

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



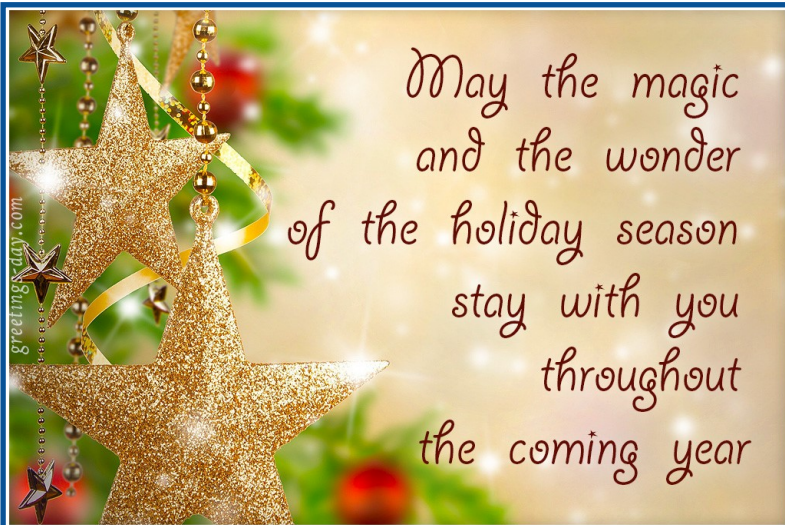
HAPPY HOLIDAYS! December 2021

Coming Up For Next Month's Meeting:

Next Chapter meeting:

January 6th in the Log House and on Zoom.

**Jeff Lindeman will speak about
Early German Settlers in Texas**



Kudos to our Country Store!

**The Log House and the Country Store
were open for sales during our
Holiday Luncheon and Open House.
Our Country Store sold over \$1,000
worth of items and made a profit of
\$616.31 on just those two occasions!**

Excellent job!



From the President:

What a wonderful December the San Jacinto Chapter has had! We started with a Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 2nd, at the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the first luncheon there in three years because of lack of heat and the Covid Pandemic. It was so cozy and beautiful. Please see our long list of thank-you's. So many people stepped up to make that nice experience happen! The food was delicious, donated by Honorary Member Nina Hendee from the 'Taste of Texas' Restaurant, and by several of our talented members. A lovely couple named Thomas and Brenda Coker entertained us with a nice combination of holiday songs. We installed a new officer: Luanne Zacek is our new Chaplain! And we initiated 17 new members! See their names in the Registrar's Column. Welcome to all of you! We are thrilled you have joined us!

Then on Sunday, December 5th, we had our first Open House in several years. We had a wonderful turn-out of guests which included members of the Sons of the Republic, the San Jacinto Descendants, and the San Jacinto Museum Board as well as several children. We were entertained by a talented Santa Claus and his wife (Michael and Sharna Shir!) who could sing and act! The desserts were scrumptious and there was even an Alamo gingerbread house, made by Tish Wolter! Author Betsy Wagner came and signed books for the children who purchased them there. It was a very nice week!

Your new Yearbook pages should arrive within the week. All new members through October 2021 have been added and there are several revisions to our By-Laws. The new calendar for this year is included along with the new officers of our Chapter and of the State. Enjoy!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 6, 2022. We will meet at the Log House as well as via Zoom. Please mark the date on your calendars. Have a safe and restful holiday this year and we will see you next in the new year!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Membership Corner

Greetings and best wishes to all from The Registrar's office. We have been blessed with many new members this year. Many were present at the December Holiday Luncheon. We have many more to add to this list next month. It is always a good time to send new prospective members to us. Did I mention what a great gift idea this is? Contact me at dgrig1@comcast.net and I will tell you all about it.

