

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



February 2023

Coming Up Next Month: March 2, 2023 Field Trip

*Happy Valentine's Day*

As always, our March chapter meeting is a field trip. This March 2nd, we will visit the San Jacinto Museum at the battleground for an insider's look at the collection. Curator Cecilia Abad and Archivist Lisa Struthers will be our guides. Following our visit, we will enjoy lunch at the Monument Inn.



Attached to this newsletter is a registration form, which can be printed and mailed or completed online. The Harris County bus will depart from St. Luke's UMC at 9:00. Those who prefer to drive should meet at the Monument shortly before 10:00. The \$10 cost is for the museum and lunch is to be paid individually.

Please join us for this special tour.

- Nancy Burch

From the President:

February is a short but busy month for the San Jacinto Chapter DRT. Our Scholarship and Education committees are hard at work publicizing our college scholarships, 4th and 7th grade essays, and Outstanding Texas History Teacher of the Year contest. If you know any 4th or 7th grade students or history teachers or any high school seniors, please encourage them to apply. Fliers are attached to this newsletter with all of the pertinent information. Contacts are Laura Kaplan for scholarships and Tish Wolter for essays and Texas History Teacher awards.

February 19, 2023, our CRT is taking a Field Trip to see the Lone Star Monument and Flag Park in Conroe. That day is also Texas Statehood Day. Fly your Texas flag! Several of our members and I will be at Glenwood Cemetery to lay a wreath honoring Dr. Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, and his wife, Mary Smith Jones, the first president of the DRT! Do join us at 2:00 p.m. if you are able.

We members of the SJC DRT are also planning a Field Trip! Our March meeting will be on March 2nd this year and we are traveling to the San Jacinto Monument and Museum on the Battlegrounds in LaPorte. We are being given a behind-the-scenes tour of the basement storage and the museum displays and artifacts. After that, we will enjoy lunch at the Monument Inn. See the flier attached to this Dispatch and send in your reservation as soon as possible.

Don't forget to fly your Texas flag on March 2nd for Texas' Independence Day and March 6th, Alamo Heroes Day. Eron Tynes will be laying a wreath at the Alamo from our chapter on the 6th.

We are also planning a Saturday Genealogy Workshop for March! Debra Grigsby and Trudi Becht are leading a family search workshop on March 11th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a lunch and your laptop! See you soon!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

**Thank you!**

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**George and Mary Josephine  
Hamman Foundation  
for your generous gift of  
\$15,000  
to be used to  
improve the lighting in our  
Assembly Room,  
the main meeting room of our  
Pioneer Memorial  
Log House.**

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## Essay Contest Information!

Do you know a student who is in 4<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade?

Our DRT Essay Contest is open to all students in Texas.

Deadline to send us their essay is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Topics this year are:

Ben Milam, *Hero of the Siege of Bexar* for 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
And

any one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence  
(student's choice of 59 signers - it could be your ancestor!) for  
7<sup>th</sup> graders.

See the flyers attached to this newsletter for  
instructions and guidelines.

Prizes include money!!

## Now accepting Thelma Maresh Scholarship Applications!

Application Forms and Instructions for the 2023 Thelma Maresh Scholarships  
are now available on our website!

Just go to to our website:

[www.sanjacintodrt.org](http://www.sanjacintodrt.org)

and click on the "Teaching Texas" tab to access the instructions and form.

Please note there is a FIRM deadline of March 10, 2023  
ALL components of the application must be complete and received by March  
10.

If you have children or grandchildren who are seniors in high school and who  
are headed to a 4-year Texas College or University this fall, please encourage  
them to apply!

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## New Raffle Information!



### Raffle to Raise Funds for our Pioneer Memorial Log House Restoration

A beautifully designed **Texas Our Texas quilt** featuring all things Texas is being raffled this year: 1 ticket for \$10, 3 tickets for \$25. This artful quilt can be used as a wall hanging, bed coverlet or throw!

