

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



May 2021

Coming Up Next Month:

*Please send in your reservation for the
June Luncheon
as soon as possible! All reservations are due by May
24th. See attached reservation form.*

Pay in May Campaign

Time to pay your annual dues!!

As an incentive for all members to complete their dues payments in May, the names of all members who pay in May will be entered into a drawing for 2 free desserts or cakes of their choosing donated and baked by Laura Kaplan. (Desserts and date of delivery to be mutually agreed upon—desserts generally feed 8)



Our Log House is now open for tours!

A big thanks goes out to **Jamie Moran** and **Gwen Kunz** who helped facilitate our wonderful new signs!



From the President:

We successfully held our first Hybrid Chapter Meeting on May 6, 2021! We had 17 members in person at the Log House and 17 members online via Zoom! It was a great learning experience and we hope to iron out the kinks before October! Please feel free to send me feedback if you have any suggestions! We passed four motions, approved one new Associate Member and five new Prospective Members, and accepted the proposed amendments to our ByLaws.

Our Memorial Service was very inspirational. Hearing about the dedicated lives of those we have lost always motivates me to be better and do more! We solemnly honored **Pat Craig, Poppy Doyle, Linda Fields, Nellie Galny, Marje Harris, Beverly Huggins, Esther Simon, Margaret Standard, Marilyn Van Way, and Jimmie Wooten.**

Our next meeting will be our **June Luncheon** at Braeburn Country Club on June 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Over the summer, our Executive Board will continue to meet, but there will be no Chapter meetings until October 7, 2021. Our newsletter editor will also take a break.

Events: On April 21st, we honored our four scholarship recipients at the San Jacinto Monument: **Alexa Borja, Sarah Brasseaux, Kaleb Parsons and Nathan Rather.** Thanks to Luanne Zacek and her scholarship committee.

Work has begun on the restoration of Brooks' Cottage thanks to an anonymous donor!

The State Convention is this week! Ten of us are heading to San Antonio!

We have seven new members this month! Welcome to **Joni Becker, Cathe Harris, Mary Lois Johnson, Donna Haas, Molly Baen, Morgan Hoerster, and Sharon Jordon!**

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Honoring the San Jacinto Chapter members we lost in the last two years.

Our May meeting included a lovely Memorial Service honoring members of our San Jacinto Chapter who passed away since June of 2019. Our service honored Pat Craig, Poppy Doyle, Linda Fields, Nellie Galny, Marje Harris, Beverly Huggins, Esther Simon, Margaret Standard, Marilyn Van Way, and Jimmie Wooten.



This beautiful frame containing photos of our past Presidents General will live in our beloved Log House



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Let's support our SJC 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 #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!

Mark your calendars!!

As Houston is opening up again, SJC is happily planning for our Spring Luncheon! It will be held on Thursday, June 3, 11:30 am at Braeburn Country Club, 8101 Bissonnet.

We will introduce our new members, present our SJC and District VI Texas History Teacher Award winner, our SJC and District VI Essay Contest winner and have the Installation of Officers for 2021-2023. Best of all will be visiting with friends in a beautiful setting while enjoying delicious food!

Please complete the reservation form attached to this newsletter. Return it with your check or credit card information for \$40 per person to Gwen Koch at 1510 Cambridge St., Houston, Texas 77030. Paid reservations must be received by May 24.

Gwen Koch, Social Chair
(Jkoch11949@att.net ~ 713/826-9061)

Thank you to our very generous donor!

An unsolicited anonymous donor has made a very generous contribution to restore Brooks' Cottage! Work will begin immediately to create an open space design with new electrical/wiring, plumbing, kitchenette, storage closet, bathroom; and office in the rear to be used as a work area for Chapter officers, file space for current officer records, storage for our Texas History Collection and other chapter uses.

We appreciate the donor for making this much needed restoration a happening!

We need your favorite recipes!!



Willing to share your favorite recipes or special family recipes from your ancestors?

We are now collecting recipes for the next edition of the San Jacinto Chapter Cookbook: Log House Collection III

Submit as many recipes as you'd like.

Please type out your recipes and include: Your name, the recipe and any special notes or significance of your recipe.