New members of San Jacinto Chapter
June 2021 thru November 2021

NAME/ANCESTOR

1. Heather Nichole Henderson/Joe Allen Burditt
2. Rachel Loine Kaplan/John Washington Rose
3. Sarah Michelle Kaplan/John Washington Rose
4. Angela Gina Stewart Brohammer/Joseph Linscomb
5. Mary Amel Roumayah Baring/Epps Gibbons
6. Teal Garner Tigner Reamer/Sarah Talley
7. Christin Dietze/John McCrabb
8. Isabelle DiStefano/Alfred Farrer
9. Hannah L. Wolfert/Peter Tumlinson
10. Sherry Ford Dailey/Sion Bostick
11. Cashlie C. Goertz/Sion Bostick
12. Beverly Diane Feuerbacher Bennett/Elisha P. Allen
13. Shirley Roxburgh Knight/Charles Richards
14. Brenda Knight Martin/Charles Richards
15. Sarah Pennington Tropoli/Patrick Dowlearn
16. Amy Lynn Breazeale/Maj. Hugh Hudson Calvert
17. Stacie Osborn/Sylvanus Castleman

TRANSFERS:

1. Barbara Short Abner/George Alexander Beazely MD
2. Mary K. Carpenter/Seth Cary
3. Rebecca Lynn King/Seth Cary
4. Trudi Costin Becht/Joseph Ferguson

ASSOCIATE, AFFILIATE:

5. ASSOC Susan K. Long
6. ASSOC Christine Fanders
7. AFFILIATE: Anita Cooper

Become a Friend of the Log House

We hope you have been able to visit the Pioneer Memorial Log House and Brooks Cottage this fall. They are looking wonderful but we still have many restoration projects to complete whenever we have the funds to complete them.

Future projects needing funding:

- Increased security exterior lighting
- Updated interior lighting
- Restoration of the logs
- Preparation and painting of all windows
- Curatorial projects
- HVAC for Brooks Cottage
- New wooden chapter sign for Cambridge St.
- Drainage improvement, new grape arbor, new fence and other improvements of our grounds and gardens

Please make a gift to support our Log House and grounds. To do all of the above will cost about \$200,000.

No gift is too small or too large.

A donor form is attached to the newsletter.

Thank you for your help.

Gwen Koch
Ways and Means

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A Very Successful Christmas Open House!

Christmas Open House

Our Christmas Open House on December 5th was a huge success! Attendees met Santa and Mrs. Claus and many toys were collected for the Toy Drive. So much fun to see the Log House so festive and all of the attendees with big smiles on their faces. Happy Holidays!



So much fun!!



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San Jacinto Chapter - 2021~2022 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2021

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. December 16
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. December 18

2022

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. January 6
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. January 15
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. January 20
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. February 3
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. February 17
 “Come and Sip It” Fundraiser February 19
 Chapter Field Trip, Houston Botanic Gardens March 3
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. March 17
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. March 19
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. April 7
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. April 16
 San Jacinto Day Ceremony April 21
 Reception for Essay Contest winners and
 Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m. May 1
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. May 5
 DRT Annual Convention, Austin May 19- May 21
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. May 21
 June Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. June 2
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. June 16
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. June 18
 CRT Annual Convention, Denton June 24-25

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. July 16
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. July 21

Cookbook Update

Final push for recipes!!

We are still collecting recipes for our San Jacinto Chapter cookbook. The deadline has been extended to January 15. Please email your typed out recipes to:

kkaplan@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!!

A Huge THANK YOU!

Joni Becker – cherry fluff salad at the Luncheon
Carla Brown – the Luncheon program, keyboard accompaniment of guest singers
Debra Grigsby – gifts for new members at Initiation
Richard and Debra Grigsby – collecting food at Taste of Texas and delivering to Log House
Nina Hendee – food for the Luncheon from Taste of Texas Restaurant
Laura Kaplan – gingerbread dessert for the Luncheon
Gwen Koch and the Social Committee for everything!
Martha Jorgensen – accompanist for Chapter singing
Diana Stachowiak – door prizes
Roni Thelen – door prizes, delivering the donated gifts to CPS
The Vossler Family – the Christmas tree
Sharolyn Wood – wreath, garlands, and greenery
Luanne Zacek – 30 poinsettias

Lisa Braly, Carla Brown, Carolyn Gilbert, Debra Grigsby, Heather Henderson, Gwen Koch, Gwen Kunz, Diana Stachowiak, Roni Thelen, Sharolyn Wood and Luanne Zacek for decorating our Log House so beautifully and to our talented musicians, **Martha Jorgensen and Carla Brown.**



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Let's support our San Jacinto Chapter when we buy groceries!!



