

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



January 2020

Coming Up Next:

February 6th: We will hear from Bryan McCauley, the Site Director of San Felipe de Austin Historic Site.

March 5th: Chapter Field Trip to San Felipe de Austin

Honoring our dear friend, Marje Harris



It is with deepest regret that we report that Marje Harris (Ancestor: John White Davis), a long time Board Member as Registrar, passed away after a brief illness. Her services were held on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Forest Park Lawndale. Many members attended the services and afterward, a graveside service.

Marje worked for the Houston Public Library for 34 years before retirement. For 30 years, she worked for Clayton Library, the city's premier Center for Genealogical Research, where she rose to the position of Library Manager for 4 years before retirement in 2006.

She was a member of numerous genealogical organizations and often hosted seminars (some here at the Log House) educating on genealogy.

She will be greatly missed.

*For Marje's famous snickerdoodle recipe, see page 3

Message from our President:

Happy 2020! That is such a perfect number that it is bound to be a good year! We had our first meeting of the year on January 9, 2020, at the Log House. It was such fun to hear the stories of three of our members: Cat Baen Hennesy, Debra Grigsby, and Miki Lusk Norton all did wonderful jobs telling us about their ancestors. We also had a prayer and a few of us shared memories of our former Registrar, Marje Harris. We unveiled a framed poster of the San Jacinto Monument donated by Gwen Kunz which we will hang in our Log House. Kathy Vossler and her family donated a large, artificial, 10-foot Christmas tree to our Chapter after purchasing it for their family Christmas celebration at the Log House. Thank you so much!

Our next meeting will be at the Log House on February 6, 2020. Our speaker will be Bryan McCauley, the site director from San Felipe de Austin. Then, on March 5th, we will take a Field Trip to that historical site. We hope you will join us for both meetings.

Also, if you or anyone you know is working on a DRT application, please meet us at the Clayton Genealogical Library on Thursday, January 23rd between noon and 4:00 pm. We have reserved Meeting Room #2, which used to be Marje Harris' office and the snack bar, to work on applications and research.

Here's wishing you a blessed and prosperous new year! -Beth McCarty

Our book, THE LADIES and the BATTLE-FIELD, 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.

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A huge thanks to our General Meeting Hostesses!!!

A special thanks to our hostesses Martha Jorgensen, Jamie Moran, Clair Younkin, Beth McCarty and Sharolyn Wood at the January meeting celebrating our ancestors . Old family recipes were used for the down home refreshments served in cast iron skillets, and the centerpiece was country greenery arranged in an old piece of crockery.

If you would like to help with refreshments for the April 2 meeting, contact Social Chair Gwen Koch at 713/826-9061 or at jkoch11949@att.net

Mother Sorsby's Dewberry Cobbler

Crust:

2 c. flour

Add 2 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp salt

Mix well.

Mix in 3/4 c. shortening.

Blend in 1/3 c. water.

Roll out a little over half of the dough. Put in deep baking pan and crinkle edges.

Roll out other half.

Put 1/2 qt. dewberries in pan on dough.

Put 1/2 stick of butter on top, 2 heaping Tablespoons of Tapioca and 3/4 c. sugar.

Criss cross dough over this but saving enough for the top layer.

Put on top 1/2 qt. dewberries and 1 c. sugar.

Criss cross the remaining dough for the top.

Have about 1 c. boiling water to put in until just to the top.

Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes, then at 300 degrees for 1 hr and 20 min.



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!

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We need volunteers!!

We are looking for a new **Chapter Registrar**. If anyone would like to step up, please contact Chapter President Beth McCarty at

bethmccarty48@gmail.com

Marje Harris' Snickerdoodle Recipe

Snickerdoodles-7 doz
Marje Harris

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Lightly grease or line 2 baking sheets w/ parchment.

