

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



March 2023

Coming Up Next Month: April 6 Chapter Meeting

The Golden Age of Texas Court-
houses

Jim Bailey is an award-winning television and film producer specializing in educational video programs and television documentaries focusing on Texas history, art and lifestyles.



He serves on the boards of the Texas Foundation for the Arts, the Friends of the Texas Room and the Harris County Historical Commission, and the Harris County Historical Society. A third-generation Texan and graduate of Baylor University, he began his career working for his uncles, Bob and Marvin Bailey, long-time Houston photographers and filmmakers, at Bob Bailey Studios.

Jim spent his early film career working in New York City, making documentaries, including on the history of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Brownstone neighborhoods of Brooklyn. He worked with actors Eli Wallach and Geraldine Fitzgerald, among others. The film, "To Brooklyn With Love," premiered in the film theater at Lincoln Center.

His three-part series, "The Golden Age of Texas Courthouses," continues to air on PBS stations throughout the state. Other documentaries include "In Search of Houston's History," for the Friends of the Texas Room and the Houston Public Library, "Houston Ship Channel: Deep Water Port," "Galveston Island," "Asia Society Texas Center," "The Art of Architecture—Houston," which won a Telly Award, and "The 1910 Harris County Courthouse," which won the Good Brick Award from Preservation Houston. His award-winning PBS documentary "Post Oak Blvd.— A Texas Legacy," detailed the history of Houston's west side and the development of the Galleria, Houston's retail mecca.

While working on the Texas courthouse programs, Jim filmed at more than 150 of these historic buildings, from Beaumont to El Paso and Brownsville to Amarillo, where he collected a



treasure trove of information and stories about their histories and the efforts to preserve them.

- Nancy Burch

From the President:

DRT's busy season is here! On February 19, 2023, we joined with several Sons of the Republic of Texas chapters to celebrate 'Texas Statehood Day' and to honor Dr. Anson Jones and his wife, the first president of the DRT, Mary Smith Jones. We were lucky that it was on a weekend this year so our CRT children could join us! They participated in a wreath-laying ceremony and learned the fascinating stories of these two individuals so important in Texas History. See the photos later in this newsletter!

Then on March 2nd, our annual DRT Field Trip took us to the San Jacinto Monument and Museum where we had a behind-the-scenes tour of the basements and library of the museum. It was very informative and interesting. We also got to view the museum's film documenting the Battle of San Jacinto. There are pictures and information on a wonderful volunteer opportunity in this newsletter!

On March 6th, Eron Tynes and Deidre Vick represented us at the Alamo Heroes Day Celebration in San Antonio, laying a wreath from our chapter. See the photos on page 2! During this time we completed our 4th and 7th grade Texas History Essay Contests. Congratulations to Annie Wallace, Morgan Wolter, and Lillie Pearl Williamson! We will be honoring these students and hearing them read their essays at our Education Reception on Sunday, April 30th, 2:00 pm at the Log House. A special congrats to Morgan Wolter whose essay also won at the District VI level! See the report of the Education Committee on page 5!

We also have been collecting applications for our Thelma Maresh College Scholarships; deadline was March 10th. On Saturday, March 11th, we are having a genealogy workshop at Brooks' Cottage led by our Registrar and her able assistant! A busy weekend for us will be April 21 – 22 when we will honor our scholarship winners. The San Jacinto Day Ceremony will be on Friday, April 21st, 2:00 pm at the San Jacinto Monument. We will also be hosting an educational booth at the festival both days, so please join us! Look for our awesome flag display!

Thanks for all of your support during these busy times!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Coming Up... San Jacinto Weekend

San Jacinto Weekend will soon be here. Come join us at the San Jacinto Battleground as we promote Texas history to our school children and the community at large. The San Jacinto Chapter will be there sponsoring a booth on both Friday, April 21 (School Day) and again on Saturday, April 22 (Festival & Family Day - Battle re-enactment is held this day) Some of you already have plans to be there - any of you are welcome to join us. The official San Jacinto Day Ceremony will be at 2:00p.m. on April 21, 2023. All volunteers will be able to attend the ceremony-there will not be a conflict.

