

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



Happy  Holidays!

December 2022

Next Chapter Meeting: January 5, 2023

From the President:

Happy Holidays to you and to those you love! This is a wonderful time of year; our DRT wish for you is that you are surrounded with love, peace, and good health during this season.

Our San Jacinto Chapter has been busy during the first two weeks of December. Our Christmas Luncheon was held at our Pioneer Memorial Log House on December 1, 2022. There were 68 of us members and guests on hand to welcome 16 new members to our chapter! We enjoyed a yummy Mexican buffet from Lupe Tortilla followed by Laura Kaplan's outrageous chocolate cake for dessert! We also honored Debra Grigsby for getting the Registrar General's 10% Award! Thanks to Gwen Koch and our Social Committee for all of their work!

On Sunday, December 4, 2022, we welcomed Santa, Mrs. Claus, about 20 children and teens, and 35 adults to the Log House for a Christmas Open House. After singing and visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Tish Wolter and our CRT (Children of the Republic of Texas) Chapter held their Christmas party in Brooks' Cottage. They made pomanders out of oranges and limes and cloves! It smelled wonderful!

We did good business also in our Country Store this month with sales of over \$1,300 and a profit of over \$600! Thank you to Eron Tynes who held a raffle for us at our Open House. We raffled off a flag flown at San Jacinto. We raised \$135 which is for the purchase of a couple of new flags we need to complete our collection of the flags that have flown over Texas.

Our toy collection for the Houston-area CPS was a great success! We collected 71 gifts with an estimated value of \$1,100.00! Thanks to all of you who donated and to Carla Brown and Roni Thelen for gathering, counting, and delivering the gifts for us!

Happy December! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023!

-Beth Garrett McCarty



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Its Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!



Elysee Elizabeth Hamlet Peavy passed away 10/30/22. She was a member of San Jacinto Chapter DRT joining in 1988.

She was also a member of the Ann Pogue chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, The Menil Collection and Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Brookside Memorial Park Cemetery. A reception will follow from noon to three o'clock at the Bradshaw Carter Home in Houston.

Elysee was 86 years old.



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December 1 Holiday Luncheon Recap

The Christmas tree has been decorated and the wreath hung above the fireplace, garland over the front door and along the porch handrails. What a festive sight!!!

Our Christmas luncheon had a Feliz Navidad theme celebrating our heritage as a part of Mexico before becoming a Republic complete with paper flowers; pepper lights; Papel Picado banners in the dining room; poinsettias donated by Luanne Zacek; greenery donated by Sharolyn Wood; beef, chicken and shrimp fajitas with all the trimmings catered by Lupe Tortillas; and member Laura Kaplan provided a delicious Mexican Chocolate Cake for dessert. Debra Grigsby and Luanne Zacek inducted new members in a meaningful ceremony. And Carla Brown provided music for the Christmas carol sing along. Guests placed gifts to be donated to BEAR... BE A Resource for CPS children under the tree.



Thank you to our holiday decorators Mary DiStephano, Barbara Short, Luanne Zacek, Beth McCarty, Gwen Koch, Roni Thelen, Sharolyn Wood, Gwen Kunz, Patti Randolph, Lisa Braly, Susan Stormer, Carla Brown, Dianne Stool, Carolyn Gilbert, Tish Wolter and Debra Grigsby for making the log house sparkle!



Thanks to Carla Brown for designing and printing our program and to Carla and Patti Randolph for leading our Sing-along.



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Bylaws Amendments Notice

San Jacinto Chapter reviews its Bylaws twice a year. Here is the schedule for Spring - 2023.

- 1.31 Request for Bylaws Amendment Due to Committee
- 3.15 Proposed Amendments Published in Newsletter
- 3.30 Executive Board Review
- 4.06 Present Proposed Amendments at Chapter Meeting
- 5.04 Present and Vote on Proposed Amendments

Requested amendments are voted on by the Chapter at the May chapter meeting. See Article XI—Amendments, San Jacinto Chapter Bylaws, for details.

Submit any requested amendment to the committee chair, Sharolyn Wood, no later than January 31. Call any committee member if you have a suggestion or a question.

