



From the President

Happy Valentine's month!

My life and the weather are crazy right now but both will hopefully get back to normal soon.

February 19 is Texas Statehood Day, a Texas Honor Day. Try to join us at Glenwood Cemetery that day. More information is later in this newsletter. Fly your Texas flag.

Please sign up for our March 7 Field Trip to the Varner-Hogg Plantation in W. Columbia. It is beautiful, and shares so much Texas history. It doesn't look like we will be able to get a Precinct bus, so we are requesting volunteers to drive. It is fun to visit with everyone on the drive and of course lunch always has great conversation. Jaimie Moran has arranged for us to have a nice day together. Information and the registration form can be found later in this newsletter. There will be no meeting at the Log House or by ZOOM March 7, just the fieldtrip. I hope to see you on March 7.

DRT General will be posting information about our annual convention, "Winds of Change" to be May 23-25 in Lubbock. Make your hotel reservation and register for the convention. San Jacinto Chapter's Country Store will be making the drive to sell at convention. We need several volunteers to help man our sales tables with Carla Brown, Debra Grigsby and Sally Whittington. I am sad to miss it, but my granddaughter, Carolyn is graduating from Guyer High School that same weekend. Sales from the Country Store at convention are a big source of income for the Log House. If you can help, please contact our treasurer, Carla Brown at treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com.

In a few weeks The Country Store is going to the Texas State Historical Association's Annual Meeting in College Station. Wish us luck with sales!

I just heard that we have several more applications for our CRT, and a woman whose great grandmother was a member of our chapter long ago is applying. Keep those applications coming in!

As I write this letter, it is balmy outside - too bad it isn't Spring Break.

Stay in touch, I hope to see or hear from you.

God Bless Texas and You!

Gwen Sorsby Koch

President, San Jacinto Chapter DRT



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Calendar February 15th - March 16th

February

- February 15** Log House Workday 9:30 am
- February 17** Pioneer Memorial Log House Open House 1-3 pm
- February 19** Texas Statehood Day, a Texas Honor Day
- February 29** SJC Board Meeting 11:30 am



March

- March 1** CRT (Children of the Republic of Texas) Founders Day, a Texas Honor Day
- March 2** Texas Independence Day, a Texas Honor Day
Texas Flag Day, a Texas Honor Day – fly your Texas flag!
- March 6** Alamo Heros Day, a Texas Honor Day
- March 7** San Jacinto Chapter Field Trip to Varner-Hogg Plantation – no meeting at Log House
- March 16** Pioneer Memorial Log House Open House 1-3 pm

May

- May 23-25** DRT Convention "Winds of Change", Lubbock





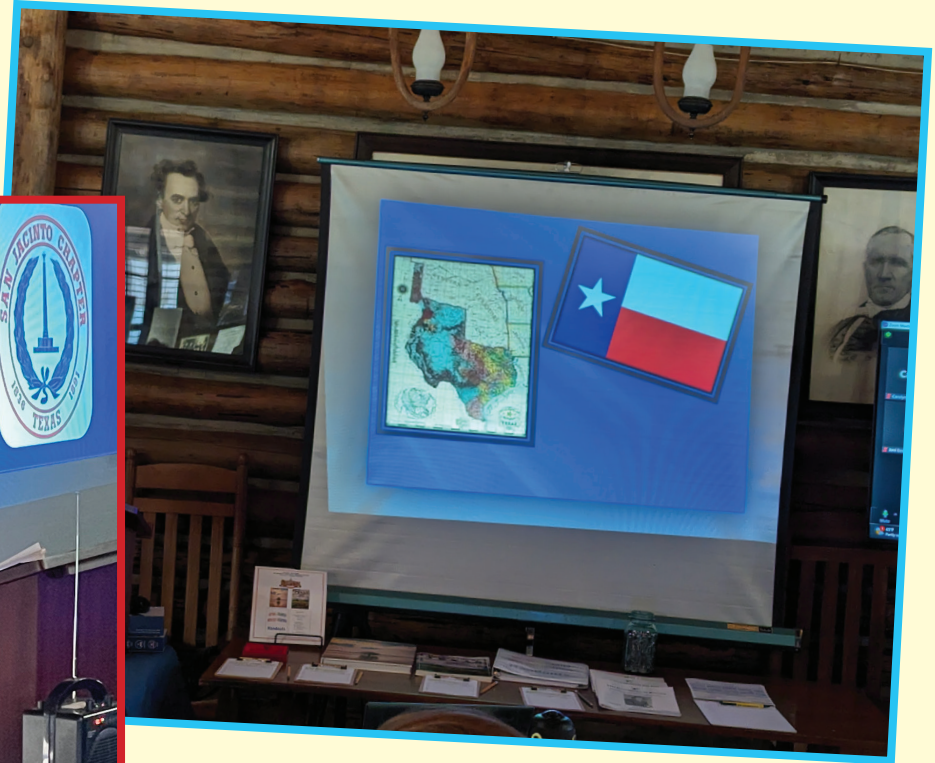
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February Chapter Meeting

