

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



November 2022

Coming Up Next Month:



**The deadline is quickly approaching
to sign up to attend our
December Holiday Luncheon!**

December 1, 2022 ~ 11:30 am

Pioneer Memorial Log House

**Invitation and reservation form attached to this
newsletter**

**Menu: Beef, Chicken & shrimp fajitas with all of
the fixings**

Reservations are due by November 23

CRT News! Just wanted to share that we dropped off 120 donated books for Books Between Kids on behalf of our CRT chapter! Our CRT members were asked to bring a new or gently used book to our September meeting. We collected a respectable little pile. Then, new member Patti Randolph contacted me and said that her grandchildren (new CRT members) had gone through their books and had several bags for us!



Books Between Kids is a local non-profit that provides books for children in need for their own home libraries. <https://www.booksbetweenkids.org>

Pictured above: Lorien Wolter, CRT Officer

-Tish Wolter

From the President:

Welcome to the Holiday Season! We look forward to seeing you at our December Luncheon on Thursday, December 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m., and our Open House on Sunday, December 4, 2022, 2:00 p.m., both at our Log House. Our Luncheon reservations are due before Thanksgiving. See the form attached to this newsletter and send it in now, either by mail or electronically! The Open House will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus and will include a holiday party for our Children of the Republic of Texas. Please bring a gift for a child in CPS custody in Harris County. We are donating through BEAR; a letter of suggested gift ideas is attached.

October was a busy month. We held our New Member Open House on October 15th and hope to continue this yearly. Our District VI workshop was held at the Monument Inn on October 22nd. Thank you so much to the wonderful ladies who represented us: Carla Brown, Vanessa Flores, Gwen Koch, Gwen Kunz, Carolyn Raney (affiliate), Patti Randolph, Susan Stormer, Roni Thelen, Tish Wolter, and Luanne Zacek. See info in this newsletter about the new DRT website and how to sign up!

We hope you and your family are well and happy. Keep us posted on your lives and enjoy the upcoming holidays!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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New Cushions for the Log House Chairs



Our historic folding chairs in the Log House have new cushions. After displaying the three color options available for the chosen cushion at an Executive Board meeting and for San Jacinto Chapter members at the October chapter meeting, a colorful combination of the three colors -- light grey, black, and red -- has been selected as the best option.

The previous red check and blue check cushions had been handmade and donated to the chapter by Tina Shelton, a former member of the chapter, who served as the chapter data base operator. The new cushions are a simple commercial type, with a no-slip feature to prevent the cushion slipping off the seat of the chair. Thanks to Log House Committee members Debra Grigsby and Gwen Kunz for finding these cushions.

-Sharolyn Wood

Getting the Log House Ready for the Holidays

You are invited
to join our chapter daughters
to decorate the Pioneer Memorial Log House
for chapter holiday activities and holiday rentals.

November 29 -- "Decorate the Log House"
Deck the Hall at the Log House with Greenery
Trim the Tree with Unique Chapter Decorations

November 30 -- "Decorate the Holiday Tables"
Set the Holiday Tables for San Jacinto Chapter Holiday Luncheon

We'll be working from 9 o'clock to 2 o'clock-ish each day.
Join old friends and make new ones.
Come early or catch up later. Let us know when you can come.

Questions?
Gwen Koch (713) 826-9061; jkoch111949@att.net
Sharolyn Wood (713) 305-2750; woodsharolyn@aol.com

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SJC Members attend District VI/IX Workshop



Several of us, along with the Country Store, attended the District VI/IX combined workshop at The Monument Inn. It was well attended and our National officers updated us on our National Organization. Items of particular note: 1). Since we now have out-of-state chapters, we are now considered a national organization and the "state" by-laws and manual of procedure have been updated to reflect that. 2). A presentation was given about the new national website which is now a secure website. We were also given instructions for establishing a login on the new site. A copy of those instructions is attached to this newsletter.

While the website is still in its early stages, many improvements will be added as time and volunteers permit.

We had a really good turnout of our CRT members as well and they were able to check off one of their 4-Star goals!"