2022-2023 Bylaws Committee: Brenda Auld, Carolyn Gilbert, Gwen Kunz, Beth McCarty, Susan Stormer, Roni Thelen, Sharolyn Wood. [Contact information in the Yearbook.]

- from Sharolyn Wood

News From CRT's Christmas meeting

The San Jacinto CRT had a festive time at the Holiday Open House. We started out in the Log House where we met Santa and Mrs. Claus. We then took our yummy treats back to Brooks Cottage, where we learned how our ancestors might have decorated for Christmas with pomanders. We even made our own!

- from Tish Wolter



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Members in the Spotlight

Congratulations to one of our San Jacinto Chapter members, Miki Lusk Norton! An interview with her is highlighted in the "Member Spotlight" of the December 2022 newsletter of the *Texas State Historical Association*! Miki is a fifth generation Texan with ancestors in Texas since 1822! She has chaired the Houston Historical Alliance Advisory Council and helped create the *Handbook of Houston*, a spin-off of the *Handbook of Texas*. She has written eight articles for the two handbooks! Miki loves working with the "very spirited" Texan Historians and encourages all of us to contribute to the preservation of Texas history. See the entire interview at [TSHA | Home \(tshaonline.org\)](https://tshaonline.org). Read some of Miki's articles in the *Handbook of Texas* and the *Handbook of Houston* at these links: [Handbook of Texas entries](#) and [Handbook of Houston](#).



We love our hard-working volunteers!!!

A big thank you to these wonderful ladies who helped decorate our beloved Log House for our Christmas and Holiday events!



Do you work for a matching gift company?

You could *double* or even *triple* your contribution to the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT through your employer's matching gift program. Complete the required matching gift information from your company or organization's Human Resources office and mail it with your gift or email it to treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com. Many employers also match contributions of retirees and spouses-so please check all possibilities. **What better way to help our chapter!**

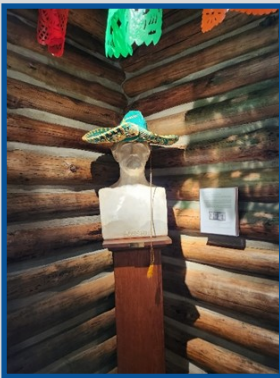
- I/my spouse will apply for a matching gift. Company name _____
- I have included a gift to the San Jacinto Chapter in my will or other estate plans.
- Please have the San Jacinto Chapter Vice-President contact me about making a planned or estate gift.

-Carla Brown

Treasurer

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Christmas Open House Photo Recap



Pictured below: Shoppers of all ages at the Country Store!



As you are counting your blessings this holiday season, please consider making a tax deductible donation for the log house and chapter.

Donor form attached at the end of the newsletter.

- Gwen Koch

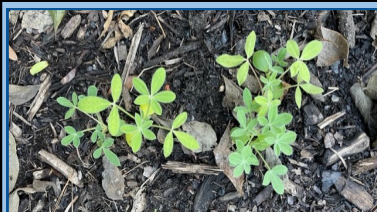
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San Jacinto Chapter - 2022~2023 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2023

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	January 5
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 10 a.m.	January 19
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	January 21
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 am	February 2
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	February 16
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	February 18
Chapter Field Trip, Celebrate TX Independence!	March 2
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	March 16
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	March 18
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	April 6
San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
No Open House	April 22
Reception for Essay Contest winners and Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.	April 30
DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio ~Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas	May 4 – May 6
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	May 11
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	May 18
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	May 20
June Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.	June 1
CRT Annual Convention, Center, Texas	June 23-24



The bluebonnets that CRT planted at their September meeting are starting to grow at the Log House!



Eron Tynes raffled a Texas Flag flown over the San Jacinto Battlefield on San Jacinto Day April 21, 2022, the 186th anniversary of our winning independence from Mexico. The winner was JR Koch. Proceeds of the raffle will be used toward the purchase of additional Republic of Texas flags for our collection.



JR Koch and family showing off the raffled Texas flag



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!

