

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



Thankful November 2021

Coming Up Next Month: Our Holiday Luncheon!



It is now time to sign up

*For our Annual
Holiday Luncheon*

December 2, 2021

11:30 am at the Pioneer

Memorial Log House

Reservation Form is attached!

Reservation deadline is November 20

(only 1 guest per member please)

We hope to see you there!!

Join Us on November 30

at 10:00 am to decorate the Log House and set up our Christmas Tree! Lunch will be provided to all who come help. Please let a Board Member know if you will be attending.

Christmas Open House

We are having a Christmas Open House on December 5th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It will be a photo opportunity for your children and grandchildren, so make plans now to attend! Our CRT is planning some activities for the children. Also, please bring an unwrapped gift for children in the care of Houston's Child Protective Services. More information can be found on page 5.

Happy Holidays!

From the President:

Last Thursday, November 4, 2021, we had a busy day! First, we cut a red ribbon and toured the newly renovated Brooks' Cottage. The cottage now contains a nice office with a new printer, two good-sized storage closets, a renovated restroom and kitchenette, beautiful wooden floors, and a large space for committee and small group meetings or a workspace for upcoming events. We were able to spread out 100 gift bags and fill them in preparation for the District VI workshop! Contact Sharolyn Wood if you would like to use that space for a meeting.

Secondly, we enjoyed refreshments which included a birthday cake for the 130th Birthday of both the DRT (created November 6, 1891) and our San Jacinto Chapter (chartered November 9, 1891).

Next was our Chapter Meeting with speaker, Ken Wise, Houston judge and author of the podcast, "Wise about Texas". At the beginning of our Business Meeting, we honored our founders by reading their names and reciting the DRT Pledge. We heard reports about the District VI Workshop and passed 19 changes to our By-Laws.

Now it's time to plan our Holiday Celebrations! On November 30th, everyone who is able will meet at the Log House at 10:00 a.m. to decorate and set up the Christmas Tree! Please let us know you are coming so we can provide lunch for you! Email any of our officers to let us know!

Our Luncheon will be at the Log House on December 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. The invitation is included in this Newsletter. Please send in your reservation by November 20th. We are asking that you only include one guest at this time until we see how our numbers are. We will have a waiting list for extra guests which we will use after the 20th if there is room, but we have 16 new members to initiate that day, so we want to be sure all members are able to attend!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Membership Corner

Welcome New Members October 2021:

New Members

Sherry L. Ford Dailey	Ancestor: Sion Bostick
Cashlie Cristin Goertz	Ancestor: Sion Bostick
Beverly Diane Feuerbacher-Bennett	Ancestor: Elisha P. Allen
Shirley R. Knight	Ancestor: Charles Richards
Brenda K. Martin	Ancestor: Charles Richards
Sarah Pennington-Tropoli	Ancestor: Patrick Dowlearn
Amy Lynn Breazeale	Ancestor: Maj. Hugh Hudson Calvert

Membership Committee Members:

Debra Grigsby, Registrar

Gwen Kunz

Trudi Becht

Christin Dietze

Cathe Harris

Kathleen Vossler

Got a passion for working with this committee? Let us know

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.

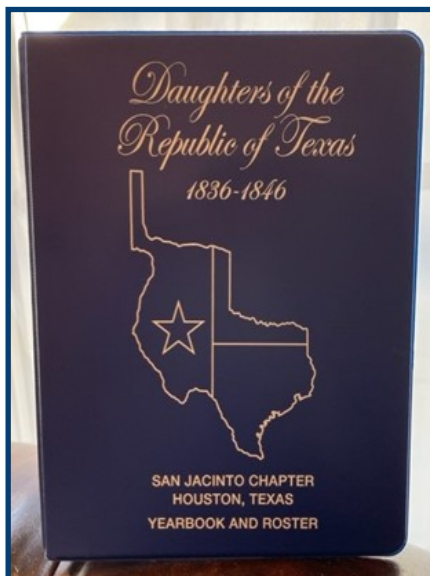
Thank you for your help.

Gwen Koch
Ways and Means

Coming soon to
your mailboxes!
Our Yearbook
pages are being
mailed soon!

Carolyn Gilbert, 1st
VP is Chair of the
Yearbook
Committee

Thanks, Carolyn for
your hard work!



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Brooks Cottage Ribbon-Cutting

November 4, 2021

Welcome to Brooks' Cottage. Our Historian, Gwen Kunz, found five letters from the 1940's which tell us about the acquisition of this cottage by our Chapter. Here are excerpts from two of them:

October 9, 1940 – Letter to Mrs. C.P. Coleman, President of the San Jacinto Chapter of the DRT, from Sinclair Refining Company acknowledging receipt of a letter from the SJC DRT asking for the donation of “a servant’s frame house on the rear of our recently acquired property on West Alabama Street and Yoakum Boulevard, Houston, Texas.”