February Chapter Meeting

Our Speaker

Our February Speaker, Eron Tynes



Roni Thelan, First Vice President





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February Chapter Meeting

Our February's Audience





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February Chapter Meeting

Our Docents & Visitors



Left to right: docents Mary DiStefano, Clarlyn Bhatti,
Visitors Carrie Meyer and Sabrina Royster (*from Alaska!*),
5th VP Sharolyn Wood
Our visitors actually live in a log cabin in Alaska!

Refreshments . . . Such a Pretty Table!



Contact Gwen Koch if you would like to help with refreshments at future chapter meetings, and Sharolyn Wood if you would like to become a docent.



A Worthy Cause

Past SJC President, Laura-Hill Taylor donated her mother's upright piano for the Log House several years ago so we would have an "in tune" piano to use. In the meantime, we had a donor who allowed us to make our 1861 Grand Square piano playable. Not needing an additional piano but needing display space, Laura-Hill's piano has been donated to Arts Without Borders who will repair, and restore the piano, replacing keys, refinishing, tuning etc. as needed, and then donate it to students and organizations in need. How nice that this treasured piece can live on while helping the less fortunate.



DRT Prospective Brochure

The Daughters hope to have a Brochures-Across-Texas mail-out of 1500 Republic of Texas History Center brochures soon to raise needed funds for our new building. A less expensive copy will be printed. Malcolm Wolters with Brand Extract and Associate Member Gina Manlove have recommended this endeavor. Miki Norton is working with the data-base company that will provide the donor list of people in Texas who donate to history and also the printing company. Betty Edwards will keep a list of possible volunteers who can stuff, stamp and seal envelopes. Sign up with bettyj.edwardsmd@yahoo.com or 281-384-6064. Betty, Miki, Ellen McCaffrey and Ora Jane Johnson are the RTHC Fund-raising Committee.

Thank you.

Miki Lusk Norton

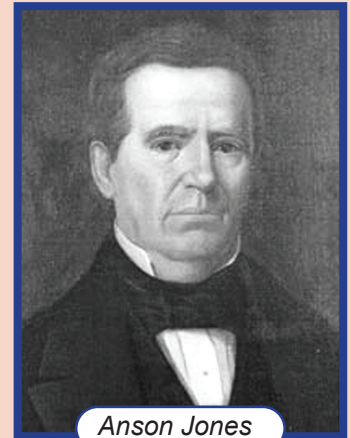
Ph: 713.523.6307



Texas Statehood Day

This Texas Honor Day Event will be held at the Anson Jones grave marker in Glenwood Cemetery, 2525 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 on February 19, 2023. The time of the ceremony will be 10:30 a.m. and is sponsored by the Sam Houston Chapter, SRT. Dr. Anson Jones served as the last President of the Texas Republic before it became a part of the United States. During the Texas Revolution, Dr. Jones served as a judge advocate and surgeon to the Texas Army, though he insisted on holding the rank of private throughout the Revolution. After the war, Dr. Jones returned to Brazoria and resumed his medical practice.

