From the President:
If you missed James Haley’s talk at our March 4th meeting, you missed a treat! He told us about some famous women (like Jane Long and Susanna Dickinson) and other not-so-famous women (like Charlotte Baldwin Allen, Obedience Ft. Smith, and Sarah Knight Bowman) of the Republic of Texas. It was great fun! His list of women covered is attached to this newsletter.

Our meeting on the first Thursday in April happens to be April 1st! Please join us as we hear from Dan Worrell and then elect our new officers for 2021-2023. We are still working on our May Meeting which will be our Memorial Service. We are hoping to have some kind of hybrid meeting (both in person and online), but will let you know soon!

Congratulations to our 4th Grade Texas History Teacher of the Year, Tiffany Thorn, from Horn Elementary in HISD. Congratulations also to our DRT Essay Contest Winner, Lorien Wolter, 7th grade daughter of new member Tish Wolter. Their applications were sent to our District VI Representative, Peggy Townsend, and both nominees were selected to represent District VI at the State level! What an amazing accomplishment for both of them! Congratulations!

The State DRT Convention is scheduled for May 13-15, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk! Any DRT member may attend. The Convention Registration form and info for reserving your hotel room are found at: http://www.drtinfo.org/members. Several of us will be attending and will take items from our Country Store to sell. Please join us!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

Comming Up For The April Program: Dan Worrell

We are delighted to have Dan Worrell as our speaker for the April meeting. An expert in the fields of Texas history and archeology, he will share some of the results of his meticulous research on this area.

Trained in regional geology, Dan retired from a career in petroleum exploration research and management and turned his interests toward the history and archeology of his native Houston area. He is a graduate of Rice University, with a Master of Arts from the University of Wyoming and a PhD from UT Austin, all in geology, plus a masters in teaching from Northwestern.

Dan serves on the Harris County Historical Commission where he works to place historical markers at significant sites in Western Harris County. He led the successful effort to save the pioneer Morse-Bragg Cemetery from destruction. In 2016 he published a history of the early settlers in the western part of Greater Houston, “Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in the Nineteenth Century.

Curious about the world of the earliest residents of the Houston area, Dan began extensive research, compiling digital records from hundreds of archeological sites to create a map record of the gradual changes to our area over thousands of years. This information, which includes a series of regional maps, is included in his just-published book, “A Prehistory of Houston and Southeast Texas: Landscape and Culture.”

-Nancy Burch

Welcome to the San Jacinto Chapter!

We had seven new members approved in February: Brigitte Louise Becker, Stacy Ryan Mangum, Martha “Tica” Berry Perwein, Peyton Elise Conder, Morgan Conder Davis and two new members whose membership is a surprise! We will name them later! Welcome, Ladies! We also have two new Prospective members: Joni Pursch Becker and Catherine Harris. We are thrilled to be growing!
Upon notice of the coming deep freeze this past February, our wonderful Log House angels Gwen Koch and her husband Joe traveled to the Log House and drained our water pipes and turned off the water. Unfortunately, we still had some freeze casualties, just as some of you.

After the freeze, when Maria Gonzales came to clean the house, a burst pipe was discovered. 5th VP Sharolyn Wood met the plumber at the Log House. Several leaks under the house were repaired and two hose bibbs replaced.

On the grounds we had freeze landscaping victims such as the fern in the syrup kettle, the Texas Ebony tree and Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow by the back door. We are hopeful these and others will come back. And we had some survivors such as the palms and redbud tree, and the azaleas appear to be leafing out.

Our former groundskeeper Miguel Parrilla has come and cleaned up the grounds and garden beds and uncovered the rock path leading to the front yard. Gwen Kunz treated fire ant mounds and addressed other grooming chores. The Log House has been rented for March 14 and the Log House and grounds are all cleaned and ready for company.
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!