San Jacinto DRT member, Debra Grigsby, adapted the design to include the San Jacinto Monument, Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, the Alamo, Mockingbird, Spindletop, boots and more!!! Debra's craftsmanship and attention to detail AND quality make this a one-of-a-kind treasure. The quilt measures 52" x 64" and is definitely a labor of love for Texas!

Proceeds of this raffle will benefit our Pioneer Memorial Log House. Tickets will be for sale at San Jacinto Chapter meetings and activities, DRT State Convention in May, and DRT District Workshops this summer and fall. The drawing for this quilt will be December 7, 2023 at our chapter's Christmas Luncheon. The Winner need not be present to win.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Gwen Koch at 713/826-9061 or [jkoch11949@att.net](mailto:jkoch11949@att.net).

## We continue to need your support!

**Our chapter greatly appreciates the generous donation from the George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation, however, we still need about \$5,000 to fully fund the Assembly Room project. This room is dimly lit which does not provide enough light to read signage, or to best show off our artifacts, not to mention being able to read programs for meetings.**

**Work cannot begin on this restoration/maintenance project until all funds are received in total.**

**Please consider a donation - a donor form is attached to this newsletter - complete it and state that your gift is for the lighting project.**

**San Jacinto Chapter is blessed to own the Pioneer Memorial Log House with help from our members, then and now.**

**4th VP, Gwen Sorsby Koch**

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## Mark your Calendar for this Fun Event

### Lunch and Learn About Your Genealogy

We boast 100% approvals on all the DRT applications we submit. Many ask us questions about how we do it. Come and learn the how and where with this fun activity. You will also gain insight on how to continue your genealogy research on your family and beyond from our chapter's volunteer genealogists. This event is free but donations to the chapter are always needed and welcomed.

#### Where and When:

San Jacinto Pioneer Memorial Log House/Brooks' Cottage

1510 Cambridge Street, Houston, Texas 77030

Saturday, March 11, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

#### Bring:

Lunch for yourself and a little extra to share. (We will provide coffee and tea).

Your laptop Computer and Hot spot just in case we overwhelm the current Wi-Fi

Please sign up to [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com) (it is free) before you arrive

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) if you have it

Your previously approved application if you have it

Please RSVP to [dgrig1@comcast.net](mailto:dgrig1@comcast.net) so I can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there!

## In Memoriam



**Ethel Jean Cathriner** (pictured left) passed away on January 19, 2023 at the age of 93 and surrounded by her family. Jean was a life member of the San Jacinto Chapter and became a member in 1984. Jean graduated from Hempstead High School and attended the University of Texas where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Jean was a Pan Am stewardess and flew the "Rhumba Run" throughout Mexico, Central and South America, and Cuba. A memorial service was conducted at two O'clock on Saturday, January 28th at the Church of St. John the Divine.

Long time member, **Anita Walls** (pictured right), passed away Jan. 29. She joined SJC in 1999 and her ancestor was Thomas Osborn. Services were held on Feb. 7 at 10:00 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on Sage.

Born in Bastrop. Graduating at 16, she became a switchboard operator, overhearing plenty of town gossip. She attended Incarnate Word College in San Antonio and later transferred to the University of Texas at Austin. Anita joined the management team at Joske's of Texas in San Antonio. She later taught school in Floresville, Bloomington, Placedo and Victoria. Later moving to Houston, she taught at Briargrove, Emerson, and Pilgrim elementary schools. Anita and Bob had two children, Rob and Kim.



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## CRT News!

**February 19: Chapter meeting at the Lone Star Monument & Historical Flag Park (2:00). Come learn about the flags that are associated with the Republic of Texas! 104 I-45 N, adjacent to the Montgomery County Library. Type "Lone Star Monument & Historical Flag Park, Conroe" into your GPS. Please RSVP if you plan to attend ([tishwolter@mac.com](mailto:tishwolter@mac.com), 713-449-8410)**

**June 23-24: Children of the Republic of Texas Annual Convention**

**Where: Center, TX**

**Details will be shared as soon as they are available on the CRT website. Please let me know if you plan to attend ([tishwolter@mac.com](mailto:tishwolter@mac.com))**

**Also, check out our CRT Newsletter attached at the end of this newsletter!**

**Thank you!**

**- Tish Wolter**

Now Accepting nominations for outstanding

Fourth (4th) and/or Seventh (7th) Grade Texas History Teacher to be considered for the Annual Daughters of the Republic of Texas Outstanding Texas History Teacher Contest.