- Carla Brown



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Holiday Open House

Holiday Open House
Sunday, December 4th 2:00 - 4:00

The San Jacinto Chapter is excited to invite members and friends of the Pioneer Memorial to a Holiday Open House. The Log House will be ready to celebrate the holidays -- the tree decorated, the fireplace lit, and goodies ready to eat. (See attached invitation)

You and your family are invited to join us for refreshments from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock on Sunday, December 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be at the Log House to meet and greet our younger guests.

Unwrapped toys are being collected for CPS children. The information about helping make Christmas bright for these children is attached.

A year-long project to restore the "logs" of the old structure has given the Log House a new life. Please come see how the newly restored logs shine. Thank you to *Lone Star Log Specialties* for their work!

The contract to build the log house as a "mecca for Texas Centennial visitors and celebrants in 1936" was signed with builder John MacKay on November 27, 1935, eighty-seven years ago. Robert Morris, president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, provided over two hundred and fifty pine logs. The City of Houston donated the land in honor of John K. and George Allen, founders of the city.

We hope to see you all at the Log House this Christmas.

~Sharolyn Wood, 5th Vice President, Chair, Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee

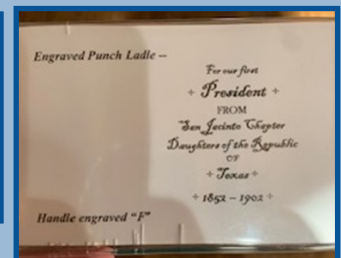
News From the Social Committee



The pics of the punch ladle and the card pictured right was appropriately used in celebrating SJC's 131st birthday.

Hostesses for our November 3 meeting were Liz Leifeste, Lisa Braly, Jamie Moran and Gwen Koch. Liz helped the celebration with Happy Birthday San Jacinto DRT cookies.

If you would like to help with a future meeting, contact Gwen Koch at 713/826-9061 or jkoch11949@att.net



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News from Membership Committee

*Daughters of The Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter
Welcomes our newest members
These ladies will be honored at the December Luncheon
Pioneer Memorial Log House
December 1st, 2022*

Georgeanna Tonneson
Dianne Allen
Katherine Allen
Joan Graham
Michelle Lancaster
Ofira Merkle
Cathryn Narramore
Elizabeth Alexandra Rose
Patricia Mooney Bassine
Allie Bassine Scheurich
Margaret McDonald
Dianna Burnett Patterson
Dirkira Cobb
Mary Feances Schnaak Munn
April Townsend
Mary Ashleigh Townsend
Evie Marie Raney Barrett

Samuel Lindley
Samuel Lindley
Samuel Lindley
Samuel Lindley
Antonio Garcia
Antonio Garcia
George Washington Robinson
Robert Mosby Eastland
Sarah Allen
Sarah Allen
Louis Martin
Jesse Gregory
David Cobb
Jesse Burdett
Jesse Burdett
Jesse Burdett
John McAdams

**Are you having trouble coming up with the perfect holiday gifts
or time to get out and shop?**

Come shop at San Jacinto Chapter's Country Store!

**We have wonderful Texas related clothing, books and ornaments which include
the new Texas Capitol Ornament for 2022.**

**And you can be pleased to know that 100% of profits go to support our Pioneer
Memorial Log House.**

I look forward to seeing you shop with us soon!

Gwen Koch

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San Jacinto Chapter - 2022~2023 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2022

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. November 19
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. November 29
 Holiday Luncheon Setup Workday, Log House, 10 a.m. Nov. 30
Holiday Luncheon at the Log House, 11:30 a.m. December 1
 Christmas Open House at the Log House, 2-4 p.m. December 4
 ~ And CRT Holiday Event!

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. December 17

2023

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. January 5
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 10 a.m. January 19
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. January 21
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 am February 2
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. February 16
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. February 18
 Chapter Field Trip, Celebrate TX Independence! March 2
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. March 16
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. March 18
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. April 6
 San Jacinto Day Ceremony April 21
 No Open House April 22
 Reception for Essay Contest winners and April 30
 Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.
 DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio May 4 – May 6
 ~Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. May 11
 Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. May 18
 Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. May 20
 June Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. June 1
 CRT Annual Convention, Center, Texas June 23-24

We would love to have lots of help to decorate our Christmas tree and the log house on Tuesday, November 29; and to help us set the tables Wednesday, November 30 for our Holiday Luncheon; and to help with last minute table settings before the luncheon Thursday morning, December 1. Registration to attend the luncheon is attached to this newsletter.