Message from Jim Haley, March Meeting Speaker

HERE IS JIM HALEY’S LIST OF THE WOMEN HE DISCUSSED (as sent to Nancy Burch): Well, that was a fun time — thank you so much for the invite . . . . I appreciated the inquiry about the women we talked about. They are, in roughly chronological order:

Rosa Maria Hinojosa de Balli (1752-1803) – Texas’ first cattle queen ran a spread of over a million acres in South Texas / Padre Island


Susanna Dickinson (1814-1883) – only adult Anglo survivor of the Alamo, had four more husbands, did just about everything a woman in a man’s frontier world had to do.

Angelina Peyton Eberly (1798-1860) – Austin boarding house keeper and Sam Houston’s Austin landlady. Fired the town cannon to keep the archives from being removed, starting the brief “Archives War.”

Charlotte Baldwin Allen (1805-1895) – wife of A. C. Allen and probably the true originator of the city of Houston.

Sarah Borginnis Bowman (1813-1866) – the “Great Western” and a paradigm Texas virago. “All right, boys, who wants a wife with $15,000 and the biggest leg in Mexico?”

Sabina (?) – Slave and partner of Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hemphill, mother of his two children whom he placed in Wilberforce University in Ohio, where they could get educated and be free. I am guessing that these are the women that members are most interested in.

I also briefly mentioned several from later in Texas history, whose rights were upheld by the Texas Supreme Court in part of Justice Hemphill’s legacy to preserve the rights that women enjoyed under Spanish law. I can provide those names and look up the case citations if anyone asks. Thanks again.
Mark your calendars to attend our chapter’s Installation luncheon on Thursday, June 3 at Braeburn Country Club. The club is so pretty with all of its windows looking out to their gardens, and we will all be ready to attend a social event. A registration form will be sent soon.

The country club follows CDC Guidelines, and hopefully we will all be vaccinated by June. If we do not have enough people interested in attending or guidelines change, we will cancel the luncheon and return peoples payments. Let us know your interest in attending and mark your calendars for June 3. If necessary a hybrid event will be planned so we can install officers, recognize the History Teacher, and introduce new members.

Keep your fingers crossed that we can be together in person in June!

Stay safe and be well!

Gwen Koch, Social Chair  
jkoch11949@att.net ~ 713/826-9061

Meet our San Jacinto Chapter Essay Contest Winner and our Texas History Teacher of the Year!

Meet **Lorien Wolter**, our 7th Grade Texas Essay Contest Winner! Lorien attends Memorial Private High School and is the daughter of member Tish Wolter. Lorien’s essay was titled, “Dilue Rose Harris: A Brave Rose of the Republic of Texas”. Lorien’s essay also won at the District level and is moving on to the State Competition. Congratulations!

Meet **Tiffany Thorne**, our Chapter’s Texas History Teacher of the Year! Tiffany is a 4th grade Texas History teacher at Horn Elementary, part of HISD in Bellaire, Texas. She was recommended by her principal (and our member) Vanessa Flores. Tiffany also won at the District level and is moving on to the State Competition. Congratulations!

From the Nominating Committee: 2021-2023 Slate of Officers for the San Jacinto Chapter

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The Slate will be voted on at the April General meeting.
San Jacinto Chapter has had six past President Generals. Carrie Franklin Kemp’s family has generously paid for a paver in her name. The cost for three 8" X 12" pavers at DRT’s new Republic of Texas History Center in honor of our chapter’s past President Generals is $2,550. A committee felt that Mary Smith Jones (Mrs. Anson Jones) as the first President General (and from San Jacinto Chapter) should be recognized with her own paver. And the other four past President Generals would be honored two each on the other two pavers.

This expense is not in our budget. As a chapter, we need to raise the funds. Other DRT chapters are donating pavers, and our chapter should too. We have until April 20, 2021 to raise the remaining $2,350 so that ALL of our past President Generals can be honored.

San Jacinto Chapter is one of the largest DRT chapters, let us come together to support this project!

Did you know... our current President General, Carolyn Raney is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter!