We are looking for volunteers to join us for either day or both days. At our booth we will have about 15 of our Texas flags including the Six Flags of Texas and the various Battle Flags. We will also have to give to the school children, Texas Flag cards with the Texas Pledge and Texas themed coloring pages. The Battleground will be providing colors so the children can color on site. I will also have a copy of the William Huddle painting (Surrender at San Jacinto) for display. If you have an ancestor who was in the Runaway Scrape or San Jacinto, please feel free to represent your ancestor. Don't worry about period dress - just talking about your ancestor will be great.

I will provide information on the flags, Texas Revolution and the Battle of San Jacinto so everyone will have a basic working knowledge. A little knowledge goes a long a way with children. The hours on Friday are from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday will be from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If you plan to volunteer please email Eron Tynes (texas54@att.net). We will send out additional information as the date draws nearer. Thanks again for volunteering.

God Bless Texas
Eron Brimberry Tynes
Past President
San Jacinto Chapter, DRT



Alamo Heroes Day



Pictured left - Eron Tynes and Diedre Vick

Pictured right - San Jacinto Chapter Wreath at the Menger Lobby



It is with a sense of humbleness that I attend the Dawn at Alamo Ceremony each year on Alamo Heroes Day. As is customary during the ceremony, wreaths are laid by Alamo Descendants, DRT, SRT, and other historical groups. This year, Diedre Vick and I laid a wreath for our chapter to honor those courageous and brave men who gave their lives for liberty and Independence. Their ultimate sacrifice bought valuable time for Texas and led to Victory at San Jacinto.

- submitted by Eron Tynes

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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.

Come volunteer at the San Jacinto Museum of History Library



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AT SAN JACINTO MUSEUM OF HISTORY LIBRARY

Lisa Struthers, Library Director, has invited our members to help with inventorying the Herzstein Library Collection of photographs, prints, newspapers and books. If you have an hour, a half day, or more to volunteer, contact Lisa for more information:

Phone: 281-479-2421, ext. 024.

Email: lstruthers@sanjacinto-museum.org.

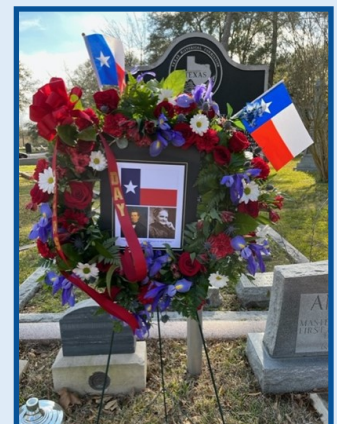
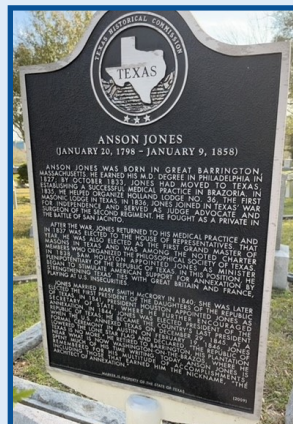
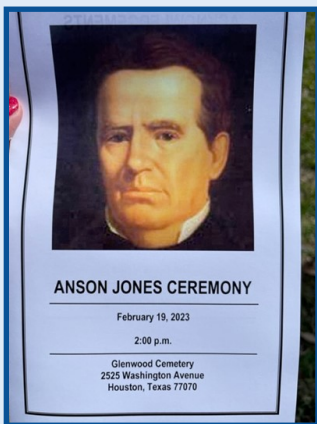
Bring a friend and work together or come by yourself.