## An Invitation for Texas Statehood Day

Please join us Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for 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. The time of the ceremony will be 2:00 p.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. Dr. Jones married Mary Smith on May 17, 1840. In 1891, Mrs. Jones was one of the founding members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the San Jacinto Chapter. She was elected President of the State DRT Association where she served for 17 years.

Our chapter will be laying a wreath in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Jones and all members are invited to join us.

Please click on the link for the invitation from the Sam Houston Chapter - [Anson Jones Ceremony](#). The main entrance to Glenwood Cemetery is under construction, so you must enter through the alternate back entrance off of Kane Street.

- from Eron Tynes

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**Thank you for your support!!**

## Donations

### Friends of the Log House and San Jacinto Chapter\* June 1 – January 31, 2023

#### Platinum Star

Lisa and Grant Braly  
Carol Haddock  
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#### Lone Star

Bana Caskey\* In Honor of Lynn Forney Young  
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In Honor of Debra Grigsby  
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Amy Sopchak \* In Memory of Margaret Standard  
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Luanne Zacek \* In Memory of Lindsay Cartwright  
In Memory of Marilyn Chapman  
In Memory of Kae Theilen  
In Memory of Mary Alice Ratliff  
In Memory of Cindy Haroughty

#### Gold Star

Mary A. Baring  
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In Honor of Lisa Braly, Debra Grigsby,  
and Gwen Kunz

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Mary Amel Baring \*  
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Nancy Burch In Memory of Ann Tanner  
Laura Cox In Memory of Betty Petty  
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**Thank you for your support (continued from prior page)**

## Silver Star (continued)

Peggy Payne  
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## Other Gifts

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Elysee Peavy \*  
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## In Kind Gifts

Carla Brown  
Mary DiStefano  
Debra Grigsby  
Sharolyn Wood  
Luanne Zacek



**A big thank you to our February 4, 2023 Chapter Meeting Refreshment Hostesses; Heather Henderson, Tish Wolter, and Carolyn Gilbert**



**Food and tablescapes design theme of Cowboy and Rodeo**

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## Information about the new Stars Community!

### DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

We are launching the Stars Community for members 18 to 45 years old. You are the women that generally are building your career or busy raising children or both (and, for some, overseeing the care of elderly parents, too). You want to be more involved, but it is just not feasible yet. However, you can still be involved in DRT by attending chapter and District meetings and volunteering for short-term jobs, whether for a one-time event or things that do not require you to be present. For example, you can volunteer at chapter or committee levels to help with events, public relations, fundraising, research, database review, sales, organization, etc. The DRT Convention is another avenue where you can volunteer as a teller, timer, Sergeant-at-Arms, etc. DRT has been working hard to include women like you by implementing a new contact management system to keep you more up-to-date on all the events we have been promoting. It also allows DRT to offer and show opportunities that will enhance your career résumé by giving you more experience in areas of your respective fields. We are slowly putting into effect more communities, including ones for chapters and special interests that provide a way to connect, collaborate, and communicate in a secure, trusted setting. That is why we set up this community just for you! As upcoming leaders and innovators, you are the future "Stars" of DRT!

You can follow the "Stars Community" by going to the DRT website at: <https://www.drinfo.org> and by logging in using your DRT number and password.

#### Subscribing to a new Community:

When new content is created, you can elect to receive those updates. You can subscribe to discussions, topics, wikis, blogs, and blog entries. You can opt to receive updates from an entire discussion or just from a single relevant topic. Subscribing means you will receive all comments that follow from the original post.