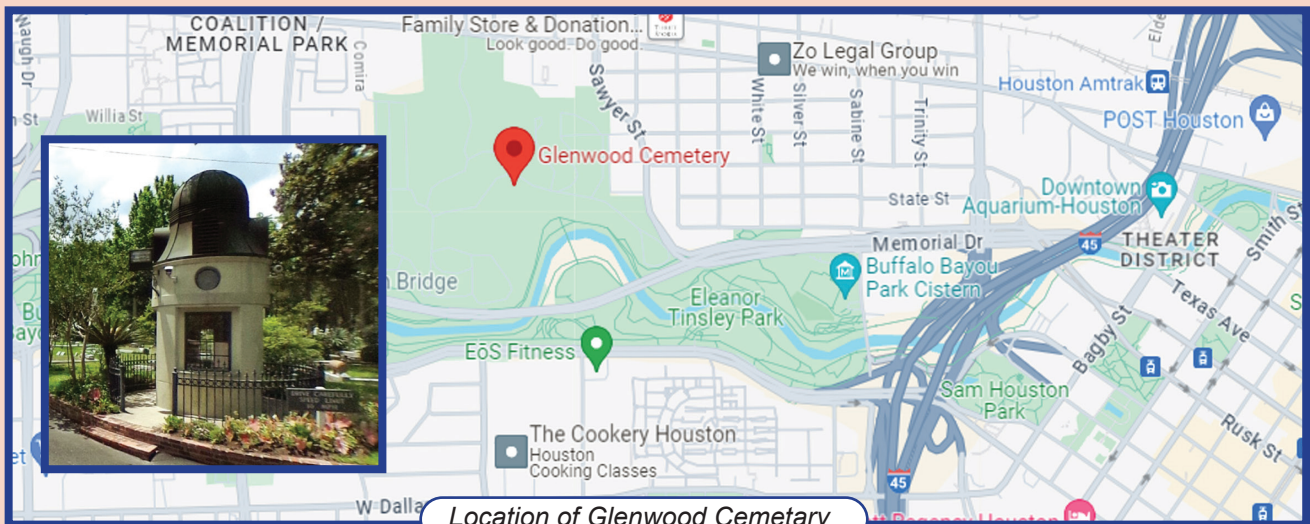
Dr. Jones's wife Mary Smith Jones was the first President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and served for 17 years, an accomplishment that has never been surpassed. She is buried next to her husband and our CRT will lay a wreath during the ceremony in both their honor.



Anson Jones



Mary Smith Jones



Location of Glenwood Cemetery



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Texas Honor Days

February 19th – Texas Statehood Day

The legal entry of Texas into the Union was 29 December 1845, but the decade-old Republic of Texas did not formally transfer its authority to the new State of Texas until 19 February 1846.

DRT celebrates 19 February 1846 as Statehood Day and as a Texas Honor Day.



Map of The Republic of Texas overlaid on the current map of the State of Texas

March 1st – CRT Founder's Day

On this day the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, at the 1929 Convention, approved that DRT sponsor a junior organization to be known as the “Children of the Republic of Texas.”

Objectives

- To encourage the study of Texas History
- To help preserve the place made sacred by the men and women who achieved Texas Independence
- To stimulate historical research into the earliest records of Texas
- To foster the preservations of documents and relics
- To revere the Flag of Texas and to promote the display of same
- To cherish and preserve TEXAS, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE, as achieved by the Fathers and Mothers of the Texas Revolution





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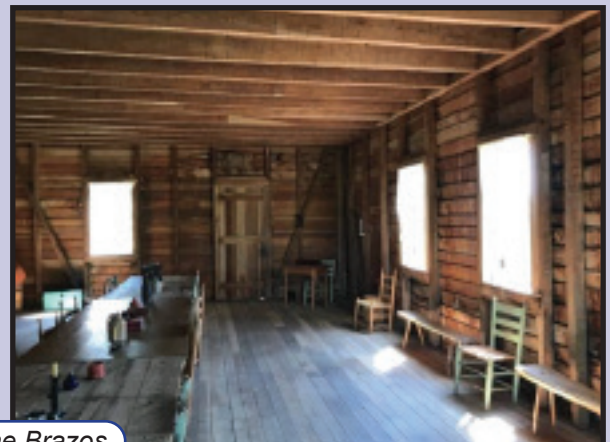
Texas Honor Days

March 2nd – *Texas Independence Day*

- On March 2, 1836 the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos.
- A big celebration is held at the site each year and many Daughters participate in the event.
- Various programs and social events are held throughout the State by DRT chapters on this day, which is also Sam Houston's birthday and Texas Flag Day.
- The quill pen used by the signers of the Declaration of Texas Independence was given to Collin McKinney (the oldest signer.)
- The pen has been passed down through the McKinney family to the youngest son, even to this day.



Washington on the Brazos



March 6th – *Alamo Heroes Day*

- An observance at the Alamo honoring the patriots who died there is held annually by the Alamo Mission Chapter.
- The heroes' names and places of birth are called out by the President General in a solemn and impressive ceremony.
- Daughters are encouraged to participate in local celebrations on this day if at all possible.



