

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



Happy Holidays

December 2019

Coming Up Next:

January 9th: We will hear from several of our Chapter Members about one of their ancestors. This was begun by Martha Jorgensen when she was planning our programs and is a wonderful way to learn more about those Texans who came before us.

A huge THANK YOU to Jamie Moran and Laura-Hill Taylor for an amazing Holiday Luncheon at Tony's!



Message from our President:

Happy Holidays! I hope you have a peaceful, relaxing holiday with your family and friends! If you were unable to come to our DRT Luncheon, you missed a lovely celebration. Thanks to Jamie Moran and Laura-Hill Taylor, our Luncheon Chairwomen! We ate at Tony's Restaurant, had delicious food and great door prizes and sang Christmas carols! We even managed to fit in a brief business meeting! We were thrilled that several members came in from out-of-town to join us and we also had a few new members come; it was fun to get to know them!

Good news! Thanks to Gwen Koch, we have been awarded \$20,000 from the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Foundation to provide repairs and improvements to our Log House!

We are doing a second printing of our book, *The Ladies and the Battlefield*. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please email me at sicdrtpres@gmail.com. Payment due upon arrival will be approximately \$30.

Our wonderful Registrar for many years, Marje Harris, is not doing well. She had a stroke in early December and is not improving. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget that our January meeting will not be the first Thursday which is January 2nd. We will meet the next week, the 9th, instead. See you then!
-Beth



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Please keep long-time SJC member and Registrar, Marje Harris in your thoughts and prayers following a devastating stroke.

The San Jacinto Chapter has a new Facebook Page!!

If you are on Facebook, please go to "San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas" and like our page! That's where you will find the latest photos and events for our Chapter. For quick access, copy and paste this title in quotations into your Facebook Search bar. That should take you straight to the correct, active page for our Chapter. Please note: You must have a Facebook account to access this page!

So much going on at the Log House : A Report from the Log House Committee



October visitors



Log House set up for a bridal shower.



Thanksgiving set up at the Log House



Volunteers Gwen Kunz and Margie Forster trimming rose bushes and tending to fire ants on the property.

Tours and rentals. The San Jacinto Descendants held a board meeting at the Log House in October and an open house in early November. One member hosted a wedding shower in October and another hosted a Thanksgiving dinner with seating for her entire family. That family will return on Christmas Eve, thankful for a meeting place where the entire family can gather.

The October and November Open Houses had over 50 visitors who toured the Log House. (Open House is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month.). Call **Luanne Zacek** if you would like to reserve the Log House.

Work on the grounds. Our grape arbor must be replaced. The old arbor has been removed by Hermann Park; a new arbor to be erected. We are hoping our native grape vines return in the Spring. Thanks to Gwen Kunz and Margie Forster for tackling chores around the Log House grounds.

Plumbing improvements. Two modern dishwashers have been installed in our Log House kitchen. In addition, we have hot water in the restrooms, as long as the six-gallon capacity in our water heater lasts. These improvements are part of the project replacing the galvanized pipes in the Log House. Also, a water main valve has been repaired.

Thanks to Carolyn Lightfoot. Her help and expertise made this possible.

Chapter sign. Yes, our San Jacinto Chapter sign in front of the Log House is down. A new sign will be installed.

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We need volunteers!!

We are looking for a new **Chapter Registrar** due to the retirement of our beloved Marje Harris. If anyone would like to step up, please contact Chapter President Beth McCarty at

bethmccarty48@gmail.com

Additionally, If you would like to bring a refreshment for an upcoming meeting, please contact Social Committee Chair Gwen Koch at jkoch11949@att.net or 713/826-9061

Early Texas Recipes

Taken from *A Pinch of This and a Handful of That - Historic Recipes of Texas 1830-1900* published by DRT District VIII in 1988.

Sea Foam Candy - (1880s)

2 cups brown sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup water	1/2 cup nutmeats
1 egg white	

Boil sugar and water together until it forms a ball when dropped in cold water. Pour syrup slowly into stiffly beaten egg white. Beat until stiff. Stir in vanilla and nuts. Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper. Make on a fair day.

