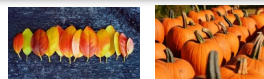


# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



October 2020

Coming Up Next:

November 5: "The Women's Suffrage Movement in Texas"  
- Anne Sloan



Our October 1 virtual Chapter meeting was a success!

Those in attendance listened to a wonderful presentation by Abbie Grubb on the History of the Battleship Texas. There were 31 members in attendance. Instructions and details for the November 5th virtual Chapter meeting will be sent soon!



Pictured: Some of our Members at the October 1 meeting listening avidly to Abbie's presentation.

November Program for our upcoming General Meeting

How timely is our November program: "The Women's Suffrage Movement in Texas?" Our speaker, Anne Sloan, recently co-curated a fascinating exhibit on this topic for the Heritage Society, currently on view in the museum at Sam Houston Park. A longtime resident of Houston Heights, Anne has written numerous books on this area of our city as well as other topics, including the history of Lamar High School, alma mater of many of our members. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts from the University of Houston.

As a women's organization, it always is wonderful to hear about the accomplishments of our female ancestors. I hope everyone voted on Tuesday and for that privilege, you can thank these women Anne will tell us about.

-Nancy Burch

From the President:

Our October Chapter Meeting was held virtually on October 1st and we had our first speaker since the pandemic started! Amazingly, all went well!

Our speaker was Dr. Abbie Grubb, History Professor at San Jacinto Community College. She talked about the history of the Battleship Texas and we learned so much! It was commissioned in 1914 and, for six months, was the largest battleship in the world! It was the first battleship to launch a plane off her decks and, in 1944, was the flagship of Normandy. In 1948, Houston raised the money to have her brought to San Jacinto. She will soon be towed to dry dock for repairs, probably in Mobile, Alabama, for at least 18 months and then be returned to a port in Texas with high traffic, but not to San Jacinto.

Next month our meeting will be via ZOOM on November 5, 2020, at 10:30 am and our guest speaker will be Ann Sloane. She will talk to us about Women's Suffrage. Can you imagine not being allowed to vote?! Please try to join us!

We also ratified six motions and approved two reinstatements for membership along with two new Prospective Members: Sherrill Elizondo and Luisa Milby Feagin. Welcome! We will attach a copy of the minutes with this email.

See you in November!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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We need your birthdays!

Pictured: Our sweet Margie Forster pruning Granny's Yellow Rose!

## October Birthdays

At this time, these are the only members who have shared their birthdate information so we can recognize them in the monthly newsletter. These are our October members to whom we wish a Happy Birthday!

Ann Earline "Lin" Johnson	October 1
Peggy Payne	October 1
Susan Sheeren	October 2
Sally Whittington	October 2
Lisa Braley	October 9
Brenda Stover	October 9
Laura Fowell	October 14
Caroline "Cary" Prince	October 17
Mary Caroline Corrigan	October 27

If we missed your birthday, please be sure and get that information to our database manager, Susan Stormer. Remember to send the Month, Day and YEAR. [susan@familyaggies.com](mailto:susan@familyaggies.com)



Welcome new CRT Members!

## SJC Welcomes New CRT Members!

Our Chapter has ten new CRT members as of January 2020. This brings our total CRT membership to 61!

Fitzpatrick, Fletcher Stewart  
**Ancestor:** Charles Bellinger Stewart

Fowell, Colin Thomas  
Fowell, Emma Marie  
Fowell, Grace Leigh  
**Ancestor:** Stephen Williamson

Hennessy, Molly Margaret  
**Ancestor:** Carl Friedrich Blumberg

Klementich, Anthony Paul  
**Ancestor:** Mariano Cabrera

Sheffer, Abigail Emma  
Sheffer, Daniel Wesley  
Sheffer, John David  
Sheffer, Suzanna Isabel  
**Ancestor:** Casper J. Habermacher

Pictured: Anthony Paul  
Klementich





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Did you know...



**LOG HOUSE TREASURES ~** These two paintings of frontiersmen being chased by Indians were painted by Mrs. Harriet Lewin Rather. In 1940 Dr. E. N. Gray donated these paintings to the Chapter to be “placed in the Log Cabin as a memorial to Mrs. Gentry,” daughter of the artist.

**Mrs. Harriet Lewin Rather.** “What do we know about this lady who painted our frontiersmen and Indians? She was born in Tennessee in 1808, grew up and married in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Then when she was about 32 years of age with at least two children her husband apparently felt the lure of the land in the Republic of Texas.....