1. In the Menu items tabs, look for Communities and click on it.
2. Then find Community List in the menu items list and click on it.
3. Click Show all to be shown ALL the communities (please be aware that many of these communities have not been implemented yet, and you may have a different list shown than other members).
4. Scroll down until you see Stars Community, and click on it.
5. To your right, there should be a Follow Community button. Click on it to start receiving "Announcements" for that community. (If you have done this right, when you click on the Menu tab Communities, there should be another menu item called My subscriptions. If you click on this, it should show you all the communities you are following. This is also the area where you can unsubscribe from a community.
6. Browse through the content areas (Blogs, Discussions, & Wikis) and click Subscribe following each content area to follow updates to the areas that interest you. The Communities module is new to DRT but is something our younger members have requested for many years. There may be some issues with members learning this process and capabilities. Please have patience with others and DRT Headquarters and staff regarding this enhancement. We will be implementing other communities as soon as we are able.

So, look for announcements when those communities (including your chapter community) are available. If you have any problems, please send an email to Headquarters ([headquarters@drinfo.org](mailto:headquarters@drinfo.org)) and note that you are trying to "Follow" the Stars Community, you will be directed to an IT Committee or Headquarters Committee member to help in this endeavor.

Sincerely, Dusky C. Waters Custodian General  
DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS P.O. Box 6290, Austin, Texas 78762-6290 512-339-1997



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## San Jacinto Chapter - 2022~2023 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

### 2023

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	February 16
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	February 18
Chapter Field Trip, Celebrate TX Independence!	March 2
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	March 16
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	March 18
<b>Chapter Meeting</b> Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	April 6
San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
No Open House	April 22
Reception for Essay Contest winners and Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.	April 30
DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio ~Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas	May 4 – May 6
<b>Chapter Meeting</b> Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	May 11
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	May 18
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	May 20
June Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.	June 1
CRT Annual Convention, Center, Texas	June 23-24

### Welcome New Members!

#### DRT San Jacinto welcomes :

Member	Ancestor
Heather Ford-Collins	Joseph Wilmeth
Corina Cortina*	Mariano Cabrera
Dirkira Cobb	David Cobb
Penny Lusk Johnson	Pulaski Lusk
Sarah Johnson Leavitt	Pulaski Lusk
Gayla Nicar-Sonderreger	James Hanks
LorAnn Garrett Newman	John Garrett
Shana Creech	John Sutherland M.D.

\*Posthumous

Please extend a warm welcome when you see them at our meeting.

On January 21, 2023, Leah Jorgensen (daughter of member Martha Jorgensen) and her spouse welcomed David Jorgensen into the world. Born in Glasgow, Scotland. He's the 10th generation Texan (made in Texas and born over a baggie of Texas soil that was placed under Leah's hospital bed) and the first grandchild of Martha Jorgensen.



Congratulations to Leah and to Grandma Martha! Very cool idea to have the soil so he can be both Scottish and Texan!

Our chapter has made contributions to three of our National Organizations. We donated \$25.00 each to the DRT Library Fund (a non-circulating genealogical research library), the Laura Lanigan Texas History Fund (helps to fund the DRT Texas History Contests), and the CRT Scholarship Fund (provides scholarships to CRT members). While our Chapter supports the National DRT Organization in many ways, these three donations will help us attain the Six-Star Chapter award this year.

- Carla Brown, Treasurer  
- San Jacinto Chapter, DRT



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!



# Pioneer Memorial Log House

Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2022-2023

To help preserve the house and grounds

- 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)

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Street City, State, Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

General Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution in Memory / Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send card to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable to:  
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Or pay by credit card/Venmo (use QR code to donate online):

Name on credit card or VENMO User ID \_\_\_\_\_

Card Type and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mail donations to:  
Pioneer Memorial Log House  
1510 Cambridge Street  
Houston, Texas 77030-1732



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# Daughters of the Republic of Texas

## ☆ 4th Grade Essay Contest ☆

### Attention 4th Graders!

The San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas wants YOU to participate in the DRT Texas History Essay Contest! Our first prize winner will receive \$100 and your essay will advance to District Level judging. District winners will receive a monetary prize and advance to National judging. The National winner will receive a plaque and \$500!

