The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

February 2020

Coming Up Next:

March 5th: Bus trip to the San Felipe de Austin Historic Site (see more information on Page 2.)
April 2nd: Robert Roten will speak to the Chapter about the “The Texas City Disaster”

Message from our President:

Thank you to all who braved the cold weather to come to our Chapter meeting on February 6th, 2020! We kept our coats on, but enjoyed learning more about the exhibits at the San Felipe de Austin Historic Site from Site Director Bryan McCauley. I’m looking forward to seeing the updated museum on our Field Trip scheduled for March 5th. The cost of the trip is $25 which includes the bus, tour and lunch! Please contact Nancy Burch today if you would like to attend!

We also enjoyed hearing about the State DRT Convention from our District VI Representative, Coyla Holmes. The Convention will be nearby, in Spring, Texas, May 14–16, 2020. The hotel still has rooms available which can be procured through the website (www.drtinfo.org/members) and the Convention Registration will be open on March 15, 2020. I look forward to seeing the “Jane Long Players” perform at the Friday luncheon! Our chapter is sponsoring a tour of the San Jacinto Battlegrounds; see the flyer attached to the newsletter!

We have a Chapter Historian! Thank you to Gwen Kunz for volunteering! We still need a Registrar or even a Registrar-in-Training; let me know if you are interested.

Congratulations and welcome to our new Associate Member Elizabeth Makela Miller, Roni Thelen’s mom! And congratulations to our Texas History Teacher of the Year, Robert Tatum of Trafton Academy!

-Beth McCarty

Honoring our dear friend, Esther Simon

It is with deep regret that we report that our chapter has lost one of our longtime members, Esther Simon. Esther had been Chapter president from 1985-1987. She had served on the Board for many years, completing her latest appointment as an Advisor June, 2019. She loved the Log House, beautifying its grounds for years, and donating the Christmas tree and poinsettias for countless holidays. She was 96 years old. Her graveside services were scheduled for Saturday 2/1/20 and were followed by a Celebration of Life Tribute at the Log House.

Photos of the Log House set up for Esther’s Celebration of Life reception.

Photos of Esther’s Celebration of Life tribute.
FIELD TRIP TO SAN FELIPE DE AUSTIN

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Guided tour of the museum followed by lunch on site

Speaker on “The Runaway Scrape” during lunch

Bus departs at 9:00 a.m. from St. Luke’s UMC parking lot ~ 3471 Westheimer (parking lot behind church, Edloe Street side)

Cost: $25 (includes tour, lunch and program) ~ Make checks out to San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Send to: Nancy Burch, 3311 Stoney Brook Drive, Houston, TX 77063

Payment must be received by Wednesday, February 26.

*** If you plan on driving yourself to San Felipe de Austin, you must let Nancy Burch know so our bus count and lunch counts are correct!!!
We need a volunteer!!

We are still looking for a new Chapter Registrar. If anyone would like to step up, please contact Chapter President Beth McCarty at bethmccarty48@gmail.com

During this month in Texas history - February, 1859

The famous old Menger Hotel in San Antonio opened for business on February 1, 1859. At one time travelers could buy the hotel’s own beer, enjoy fresh turtle from the nearby San Antonio River, feast on wild game and mix with the famous travelers. Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and Philip Sheridan enjoyed the Menger, as did Teddy Roosevelt, O. Henry and Sidney Lanier.

Also on this date in the year 1845, Baylor University was founded.

[Excerpt taken from The Book of Texas Days by Ron Stone]

Early Texas Recipe

Taken from A Pinch of This and a Handful of That - Historic Recipes of Texas 1830-1900 published by DRT District VIII in 1988.

Apple Cake

1869 ~ Elizabeth Ann Mills Roberts

3 apples - cook, drain off water, mash fine
1 cup raisins
1 cup pecans
3/4 cup butter
2 cups sugar
2 tsp. soda
1 tsp. each of nutmeg, cinnamon, allspice and cloves
3 cups flour, sifted
3 large T cocoa
Pinch of salt
2 eggs

Roll pecans and raisins in a little flour.
Mix all ingredients.
Bake in tube pan for 1 hour in moderate oven. (Moderate oven is defined as 350 degrees in the book.)

(Elizabeth Ann Mills Roberts came to Texas in 1880. She boarded the construction crew that built the first Montopolis bridge across the Colorado River in Austin.)

Congratulations!!!

The San Jacinto Chapter is pleased to announce that Robert Tatum of Trafton Academy was selected as our seventh grade Texas History Teacher of the Year! We will celebrate this wonderful achievement with Mr. Tatum at our June Luncheon.
## San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

### 2020

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### Please Note:

The Baked Potato Lunch the “Come and Sip It” Fund Raiser have been postponed until Fall. Date TBD
The San Jacinto Chapter’s Role in the Upcoming DRT Convention

OUR CHAPTER WILL BE SPONSORING THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

1. A tour of the San Jacinto Battlefield and Monument on Thursday, May 14, 2020, guided by member, Eron Brimberry Tynes. Buses will be reserved for those members and family who sign up in advance. These buses accommodate persons 55 and older with one younger companion. Buses will leave the Houston CityPlace Marriott at Springwoods Village (2020 Annual Convention Hotel) at 9:30 am and return at 3:00 pm. A Dutch treat lunch will be at the Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway S., La Porte, TX 77571 at noon.

2. A “Way Station” tour of the San Felipe de Austin Museum, 220 2nd Street, San Felipe, TX 77473, led by member, Luanne Zacek. Interested members who sign up in advance will arrive by their own personal transportation on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 during museum hours of 9 am to 5 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Museum for $8-10.

If you and/or family member(s) are interested in signing up for event (1) above, please contact: Judge Sharolyn Wood, phone & text messages: (713) 305-2750, wood-sharolyn@aol.com

Tour #1 is limited to 39 participants, on a first come basis (FCB).

Event (2) is open to all members and family regardless of age during museum hours.

The San Jacinto Chapter has a Facebook Page!!

If you are on Facebook, please go to “San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas” and like our page! That’s where you will find the latest photos and events for our Chapter. For quick access, copy and paste this title in quotations into your Facebook Search bar. That should take you straight to the correct, active page for our Chapter. Please note: You must have a Facebook account to access this page!

It is time to start signing up for our June Luncheon!

(Please see form attached to the end of this newsletter.)

Details:
June 4, 2020
Braeburn Country Club
11:30 a.m.
RSVP must be received by May 22
Please join us for
the San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas

June Luncheon
June 4, 2020  11:30 a.m.

New Member Ceremony
Texas History Teacher Award

BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074
$40 per person
Complimentary Valet Parking
(Please tip Valet Attendant)

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San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon ~ June 4, 2020  11:30 a.m.
*Reservations must be received by May 22nd

Reservation for:  ____________________________________________________________

My Guest(s):  ______________________________________________________________

Check for $40 each payable to:  San Jacinto Chapter DRT
Mail to:  Jamie Moran
11406 Mulfins Drive
Houston, TX 77035-2632
Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2019-2020
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

PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

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.

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