And we have a quick turnaround to get ready for San Jacinto Chapter's Holiday Open House which will be Sunday, December 4. Help needed Friday, December 2 for the changeover, and again on Sunday for the event- help with refreshments, CRT crafts, Santa, etc. and we want everyone to come, bring family and enjoy kicking off the Holiday Season.

All of this is fun and a wonderful way to make new friends in SJC DRT.



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!



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Republic of Texas Museum Art Contest!

Calling all artistic and creative CRT members!!

The Republic of Texas Museum has an art contest that we want to let you know about. For those who are interested, you can find the link to the brochure at <https://www.drinfo.org>, "Republic of Texas Art Contest" under the 'Learn' tab.

The Republic of Texas Museum Art Contest is held to document Texas historical sites, events, activities and individual(s) in the various districts of Texas during the days prior to 1850. Entries are to be sent directly to The Republic of Texas Museum. There is no advancement through DRT chapters. All entrants must be associated with a chapter within one of the ten DRT districts.

There are three different contests:

- 1) Poster contest for grades 1-5***
- 2) Original artwork for grades 6-8***
- 3) Original artwork for grades 9-12***

In each of the ten districts, 1st-3rd place winners will be chosen in each division.

1st Place Winners: \$100

2nd Place Winners: \$75

3rd Place Winners: \$50

Please contact Tish Wolter at tishwolter@mac.com if you have any questions.





**San Jacinto Chapter
Fall 2022 Bylaws Committee
Supplemental Report to the Chapter**

REPORT: San Jacinto Chapter Bylaws are amended to comply with the DRT Bylaws Amendments from 2021 and 2022 Conventions.

DISCUSSION. Bylaws amendments from conventions in 2021 and 2022 which relate to chapter bylaws are incorporated into the San Jacinto Chapter bylaws pursuant to Daughters of the Republic of Texas Bylaws, Article XIV, which states, “*Any amendment to the Bylaws shall become the law of the chapters without chapter vote.*”

ARTICLE. II – OBJECTIVES

Section 2. To . . . encourage the publication of records of individual service of the soldiers, **sailors**, and patriots of the Republic, and other source material for the history of Texas.

Section 3. To promote the celebration of Texas Honor Days:
Treaty of Velasco Day. May 14

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

C. Emerita: A member of 15 years or more is eligible to become an **emerita** member if she is placed in long-term care, is **permanently** incapacitated, or finances make it difficult for her to continue to pay dues. Emerita members have all the rights and privileges of Chapter Members **in their chapter. No Emerita member may serve in an office as defined in Article V.**

ARTICLE IV. DUES AND FEES.

A. Annual Dues. The annual dues of chapter members are **\$75 [state dues \$50; chapter dues \$25]. Dues are payable in advance and are nonrefundable. Proviso: The change in state dues from \$45 to \$50 takes effect March 1, 2023. After that date, the contents of this proviso may be removed from chapter bylaws without further vote.** Associate and affiliate dues are the same amount as chapter dues.

C. First Dues for New Members. DRT annual dues for new members shall be paid with their examination fee for the current fiscal year. **New members whose applications are approved** in the months of March, April, and May **are** not liable for **annual** dues until the following fiscal year.

E. Fees. State DRT fees are as follows: examination fee for new members **of \$70, one-time nonrefundable** posthumous fee **of \$150**, reinstatement fee **of \$25**, transfer fee **of \$25**, and **examination fee for each** supplemental **application** fee **of \$50. –The examination fee is waived for members of CRT who join** DRT before **their 21st** birthday. A chapter processing fee of \$25 will be charged for processing DRT application forms. A chapter processing fee of \$15 will be charged for **each** supplemental **form**,

chapter **transfer**, affiliate **member**, associate **member**, CRT application **form**, and CRT to DRT **transfer**.

