two pavers.

This expense is not in our budget. As a chapter, we need to raise the funds. We have raised enough funds to pay for 2 of the pavers but we still need to raise funds for the third so that ALL of our past President Generals can be honored.

San Jacinto Chapter is one of the largest DRT chapters; let us come together to support this project!

If you would like to make a donation to go towards the purchase of pavers honoring our past Presidents General, please fill out the attached form at the end of this newsletter, make your checks payable to *San Jacinto Chapter DRT* and send your donation to:

Pioneer Log House, c/o Gwen Koch (4th VP)

1510 Cambridge St.

Houston, Texas 77030-1732.

We appreciate your support!



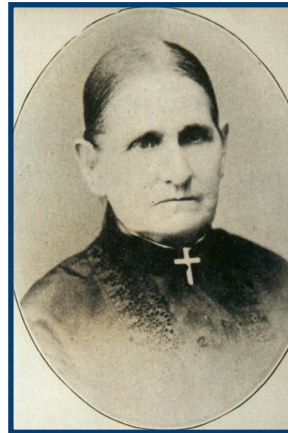
**MADGE WILLIAMS
HEARNE**

(Mrs. Roy Hearne)
1937 — 1939



**THELMA BURNETT
MARESH**

(Mrs. Henry R. Mares)
1947 — 1949



MARY SMITH JONES

(Mrs. Anson Jones)

1891 — 1908

Ancestor: Anson Jones



CARRIE FRANKLIN KEMP

(Mrs. Charles Milton
Kemp)

1935 — 1937



**JULIA MATHEWS
HAGAN**

(Mrs. Herbert R. Hagan)

1959 — 1961



ERETTE REESE RED

(Mrs. George Plunkett
Red)

1973 — 1975



Did you know... our current President General, Carolyn Raney is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter!

PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2020-2021

to help preserve the house and grounds.

Membership levels

Texas Star.....\$ 25

Silver Star.....\$50

Shining Star.....\$ 100

Gold Star.....\$ 250

Lone Star.....\$ 500

Platinum Star.....\$1,000 and higher

A gift of any amount is appreciated and you will be recognized as a *Friend of the Log House*.

Name _____ (as you wish to be printed)	
Address _____	
Phone _____	Email _____
General Contribution	\$ _____
Contribution in memory / honor of _____	\$ _____
Send card to: _____	
Address _____	
City/State/Zip _____	
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____	

**Make check payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT**

and mail donations to:

**Gwen Koch (4th Vice President – Ways and Means)
2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098**

★★★★★★PMLH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES★★★★★★

How I can help:

Restoration Projects

Tours / Docents / Greet visitors at monthly Open House

Assist with identifying craftsmen and professionals for maintenance projects

Assist with opening log house for special events

Texas Heritage Garden: Assist with maintenance and beautification of grounds.

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. San Jacinto Chapter DRT is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
New Texas History Center, Austin, Texas
PAVER MEMORIALS

Our Chapter is hoping to buy 3 pavers to honor our Past Presidents General. We need your support!

1st President General
Mary M Jones
1891 – 1908
San Jacinto Chapter

Presidents General
Madge Hearne 1937-39
Thelma Maresh 1947-49
San Jacinto Chapter

Presidents General
Julia Hagan 1959-1961
Erette Red 1973-1975
San Jacinto Chapter

The total cost for the 3 pavers is \$2,550.00

A gift of any amount is appreciated and will help us reach our goal. Please send your donation by April 10, 2021

Name	_____		
	(as you wish to be printed)		
Address	_____		
Phone	_____	Email	_____
General Contribution		\$	_____
Contribution in memory/honor of	_____	\$	
	(please designate which)		
Send card to:	_____		
Address	_____		
City/State/Zip	_____		
	Total Amount Enclosed	\$	_____

Make check payable to:
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and mail donations to:

Gwen Koch (4th Vice President - Ways and Means), 2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098-5301

Please join us for
the San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas

June Luncheon
June 3, 2021 11:30 a.m.

New Member Ceremony
Texas History Teacher Award
Essay Contest Winner
Installation of New Officers

BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074

\$40 per person
Complimentary Valet Parking
(Please tip Valet Attendant)



~~~~~Please print form, clip and mail with your check~~~~~

San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon ~ June 3, 2021 11:30 a.m.

\*Reservations must be received by May 24th

Reservation for \_\_\_\_\_

My Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$40 each payable to:  
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Mail to: DRT San Jacinto Chapter  
1510 Cambridge Street  
Houston, TX 77030