

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



June 2021

*We need your recipes!!*

*Please send in your recipes for the  
DRT Cookbook*

*as soon as possible! Deadline is September 15th.  
Email to: [llkaplan@hotmail.com](mailto:llkaplan@hotmail.com)*

**Your dues are due!!**

**Time to pay your annual dues!!**

**Please pay your dues by June 31 to avoid a reinstatement fee and a chapter vote to have your membership reinstated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Treasurer, Carla Brown at [treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com)**

**We need your help!!**

**Since we are hosting the District VI Workshop on October 15-16th, 2021, a Committee will be meeting this summer to plan. Please let Beth McCarty know if you are interested in helping!**

**Pay in May Campaign Winners**

**Congratulations to  
Dr. Julie Martinez and to Kathy Vossler  
who won the drawing for 2 free desserts  
donated by Laura Kaplan.**

**From the President:**

Happy Summer, DRT Friends! We had a wonderful gathering at our June Luncheon and enjoyed seeing each other after our 14 months of Zoom meetings during the Pandemic. Welcome to the New Members we initiated and the new Executive Board we installed! See the Luncheon Report later in this newsletter!

The State DRT Convention was held in San Antonio this year. It was a wonderful experience and a great time for bonding with each other. See the Convention Report and photos on page 2-3.

Our Newsletter editor will have a summer break. Look for the next "San Jacinto Dispatch" in September! Our new Board members will be meeting and getting organized this summer and a committee will be planning our October Workshop for District VI.

We look forward to seeing you at the Log House or via ZOOM on Thursday, October 7, 2021, if not before! Enjoy your summer!

Our new Committee Chairs will be filling their committees this summer, so be prepared to be contacted to help! We need you! Thank you for your responses on the Dues' Form!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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## DRT Convention 2021 ~ San Antonio, Texas (continued)

On May 13-15, eight San Jacinto Chapter members traveled to San Antonio, Texas to attend the 130th Daughters of the Republic of Texas Annual Convention. The annual State Convention was smaller in attendance than usual, but our Chapter representation was greater than usual! San Jacinto Chapter members attending were: Sally Whittington, Tamara Mailloux, Carla Brown, Beth McCarty, Debra Grigsby, Gwen Koch, Laura Kaplan and Carolyn Gilbert. A great time was had by all!! The convention was held at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Hotel with more than 420 DRT members attending from chapters all over the State of Texas.

Activities started on Thursday night with a parade of past Presidents General and an actor portraying the life of Davy Crockett. Several Business meetings were held during the next two days as we elected the new State officers for 2021 – 2023. During Friday night's Historical Dinner, we were inspired by Dr. Andrew Torget, Distinguished Professor of History at the University of North Texas. His topic was "Women of the Texas Revolution". Those women were amazing! There was a Memorial Service reading of the names of the DRT members who had died over the last two years and there was an Awards Ceremony.

Our San Jacinto Chapter received the following awards: 1st place in Achievement, in Texas History, in Volunteering, in Membership and in the President General's Project. Our only 2nd place was in Attendance. We need 15% of our members to attend our District Workshop (in October) and the Convention (in May). Since we have approximately 260 members, our goal for next year is 13 attendees!

Our Country Store set up looked great and we sold lots of fun Texas items! We worked hard at selling and took in over \$3,000.00 in three days!

**Make your plans to attend the Convention next year in Austin!**



Pictured on the left: Front Row - Debra Grigsby, Beth McCarty and Gwen Koch Back Row - Laura Kaplan, Carolyn Gilbert, Tamara Mailloux and Sally Whittington



Above: Gwen Koch, Beth McCarty & Debra Grigsby



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DRT Convention 2021 ~ San Antonio, Texas



Pictured: Sally Whittington, Tamara Mailloux, Dr. Betty Edwards, Pat Smithson (Dr. Edwards' sister), Debra Grigsby and Beth McCarty .



Above: A slide from Dr. Andrew Torget's Friday Night Historical Dinner presentation: "Women of the Texas Revolution"



View of the Alamo from the Hyatt hotel



Pictured left: Carolyn Gilbert, Beth McCarty, Laura Kaplan and Carla Brown





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## Beautification of the Santa Anna Park

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Harris County had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the landscaping done by Harris County Precinct 2 assisted by American Youthworks and paid for by Chevron at Santa Anna Park, the site of Santa Anna's capture on April 22, 1836. It looks wonderful!