If you would like to make a donation to go towards the purchase of pavers honoring our past Presidents General, please fill out the attached form at the end of this newsletter, make your checks payable to San Jacinto Chapter DRT and send your donation to:

Pioneer Log House, c/o Gwen Koch (4th VP)
1510 Cambridge St.
Houston, Texas 77030-1732.

We appreciate your support!
San Jacinto Chapter is the host for the DRT District VI Meeting October 15-16, 2021 in Houston. We are beginning the planning for it to be an “in Person” meeting but also realize that to follow CDC guidelines, it may become a Zoom event. Either way, we would welcome members to help with planning.

Peggy Townsend, District VI Representative is the chair of the event which will follow the MOP for District Meetings. As a committee, we need to choose a hotel for people wanting to spend the night; a location for the meeting 9 am to 2 ish pm on Saturday, October 16; a possible Friday field trip; perhaps host a happy hour or Open House at the Log House on Friday evening; lunch for Saturday; and a speaker for Saturday. There will also be centerpieces, decorations, door prizes and goodie bags/table favors to be planned.

If you don’t have time to serve on the committee, you could volunteer for a shift on Friday or Saturday. We will need 2 timekeepers, 3 Tellers, greeters, and other help on the day of, and help at the Log House on Friday.

We also encourage all of our San Jacinto Chapter members to register to attend the District meeting when registration opens later in the summer. It is a great way to meet members of other chapters, and to learn what is going on with Daughters of the Republic of Texas. To help in any way or to offer suggestions, contact Beth McCarty at bethmc-carty48@gmail.com or 713/562-6845, or Gwen Koch at jkoch11949@att.net or 713/826-9061.

Our Chapter is hosting the DRT District VI Meeting!

Friends of the Log House and Chapter* Donations
Gifts received October 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021

Platinum Star
Penny Remick

Lone Star
Phyllis Vaughan Moody – In Memory of Kay Theilen
Sharolyn Wood

Gold Star
Miss Ima Hogg Chapter, DRT
Gwen Kunz Charitable Trust – In Honor of Beth McCarty

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In Memory of Frank Bielec
In Memory of Marjie Harris
In Memory of T. Michael Jones

Silver Star
Vanessa Flores-Klementich
Sally Whittington
Tish Wolter

Texas Star
Candace Sawyer*

Want to possibly take home these lovely reversible placemats, napkins and table runner? Contact Gwen Koch to purchase your raffle tickets.

1 ticket $5
5 tickets for $20
Raffle will take place during DRT’s State Convention

We love Log House visitors!
Pictured:
Lauren and Caden LeMorae
Megan and Liam Aaron
At the April chapter meeting, proposed amendments to the chapter bylaws will be presented. These changes were received by the Bylaws committee in January and February. On February 23, 2021, the committee met with Beth McCarty (president and ex officio committee member) to compile the requested changes. The committee is charged by the Bylaws to submit all requested amendments to the chapter in the March newsletter and at the April chapter meeting, with a vote at the May chapter meeting. These amendments cover--

· Adjusted fee for new members and a new fee for transfer, affiliate, and associate members to reflect increased expenses by the chapter for postage and from the purchase of new binders which are more expensive than those purchased over 10 years ago. The fees were approved by the executive board.

· Changes to duties for six officers—5th vice president, corresponding secretary, historian, chaplain, registrar, and CRT registrar, as requested by the president and the officers involved.

· Committee duties updated or rewritten for four standing committees—Audit, Ways and Means, Accessions, and Education and Flag, as requested by the president, historian, and the committee chairs.

The chapter will vote on the proposed amendments at the May chapter meeting. The full text of the proposed amendments is printed at the back of the newsletter. Changes are marked.

Bylaws Committee: Brenda Auld, Laura Kaplan, Gwen Kunz, and Sharolyn Wood, Chair

**Please see Bylaw attachment for detailed wording of all amendments**

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**Amber Pie ~ An old Texas recipe**

1845—Sarah Rider Beaty

Filling: 5 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup sour cream, 1 cup blackberry jam, 1 Tablespoon flour, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat 4 egg yolks and 1 whole egg together. Add sugar and flour. Beat well. Add jam, cream and vanilla. Mix well and pour into unbaked 10” pie plate. Bake in moderate, but not too moderate oven.