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Texas Statehood Day Celebration ~ February 19



Texas Statehood Day is February 19th, remembering that day in 1846 when Dr. Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas, lowered the Lone Star Flag and raised the U.S. flag, stating “the Republic of Texas is no more”. Dr. Jones and his wife, Mary Smith Jones, are both buried in Glenwood Cemetery where a ceremony is held annually. This year, our DRT chapter was allowed to join in and our CRT members could come because it was not a school day. We had 13 San Jacinto Chapter DRT members, 8 SJC CRT members, and our District VI representative, Coyla Holmes, in attendance. Thanks to Eron Tynes who provided the wreath and Beth McCarty who gave a talk on the life of Mary Smith Jones, as well as to our children who laid the wreath. It was a wonderful ceremony on a beautiful day and we learned a lot about Anson and Mary Jones, two fascinating figures in the history of our state. Did you know that Mary Jones was the first president of the newly formed DRT and served from 1891 to her death in 1907? It was an honor to attend this wonderful celebration. -Beth McCarty



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CRT News!

San Jacinto Chapter DRT Essay Winners by Tish Wolter, Education Committee Chair

Congratulations to our 4th and 7th grade Texas History essay winners! Our 4th grade 1st place winner is Annie Wallace with her essay about Ben Milam. Our 7th grade 1st place winner is Morgan Wolter with her essay about George Campbell Childress, and our 2nd place 7th grade winner is Lillie Pearl Williamson with her essay about William Menefee. We are very happy to share that Morgan's essay has also placed 1st at District VI and is advancing to Nationals! Thank you to our participants and to our Education Committee (Beth McCarty, Martha Jorgensen, & Patricia Randolph) for reaching out to schools and for selecting our winners. We hope everyone can join us at our reception at the Log House on April 30th.

San Jacinto CRT Takes Part in Texas Statehood Day Ceremony

The San Jacinto Chapter CRT was honored to join the San Jacinto DRT for the wreath laying at Anson and Mary Jones' graves on Texas Statehood Day. SJCCRT President Anthony Klementich and Chaplain Lorien Wolter presented the wreath.



CRT Upcoming Events:

Come on out to San Jacinto School Day (April 21st) and the San Jacinto Festival (April 22nd)! Wear a Republic of Texas era costume and you just might get to take part in the reenactment!

The CRT Convention will be June 23-24 in Center, TX. Keep an eye on crttexas.com for details as they become available!

**Thank you!
- Tish Wolter**



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2023-2025 Slate of Officers

SLATE OF OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2023 – 2025

Be sure to join us at our next Chapter Meeting on April 6th when we will elect our officers for the next two years.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for this slate of officers: Luanne Zacek, chair, Jamie Moran, Patti Randolph, Barbara Short, and Roni Thelen.

As you can see, we have a few openings. Please consider whether you would be willing to serve. Please!

- 2nd VP plans our programs
- Historian helps keep track of our archives as well as our artifacts
- Parliamentarian helps us keep order
- Newsletter Editor puts all of our news articles and photos into our monthly San Jacinto Dispatch
- Assistant officers assist the named officers.

President Gwen Koch
1st Vice President Roni Thelen
2nd Vice President **open**
3rd Vice President Tish Wolter
4th Vice President Debra Grigsby
5th Vice President Sharolyn Wood
Treasurer Carla Brown
Registrar Trudi Becht
Chaplain Luanne Zacek
Recording Secretary Susan Caraway
Corresponding Secretary Susan Stormer
Historian **open**
CRT Registrar Patti Randolph
Director Lisa Braly
Director Martha Jorgensen

Non-elected Board Member:
Retiring President Beth McCarty

Non-voting Board Members to be appointed (from volunteers!)