An entry in a Tuscaloosa deed book dated 1841 gives us the name of Harriet’s husband: ‘Deed of gift from Charles Lewin to daughter, Harriet, wife of James Rather....slave deed.’ There is a record of James Rather buying 640 acres in Fort Bend County in 1840. His name then disappears from the records, and in 1845 Harriet and son William Samuel Rather are on the poll lists of Texas. In 1850 they are shown in Houston along with daughter Mary Frances who has become the wife of Abraham Gentry, who made his mark building early Texas railroads. Harriet continues to be listed in the Houston city directories until 1879-80 when she apparently died. Her grave has not been found but the Gentry’s are buried in Glenwood Cemetery.” *Docent Manual: Ilyne McJimsey Olson, Genealogy Researcher, member of SJCRT.*

**Dr. E. N. Gray (1861-1940)** was personal friends with Mrs. Gentry and saw the paintings every time he visited Mrs. Gentry over a period of many years. At her death in 1917, Mrs. Gentry bequeathed the paintings to Dr. Gray because she knew how much he valued them. Our membership records show that his sister Fanny Gray Dumble (1855 -1935) and her daughters Rosalie Dumble Davis and Milly Gray Dumble were early members of our chapter.

His Houston Chronicle obituary dated October 20, 1940 states: *As a small boy he lived on the courthouse square and was an eyewitness to many exciting events. He was the second son and youngest child of A. C. and Amanda Bostick Gray. He was born on July 13, 1861 and although only a small boy at the end of the civil war he remembered the coming of the Yankee soldiers and the subsequent events. Dr. Gray attended private schools in Houston, there being no public schools in those days, and later enrolled in the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1893.*

Dr. Gray was a prominent Houston physician, a charter member and President of the Harris County Medical Association in 1905. He was also a past president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. His father had been editor of the early Houston Telegraph newspaper. His grandfather William Fairfax Gray came from Virginia in 1836 and received several appointments from Sam Houston. He served as the first clerk of the first house of representatives of the new republic and later the first district attorney of this district. Dr. Gray was a student and author of Texas history. He wrote a series of articles for the Chronicle relating to Texas during the Reconstruction Era. Source: *Docent Manual* - Gwen Kunz

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From Gwen Koch—4th Vice President

We are so appreciative of gifts made by members and friends of our chapter for our chapter and log house. With gifts last year, we were able to finally install the new HVAC system, storage closet, kitchen floor, some electrical, and some plumbing. And the year before, foundation work, new front porch and handicap ramp.

There is still lots to be done. A historic conservationist said we must install French drains around the house and remove any obsolete materials under the house to improve air flow under the house. This coupled with the new HVAC system will ensure that our historic artifacts have proper climate control. In clearing out the attic and old closet, and packing up our displays, some preservation and conservation of artifacts needs have been discovered. We still need to treat and seal logs, and chinking as needed. Our security system needs to be updated. Electrical, plumbing and the grounds still need work. Old houses always need help.

Thank you to those who have made gifts to us this year. Gifts received through September 30 are listed below. There is always a donor form in the newsletter. If any of you have a relationship with a funding source, please contact me, Gwen Koch, 4th Vice President, jkoch11949@att.net, 713/826-9061, or 2015 Banks St. Houston 77098.

## Friends of the Log House and Chapter\* Donations Gifts received June 1 - September 30, 2020

### Platinum Star

Anonymous – In Support of Vince’s Bridge Marker  
Carol Theilen – In Memory of Kae Theilen  
Sharolyn Wood – In Memory of Marje Harris\*  
In Memory of Betty Petty\*  
In Memory of Ester Simon  
In Memory of Margaret Standard

### Lone Star

Amy Sopchak – In Memory of Margaret Standard

### Gold Star

Carol Haddock \*  
Shining Star  
Nancy Barton \*  
Nancy Burch – In Memory of Ester Simon  
In Memory of Marje Harris  
Rose Calhoun  
Susan Caraway \* - In Memory of Dorothy Skolaut  
Marilyn Chapman \*  
Jane Fieldcamp \*  
Mary Henderson\*  
Laura Kaplan \* - In Memory of Bootsie Pierce  
Anne Kennett – In Memory of Charlotte Williams Darby  
Gwen Koch \*  
Gwen Kunz  
Liz Leifeste – In Memory of Marje Harris

Tamara Mailloux \*  
Mary Montgomery  
Peggy Payne  
Randy Pollard  
Brenda Puckett \* - In Memory of Judy Calvin  
In Honor of Marilyn Chapman  
Susan Sheeren \*  
Brooke & Karolyn Smith – In Honor of Sally Whittington  
Diana Stachowiak \*  
Brenda Stover – In Memory of Marje Harris  
In Memory of Margaret Standard  
Francita Ulmer  
Sandra Wellen \*  
Sally Whittington - In Memory of Clare Deaver\*  
In Memory of Meg Sparks

### Silver Star

Rhonda Barclay  
Martha Bodine  
Gina Bouchard – In Memory of Doris Chapman  
Charlotte Anne Brent  
Bette Burkett \*  
Carrie Fisher  
Kelly Fisher  
Susan Gaze

Martha Haydel  
Margaret McGinty \*  
Michaelene Norton\*  
Mary Powell  
Caroline Prince \*  
Anita Walls \*  
Sharlet Warner

### Texas Star

Sharon Adams\*  
Tonya Anderson\*  
Elizabeth Arp\*  
Linda Beverlin\*  
Jan Broadway\*  
Carla Brown  
Laurie Carl \*  
Frances Carr  
Bana Caskey  
Sarah Dikeman\* - In Memory of Sally Woolrich  
Catherine Doxtater\*  
Shelley Gottschalk  
Martha Hirsch – In Memory of Lila Smith  
Kroger  
Nancy Peebles\*  
Laura Smith\*  
Martha Strang  
Beckie Stockstill-Cobb\* - In Memory of Mary Dell Rosier  
Ann Tanner

We are looking for donations to help fund the following items:

~New Chapter Flag ~ ZOOM extended time for six months ~ new covers for chair cushions ~ restoration and treatment of ends of logs ~ new lighting for dining room ~ new lighting for outdoor security ~ restoration of antique dolls ~ ladies’ dresses ~ Paintings ~ photos of DRT Presidents General from our Chapter and so much more!