Alamo Monument,
San Antonio, Texas

Please join us for
the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT Field Trip
March 7, 2024

A Tour of the Varner-Hogg Plantation Historic Site

1702 N. 13th St., West Columbia, TX 77486

\$15.00 per person

Following our tour, we will have lunch at Margarita Jones Mexican Restaurant
Everyone will order & pay individually, please bring cash to pay for your lunch.

~~~~~To Register Online, please scan the QR Code or click here: ~~~~~

[Online Registration and Payment Options](#)



~~~~~To register by mail, please print form and mail with your check~~~~~

San Jacinto Chapter Field Trip ~ March 7, 2024 10:00 a.m.

*Reservations must be received by February 29, 2024

Reservation for _____

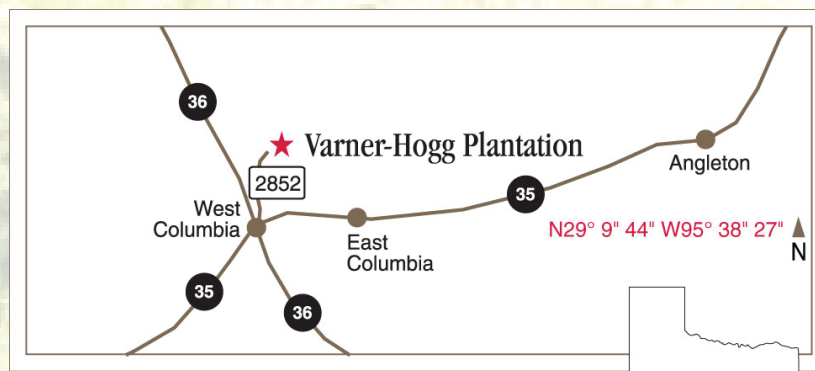
My Guest(s) _____

Meet at Log House at 9 am for carpooling to Varner-Hogg Plantation

Check for \$15.00 each payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT
Or send cash

Mail to: San Jacinto Chapter, DRT
% Carla Brown 5220 Wesleyan, C103
Houston, TX 77005-1079

For questions, please contact Jamie Moran.





Book Corner

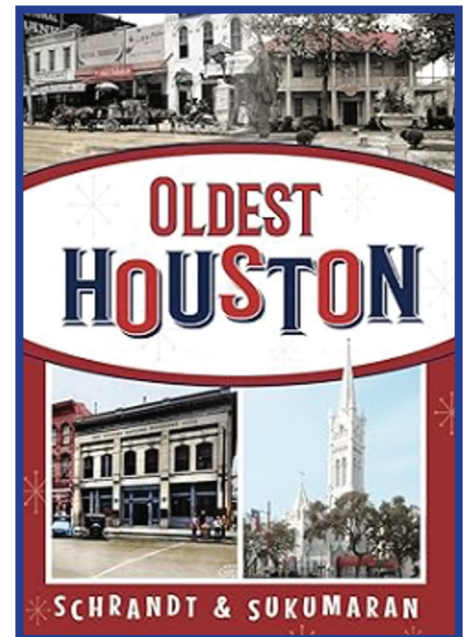
For all of us who are native Houstonians as well as for newcomers to the city, this is a fascinating book of the oldest places in town. Oldest Houston is compiled by Lydia Schrandt and Biju Sukumaran and published by Reedy Press. The book is divided into the various neighborhoods of Houston: "Downtown", "West Inner Loop", etc. and even has a section on Galveston and other areas nearby.

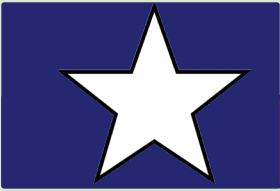
Did you know that the Houston Heights is the oldest suburb of Houston? The land was purchased in 1891 by the Omaha & South Texas Land Company. The 1,756 acres of land were 62 feet above sea level, 23 feet higher than downtown, and it was hoped there would be less flooding and that the height would temper the yellow fever running rampant at the time!

The articles are really informative and could help create a wonderful field trip! We could visit the oldest building in Houston, the Kellum-Noble House built in 1847 at 212 Dallas Street; the oldest tree (from the 1600's) at 666 Bagby Street; the oldest Catholic Church, the Church of the Annunciation, built in 1871 at 1618 Texas Avenue; the oldest statue, that of Sam Houston in Hermann Park, built in 1925; the oldest cemetery, Founders Memorial Cemetery, established in 1836 at 1217 West Dallas Street; and finish with a meal at Houston's oldest restaurant, Christie's Seafood & Steaks, established first in Galveston in 1917 and moved to Houston in 1934, now at 6029 Westheimer Road.