There are more letters to and from Mrs. Coleman to the City of Houston and to the Houston Park Department until one dated December 9, 1940. This letter is from Mr. C. L. Brock, Superintendent of the ‘City of Houston Park Department’. It is addressed to the Mayor and City Commissioners of Houston and states, “I am pleased to recommend that this permission be granted.”

This was before Hermann Park and the City of Houston decided to move the Log House a few blocks down McGregor Street (now Cambridge) to make way for building in the Medical Center. At that time, Brooks' Cottage was also moved to this present location. We have had several caretakers live here, the last one for fourteen years. But the building became uninhabitable. A kind donation from an anonymous Chapter Member enabled us to restore the cottage and it is now available for small group and committee meetings and it has office space for any officers who need a place to work.

We are not sure who Mr. Brooks was. Some have heard he was the last servant inhabitant before we acquired the house; others have heard that he was our first caretaker; and still others have heard he was the person who donated money to get the house moved and renovated in 1940. At any rate, we are glad to have this little “frame house”.

- Beth McCarty



Pictured right:
Happy birthday
San Jacinto Chapter!!



Pictured left: View of renovated office in Brooks Cottage. Looking at our Registrar, Debra Grigsby's work area in the office.

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San Jacinto Chapter - 2021~2022 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2021

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. November 20
 Workday/Prep for Luncheon at Log House, 10 a.m. November 30
Holiday Luncheon at the Log House, 11:30 a.m. December 2
 Christmas Open House at the Log House, 2-4 p.m. December 5
 ~ With a special appearance from Santa and Mrs. Claus!
 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 May 1
 Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.
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

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:

lkkaplan@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!!

In Memoriam...

PATRICIA 'PATTI' KOBITZ BROWN, August 27, 1929 to September 8, 2021. Patti was born and raised in Jacksonville, Texas and was a graduate of Baylor University where she was elected a Baylor Beauty. She married Frank Hayes Brown, had two sons, Frank Richard and Stephen Carl Brown, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a member of our Chapter DRT as well as the DAR and the UDC. Obituary at <https://autryfuneralhome/obituaries>



Christmas at the Log House

Pioneer Memorial Log House and
Children of the Republic of Texas/San Jacinto Chapter

Christmas Open House

December 5, 2021 · 2 – 4 pm

Come meet and take a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus!!



Hello San Jacinto CRT members!

Can you believe the holidays are actually here?! Please join us to celebrate at our DRT chapter's Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 5 from 2:00 – 4:00. The event will take place at our chapter home, The Log House, located at 1510 Cambridge Street in the Houston Medical Center. The attire is holiday festive. If the parking lot is full, park in the Ben Taub garage and we will supply vouchers.

*Guess who will be there? Santa and Mrs. Claus, that's who!
In addition to getting a chance to visit with the big guy and gal, we will participate in some fun holiday activities in our newly-remodeled CRT home Brooks Cottage.*

All members who attend are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a child between the age of 7 – 12 to be donated to BEARing Gifts, a local children's charity.

Please let me know by Monday, November 29, 2021 if you will attend so that we have enough treats for everyone. You may respond to cbaen@airmail.net.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 713-598-6934 or email at the above email address.

*Hope to see you there!
Cat Baen Hennessy
3rd Vice President - CRT*

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



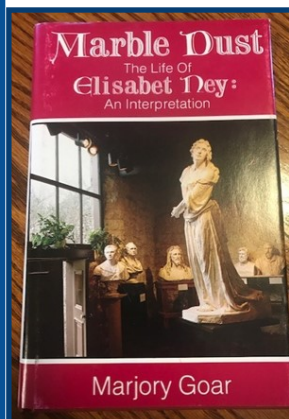
Randalls

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!

**Keep our
Country Store
in mind for
your holiday
shopping needs!
The new Capitol
ornament is in
and available
for purchase!**

**Happy
Shopping!**

Book Review Corner



Do you know about the life of Elisabet Ney? She was a woman 100 years ahead of her time! She was a noted sculptor in Germany when she decided to come to Texas in 1871. She and her husband bought the Liendo Plantation, famed home of Jared and Courtney Groce during the Republic. Then she purchased a home in

Austin to be her studio where she sculpted statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston for the Texas and US capitol buildings. She would travel alone on horseback between the two homes (116 miles), sleeping outdoors in her hammock.

Her Austin home is now a museum housing 70 of her sculptures. It is located at 304 East 44th Street. 'Marble Dust' is researched historical fiction. A biography of Ms. Ney was written by Emily F. Cutter called 'The Art of the Woman'. A DRT Chapter in Washington DC is named for her!