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 #14013 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!

Brooks Cottage Activities

From Sharolyn Wood:

Activities are picking up in Brooks Cottage since the ribbon cutting on November 4th.

San Jacinto Chapter Registrar, Debra Grigsby, is meeting with the chapter Membership Committee and meeting on Mondays and Thursdays with prospective members. Children of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, met for a Holiday Open House led by Catherine Baen, 3rd Vice President (CRT), and Katherine Vossler, CRT Registrar, in Brooks Cottage during the December 5th San Jacinto Chapter Open House.

At this time, Brooks Cottage has a long table and folding chairs in the meeting room for chapter meetings and gatherings. Additional furnishings and decoration are being considered by the Curatorial Committee. To reserve Brooks Cottage for chapter events or meetings, contact Sharolyn Wood, 5th Vice President (Log House).

Keep our Country Store in mind for your holiday shopping needs!

Happy Shopping!

Book Review Corner



At the State DRT Convention in May, I met Betsy Wagner. She was the winner of the Virginia M. Law Award for Best Young Adult Book on Texas History two years in a row!! Her first book, Spirit of Gonzalez, is about a young girl from Kentucky whose family moves to Texas, to the village of Gonzalez. That young girl, Sydnie Gaston

Miller Kellogg, was Ms. Wagner's great-great-great grandmother. Her adventures are heart-wrenching and based on facts and the history of early Texas.

Her second book, Dauntless Spirit, The Journeys of Elizabeth Kellogg, a Forgotten Indian Captive, is about Sydnie's mother-in-law. This is a tale of survival as a captive of the Kiowa people. Characters from both books were real people. Some died at the Alamo and some died in the Runaway Scrape. Both books give an excellent picture of life when Texas was part of Mexico and can be easily read and enjoyed by young adults (and adults) from about age 12 and up. Both are for sale in our Country Store!

-Beth McCarty

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Holiday Luncheon Recap

San Jacinto Chapter celebrated at the Pioneer Memorial Log House on December 2nd. Nine, festively decorated round tables greeted members and guests as they were seated in the Assembly Room of the Log House. The salad course provided by Joni Becker and dessert baked by Laura Kaplan were set at each place on the dining tables. The entrée was served buffet styled in the dining room.

Nina Hendee, co-owner of Taste of Texas, provided the delicious entrée. Debra Grigsby, SJC registrar, and her husband, Richard, managed the delivery of the entrée in “hot boxes” from Taste of Texas to the Log House. Nina is a proud Honorary Member of our chapter.

Special recognition and thanks go out to 4th vice president, Gwen Koch, SJC social chair, and her social committee members for the beautiful luncheon.

- Sharolyn Wood

Luncheon Menu

Raspberry Pink Fluff

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Marinated Steak Skewer

A skewer of charbroiled beef tenderloin flavored with a spiced pineapple marinade.

Mushroom Wild Rice

Fresh Green Beans with Almonds and Bacon

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Old Fashion Gingerbread with whipped topping

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Holiday Luncheon Photo Recap



Our beautifully decorated Log House, ready for our December 2nd Holiday Luncheon.



Decorated for the Season

On December 2nd, the San Jacinto Chapter returned to the Pioneer Memorial Log House for its traditional holiday luncheon attended by members and their guests. The lights from the recently renovated display cases created a wonderful ambiance in the large Assembly Room, where nine large, round tables were covered with cream tablecloths, topped by Christmas plaid table squares, and centered with poinsettias in decorated gift boxes.