Parliamentarian **open**
Newsletter Editor **open**
Assistant Treasurer **open**
Assistant Registrar **open**

Bylaws – Proposed Changes

Please review
the attached
proposed amendments
to our Bylaws.
The Chapter
will need
to vote on the
Proposed Changes
this Spring



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March Field Trip Recap

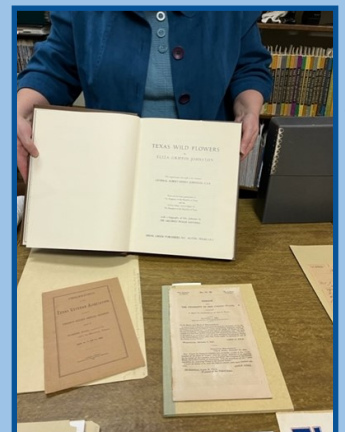
Tour of Hertzstein Library at SJMH



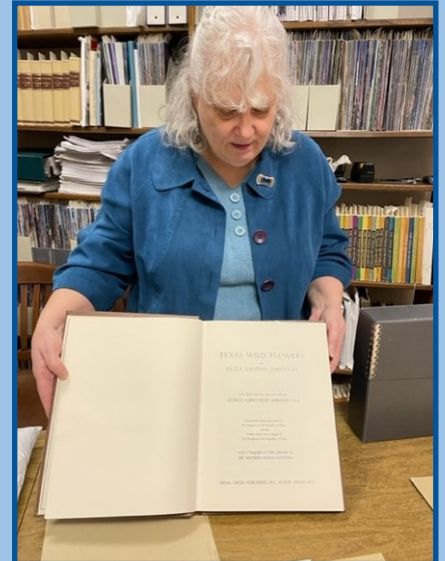
On Thursday, March 2, 2023, 28 members of our chapter and their guests traveled to the San Jacinto Battlefield for a special tour of the Museum's library and basements. We got to see several of the artifacts we have donated or loaned to the museum as well as other interesting artifacts like Santa Ana's snuff box and Stephen F. Austin's mother's Bible. The guides also explained the preservation, storage and cataloguing of valuable items. We also



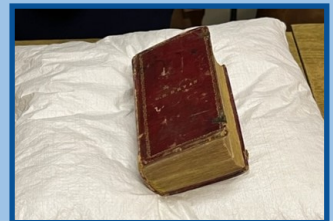
learned how the monument itself was built and got to see the foundation and several photographs of the construction process. The monument is actually taller than the Washington Monument in D.C.!



We learned of a wonderful volunteer opportunity that is open to all of us. The museum needs help with an inventory (checking items off on lists) of photographs, prints and newspapers, and the tall shelves need to be dusted (bring a friend who can climb a ladder!) and inventoried.



Please contact Lisa Struthers if you can come anytime, either alone or with a friend or two! Her email is lstruthers@sanjacinto-museum.org or you can call her at 281-479-2421, ext. 024#.



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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.	March 16
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	March 18
Chapter Meeting 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
Chapter Meeting 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

Now is the time
to register for

Convention!
May 4-6, 2023

See attached
for more
information!

The Grand Opening
of the new
Texas History Center
Building will be on

March 25, 2023

9:30 am-2:00 pm

See Attached flier
for more information



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)

Address _____
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



All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. San Jacinto Chapter DRT is a 501(c)(3) organization.

TEXT OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS--SPRING 2023

- Section ONE: Membership Approval.**
- Section TWO: Finance Duties**
- Section THREE: Officer & Finance Committee Duties**
- Section FOUR: Update & Correction.**

SECTION ONE: MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Purpose: To streamline admitting new members and reinstating former members. Vote by executive board with approval by chapter.

Section 4. Application for Membership.

1. Prospective Member. The prospective member will submit a letter or email to the chapter, by sending it to the registrar, stating why she wishes to join Daughters of the Republic of Texas and San Jacinto Chapter. When the prospective member has two chapter member sponsors, the chapter registrar will submit the applicant’s name to the executive board for consideration. She will be elected to become an applicant of San Jacinto Chapter by a 2/3 vote **of approval by the executive board at a regular or called special meeting.**

Section 5. Transfers, resignation & reinstatement.