Meringue: 4 egg whites, 5 Tablespoons sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. To make meringue, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and vanilla until stiff. Add sugar, one tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition. Cover top of pie and bake slow till golden brown.

**Please note, a moderate oven is approximately 350—375 degrees and a slow oven is between 250 and 325 degrees**

Taken from The Daughters of the Republic of Texas District VIII Cookbook, “A Pinch of This and a Handful of That”, Historic Recipes of Texas 1830-1900
ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FEES

Reason: Report to the Bylaws Committee that fees changed to reflect increased cost of postage and of the Yearbook binde and that fees charged to provide a Yearbook binder all incoming members.

Section 2. Dues and Fees

E. Fees. State DRT fees are as follows: examination fee for new members $70, posthumous fee $150, reinstatement fee $25, transfer fee $25 and supplemental lines fee $50. A chapter processing fee of $15 will be charged for processing DRT application forms. A chapter processing fee of $15 will be charged for supplemental forms, chapter transfers, affiliate members, associate members, processing CRT application forms, and CRT to DRT transfers.

Amendments: Chapter processing fee for new members increased to $25. Processing fee of $15 charged for chapter transfers and affiliate and associate members. CRT application fee included in Bylaws (no change).

Requested by Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Reason: Reports to the Bylaws Committee indicated duties of officers to be updated.

Section 3. Vice Presidents. The vice presidents will

The fifth vice president will serve as the chair of the Accessions Curatorial Committee and the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee, serving a third year on the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee as immediate past fifth vice president. She will appoint the docents, Accessions Curatorial Committee, and the appointed members of the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee.

Amendments: Sec. 3. Accessions Committee changed to Curatorial Committee.

Requested by Accessions Committee.

Section 5. Corresponding Secretary. The corresponding secretary will conduct all correspondence and convey all official decisions of the chapter. She will also extend appropriate courtesies to members who are ill.

Amendments: Sec. 5. Correspondence to ill members reassigned to Corresponding Secretary.

Requested by Corresponding Secretary and Chaplain.
Section 7. Historian. The historian will preserve papers and records of the early history of Texas which will come into her possession through the chapter, and biographical sketches of ancestors or each incoming member, and will keep the chapter history book. She will preserve all historic documents belonging to the chapter and will place same in the chapter files. She will secure and preserve all chapter historic documents and permanent files, maintain the chapter library collection and administer the Chapter Record Retention Policy. She will prepare a photo history book to be presented to the president at the close of her term. She will serve as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee.

Amendments: Sec. 7. Duties of Historian redefined.  
Requested by Historian.

Section 8. Chaplain.
A. The chaplain will open all business meetings with prayer and will preside over memorial programs and such other meetings as may require her services. She will receive notification of the death of a member and forward that information to the Chaplain General and DRT Headquarters, sending a copy of the Deceased Member Report Form to notify the chaplain general of the death of a chapter member, name of the chapter member’s next of kin, any available newspaper obituary clippings, and a photo, if available, as soon as possible after the member’s death. She will extend appropriate courtesies to members who are ill and will send notices of condolence to the bereaved family members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She will be responsible for the display of the Texas flag and the San Jacinto Chapter flag at deceased members’ funerals, depending upon the wishes of the bereaved family.

B. A woman who has been a member of San Jacinto Chapter for many years and has served the DRT actively, and resigns because of age or illness will, on the occasion of her death, be reported to the chaplain general to be mentioned at the following convention as any deceased paid-up member would be and will be honored at the funeral with the Texas flag.

Amendments: Sec. 8. Chaplain to have the responsibility for taking the chapter flag to member funerals. Responsibility for corresponding to ill members transferred to corresponding secretary.

Requested by Chaplain and Corresponding Secretary.