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## San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

### 2020

Chapter Meeting (10:30 Meeting)	November 5
Holiday Luncheon (11:30 Tony's Restaurant)	December 3
Holiday Open House at the Log House	December 19

### 2021

Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	January 7
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	February 4
Celebration of 85th Birthday of the Log House and 185th Birthday of Houston and of Texas	February 27
Texas Independence Day	March 2
Chapter Field Trip (TBA)	March 4
Texas History Pioneer Day	March 15
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	April 1
San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
"Come and Sip It" Fund Raiser	(TBA Spring)
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	May 6
DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio	May 13- May15
June Luncheon	June 3

Would you like to be part of history at the Log House?

Become a Docent. The Docents Committee is responsible for conveying to visitors the history of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, Pioneer Memorial Log House, and the chapter early Texas history collection. Join our Log House committee to preserve history. The Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee has the responsibility to preserve, care for, and maintain the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the chapter early Texas history collection, Brooks Cottage, the gardens, and associated grounds.

If you would like to be a Docent or a member of The Log House Committee, please contact Sharolyn Wood, wood-sharolyn@aol.com or (713) 305-2750.



## Order your Texas Capitol ornament!

Texas Capitol Ornament  
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the  
Texas Ornament  
Program



This special ornament is available from the Country Store at the Pioneer Memorial Log House for \$25. Order now from Luanne Zacek. [email lzacek@hotmail.com; cell (713) 962-0398]

Watch for more news on how you can shop from the Country Store in compliance with current guidelines.

"This year's ornament design was inspired by the south façade of the statehouse and pays homage to the very first Texas Capitol Ornament designed in 1996. Finished in 24K gold, this three-dimensional keepsake features the Capitol dome and south entrance, colored in the same hue as the Texas Sunset Red granite used to build the Capitol. Above the south entrance are the six seals of Texas. The Capitol dome is complimented by the American flag and Texas flag, flying just as they do every day over Capitol Square. The doors open to reveal the statehouse south foyer, framed by the marble statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston, which were sculpted by celebrated artist Elisabet Ney in her Hyde Park studio in Austin, Texas. Inside, you can see the circa 1936 terrazzo floor leading to the Capitol rotunda that showcases portraits of the Presidents of the Republic and Governors of the State of Texas." From the Texas Capitol Gift Shop



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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!*

*A heartfelt thank you!*

*Thank you to Laura-Hill Taylor who has generously donated her mother's 1929 piano to our Chapter. Our old upright is broken inside and cannot be tuned, so we are thrilled to have a piano we can have tuned regularly!*

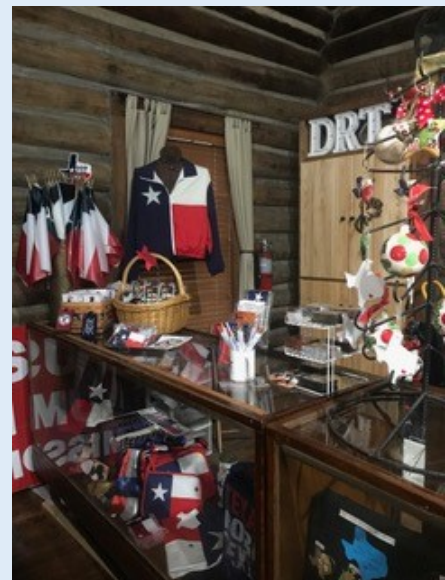
**Next Chapter Meeting:**

**Via Zoom**

**November 5, 2020**

**Our annual yearbook is being printed and will be available soon!**

**Please let us know if you are interested in ordering anything from our Country Store and we will bag it up for you. Drive-by Pick-up Days at the Log House are Thursday, 10/22/10 and Saturday, 11/7/20. We will also allow a few shoppers at a time to come in and browse and shop, but you need to let either Gwen Koch, Carla Brown, or Sharolyn Wood know what time you'd like to come.**



# 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.

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

*Holiday Luncheon  
December 3, 2020 11:30 a.m.*

*Tony's  
3755 Richmond Ave  
Houston, TX 77046*

*\$39 per person  
(Valet parking is \$5 per car)*

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

*San Jacinto Chapter Holiday Luncheon  
December 3, 2020 11:30 a.m.  
Reservations must be received by November 20, 2020*

*Please print*

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

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

*Check for \$39 each payable to:  
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*Mail to: Jamie Moran  
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Houston, TX 77035  
713-584-0254*