D. Reinstatement. A former member who desires reinstatement and whose written request is **approved by the executive board** will be restored to full membership upon the payment of her dues for the current year and payment of the DRT reinstatement fee.

SECTION TWO: FINANCE DUTIES

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF

OFFICERS. *Purpose: Reorganization of finance duties of officers and committees.*

Section 4. Vice Presidents.

A. First vice president will be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the chapter yearbook. She will serve as chair of the Yearbook Committee **and as a member of the Finance Committee.**

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Section 7. Treasurer.

D. Investments. **In accordance with the Investment Policy Statement (“IPS”), the Treasurer, with the Finance Committee, will monitor and evaluate the investment portfolios and prepare a Management Investment Report for the executive board. In October, the treasurer will present a recommendation to the executive board for the annual scholarships to be awarded, using the Appropriation for Expenditure Calculation guideline in the IPS.**

ARTICLE VII—STANDING

COMMITTEES. *Purpose: Reorganization of finance committee duties.*

Section 2. Finance Committee will be composed of the treasurer **as chair**, assistant treasurer, retiring treasurer for the two years succeeding her term of office, first vice president, and, by appointment of the president, **two** chapter members with financial **or investment** experience. The committee will **perform the following duties:**

(a) Review all financial reports.

(b) Review investment portfolios **and the semi-annual investment Management Reports for compliance with the Investment Policy Statement.**

(c) Prepare a proposed chapter budget for the next fiscal year and submit it to the executive board for consideration in April and then to the members for adoption in May.

(d) Perform two audits each fiscal year in accordance with the established Audit Policy. An audit report for each audit is to be submitted to the executive board and chapter, along with the financial statements, for vote of approval.

(e) Review the IRS Form 990 prior to filing.

(f) Conduct annual reviews **of the following** chapter policies: Audit, Conflict of Interest, Donation, and Investment. Recommend changes to the **executive** board when needed.

~~**Section 3. Audit Committee** Deleted. Duties combined with Finance Committee.~~

SECTION THREE: OFFICER AND COMMITTEE DUTIES

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF

OFFICERS. *Purpose: Reorganization officer duties. Housekeeping.*

Section 1. Executive Board. The executive board will attend to all business of the chapter and will be called together by the president. The board will hold one stated meeting each month previous to the regular meeting of the chapter and will present its recommendations to the chapter for action. The executive board will elect by 2/3 majority a qualified chapter member to fill an officer vacancy. She will serve the unexpired term of her predecessor and will be eligible for election to the same office for a two-year term.

Section 2. President.

A. General. The president will preside at all meetings **and** call special meetings when necessary. She will enforce all rules as adopted by the chapter. **She will sign all contracts, leases, grant applications, and other legal documents. She will be the chapter's official spokesperson, to read all chapter communications intended for public dissemination prior to its release.**

B. Committee Appointments and Memberships. She will appoint all committees except those appointed by the fifth vice president, those elected by the executive board, or those elected by chapter. She will be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. She will serve on the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee, serving a third year on the committee as immediate past president. She will appoint a President of the Friends of the Log House and serve on any Friends of the Log House Committee.

C. DRT Reports. The president will send to the DRT Headquarters and **the District VI Representative** the list of new officers as required in the MOP **and** submit reports and forms as required by the MOP. **She will** sign all applications for membership, and with the chapter recording secretary, co-sign chapter endorsement of members for election at a District Meeting or for nomination for Officer General sent to the DRT Nominating Committee.

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D. Fourth vice president will be in charge of fund-raising projects and **is authorized to prepare and submit grant applications co-signed with the President.** She serves as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and on any Friends of the Log House Committee. **She serves** as chair of the Ways and Means committee.

Section 5. Recording Secretary. The recording secretary will keep the minutes of the chapter meetings and executive board meetings **and will distribute the minutes to the executive board by the Monday prior to the meeting at which the minutes are to be approved.**

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Section 8. Historian. The historian will preserve papers and records . . . and administer the Chapter Record Retention Policy. **She will assist the Curatorial Committee with preservation of paper artifacts as needed.** She will prepare a photo history book . . .

