

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



October 2021

Coming Up Next Month:

November 7: Chapter Birthday Celebration and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Speaker: Justice Ken Wise

Please join us to celebrate the 130th birthday of our beloved San Jacinto Chapter. We will also have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the renovation of Brooks' Cottage.



Justice Ken Wise sits on the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston. He traces his ancestry back to the Republic of Texas in 1836. Born and raised in Houston, he attended Texas A&M University where he competed on the intercollegiate rodeo team. He attended law school at the University of Houston and practiced law for eight years before taking the bench as judge of the 152nd and 334th District Courts.

Justice Wise has studied Texas history since his youth and has a tremendous passion for the stories and values that built Texas. He enjoys reading and writing about Texas history and has published scholarly articles in several different journals. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Texas State Historical Association and the Texas Historical Foundation. He also is a trustee of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society. Justice Wise started his podcast, "Wise About Texas," to preserve and promote Texas history.

- Submitted by Nancy Burch

Cookbook Update

Unfortunately, we still do not have enough recipe submissions to be able to put together a Chapter cookbook before Christmas. The deadline has been extended to January 15. Please email your typed out recipes to:

lkkaplan@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!!

From the President:

We had a great turn-out for our first meeting of the 2021 – 2022 DRT year! Our guest speaker was Dr. Paul Spellman who told us some amazing stories about Texas' patriot, Ashbel Smith. We encouraged Dr. Spellman to write a book about this fascinating man!

The meeting was a long one because we had to ratify motions from four months of Executive Board meetings (June through September) and we had a large number of prospective new members, as well as Associate, Affiliate, and Reinstated Members to approve. We also were happy to meet all of our new Officers for this two-year term and hear what they have been doing over the summer.

We remembered six amazing women who have died and welcomed several new babies to our San Jacinto Chapter family. It was great to see everyone. Thanks to the Board who brought us a feast of goodies!

Our November meeting will be an important one also. We will celebrate the 130th Birthday of our San Jacinto Chapter DRT with a birthday cake and will also be celebrating the renovation of Brooks' Cottage with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. We hope you can join us either at the Log House at 9:30 am on November 7th or via Zoom at 10:30!

Our December meeting on December 2nd will be a Luncheon at the Log House! And we will have an Open House on December 5th which will include a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Santa for your children and/or grand-children!!

Our Big Project for this week is the hostessing of the District VI Workshop. We will have a Field Trip to the San Jacinto Battlegrounds at 9:15 am on Friday, October 15th and a Reception that evening from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Log House. Supper is being catered by 'Picnic'. On Saturday, we will meet at the brand-new Blossom Hotel at 9:00 am to meet our State (National!) Officers and greet our sister chapters from District VI. Please contact our Treasurer, Carla Brown, if you would like to attend. We hope to see you soon!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Membership Corner

Welcome New Members June 2021 to September 2021:

New Members

Angela Gina Stewart Brohammer	Ancestor: Joseph Linsicomb
Mary Amel Roumayah Baring	Ancestor: Epps Gibbons
Teal Garner Tigner Reamer	Ancestor: Sarah Tally
Christin Dietze	Ancestor: John McCrabb
Isabelle DiStefano	Ancestor: Alfred Farrer
Heather Henderson	Ancestor: Joel Allen Burditt
Rachel Loine Kaplan	Ancestor: John Washington Rose
Sarah Michelle Kaplan	Ancestor: John Washington Rose
Hannah Wolfert	Ancestor: Peter Tumlinson

Associate Members:

Susan K. Long

Transfers:

Barbara Short	Ancestor: Abner George Alexander Beazley MD
Mary Carpenter	Ancestor: Seth Cary
Rebecca King	Ancestor: Seth Cary
Trudi Coston Becht	Ancestor: Joseph Ferguson

Affiliate Members:

Anita Cooper	Ancestors: Thomas Rice, Elizabeth Rice, Oliver Rice, Seymour Gary
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Welcome New 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

Super-fun CRT Event!!

On Saturday, September 18, 2021, our chapter hosted the first CRT event for 2021-2022. Eight children, 10 San Jacinto DRT members, and 2 gentlemen took an historical boat tour



aboard Buffalo Bayou Partnership's pontoon boat, the Spirit of the Bayou. The 1 ½ hour ride departed the docks at Allen's Landing at 10:00 a.m. and meandered through the heart of downtown along historic Buffalo Bayou past Sesqui-centennial Park, the Sabine Promenade, the McKee Street Bridge, Tinsley Park, and much more. We spotted an alligator swimming right by our boat! At the trip's conclusion, CRT members had a brief meeting

on the banks of the bayou and introduced themselves to each other. It was a good start to what we expect to be a great year in CRT!