Cream all ingredients:

1/2 c Crisco
1/2 c (4 oz) unsalted butter
1 1/2 c sugar
1 tsp vanilla
2 tsp baking powder
2 large eggs
3/4 tsp salt

Add flour slowly (2 3/4 c flour)

Coating:

1/2 c sugar
2 t cinnamon

Put in bowl or bag
1 T of dough in balls-put in coating mix.
Place on cookie sheet 1 1/2 " apart.
Using bottom of glass, flatten
Bake 8 min until golden

The recipe for Peanut Brittle is from long time member, Kae Theilen, Hope Davis' mother. Kae passed in December 2014.

During this month in Texas history - January, 1901

On January 14, 1901, a young woman just short of her twentieth birthday wrote a letter to the *San Antonio Express*. Clara Driscoll wrote that the Alamo was in gradual decline, and that "all of the unsightly obstructions should be torn away from the Alamo Chapel." She said, in that now famous letter to the editor, that patriotic Texans would probably raise the money to save the shrine.

What followed was a campaign by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to buy the property by public subscription. It did not work out that way. The money they hoped for did not materialize, nor did the state government offer any help. In the end the young woman who started the crusade to save the Alamo gave a personal check and five promissory notes to earn the title "Savior of the Alamo." She bought a thirty-day option on the public shrine and kept control of it long enough to prevent its destruction.

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



Kae's Peanut Brittle

1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup white Karo - Put in large pyrex measuring cup. Zap in microwave for 3 minutes on high, stir, zap 3 minutes more.

Add and stir to mix: 1 cup raw peanuts, 1/2 tsp salt, 1 tsp vanilla and 1 Tablespoon butter

Zap 3 minutes, remove, quick stir, add 1 tsp soda

As it foams, pour on buttered cookie sheet, cool and break in to pieces.

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San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2020

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- May16
June Luncheon	June 4
CRT Convention	June 26-27

Friends of The Log House Donors

Gifts November 15, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Lone Star

Margaret Standard

Gold Star

Luanne Zacek In Memory of Kae Theilen

Shining Star

Nancy Burch

Debra Grigsby

Gwen Koch In Memory of Elizabeth Ann Creech

In Memory of Robert Lightfoot

Gwen Kunz

Miss Ima Hogg DRT Chapter

Silver Star

Betty Wilson Davis In Memory of Mrs. Lucy Parlange

Peter Doyle

Beth McCarty In Memory of Virginia Baldwin

Margaret "Peggy" McGinty In Memory of Marje Harris

Miki Lusk Norton

Susan Sheeren

Sally Whittington In Memory of Clare Smith Denver

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

Happy New Year!

Next Chapter Event:
San Jacinto Chapter Meeting
February 6, 2020
10:00 am Social
10:30 am Meeting
DRT Log House

The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) is looking for old photographs to put into the Handbook of Houston. They are looking for writers and researchers as well. Please contact Miki Lusk Norton if you have photographs to submit (contact information in yearbook) or if you would like to volunteer your research and writing skills.

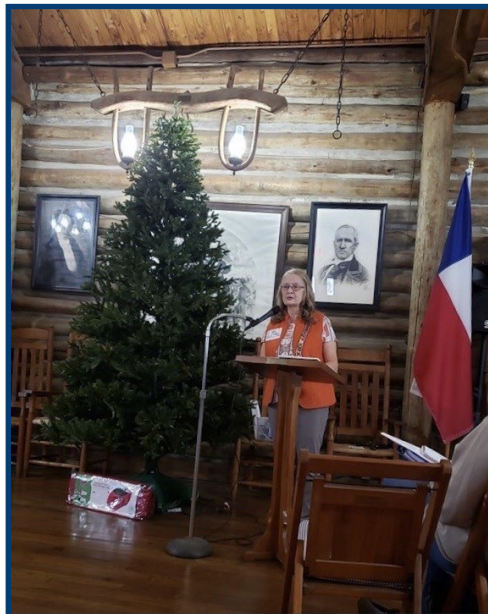


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San Jacinto Chapter Photos



Gwen Kunz with her donation of a beautifully framed poster of the San Jacinto Monument



Our President, Beth McCartney presenting the Christmas tree and storage case donated by the Vossler Family.