### TOPIC

Colonel Benjamin Rush Milam  
"Hero of the Siege of Bexar"

Write an essay telling about Colonel Benjamin Rush Milam, his contributions to Texas, and the Siege of Bexar

### Contest Rules

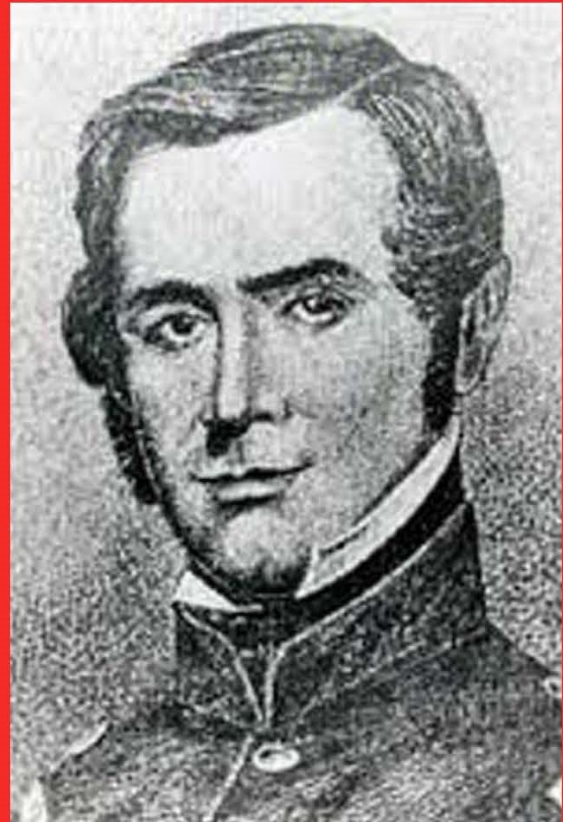
**Deadline:** Essays must be submitted to the San Jacinto Chapter DRT by February 15, 2023. Please submit via email to [sjcdrtpres@gmail.com](mailto:sjcdrtpres@gmail.com). Each entry must include a completed 4th grade essay contest submission form.

**Formatting:** TYPED essays are to be double-spaced on 8½ X 11" paper, using Times New Roman font, size 12. Top and bottom page margins are to be 1", with side margins being 1.25". The body of the essay can be no less than 1 ½ pages. No word count requirements.

HANDWRITTEN essays are to be on ruled 8½ X 11" paper. Word count should be between 500 and 525 words. All essays must be submitted in English.

**Requirements:** A minimum of four (4) references are needed. No more than two (2) may be internet references. References should be listed on a separate page, but not counted as part of the essay length. Included in the bibliography should be the name of the author and title of the book. Newspaper articles should include the name, city, and date of the publication. Facts cited and research references will be checked by the committee. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, and neatness are a consideration in judging. The essay should be original, interesting, and well-organized. The most important aspect of the essay should be historical accuracy.

**Cover Page:** The cover page should include the student's name, title of essay, name of school (including address and city), Daughters of the Republic of Texas Sponsoring Chapter name and city (San Jacinto Chapter, Houston), Chapter contact and telephone number (Tish Wolter, 713-449-8410), District Representative and District Number (Coyla Holmes, District VI), parent's name/phone number/mailing address.



Colonel Benjamin Rush Milam



**The Daughters of The Republic of Texas**  
**Fourth Grade Texas History Essay Contest Submission Form**



Year \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name		
Student's Parent/Guardian Contact Person		Phone Number
Student's Parent/Guardian mailing address (in the event student receives an award)		Email Address
Sponsoring Chapter Name	City	Email Address
Chapter Contact Person		Phone Number
District Representative		District Number

Date submitted to District Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be received by March 1)

Date submitted to Historian General: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be received by March 15)

The purpose of this contest is to stimulate interest in the early Texas history in the schools and by students in our state. Participants have the opportunity to compete at three (3) different levels.