Section 9. Registrar. The registrar will keep a correct list of all members of the chapter, a list of all dismissals, removals, transfers and marriages. She will receive requests for membership and report to the executive board. The registrar will assist applicants in procuring data for applicants and in the preparation of their membership applications. She will review the applications and send valid applications to the Registrar General for review and approval. She will notify new members of their acceptance into the chapter. She will maintain the chapter archive of membership applications, these files to be secured from flood, fire, and other natural disasters. She will serve as chair of the Membership Committee. The chapter registrar may hold local workshops to promote membership.
Amendments: Sec. 9. Assigns responsibility for maintaining membership applications to Registrar, as prescribed in DRT Manual of Procedure and Registrar Handbook.
Requested by Historian.

Section 10. CRT Registrar. The CRT registrar will keep a correct list of all members of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT. She will receive requests for membership and report to the executive board. The CRT registrar will assist in the preparation of membership applications. She will review the applications and send valid applications to the CRT Registrar General. She will notify new members of their acceptance into the San Jacinto Chapter CRT. She will serve as chair of the Children of the Republic of Texas Committee. She will assist the third vice-president with the CRT Committee and CRT functions.

Amendments: Sec. 10. Resolves conflict of both 3rd VP and CRT Registrar designated as chair of CRT Committee
Requested by CRT Registrar.

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES

Reason: Reports to the Bylaws Committee indicated amendments needed.

Section 3. Audit Committee will audit the financial accounts and audit the treasurer’s-annual financial statements at the end of each year. The committee will submit the Audit Committee’s report, along with the financial statements, to the executive board for review and then to the chapter for vote of approval. The first vice president will chair the committee.

Amendments: Sec. 3. “Financial statements” is a more descriptive, inclusive term.
Requested by Historian.

Section 6. Ways and Means Committee will suggest and direct means of raising funds. The committee will have oversight of the Country Store and assist the treasurer with an annual inventory at the end of the fiscal year. The fourth vice president will chair the committee.

Amendments: Sec. 6 Establishes responsibility for the Country Store.
Requested by Historian.

Section 7. Accessions Curatorial Committee will manage the acquisition and deaccession of objects in the chapter early Texas history collection, 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 and deaccessions for approval, and will be responsible for their installation. The fifth vice president will chair the committee.

Amendments: Sec. 7. Committee name changed. Duties defined.
Requested by Accessions Committee.
Section 13. Education and Flag Committee will promote the study of early Texas History, including activities for Texas History Month, promote the observance of Texas holidays, and sponsor the display of flags on memorial days. The committee will encourage the participation of 4th and 7th grade students in the annual State Essay and Art Contests and will search for and recommend to the executive board the nominees for the Chapter’s Texas History Teacher of the Year, and be responsible for taking the large Texas flag and the San Jacinto Chapter flag to the funeral service of a member.

Amendments: Sec. 13. Taking the SJC flag to chapter member funerals deleted, as assigned to Chaplain. Duty for the essay contest and Texas history teacher award assigned.

Requested by President.

Proposed Bylaws amendments in bold blue type

To be voted on 6 May 2021
# 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*.

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Make check payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT
and mail donations to:
Gwen Koch (4th Vice President – Ways and Means)
2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098

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**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.

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All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. San Jacinto Chapter DRT is a 501 (c) (3) organization.
Our Chapter is hoping to buy 3 pavers to honor our Past Presidents General. We need your support!

1st President General
Mary M Jones
1891 – 1908
San Jacinto Chapter

Presidents General
Madge Hearne 1937-39
Thelma Maresh 1947-49
San Jacinto Chapter

Presidents General
Julia Hagan 1959-1961
Erette Red 1973-1975
San Jacinto Chapter

The total cost for the 3 pavers is $2,550.00
A gift of any amount is appreciated and will help us reach our goal. Please send your donation by April 10, 2021

Name ___________________________ (as you wish to be printed)
Address ___________________________
Phone ___________________________ Email

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(please designate which)

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Make check payable to:
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