Art. IX – Duties of Officers.

Section 2. President. She will send to DRT Headquarters **and her District Representative the** list of new officers as **required by** the MOP, submit reports and forms as required by the MOP, sign all applications for membership, and co-sign, . . .

Section 9. Chaplain. . . . She will receive notification of the death of a member and forward that information to the Chaplain General, . . .

*Note: Chaplain's duty to notify **DRT Headquarters** eliminated.* -

Sharolyn Wood, 5th Vice President
Chair, Bylaws Committee
October 15, 2022

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

*Holiday Luncheon December 1, 2022
11:30 a.m.*

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

\$40 per person



=====*Register and/or pay online [Online Reservation Form](#)*=====

OR

=====*Print and mail with your check*=====

*San Jacinto Chapter Holiday Luncheon
December 1, 2022 11:30 a.m.*

Reservations must be received by November 23, 2022

Reservation for _____

My Guest _____

please limit to One Guest per Member

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

*Mail to: Carla Brown
5220 Wesleyan C103
Houston, TX 77005-1079
treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com*

*Help to make a needy child's Christmas brighter by bringing an unwrapped gift to the luncheon.
No time to shop - purchase a book from our Country Store!*



Christmas at the Log House

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

Christmas Open House

December 4, 2022 · 2 – 4 pm

1510 Cambridge Street in the Houston Medical Center

***If the parking lot is full, park in the Ben Taub garage and we will supply
vouchers.***

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

*All who attend are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a child between the
age of 7 – 12 in CPS custody to be donated to BEARing Gifts, a local
children's charity. See attached flyer.*

*RSVP by Monday, November 28, 2022 to sjcdrtpres@gmail.com if you will
attend so that we have enough treats for everyone. Children and
grandchildren are welcome!*



Help BEAR fulfill the holiday wishes of over **19,000 abused, neglected, and at-risk children** this holiday season through our **BEARing Gifts** program!



Gift Suggestions

Infants:

Nursery Toys, Teething Toys, Ride-On Toys, Sit-To-Stand Walkers, Activity Mats, Soft Building Blocks

Toddlers:

Toy Trucks/Cars, Action Figures/Dolls, Costume/Dress Up Items, Building Blocks, Stuffed Animals, Play Food/Dishes, Interactive Learning Toys (VTech)

Children (up to 12 years old):

Action Figures/Dolls, Tween Make-Up Sets, Arts and Crafts Kits, Science/Discovery Kits, Puzzles, Legos, Remote Control Cars/Helicopters

Children (13+):

Tablets, Bluetooth Headphones, Digital/Instant Camera (with refills), Make-Up Sets, Nail Polish, Bath & Body Sets, Jewelry Items (both genders), Cologne/Perfume Sets, Purses/Wallets

General Toys:

Bikes*, Scooters, Sports Equipment (all types), Board Games, Handheld Gaming Device, Tablets

*Bikes = please ensure they are not assembled and are still in the box.



Scan to learn more about **BEARing Gifts!**



How to Login to the DRT Website

***If you have already created a password, please ignore the instructions below.
From July 25, 2022 forward www.drinfo.org is the correct website to login .***

Welcome to our ***new Daughters of the Republic (DRT) website***. The following are tips for signing in and using the new website. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact DRT Headquarters.

First things first: For security reasons, Members need to set up a new password to gain access to their account. To do this, follow the steps noted below.

1. Click the button to open the new system, and then choose "Forgot password?"



[Sign In to drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org)

2. Enter the Member's DRT number (6-digit number including the leading zero) in the Username field and click "Submit." Associate Members will enter their email address in the Username field. This generates an email to Headquarters requesting a new password

3. Email notification: Members will receive an email that will send a link to set a new password. Click this link and continue to step 4.

Remember to check your junk folder for the email. If you do not receive the email, please contact Headquarters.

4. Follow these steps to create a password:

- In the "Username" window, enter your DRT number (six-digit number including leading 0)
- enter new password (minimum 7 characters)
- confirm password
- click "Submit"

A Member will now be able to sign in using their DRT number and new password. Members will be taken to the DRT Home page where they will find information that was on the old DRT websites.