- **First (1<sup>st</sup>)** – A winner will be selected by the Sponsoring Chapter and will receive recognition from that DRT Chapter. Chapters within a district will submit their winners by March 1 to be judged on the District level.
- **Second (2<sup>nd</sup>)** – The District Representative and committee will select the District winner to represent their district. The winning entry on the District level must be received by the Historian General by March 15. There are ten (10) districts in DRT, and each District submits its winner to the Historian General to compete in the final stage. District winners will receive a certificate and award of \$50.00.
- **Third (3<sup>rd</sup>)** – The Historic Education Committee, with the guidance of the Historian General, will select the National Fourth Grade Student Essay winner from the District winners.

The National Fourth Grade Student will be invited to attend the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Awards Luncheon at the DRT Convention and may be asked to read his/her essay at the luncheon. The winner will receive \$500.00, a certificate, and a plaque. Lunch will be provided for the student and two additional guests at the Awards Luncheon.

Please submit this form with your Chapter's winning essay to your District Representative.

**\* PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR CHAPTER RECORDS \***

Thank you for your participation.

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## ☆ 7th Grade Essay Contest ☆

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TOPIC: There were 59 delegates who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. Select one of these 59 for your essay and tell how he helped shape the history of Texas. Who was this man? Where was he from? Why did he choose to be a delegate and sign the Texas Declaration of Independence? What contributions did he make to the history of Texas?

### Contest Rules

**Deadline:** Essays must be submitted to the San Jacinto Chapter DRT by February 15, 2023. Please submit via email to [sjcdrtpres@gmail.com](mailto:sjcdrtpres@gmail.com). Each entry must include a completed 7th grade essay contest submission form.

**Formatting:** TYPED essays are to be double-spaced on 8½ X 11" paper, using Times New Roman font, size 12. Top and bottom page margins are to be 1", with side margins being 1.25". The body of the essay can be no less than 2 ½ pages. No word count requirements.

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### Signers of the

### Texas Declaration of Independence

Jesse B. Badgett, George Washington Barnett, Thomas Barnett, Stephen William Blount, John White Bower, Asa Brigham, Andrew Briscoe, John Wheeler Bunton, John Smith Davenport Byrom, Mathew Caldwell, Samuel Price Carson, George Campbell Childress, William Clark Jr., Robert M. Coleman, James Collinworth, Edward Conrad, William Carrol Crawford, Richard Ellis, Stephen Hendrickson Everett, John Fisher, Samuel Rhoads Fisher, James Gaines, Thomas Jefferson Gazley, Benjamin Briggs Goodrich, Jesse Grimes, Robert Hamilton, Bailey Hardeman, Augustine Blackburn Hardin, Samuel Houston, William Demetrius Lacy, Albert Hamilton Latimer, Edwin Oswald LeGrand, Samuel Augustus Maverick, Collin McKenney, Michel Branamour Menard, William Menefee, John W. Moore, Junius William Mottley, Jose Antonio Navarro, Martin Parmer, Sydney Oswald Pennington, Robert Potter, James Power, John S. Rovers, Sterling Clack Robertson, Jose Francisco Ruiz, Thomas Jefferson Rusk, William Bennett Scates, George Washington Smyth, Elijah Stapp, Charles Bellinger Tate Stewart, James Gribson Swisher, Charles Stanfield Taylor, David Thomas, John Turner, Edwin Waller, Claiborne West, James B. Woods, Lorenzo de Zavala



**The Daughters of The Republic of Texas  
Seventh Grade Texas History Essay Contest Submission Form**



Year \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name		
Student's Parent/Guardian Contact Person		Phone Number
Student's Parent/Guardian mailing address (in the event student receives an award)		Email Address
Sponsoring Chapter Name	City	Email Address
Chapter Contact Person		Phone Number
District Representative		District Number

Date submitted to District Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be received by March 1)

Date submitted to Historian General: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be received by March 15)

The purpose of this contest is to stimulate interest in the early Texas history in the schools and by students in our state. Participants have the opportunity to compete at three (3) different levels.