This book is a must-have for all of us who love Houston and her history!

Beth Garrett McCarty





San Jacinto Chapter CRT Reminders:

1. If you don't have school on President's Day, February 19th, please join us at Glenwood Cemetery for the Texas Statehood Day Ceremony. 10:30 at Anson Jones' grave marker.
 2. The Republic of Texas Art Contest deadline is sneaking up on us! Please see the brochure attached along with the SJCDRT newsletter for details.
 3. Plan on being at the San Jacinto Festival in April. Details to come!
 4. Please take a look at the State Project Book at crttexas.com. Let me know if you are participating in or have completed any projects. We will have several group submissions from our chapter, and we want to retain our 4-Star chapter status. Lots of activities for all ages!
 5. CRT Ladies, if you are 16-years-old or older, please contact Tish Wolter or Trudi Becht if you would like to have dual membership in CRT/DRT.
- "Not for Self, but for Texas"

Tish Wolter
CRT Sponsor



DRT Art Contest

This is information about the DRT Art Contest with a March 1 deadline. Share with any student who may be interested.

ELEMENTARY GRADES 1-5

- The poster size **MUST** be 11" x 14" in size, with or without a border
- It **MUST** be original artwork
- It **MUST** denote a historic site, event or activity that occurred, or individual(s) that lived in your home district prior to 1850, who helped settle Texas
- The reverse side of the artwork **MUST** include the following:
 - A. Title of the artwork
 - B. At least two sentences describing the artwork
 - C. Your name, age, grade, full mailing address, school name, email address for a parent or teacher, county of the district you are in along with the district number, and name of local newspaper

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

MARCH 1, 2024

Art entries may be mailed or delivered to the following address:

Republic of Texas Museum
PO Box 6290
Austin, TX 78762-6290

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 6-12

- The poster size **MUST** be 9" x 12" in size, with or without a border
- It **MUST** be original artwork
- It **MUST** denote a historic site, event or activity that occurred, or individual(s) that lived in your home district prior to 1850, who helped settle Texas
- The artwork **MUST** be signed on the front, lower right hand side
- The reverse side of the artwork **MUST** include the following:
 - A. Title of the artwork
 - B. At least two sentences describing the artwork
 - C. Your name, age, grade, full mailing address, school name, email address for a parent or teacher, county of the district you are in along with the district number, and name of local newspaper.



All artwork becomes the property of the Republic of Texas Museum and may be duplicated for any reason by the Museum without further authorization by the artist. Winning entries may be displayed on occasion at the Republic of Texas Museum and at the DRT Annual State Convention. Art pieces that DO NOT comply to size, district, or topic criteria will be disqualified from the Art Contest. Winners' names will be sent to local news services for recognition, if provided by the student.



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How You Can Help

Double Your Donation (at no cost to you)

Ladies, does your employer have a matching gift program? You can double your donation to our Chapter or the *Friends of the Log House* through Employer's Matching Gifts. And retirees can often do the same through their previous Employer's Matching Gifts. Help our chapter and the loghouse increase our donations through this free program. Please contact Carla Brown, Treasurer at treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com for assistance in setting up your matching gift.

Did You Know???

Kroger and Randall's both offer a 1% Rebate to us for all money you spend on groceries. Simply sign up to link your account to us; here's how:

Kroger:

Go to HKrogerCommunityRewards@kroger.com. Our account is DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE, Account number is RF149. Ask them in the email to link your Kroger Rewards Account to us. You will need to provide your Kroger Rewards number *OR* go to the courtesy counter and ask them to help you. Kroger has a number of affiliate stores including City Market, Dillon's, King Super and Fry's (grocery).

Randall's:

Set up a Randalls for U account through the smart phone app or the website at www.randalls.com. Then, send an email to GoodNeighbor@Randalls.com and ask them to link your account to the non-profit by providing the organization's Good Neighbor number in your message, along with the phone number used to set up your Randalls for U account. (This is the same phone number you use at the register when shopping.) Our Good Neighbor account number is 14197. Affiliates include Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme, Tom Thumb, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market, Haggen, Carrs, Kings Food Markets, and Balducci's Food Lovers Market. Be sure to ask the courtesy booth if you need other help.

If you are aware of other stores that offer rebates to non-profits please let me know so that we can apply. My email is dgrig1@comcast.net.

Thanks,
Debra Grigsby, 4th VP Ways and Means