During this month in Texas history - December, 1879

If it hadn't been for Amon Carter, there would not be a Fort Worth as we know it today. The young man who came to town when he was still in his twenties stayed to make Fort Worth a great city.

Amon Carter was born in Crafton, Texas on December 11, 1879. He came to Fort Worth first as an advertising man for the Fort Worth *Star* newspaper. Three year later he bought the paper. As the city grew, so did Carter's empire. He opened the city's first radio station; was the youngest president of its Chamber of Commerce; and convinced oil service companies and drillers to make Fort Worth home. His oil investments made him rich. He loved aviation and owned American Airlines. He brought aircraft industries to Fort Worth, and when he died he left the city much of his wealth, and his priceless collection of Western art.

Excerpt taken from *The Book of Texas Days* by Ron Stone



Anna's Tea Cakes - (Anna Brown Roberts 1875)

Cream 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Add 1 egg and 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 cups of flour, 1/2 cup of milk and 1 tsp. baking powder. Press dough into a flat pan and sprinkle sugar over it. Press again and cook at medium heat (350 degrees).

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San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2020

Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	January 9
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	February 6
Chapter Field Trip	March 5
Texas History Pioneer Day	March 17
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	April 2
San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
Baked Potato Lunch and Social	TBD April
"Come and Sip It" Fund Raiser	TBD April
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	May 7
CRT Celebrates Summer - Field Trip	TBD
DRT Annual Convention	May 14- May 16
June Luncheon	June 4
CRT Convention	June 26-27

Great News from Gwen Koch!!

I am pleased to announce that the San Jacinto Chapter received a generous gift of \$20,000 from the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation. This grant coupled with several other recent gifts will allow us to proceed soon with the much needed new HVAC system. Everyone will be able to enjoy heat in the winter, and cool air inside when Houston is hot outside.

There are still a number of preservation and maintenance projects to be completed as funding is received. Thank you to each of you who help to support our Pioneer Memorial Log House.

Thank you Gwen for your hard work in successfully requesting grants for our beloved Log House!



Friends of The Log House Donors

Gifts October 15, 2019 – December 10, 2019

Platinum Star

Margaret Standard

Shining Star

Nancy Burch - In Honor of Sharolyn Wood
Mr. Peter G Doyle

Silver Star

Beth Garrett McCarty - In Memory of Virginia Baldwin
Miki Lusk Norton
Susan Sheeren

If you would like to make a year end gift to Friends of the Log House, a donor form is attached to this newsletter.

Happy Holidays!

Order Our Updated Book

Our book, THE LADIES and the BATTLEFIELD, is being reprinted with the corrections that were approved this Fall. Please let Beth McCarty (sjcdrtpres@gmail.com) know if you would like to order one. The order form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Payment upon delivery, approximately \$30.

Membership Requests/Applications

If you or anyone you know sent applications for membership or proofs to our Registrar, Marje Harris, please resend to Beth McCarty so you can receive assistance you with your application.

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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!

ARE YOU MISSING A DRT SAN JACINTO CHAPTER NAME TAG? PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EITHER EMAILING LAURA KAPLAN AT LKKAPLAN@HOTMAIL.COM OR SIGNING THE NAME TAG LIST AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Want to possibly take home these lovely reversible placemats, napkins and table runner? Purchase your raffle tickets at the next Chapter meeting.

1 ticket \$5

5 tickets for \$20

Raffle will take place during DRT's State Convention



Next Chapter Event:
San Jacinto Chapter Meeting
January 9, 2020
10:00 am Social
10:30 am Meeting
DRT Log House

THE LADIES AND THE BATTLEFIELD



A partial chronology of the efforts of the San Jacinto Chapter,
Daughters of the Republic of Texas
to save and preserve the
San Jacinto Battlefield---1891 to 1999

Please let us know if you want to buy a copy of our book, The Ladies and the Battlefield. The cost will be approximately \$30, depending on the number of copies we have made. Please return this order form as you leave today. Pay later!

NAME _____

NUMBER OF COPIES @ \$30 EACH _____

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PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2019-2020

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 (4th Vice President – Ways and Means)
2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098

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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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