-Cat Baen Hennessy,
3rd VP



Welcome Future New Members!!

Fain Ellyce Hoerster, DOB 6/12/21. She weighed 7 lb 2 oz. Daughter of member Morgan Fain Braly-Hoerster. Granddaughter of member Lisa Braly. Congratulations!

Clementine Teresa Smith DOB 06/22/2021. She weighed 8 lbs, Daughter of member Danika Smith. Grandniece of member Kathy Vossler and Susan Caraway. Congratulations!

Sawyer Brooks Blumfield, DOB 07/29/21 son of member Jessica Liss Blumfield, grandson of Deborah Liss-Frank, and great-grandson of Jamie Moran. Congratulations!

Anna Josephine Brown Born 09-24-21, 7lbs 12 oz Grand Daughter of member Mary Milby. Congratulations!

Got an announcement to share (births, graduations, marriages and such)? Please email us at dgrig1@comcast.net and we will put it in the newsletter.

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Donor Recognitions

Donations

Friends of the Log House and San Jacinto Chapter*

June 1 - September 30, 2021

Platinum Star

Miki Norton
Carol Theilen*
Susan Whitfield*

Lone Star

Laura Kaplan*
Gwen Kunz
Sharolyn Wood*

Gold Star

Donna Haas
Carol Haddock*
Gwen Koch*

Network for Good*

Eron Tynes* ~ In Memory of Esther Simon and In Honor of Beth
McCarty

Shining Star

Peggy Payne Becker*
Ann Bevil*
Charlotte Brent*

Nancy Burch ~ In Honor of Beth McCarty and Carla Brown
Susan Caraway*
Laura Cox *

Jane Fieldcamp*
Mary Henderson

Anne Kennett* ~ In Memory of Charlotte Darby
Bonnie Meine

Mary Sue Montgomery
Nancy Peebles*

Brenda Puckett* ~ In Memory of Judy Calvin and In Honor of
Marilyn Chapman
Diana Stachowiak
Dianne Stool*

Anita Walls* ~ In Memory of Marilyn Van Way
Sandra Wellen*

Luanne Zacek ~ In Memory of Margaret Standard and Kay Thelan

Silver Star

Linda Beverlin
Martha Bodine*
Bette Burkett*
Bana Caskey*
Cathy Doxtater*
Vanessa Flores*
Kathy Fountain
Martha Hirsch
Carole Lawson*
Liz Leifeste*
Beth McCarty*
Margaret McGinty*
Beverly McMahan
Caroline Prince
Susan Sheeren

Donations (continued)

Silver Star (continued)

Martha Strang* ~ In Honor of Olivia Sable Waffle
Kathy Vossler*

Texas Star

Sharyn Baker*
Mary Anne Baring*
Linda Barnes*
Cheryl Barta*
Bridgett Becker
Susan Boykin
Laurie Carl*
Addie Christansen
Mary Corrigan*

Sarah Dikeman* ~ In Memory of Sarah "Sally" Woolrich
Susan Gaze*

Shelly Gottschalk*
Imogene Hill

Martha Hirsch*
Anne Kennett
Amy Lauders*

Melinda McMahan*
Tamara Mailloux*

Mary Milby*
Elysee Peavy*

Brenda Puckett*
Alice Calderon Rivera*

Josephine Rodgers
Martha Rogers

Beckie Stockstill*
Brenda Stover*

Dana Stover*
Ann Tanner

Charlotte Taylor
Sharlet Warner

Susan Whitfield*

Other Gifts

Emma Hanan
Bonnie Hutton*
Ann Colley Johnson*
Dr. Lorena Maher*
Sylvia Peebles*
Tish Wolter*

-Submitted by Gwen Koch

A big THANK YOU for your
generosity!

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San Jacinto Chapter - 2021~2022 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2021

District VI Workshop October 15
9:00 – 3:00 – Field Trip to San Jacinto Battlefield
5:30 – 7:30 – Wine Reception, Tour, and Box Supper at the Pioneer Memorial Log House

District VI Workshop October 16
9:00 – 2:00 Saturday Workshop at the Blossom Hotel

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. October 21

Open House for Brook's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. November 4

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. November 4
~ 130 Birthday Celebration of San Jacinto Chapter

Official Birthday of our Chapter – 9 Nov 1891 November 9

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 Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m. May 1

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. May 5

DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio 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



*Save the date
For our Annual
Holiday Luncheon
December 2, 2021*

11:30 am at the Pioneer

Memorial Log House

Reservations Forms coming soon!



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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!

Shake that Family Tree!

**I hear from many of you
about a family member
who has expressed an interest in
joining San Jacinto Chapter.**

**We are starting our
membership drive
so now is the time for you
to send me the
name, phone and/or email address.
I will reach out to them.**

**My email address is dgrig1@comcast.net
Thanks!**

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

Please review the proposed
Bylaws amendments
attached to the end of this
newsletter!