Pioneer Memorial Log House

Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2022-2023

To help preserve the house and grounds

- 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 _____
Street City, State, Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

General Contribution \$ _____

Contribution in Memory / Honor of _____ \$ _____

Send card to: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Total Gift \$ _____

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Or pay by credit card/Venmo (use QR code to donate online):

Name on credit card or VENMO User ID _____

Card Type and Number _____

Expiration _____ Code _____

Mail donations to:
Pioneer Memorial Log House
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, Texas 77030-1732



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



**San Jacinto Chapter
Fall 2022 Bylaws Committee
Supplemental Report to the Chapter**

REPORT: San Jacinto Chapter Bylaws are amended to comply with the DRT Bylaws Amendments from 2021 and 2022 Conventions.

DISCUSSION. Bylaws amendments from conventions in 2021 and 2022 which relate to chapter bylaws are incorporated into the San Jacinto Chapter bylaws pursuant to Daughters of the Republic of Texas Bylaws, Article XIV, which states, “*Any amendment to the Bylaws shall become the law of the chapters without chapter vote.*”

ARTICLE. II – OBJECTIVES

Section 2. To . . . encourage the publication of records of individual service of the soldiers, **sailors**, and patriots of the Republic, and other source material for the history of Texas.

Section 3. To promote the celebration of Texas Honor Days:
Treaty of Velasco Day. May 14

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

C. Emerita: A member of 15 years or more is eligible to become an **emerita** member if she is placed in long-term care, is **permanently** incapacitated, or finances make it difficult for her to continue to pay dues. Emerita members have all the rights and privileges of Chapter Members **in their chapter. No Emerita member may serve in an office as defined in Article V.**

ARTICLE IV. DUES AND FEES.

A. Annual Dues. The annual dues of chapter members are **\$75 [state dues \$50; chapter dues \$25]. Dues are payable in advance and are nonrefundable. Proviso: The change in state dues from \$45 to \$50 takes effect March 1, 2023. After that date, the contents of this proviso may be removed from chapter bylaws without further vote.** Associate and affiliate dues are the same amount as chapter dues.

C. First Dues for New Members. DRT annual dues for new members shall be paid with their examination fee for the current fiscal year. **New members whose applications are approved** in the months of March, April, and May **are** not liable for **annual** dues until the following fiscal year.

E. Fees. State DRT fees are as follows: examination fee for new members **of \$70, one-time nonrefundable** posthumous fee **of \$150**, reinstatement fee **of \$25**, transfer fee **of \$25**, and **examination fee for each** supplemental **application** fee **of \$50. –The examination fee is waived for members of CRT who join** DRT before **their 21st** birthday. A chapter processing fee of \$25 will be charged for processing DRT application forms. A chapter processing fee of \$15 will be charged for **each** supplemental **form**,

chapter **transfer**, affiliate **member**, associate **member**, CRT application **form**, and CRT to DRT **transfer**.

Art. IX – Duties of Officers.

Section 2. President. She will send to DRT Headquarters **and her District Representative the** list of new officers as **required by** the MOP, submit reports and forms as required by the MOP, sign all applications for membership, and co-sign, . . .

Section 9. Chaplain. She will receive notification of the death of a member and forward that information to the Chaplain General, . . .

Note: Chaplain's duty to notify DRT Headquarters eliminated. -

Sharolyn Wood, 5th Vice President
Chair, Bylaws Committee
October 15, 2022

How to Login to the DRT Website

***If you have already created a password, please ignore the instructions below.
From July 25, 2022 forward www.drinfo.org is the correct website to login .***

Welcome to our ***new Daughters of the Republic (DRT) website***. The following are tips for signing in and using the new website. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact DRT Headquarters.

First things first: For security reasons, Members need to set up a new password to gain access to their account. To do this, follow the steps noted below.

1. Click the button to open the new system, and then choose “Forgot password?”



[Sign In to drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org)

2. Enter the Member’s DRT number (6-digit number including the leading zero) in the Username field and click “Submit.” Associate Members will enter their email address in the Username field. This generates an email to Headquarters requesting a new password

3. Email notification: Members will receive an email that will send a link to set a new password. Click this link and continue to step 4.

Remember to check your junk folder for the email. If you do not receive the email, please contact Headquarters.

4. Follow these steps to create a password:

- In the "Username" window, enter your DRT number (six-digit number including leading 0)
- enter new password (minimum 7 characters)
- confirm password
- click "Submit"

A Member will now be able to sign in using their DRT number and new password. Members will be taken to the DRT Home page where they will find information that was on the old DRT websites.