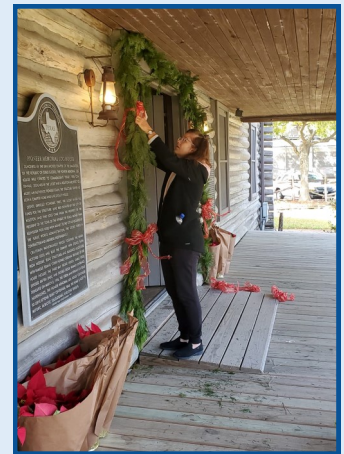
Seasonal decorations greet those attending holiday events at the Log House--the Holiday Luncheon on December 2nd, the Open House with Mr. & Mrs. Claus

on December 5th which included a DRT event, and the six other events scheduled during this December. The Log House is decorated with a large lighted Christmas Tree covered with the Chapter's traditional ornaments, garlands of fresh greenery, and beautiful red poinsettias. Garlands and groupings of poinsettias on the front porch greet those attending events.

A large evergreen wreath is hung on the stone fireplace. The mantle is draped in garlands of greenery and features poinsettias. Located at each end of the mantle this year is an old-fashioned lantern. These two lanterns have been on display in the Phoebe's Cottage end of the Log House, yet not plugged in. Discovering that the lanterns have light bulbs that work, the lanterns are now "plugged in," providing just the right touch for our chimney decoration.

The Madge Hearn Memorial Clock is moved from the "uneven" surface of the mantle, to make way for garlands, to the display case in front of the newly framed Presidents General from San Jacinto Chapter, where the newly restored pendulum clock can keep time sitting on the "level surface" of the display case.

The dining room is set up for the various December events using tablecloths which carry out the holiday theme. An evergreen garland with poinsettias and red lanterns decorate a serving table under the windows in the dining room.



Events held at the Log House this Christmas season: Chapter Holiday Luncheon; Christmas Open House with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and CRT chapter meeting; four private events; a tour; and the monthly open house.

Thanks go out to our chapter volunteers who gathered on November 30 to decorate the Log House and enjoy a chili "frito pie" lunch—Lisa Braly, Carla Brown, Carolyn Gilbert, Debra Grigsby, Heather Henderson, Gwen Koch, Gwen Kunz, Diana Stachowiak, Roni Thelen, Sharolyn Wood, and Luanne Zacek.

Did you miss seeing the Log House decorations? It's not too late. The Log House will be open at our monthly open house. Come and see. Bring your family. Take a beautiful Christmas picture in front of our Christmas tree or the decorated fireplace. Open House: Saturday, December 18 between 1:00 and 3:00 o'clock.

Sharolyn Wood, 5th Vice President

San Jacinto Chapter Donates To CPS Toy Drive

Donations of toys were collected at the Holiday Open House. Roni Thelen and Beth McCarty bagged the 55 donated gifts with an estimated value of \$850 and Roni delivered them to the CPS Toy Drive. Gifts included dolls, stuffed animals, games, cars, balls, and 11 books purchased at our Country Store! Roni reported that CPS was so thankful for the gifts and that the lady at the CPS Office accepting the gifts was nearly in tears! Thank you to those who donated! Please see below, the very kind thank you received from CPS.



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A RESOURCE FOR CPS KIDS

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December 9, 2021

President McCarty

SJC DRT

1510 Cambridge Street

Houston, TX 77030

Dear Beth,

On behalf of BEAR... BE A Resource for CPS Kids, thank you for your in-kind submission of holiday toys and goods received on 12/9/2021 valued at \$850.00. Your gift joined with others, will touch the lives of children we serve in our community.

BEAR offers help and hope for abused and neglected children and the caseworkers that protect them. Thanks to the contributions last year, over 23,000 children received new items from BEAR Necessities, including clothing, shoes, diapers, hygiene items, and other essentials.

Many children BEAR serves have never known the anticipation and thrill of the holiday season but thanks to generous donors like you, their holiday wishes can be fulfilled. The BEARing Gifts program provided Christmas wishes to over 13,000 children last holiday season.

Thank you again for helping make a child's holiday wish come true! Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tammy Hetmaniak

Executive Director

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Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2021-2022

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 _____ <small>(as you wish to be printed)</small>	
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)

1510 Cambridge St., Houston, Texas 77030

*******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.