**San Jacinto Chapter
2021-2023 Bylaws Committee
September 15, 2021 – Report to the Chapter**

REPORT. The bylaws committee considered the amendment requests received and reviewed the current Bylaws for inconsistencies and omissions.

Five categories are addressed in the proposed amendments:

- 1) defining duties of retiring officers.
- 2) addressing requests relating to chapter and executive board meetings.
- 3) emphasizing the chapter’s purpose to “teach Texas.”
- 4) restructuring the Log House Committee and committees supporting the Log House.
- 5) “housekeeping” amendments.

The proposed changes follow, grouped in the categories described.

Category 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD; RETIRING OFFICERS’ DUTIES.

The nominations committee requested language in the bylaws referring to retiring officers’ duties to remove possible ambiguities. The committee adopted the current language in the chapter bylaws for the retiring treasurer’s duties.

[Note: Current chapter bylaws on which the committee relied:

Art VII. Section 2. Finance Committee will be composed of the treasurer, assistant treasurer (if one is appointed), retiring treasurer for the two (2) years succeeding her term of office.

Art. VI. Section 13. Retiring Officers. The retiring officers will give to their successors, after installation of new officers in June, all letters and records of information.]

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Chapter Officers. The elected **chapter officers** will be president, five vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian, chaplain, CRT registrar, and two directors.

Section 2. Appointed Position. The parliamentarian will be appointed by the president and, as required by “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised,” is not allowed to vote or make motions.

Section 3. Executive Board. The executive board will be composed of the elected chapter officers, **the retiring president for the two (2) years succeeding her term of office**, and the parliamentarian. The executive board will have general charge of affairs of the chapter between meetings, any action taken being endorsed at the next regular chapter meeting.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 2. President. . . .

. . . The president of the chapter serves **as a member of** the Pioneer Memorial Log House, **serving as retiring president for one (1) year succeeding her term of office. The president may appoint a President of the Friends of the Log House and serves on any Friends of the Log House Committee. She serves on the executive board as retiring president for the two (2) years succeeding her term of office to provide general guidance for the affairs of the chapter and assist the president as needed, having the right to make motions and vote.**

Section 3. Vice Presidents. The vice presidents . . . The **fifth vice president** serves as the chair of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee **and its sub-committees, and as retiring fifth vice president on the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee for one (1) year succeeding her term of office.**

ARTICLE XII—PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Purpose. . . .

A. Committee. The fifth vice president will serve as chair of the committee. In addition to the chair, the members of the committee will be:

- i) president, fourth vice president, treasurer, and historian of the San Jacinto Chapter;
- ii) **any** retiring president and retiring fifth vice president of the San Jacinto Chapter, **to serve one (1) year succeeding her term of office;**

Category 2. MEETINGS; QUORUM; EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDANCE.

Amendments were requested by the chapter president to amend meeting procedures and executive board quorum requirements when officer positions are vacant and to set out attendance requirements for executive board members.

[Note: The committee was guided by the DRT National Organization's rules on BOM meeting procedures and attendance requirements.]

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month, October through June except for January and December when the executive board may authorize a date change due to the holiday calendar. Meetings **will be held in person** at the Pioneer Memorial Log House **and may use teleconference technology, unless** otherwise authorized by the executive board. Field trip meeting dates will be set by the executive board.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president for the chapter **or the** executive board. **At the discretion of the president, such meetings may be held in person or via teleconference.** A notice for the meeting shall be sent to all members at least three days before the meeting. The notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and only that business may be considered.

Section 3. Teleconferences. All participants must be able to communicate concurrently. The notice shall include instructions for participating in the meeting. Electronic meeting votes may be taken electronically. Reasonable methods **will** be taken to identify every person voting.

ARTICLE IX—QUORUM

Twenty members, including five **voting members of the executive board, will** constitute a quorum to transact business at a chapter meeting. Eight **voting members will** constitute a quorum for a meeting of the executive board. **If two or more executive board positions are vacant, seven voting members will constitute a quorum for a meeting of the executive board.**

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

Section 4. Absence. Should any member of the executive board be absent from three board meetings during any fiscal year or three chapter meetings during any fiscal year, without first notifying the President with a valid excuse, the office will be automatically vacated.

Category 3. TEXAS HISTORY.

An amendment requested by the chapter historian that a chapter objective promote “teaching Texas history.” The Bylaws Committee combined two committees relating to Texas history. The Texas History Awards Committee is deleted.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTIVES

Section 1. To perpetuate the memory . . .

Section 2. To encourage historical research . . .