Vince's Bridge Boulder



Boulder at Santa Ana capture site

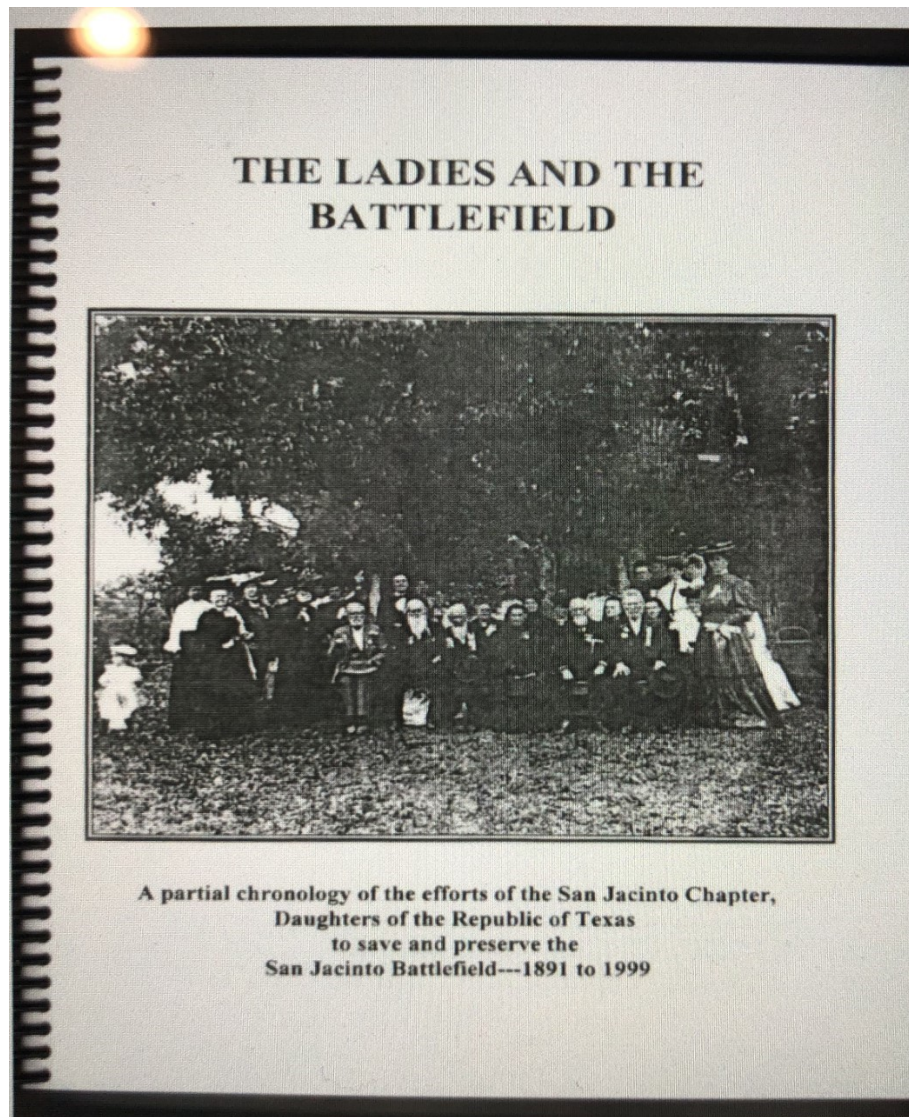


Want to possibly take home these lovely reversible placemats, napkins and table runner? Purchase your raffle tickets at the next Chapter meeting.

1 ticket \$5

5 tickets for \$20

Raffle will take place during DRT's State Convention



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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to help preserve the house and grounds.

Membership levels

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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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Contribution in memory / honor of _____	\$ _____
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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____	

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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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