Email your recipes by September 15 to Laura Kaplan at Lkkaplan@hotmail.com

Please write "cookbook" in the subject of your email.

You can also mail your recipes to Laura Kaplan, 3727 Purdue Street, Houston, TX 77005

No photographs of recipes please! We need them typed out!

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Hooray for San Jacinto Chapter!!!



We have successfully raised the funds needed to purchase three pavers for the new Republic of Texas History Center in honor of the six Presidents General of the State DRT from our chapter. Our State representation began with Mary Smith Jones (Mrs. Anson Jones) who was the first President General 1891-1908. Others we honored are Carrie Franklin Kemp 1935-1937; Madge Williams Hearne 1937-1939; Thelma Burnett Maresh 1947-1949; Julie Mathews Hagen 1959-1961; and Erette Reese Red 1973-1975.

The museum's mission is the portrayal and teaching of accurate Texas history. When it is finished, you will want to plan a visit to see the thousands of pieces of documents, textiles and artifacts from the Republic of Texas period 1836-1846 and early Texas history collected by DRT.

Thank you for your support!

We have a raffle winner!!

The raffle drawing for our beautiful reversible bluebonnet runner, 12 placemats, and 12 napkins was held at the DRT Annual Convention in San Antonio on May 15. The winning ticket was drawn by a sweet CRT member. The winner is JoAnn Heiligman Eanes from Yancey, Texas. A special thank you goes to Luanne Zacek for putting this raffle together for the San Jacinto Chapter and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.



Please submit your recipes for our upcoming cookbook!

If you would like to pre-order 1 (or 5) cookbooks, please email Laura Kaplan at

Lkkaplan@hotmail.com

Our goal is to have the cookbooks available for purchase on

November 1

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Report from the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee

Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee
Construction Report -- May 2021

Project #1-Completed

Open House Sign: Hermann Park installed two signs in early May that match Hermann Park signage announcing the Log House "Open House" on the 3rd Saturday of each month.



Project #2-Construction underway
Brooks Cottage / Chapter Office: Renovation of Brooks Cottage and the Chapter Office are underway to create an open space design, with a storage closet, bathroom, and kitchenette– to be used for work area for chapter officers, file space for current officer records, storage for Texas history collection, and other chapter uses. New porches are part of this project. The contents of our Chapter Office have been moved into the Log House dining room during construction.

An anonymous donation makes it possible for us to undertake this project. Construction should be completed by July 2021.

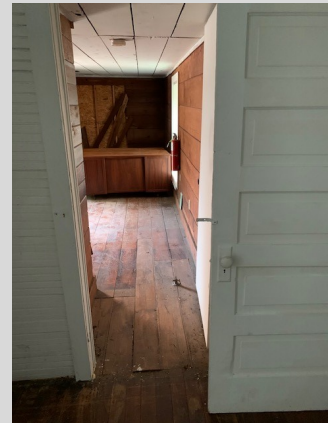


Project #3-Installation scheduled

Security System: An updated communication system for our alarm is being installed. The expense is included in our current budget. Work is to begin in May 2021.

Project #4-Bids being evaluated

Remove Vents Under the Log House: The four vent systems under the Log House are to be removed and the former floor registers are to be sandblasted and powder. A grant has been received to pay for this project. Work is to begin in May 2021.



Project #5-Improve Electrical

A lighting expert is being consulted to analyze how to improve outside security and upgrade interior lighting. A grant has been received to pay for this project. A plan should be adopted by June 2021. Installation should be completed by September 2021.



-Sharolyn Wood, 5th VP

-Chair, Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee

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 (4th 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.

Please join us for
the San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas

June Luncheon
June 3, 2021 11:30 a.m.

New Member Ceremony
Texas History Teacher Award
Essay Contest Winner
Installation of New Officers

BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074

\$40 per person
Complimentary Valet Parking
(Please tip Valet Attendant)



~~~~~Please print form, clip and mail with your check~~~~~

San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon ~ June 3, 2021 11:30 a.m.

\*Reservations must be received by May 24th

Reservation for \_\_\_\_\_

My Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$40 each payable to:  
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Mail to: DRT San Jacinto Chapter  
1510 Cambridge Street  
Houston, TX 77030