From the President:

Our January meeting was held virtually with only a few members in person on January 6, 2022. Our guest speaker was Jeff Lindemann who talked about the German citizens who immigrated to Houston in the mid-19th century. Did you know that in the 1860’s, 35% of all Houstonians had a German background? There were several German-speaking churches and even seven German newspapers in Houston from 1850 – 1870!

At our Business meeting, we approved Mary DiStefano and Michelle Davis as Prospective members of our Chapter. Welcome! We also accepted and approved the spending of two grants from members: $70,000 for the Log House Exterior Project and $15,000 for the Brooks’ Cottage Project.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia will be our guest via Zoom at our February 3rd meeting. Our ‘Come and Sip It’ fundraiser originally scheduled for February has been postponed indefinitely due to Covid.

Please encourage your children and/or grandchildren to enter our DRT Essay Contest. The topic for 4th grade students is ‘Jose Antonio Navarro’ and the 7th graders will write on ‘Sam Houston’. Essays are due by February 10th, just one month away! Please contact Tish Wolter, chair of the Education Committee, for more information. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Please stay safe! We will send out information about our February meeting later in January.

-Beth Garrett McCarty

About our January Speaker...

Randy Tibbits’ Texas roots date to the 1830s, when his first Texas ancestor got hit by a hurricane in Matagorda, headed inland to Houston by 1840 and then north toward Dallas and the Panhandle.

An inveterate researcher, he loves reading other people’s letters, especially when they’re the fascinating letters of that amazing Houston artist, teacher and civic leader, Emma Richardson Cherry (1859-1954). He also delights in collecting the art of Mrs. Cherry, along with that of her contemporaries in the Houston of a hundred years ago.

Since retiring in 2012 from Rice University’s Fondren Library, Randy has devoted himself to his second career as an independent art curator and researcher, focusing on the art of Houston in the early 20th Century. He has written on the subject and curated or co-curated a number of exhibitions.

Randy and his husband Rick have been collecting works by Houston artists for the past 20 years. We look forward to hearing what he can tell us about Penelope Lingan, sculptor of the bust of Sam Houston located in our Log House dining room.

- Submitted by Nancy Burch
Greetings and best wishes to all from The Registrar’s office. We have been blessed with many new members this year. 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.

Welcome New Members of San Jacinto Chapter

New Members:
- McKenna Martin, November 18, 2021
- Susan Schaeffer, November 19, 2021
- Sheryl Ann Falk, November 21, 2021
- Stacie Davis Osborn, November 21, 2021
- Monika Barker-Casella, December 5, 2021
- Stephanie Deidre Vick, December 19, 2021
- June Nelson Zindler, December 26, 2021
- Lois Jane Hamilton Wright, December 26, 2021

Posthumous Member:
- Minnie Lady Smith, December 31, 2021

Supplemental:
- Tish Wolter, December 27, 2021
- Diane Feuerbacher Bennett, December 31, 2021

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. 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
Texas History Essay Topics for 2022
~ 4th and 7th Grade Essay Contests ~

Fourth Grade: Jose Antonio Navarro
Seventh Grade: Sam Houston

Next year’s 4th and 7th grade student essays for DRT will be on leaders important to the founding of Texas as a Republic. Research was conducted through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to identify which figures would be taught in the curriculum of the classrooms of each of the Texas public schools’ 4th and 7th grades to achieve more student participation in our essay contests.

Contest Rules

Deadlines: Each sponsoring chapter sets their own deadline for receiving the submitted essays. This is usually the month before they are due to their District Representatives. This gives them time to judge the winning essays for their chapter. So, be sure to contact the chapter for their actual deadline. Then the chapters submit their winning essays to the District Representative to be judged. The District Representative must receive the winning chapter’s essays no later than March 1st. The Historian General must receive the District’s winning essays not later than March 15th.

1. Typed essays are to be double-spaced on 8½” by 11” paper, using “Times New Roman” font, size 12. Top and bottom page margins are to be an inch, with side margins being 1.25 inches. Essays must be submitted in English.

   * Fourth Grade Essay – The body of the essay can be no less than 1½ pages. No word count requirements.
   * Seventh Grade Essay – The body of the essay can be no less than 2½ pages. No word count requirements.

2. Handwritten essays are to be double-spaced on 8½” by 11” paper. Essays must be submitted in English.

   * Fourth Grade Essay – Word count should be between 500 and 525 words.
   * Seventh Grade Essay – Word count should be between 800 and 825 words.

3. A minimum of four (4) references are needed – no more than 2 may be Internet references. Research references should be listed on a separate page, but not counted as part of the essay length.

4. Cover page should include:

   * Name of student and state whether Fourth or Seventh grade
   * Name of school, address, and city
   * Title of the essay
   * Daughters of the Republic of Texas
   * Name of sponsoring DRT Chapter and city
   * Chapter Contact Person and telephone number

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## San Jacinto Chapter - 2021~2022 Calendar of Events

### (See yearbook for details)

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### Essay contest information continued...

The Outstanding Fourth and Seventh Grade Students will be invited to attend the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Saturday Luncheon at DRT Convention and may be asked to read his/her essay at the luncheon. The winner will receive $500 and a plaque. There will be seats for three (3), the student and two guests, at the luncheon.

Texas History Essay Judging Suggestions Fourth Grade, Texas History Essay Contest Submission Form Seventh Grade and Texas History Essay Contest Submission Forms can be found on the DRT website at www.drtinfo.org

For more information or to locate and contact a DRT Chapter nearest you, please go to www.drtinfo.org Or you may e-mail the Historian General at historian@drtinfo.org.

### Attention all members!!

If you have not yet done so, please fill out the attached Member Biographical Form.

Every member needs to have one on file!

Please complete and return to our Chaplain, Luanne Zacek as soon as possible.

Bring it to one of our Chapter meetings or email it to Luanne at lzacek@hotmail.com.
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!

**New Lighting on Sam Houston**

From Sharolyn Wood:

“New Lighting”

General Sam Houston’s bust is spotlighted by the newly installed lighting as it sits in the corner of the dining room of the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

This spotlight and other lighting was added in the dining room to highlight the art and furnishings on January 11 and 12, 2022.

Electrical work is continuing on the installation of additional exterior lighting.

**Crosswire**

Crosswire is a book written for young people about age 11 and up. It takes place in Texas after we are a State. The main character is a 13 year old boy struggling with his family on a cattle ranch. Well-written and easy to read, this book helps young people understand the struggles our ancestors went through to build a life in Texas.

This book is available in our Country Store and won the DRT Award for Book of the Year.

-Beth McCarty
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PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

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 ____________________________
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General Contribution $ ________________

Contribution in memory/honor of ________________________________ $ ________________

Send card to: ________________________________
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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.

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