- **First (1<sup>st</sup>)** – A winner will be selected by the Sponsoring Chapter and will receive recognition from that DRT Chapter. Chapters within a district will submit their winners by March 1 to be judged on the District level.
- **Second (2<sup>nd</sup>)** – The District Representative and committee will select the District winner to represent their district. The winning entry on the District level must be received by the Historian General by March 15. There are ten (10) districts in DRT, and each District submits its winner to the Historian General to compete in the final stage. District winners will receive a certificate and award of \$50.00.
- **Third (3<sup>rd</sup>)** – The Historic Education Committee, with the guidance of the Historian General, will select the National Seventh Grade Student Essay winner from the District winners.

The National Seventh Grade Student will be invited to attend the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Awards Luncheon at the DRT Convention and may be asked to read his/her essay at the luncheon. The winner will receive \$500.00, a certificate, and a plaque. Lunch will be provided for the student and two additional guests at the Awards Luncheon.

Please submit this form with your Chapter's winning essay to your District Representative.

**\* PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR CHAPTER RECORDS \***

Thank you for your participation.

# Daughters of the Republic of Texas

## ☆Outstanding Texas History Teacher Contest☆

The San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas would like to invite your school to participate in naming an Outstanding 4th Grade Texas History Teacher and/or an Outstanding 7th Grade Texas History Teacher!

With your help, The San Jacinto Chapter DRT will award one 4th grade and one 7th grade teacher the Marian Beckham Outstanding Texas History Teacher of the Year award. This award is given to a Texas History teacher who has shown excellence in imparting a love of history to their students.

### **San Jacinto Chapter DRT Marian Beckham Outstanding Texas History Teacher**

#### **Contest Rules:**

Please include your teacher's name, school, and grade level taught along with 2-3 letters of recommendation. These can come from faculty, fellow teachers, or students. A monetary prize will be awarded and the winning teacher will be invited to a San Jacinto Chapter DRT event (to be determined). Please send your nominations to [sjcdrtpres@gmail.com](mailto:sjcdrtpres@gmail.com). Nominations must be received by February 15, 2023.

### **The winner of the Marian Beckham Outstanding Texas History Teacher award can advance for State Level consideration if they choose too!**

If the winner chooses to advance, they must submit an application to the District Representative. The San Jacinto Chapter DRT will be happy to offer assistance.

#### **Applications must include:**

1. Cover page, which shall include:  
Teacher's name and grade taught.  
Name of school, address, city.  
Name of principal.  
"The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, Houston".  
Chapter Contact (info will be shared with winner)
2. Letters of recommendation, limit of four.
3. Applicant's curriculum vitae/resume.
4. The applicant should submit his/her thoughts about teaching, Texas history, manner of instruction in the classroom, and innovations implemented in the classroom.

**The winning teacher at State Level will receive a \$750 award and will be invited to attend the DRT Convention. The winner and a guest will be guests of DRT at the Historical Evening dinner.  
Good luck!**

## **Daughters of the Republic of Texas Outstanding 4th and 7th Grade Texas History Teacher Contest**

The San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas is pleased to invite your school to nominate an outstanding Fourth (4th) and/or Seventh (7th) Grade Texas History teacher to be considered for the annual Daughters of the Republic of Texas Outstanding Texas History Teacher Contest.

**Deadlines:** Nominations and the required letters must be received by the San Jacinto Chapter DRT by February 15, 2023. IF the chapter-level winners choose to, they may submit the required information for National consideration to the San Jacinto Chapter DRT, who in turn will submit their nomination to the District Representative by February 28, 2023.

**Contest Rules:** The San Jacinto Chapter DRT requires 3-4 letters of recommendation from faculty, fellow teachers, or students to consider a nomination. The winning 4th and 7th grade teachers will receive \$XXX and a certificate from the San Jacinto Chapter DRT.

If the San Jacinto Chapter winner chooses to submit their name for National consideration, the following instructions apply:

The teacher should prepare an application that includes the information found in Nos. 1-4 below.

1. Cover page should include:

- Teacher's name and grade taught
- Name of school, address, and city
- Name of principal
- "The Daughters of The Republic of Texas"
- Sponsoring DRT chapter and city
- Chapter contact person and telephone number

2. Letters of recommendation, limit of four.

3. Applicant's curriculum vitae/résumé.

4. The applicant should submit his/her thoughts about teaching; about Texas history; manner of instruction in the classroom; innovations conceived and executed for 4th or 7th graders; and response of the students. This should be typed on 8½" by 11" paper. On a computer, use 12 to 14 point type.