-Beth McCarty

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District VI Workshop Recap



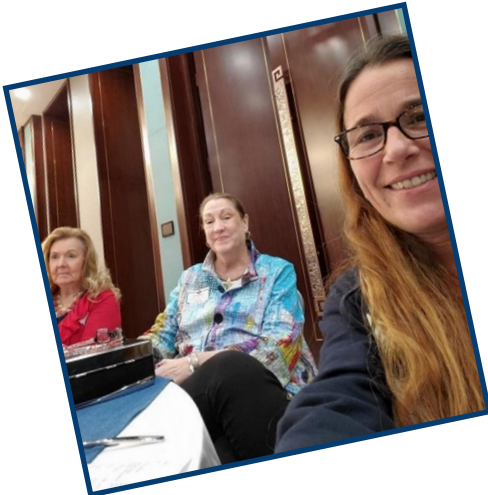
Friday, October 15, 2021: The **Field Trip to see the Boulders on the San Jacinto Battleground** was well attended with 35 in attendance. Lunch at the Monument Inn was a highlight. Tour guide - Eron Tynes got rave reviews!



Friday, October 15, 2021: **Reception and Supper at the Pioneer Memorial Log House.** Forty-three DRT members and guests celebrated with wine, tea, and lemonade as well as hors d'oeuvres and box meals from PICNIC. Everyone seemed to be happy visiting together and the Log House looked beautiful. A highlight was the new lights recently installed in our Alamo Display cases, thanks to a grant from the DRT License Plate Grants.



Saturday, October 16, 2021: District VI Workshop at the Blossom Hotel. We heard reports from all of the newly elected DRT Officers General and raised money for the State CRT and the Republic of Texas History Museum. Our Country Store and Silent Auction raised money to help us cover the cost of the workshop. Our speaker, James Haley, charged us to continue our support of the teaching of Texas History. We have several of his biographies of Sam Houston for sale in our Country Store. Workshop attendees included 76 DRT Members, 9 CRT Members and 4 Guests.



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

*Holiday Luncheon
December 2, 2021 11:30 a.m.*

*Pioneer Memorial Log House
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, TX 77030*

\$30 per person

=====*Clip and mail with your check*=====

*San Jacinto Chapter Holiday Luncheon
December 2, 2021 11:30 a.m.*

Reservations must be received by November 20, 2021

Please print

Reservation for _____

My Guest _____

*Check for \$30 each payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT*

*Mail to: Carla Brown, Treasurer
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, TX 77030
Treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com*

PIIONEER 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 _____ <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:
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Tours / Docents / Greet visitors at monthly Open House
<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with identifying craftsmen and professionals for maintenance projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with opening log house for special events
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.



BEAR
A RESOURCE FOR CPS KIDS

BEARing Gifts - Toy Drive Information

Many children who have experienced abuse and neglect have *never* known the thrill and anticipation of the holiday season, and the happiness that Christmas morning can bring. BEAR fulfills the wishes of these children through **BEARing Gifts**, the annual holiday program that serves over 10,000 children yearly. BEAR's greatest need is gifts and toys for teens and children between the ages of 7-12. Below is a list of the most popular gifts requested, according to age. Thank you for your participation!

Infants: Nursery Toys, Teething Toys, Interactive Learning Toys (musical, counting, spelling, speech), Ride-On Toys, Sit-To-Stand Walkers, Activity Blankets, Soft Building Blocks

Toddlers: Interactive Learning Toys (VTECH/Leapfrog), Toy Trucks/Cars, Action Figures/Dolls (and accessories), Costume/Dress Up Items, Sports Equipment (all types), Board Games, Puzzles, *Bikes, Scooters, Building Blocks/Legos, Stuffed Animals, Play Food/Dishes

Children (up to 12 years old): Action Figures/Dolls, *Bikes, Scooters, Sports Equipment (all types), Tween Make-Up Sets, Arts and Crafts Kits, Science/Discovery Kits, Board Games, Puzzles, Legos, Portable DVD Players, Remote Control Cars/Helicopters

Children 13+: Tablets, Portable DVD Players, Portable Speakers, Bluetooth Headphones, Digital/Instant Cameras (with refills), Make-Up/Beauty Kits, Nail Polish Kits, Bath & Body Sets, Jewelry Items (both genders), *Bikes, Skateboards, Cologne/Perfume Sets, Purses or Backpacks, Wallets, Sports Equipment (all types)

*Bikes = please ensure they are **not** assembled and are still in the box!
This allows for easier transport of the gift.



Learn more at www.bearesourcehouston.org or by scanning the QR code!