## June Luncheon Report

We had a fun Luncheon at Braeburn Country Club on Thursday, June 3, 2021! 46 of us had a great time of food and fellowship.

We honored several of our guests and members:

- ◆ Carolyn Lightfoot honored Juan Nevarez who lived in Brooks' Cottage for 14 years and became our Log House caretaker and friend.
- ◆ Dr. Betty Edwards, former President General of the DRT, encouraged us to support the building of the Republic of Texas History Center in Austin.
- ◆ Peggy Townsend, DRT District VI Representative, told us about the October 16th Workshop which we will host this Fall and installed our new officers.
- ◆ Nancy Burch received a DRT Certificate for 50 years of cumulative membership in the organization.
- ◆ Dorwayne Hinde and Dolores Landrum both received 25 year membership certificates.
- ◆ Horn Elementary School's 4th grade Teacher, Tiffany Thorn, told us of the wonderful students she has taught in Texas History this year and their creative projects. She received a Certificate from our chapter along with a \$500.00 gift certificate for her classroom.
- ◆ 7th grade Student Lorien Wolter inspired us with her reading of her essay on Dilue Rose Harris. She received a certificate and a check from the San Jacinto Chapter as well as a certificate and check from District VI.
- ◆ We also recognized numerous ladies who had contributed to our Chapter over the last two years including the Outgoing Executive Board.
- ◆ During the Luncheon, we initiated 31 new members and transfers who have joined our Chapter since we lost Marje Harris in December 2019. It was wonderful to finally meet many of our new members whom we had previously seen only on Zoom!
- ◆ We approved several new prospective members, transfers, and reinstatements to our Chapter. We continue to grow! Welcome to all!
- ◆ We installed our New Executive Board Members who will serve from June 2021 to May 2023





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## June Luncheon (continued)



Several of us visited the Houston Heritage Museum's Suffragist Exhibit on June 4th. It closed on June 11th for the Museum's renovation. Beth McCarty's great-grandmother, Virginia Baldwin, who was on our Committee to build the Log House in 1936, is also listed as one of the women in Harris County who paid a poll tax to be allowed to vote in the very first election including women in 1920! Miki Norton's ancestor owned a drugstore where many women registered to vote that year. So it was an interesting tour!

# 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:

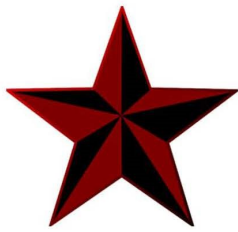
Gwen Koch (4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Ways and Means)  
2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098

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

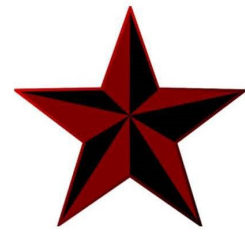
How I can help:

- ☐ 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.



**San Jacinto Chapter**  
**Daughters of the Republic of Texas**  
**2021-2022 DUES NOTICE**



Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Married Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Dues payment must be received by June 20th to be included in the 2021-2022 year book.  
 Dues received after July 1, 2021, will be delinquent; a \$25 fee is required by the state to be reinstated.

New Members after March 1 do not pay dues for this year.

If you are paying dues for more than one member, please fill out a separate dues notice form for each member. We need the updated information for the chapter database and yearbook.

**Total Dues Owed (\$70)** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (State \$45) (Chapter \$25)

Associate/Affiliate Member (\$25) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation In Memory of: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation In Honor of ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Log House Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to San Jacinto Chapter DRT and mail with this form to:**  
**Carla Brown, Treasurer      5220 Wesleyan C103      Houston, TX 77005-1079**

**CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our chapter. Please check those that you are interested in. Your interest will be forwarded to the appropriate board member or committee chair.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Country Store                       | <input type="checkbox"/> CRT Programs & Trips                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Audit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Collections & Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Social/Greeters/Name Tags               |                                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Log House Grounds/Gardening         | <input type="checkbox"/> Media (Newsletters, Photography, Website, Facebook) |                                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |  |                                    |  |