5. The winning teacher will receive a \$750 award and will be invited to attend the DRT Convention. DRT is not responsible for expense incurred to attend. However, the teacher and a guest will be guests of DRT at the Historical Evening dinner.



# SAN JACINTO CRT

*"Not for self, but for Texas"*

## Upcoming Events

February 15: DRT Essay Contest Deadline

February 19: Chapter meeting at Lone Star Monument and Flag Park in Conroe.

April 21: San Jacinto Day Ceremony

April 22: San Jacinto Celebration

June 23-24: CRT Convention

## SJCCRT Officers

President: Anthony Klementich

Chaplain/Interim Recording Secretary: Lorien Wolter

Treasurer: Anthony Thelen

Historian: Morgan Wolter

## State Project Book

We have set a goal to be a \*4 Star\* chapter! Please take a look at the State Project Book online (<https://tinyurl.com/mu7fc286>). If you complete any of the projects individually, please let me know so we can submit them. For our younger members, there are LOTS of projects that need your artwork!

## SJCCRT Happenings!



Our chapter officers had a fun time at the District VI Workshop! We challenged State Board Members to a seesaw battle and visited Juan Seguin Historic Park.



Our chapter collected 120 books to donate to Books Between Kids!

Our chapter enjoyed a great holiday party at the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Brooks Cottage, complete with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus



After a short business meeting members learned how our ancestors might have decorated for Christmas with pomanders. We even made our own!



## Do You Know Dilue?

by Lorien Wolter

I would like to tell you about Dilue Rose Harris. She was a young girl during the Texas Revolution. Her family took part in the Runaway Scrape when the Mexican Army was coming towards their home. They had to leave behind most of their belongings when they left their home. When Dilue was an adult, she wrote about her experiences during that time. She wrote about melting lead in a pot to make bullets for the Texian army, and how she and her sister cried when they heard about William Travis' death at the Alamo. She also wrote about her baby sister dying after they crossed the river. It was a very hard time. After the Texas Revolution, Dilue got married, had nine children, and died when she was 89. She is a great example of a brave young girl during the Texas Revolution. Her journal gives us a lot of details about what happened during the Runaway Scrape. If you visit Columbus, TX, you can see the house where she and her husband and children lived.



*Do you have a favorite Revolutionary Texan? Please submit a short biography of your favorite Revolutionary Texan to be included in our next newsletter. It can even be your own ancestor! (send to [tisbwolter@mac.com](mailto:tisbwolter@mac.com)).*



## DRT Essay Contest

Are you in the 4th or 7th grade? We want YOU to participate in the DRT Essay Contest! 4th graders are writing about Benjamin Rush Milam, while 7th graders can write about any of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. And don't forget to talk to an adult at your school if you would like to nominate your Texas history teacher for our "Texas History Teacher of the Year" award. All of the necessary forms can be found in the email that this newsletter was sent in, or at [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org) under the "Learn" tab. Good luck!



## Upcoming...

**February 19:** Chapter meeting at the Lone Star Monument & Historical Flag Park (2:00). Come learn about the flags that are associated with the Republic of Texas! 104 I-45 N, adjacent to the Montgomery County Library. Type "Lone Star Monument & Historical Flag Park, Conroe" into your GPS. Please RSVP if you plan to attend (tishwolter@mac.com, 713-449-8410)

**April 21st:** San Jacinto Day Ceremony (2:00).  
Details to come.

**April 22:** San Jacinto Celebration Day! Join us at San Jacinto Battlefield for a fun day of learning and celebration. Come in costume and help out at the San Jacinto DRT table (and you might get to participate in a reenactment!)



### June 23-24 Children of the Republic of Texas Annual Convention

Where: Center, TX  
Details will be shared as soon as they are available on the CRT website. Please let me know if you plan to attend!

CRT merch can be found [www.crttexas.com/crt-shop](http://www.crttexas.com/crt-shop)