Section 3. To promote the celebration of Texas Honor Days:

Section 4. To promote the teaching of Texas history.

Section 5. The special objective . . .

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 9. Education Committee will promote the study of early Texas history. The committee will encourage the participation of 4th and 7th grade students in the annual State DRT Essay and Art Contests, with any chapter award ceremony to be held the first weekend in May. The committee will recommend nominees to the executive board for the chapter’s annual Outstanding Texas History Teacher Award, with the winner selected by a vote of the board. The award will be presented at the chapter’s June luncheon

To Be Deleted:

~~**Section 24. Texas History Awards Committee** will oversee the selection and presentation of Texas history essay and teacher awards.~~

~~A. Texas History Essays Contest awards for 4th-grade and 7th-grade students in the Greater Metropolitan Area of Houston. Presentations will be made on the first weekend in May.~~

~~B. Outstanding Texas History Teacher awards for 4th-grade and 7th-grade Texas history teachers in the Greater Metropolitan Area of Houston. Presentations will be made at the June luncheon.~~

Category 4. LOG HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The 5th vice president requested that the committees dealing with the Log House be reorganized. The Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee currently in Art. XII becomes Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee in Art. VIII and is restructured as an administrative committee. Standing committees relating to Log House duties are organized into subcommittees.

[Note: This is in line with DRT National bylaws which provide for an administrative committee to deal with DRT property.]

[Note2: Officers assigned as committee members. Standing committees Courtesy, Curatorial, Docents, Pioneer Memorial Log House & Gardens deleted as standing committees and moved to administrative sub-committees.]

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6. Treasurer. . . .

D. The treasurer serves as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and on any Friends of Log House Committee.

Section 7. Historian. The historian . . . will serve as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee and as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log Committee.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6. Treasurer. . . .

D. The treasurer serves as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and on any Friends of Log House Committee.

Section 7. Historian. The historian . . . will serve as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee and as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log Committee.

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 17. Social Committee will have charge of all social affairs. The chair of the social committee serves as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee.

ARTICLE VIII XII—PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Purpose. The Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee has responsibility for the preservation, care, and management of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, Brooks Cottage, the gardens and associated grounds, and the chapter's early Texas history collection.

A. Committee. The fifth vice president will serve as chair of the committee. In addition to the chair, the members of the committee will be:

- i) president, fourth vice president, treasurer, and historian of the San Jacinto Chapter;
- ii) any retiring president and retiring fifth vice president of the San Jacinto Chapter, to serve one (1) year succeeding her term of office;
- iii) the chair of the social committee;
- iv) two additional chapter members appointed by the chair; and
- v) any president of the Friends of the Log House, as an *ex officio* member.

B. Meetings. The committee will hold one stated meeting each month previous to the executive board meeting of the chapter, on the last Thursday of the month or such other time as approved by the committee due to the holiday calendar. The chair may call a special meeting as may be necessary.

C. Reports. The committee will provide a written report of its activities and actions to the executive board at each board meeting, any action to be endorsed by the board.

D. Sub-Committees. The chair of the committee will establish sub-committees to accomplish the objectives of the committee, to include the Courtesy Committee, Curatorial Committee, Docents Committee, and a Log House Volunteer Committee and will serve as chair of the standing committees and appoint all committee members.

Courtesy Committee will welcome members and visitors at the Pioneer Memorial Log House and be responsible for registration at chapter meetings and events.

Curatorial Committee will curate and conserve artifacts in the early Texas history collection, will manage the acquisition and deaccession of artifacts, will refer to the executive board all proposed gifts to the Log House and deaccessions for approval, and will be responsible for their installation.

Docents Committee will be 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's early Texas history collection.

Log House Volunteers Committee will advise and assist the chair with activities and projects supporting the operation of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, Brooks Cottage, the gardens and associated grounds, and the chapter's early Texas history collection.

Category 5. HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS.

Correction amendment: to correctly state "Children of the Republic of Texas" in CRT registrar's duties.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 10. CRT Registrar. The CRT registrar will keep a correct list of all members of the San Jacinto Chapter ~~of the Children of the Republic of Texas.~~

The 20+ times “shall” appears in the Bylaws are changed to “will.” This may be a repeat amendment seeking approval; yet shall is still shown in the published bylaws.

For example:

Section 2. Election of Officers. . . .

. . .When two or more members are nominated for any office, the election ~~shall~~ **will** be by written ballot. All officers ~~shall~~ **will** be elected for a two—year term with the exception of the treasurer whose term ~~shall~~ **will** expire when her successor is elected. Officers ~~shall~~ **will** be elected at the regular meeting in April and installed at the regular meeting in June. No election will be conducted on a field trip.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharolyn Wood
5th Vice President
Chair, Bylaws Committee