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Section 9. Chaplain.

A. **General.** The chaplain will open all business meetings with prayer and will preside over memorial programs and such other meetings as may require her services.

B. **Notification.** She will receive notification of the death of a member and forward that information to the Chaplain General **and to the chapter president, treasurer, and database manager. The chaplain general is to be sent** 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, and any available newspaper obituary clippings, and a photo, if available, as soon as possible after the member’s death.

C. **Condolences.** **The chaplain** will send notices of condolence to the bereaved family members **and recommend an annual donation to Clayton Library in memory of recently deceased members.**

D. **Resigned member.** A woman who has been a member for many years . . . and resigned because of age or illness . . .

ARTICLE VII—STANDING

COMMITTEES. *Purpose: Reorganization of committee duties. Housekeeping.*

Section 6. Historic Preservation Committee will be in charge of . . . This committee will keep the chapter library updated as to important publications such as the Annual Proceedings and Yearbooks and will recommend **an** annual donation to the San Jacinto Museum of History. The historian will chair the committee.

Section 7. Bylaws Committee will update the San Jacinto Chapter bylaws to agree with any revisions, changes, or amendments to the **Bylaws of DRT** approved **at the DRT Annual Convention.** The committee will review, study and present **bylaws** amendments to the chapter **in accordance with Article XII-Amendments. After the DRT Parliamentarian has approved the amended bylaws, the Bylaws Chair will provide the amended bylaws to the**

first vice president for the Yearbook. The chair will maintain the Chapter Policies Manual, ensuring that all policies do not conflict with chapter bylaws or other chapter policies and distribute the policies to each new executive board member.

**ARTICLE VIII—
PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE COMMITTEE.**

Purpose: Reorganization of officer duties.

Section 1. Purpose.

A. Committee.In addition to the chair, the members of the committee will be:

(i) president, fourth vice president, **and** treasurer of the San Jacinto Chapter;

. . . .

(iv) **three** additional chapter members appointed by the chair; and

(v) any president of the Friends of the Log House, as an ex officio member.

. . . .

D. Sub-Committees. The chair of the committee will establish sub-committees . . .

2. Curatorial sub-committee will curate and conserve artifacts in the early Texas history collection, . . . responsible for their installation. **The historian will assist the sub-committee as needed.**

SECTION FOUR: UPDATE & CORRECTION

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS.

Purpose: Revise language; correction.

These bylaws may be amended no more than twice per year by the vote of the chapter as follows. . . . The proposed amendments to the bylaws will be reviewed by the executive board at the September or **March** executive board meetings. Chapter bylaws will be sent to the **DRT Parliamentarian for review** each time the chapter bylaws are amended.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

132nd Annual Convention

May 4-6, 2023

Galveston, Texas

Call to Convention

Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa, & Convention Center

7 Hope Boulevard

Galveston, TX 77554

The Registration Form is on the DRT members website

<https://www.drinfo.org>



GUEST SPEAKER

*Honorable Judge Ken Wise,
14th District Court of Appeals*

STORIES FROM GALVESTON

Parking: Valet Parking - \$22.00

\$10.00 per Day Hotel Garage

Parking Lots & Convention Center Garage
- FREE



Daughters of the Republic of Texas

cordially invite you to attend the

Opening Dedication Ceremony

for the

Republic of Texas History Center

Saturday, March 25, 2023

9:30AM - 2:00PM

810½ San Marcos Street

Austin, Texas 78702

Please join the Daughters as they cut the ribbon at 11:00 for the Republic of Texas History Center which will be the new home for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. This 21st Century Design will feature a museum, lineage research center, Headquarters, and conference facilities.

Please R.S.V.P. Past President General Carolyn Raney by March 15, 2023

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