

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



May 2020

## Coming Up Next:

June 4th: Spring Luncheon is CANCELLED and rescheduled for next June 3, 2021

June 4th: 10:30 a.m. Zoom Chapter meeting (log in information will be sent out via email)

## Message from our President:

Hello, Ladies!

We did it! We actually had a San Jacinto Chapter DRT meeting electronically! And we even had a quorum! It was great to see some of you that we haven't seen since February and even some members who are never able to join us at the Log House due to work and other volunteer obligations. Thank you for joining us!

We approved the Chapter Budget for 2020 - 2021. Thank you so much for your support! We also approved a new Prospective New Member, Clarlyn Bhatti. Welcome! We found out that one of our members, Jimmie Wooten, died in April as did the husband of member Bette Burkett. Please remember these two families during this time. And our 5th VP, Sharolyn Wood, gave us an update on the construction work being done at the Log House. Our new HVAC is installed and a new storage closet has been built. The ceiling over the kitchen sink, which was sagging, has been lifted and steadied so that our cabinet doors now actually close!

Since the May meeting via ZOOM worked, we would like to try to meet again in June. The date is Thursday, June 4th, at 10:30 am. You will receive a link to the meeting from Roni Thelen, so be on the lookout! We have a couple of prospective new members to approve. It will be our last Chapter meeting before next October. Right now, the State Convention has been indefinitely postponed in the interest and safety of all DRT members. Our newsletter, website, Facebook page, and emails will help us keep in touch between June and October. I miss you and love hearing from you. Stay well and rested!

-Beth McCarty

## Introducing the San Jacinto Chapter Texas History Teacher of the Year!



**Pat Tatum**, a Teacher and Coach at Trafton Academy has been selected as this year's SJC Texas History Teacher of the Year!



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the San Jacinto Chapter hosted its first EVER virtual Chapter meeting via Zoom. We had several members join us and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces during our meeting!

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## Welcome CRT Members!



Welcome to our newest CRT (Children of the Republic of Texas) members; Grace Leigh Fowell (6), Emma Marie Fowell (11) and Colin Thomas Fowell (11) of Cypress, Texas. The Fowell children are pictured here with their certificates at the Historical Marker for their Patriot Ancestor, Stephen Williamson in Pearl, Coryell County, west of Gatesville, on March 16, 2020.

## 2020 Convention News



May 14, 2020

Dear Daughters,

It is with great sadness I inform you the DRT Convention 2020 in Spring has been postponed indefinitely because of the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic. Together, with the Board of Management, we decided yesterday that cancellation of our annual convention would be in the best interest of the health of our Daughters. We know that social distancing and limited numbers in meeting spaces would prevent the DRT from having a guaranteed convention quorum, in addition to the very real risk to our Daughters. We appreciate the tireless effort of the Convention Chairman, Coyla Holmes, and the volunteers from District VI with their many hours of planning and of meetings.

For those Daughters who have already registered for Convention certain members of the Board of Management are working diligently to assure your refund. Please understand this process is going to take a few weeks and it will be June before we are able to issue refunds.

It is our hope that smaller groups are able to attend the District Meetings in the fall and we don't have a resurgence of this virus. Your BOM is very concerned over the health of their members. Please stay safe and well 'til we are able to be together again.

Should you have any questions not answered by this communication, please contact our Executive Secretary General, Sonein Pattinson Noack, [ExecSecretary@DRTInfo.org](mailto:ExecSecretary@DRTInfo.org)

For the love of Texas,

Carolyn Thomas Raney  
President General

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



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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## Early Texas Recipe

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

### Indian Cornmeal Cake (used as bread)

1830 ~ Wright and Halliburton families

- 1 1/2 c. of yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 c. of flour
- 1 2/3 c. sugar
- 1 c. butter
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 tsp. rose water or vanilla
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 8 eggs

Mix sugar, butter and eggs; add flour, meal and salt to butter mixture and mix well. Add extract and cinnamon and pour into greased and floured earthen mold. Bake in moderate oven.

## During this month in Texas history - May, 1718



On May 1, 1718, Martin de Alarcon, the Spanish Governor of Texas, founded a new mission three-quarters of a league down the creek from San Pedro Springs. It was the first of the missions established along the east bank of the San Antonio River. He called it San Antonio de Valero.

Eventually the mission became known as "The Alamo".

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

## SJC Doll gets a makeover!

The San Jacinto Chapter owns a beautiful antique doll (from around 1905) who recently made a visit to the Houston Doll Hospital to be completely restored and revived. In the head shot photo, you can see she has a light color hair net to keep her neat. In the full shot, you can see the beautiful antique baby day dress she has covering her original outfit. The original lace trimmed dress is visible when the day dress is pulled back. The original lace knickers are visible with the dress pulled up. She has new "period right" socks protecting her original socks. Her arms are sewn back on. She is beautiful!





## Thank you to our generous donors!

### Friends of the Log House

Gifts June 1, 2019 – May 10, 2020

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to Friends of the Log House this year. Your gifts coupled with several grants that we have received are allowing us to complete major restoration and maintenance projects for our historic Pioneer Memorial Log House. The Log House belongs to the San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Therefore, if something needs to be done for the log house, it is our chapter's responsibility to find the funding. We still have several major projects that will need funding. If you have suggestions, please contact Beth McCarty – President, Sharolyn Wood – chair Log House Committee, or Gwen Koch - Ways and Means.

#### Lone Star

Lisa Braly

Caskey Charitable Fund

Margaret C. Standard – In Honor of Laura-Hill Taylor, Sharolyn Wood,

Luanne Zacek, Phyllis Moody and Susan Stormer

#### Gold Star

Anne Brent – In Memory of Connie Juvan-Savoy

Carol Theilen

Gwen Sorsby Koch – In Memory of Elizabeth Ann Creech and  
In Memory of Robert Lightfoot

Gwen Kunz

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Angela C. Mahmarian – In Memory of Marje Harris and  
In Memory of Margaret Standard

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Susan T. Whitfield

Luanne Zacek – In Memory of Don Akers

In Memory of William C. Fisher

In Memory of Robert Lightfoot

In Memory of Bertha Mecasey

In Memory of Kae Theilen

In Memory of Sue Trammel Whitfield

Sharolyn Wood

#### Shining Star

Gina Bouchard – In Memory of Doris Haynie Chapman

Charlotte Brent

Nancy Burch – In Honor of Sharolyn Wood

Rose Calhoun

Peter G. Doyle

Jane Fieldcamp

Debra Grigsby

Carol Haddock

Laura Kaplan – In Memory of Bootsie Pierce

Liz Leifeste

Margaret "Peggy" McGinty – In Memory of Marje Harris

Mary Montgomery

Phyllis Vaughan Moody – In Memory of Pat Craig

Kenney Marie Dixon Pickens – In Memory of Emma Johanna Kessler  
Dixon

Brenda Puckett – In Memory of Judy Calvin and

In Honor of Marilyn Chapman

Candace Sawyer

Diana Stachowiak

Beckie Stockstill-Cobb

Martha Sable Strang

Ann Tanner – In Memory of Pat Craig and

In Honor of Luanne Zacek

Sandra Wellen

Sally Whittington – In Memory of Clare Smith Deaver

#### Silver Star

Sarah Bay – In Memory of Alice Hill Smith

Martha Bodine

Susan Caraway and In Memory of Dorothy Skolaut

Betty Wilson Davis - In Memory of Mrs. Lucy Parlange

Carrie Fisher

Kelly Fisher

Vanessa Flores

Martha Hunt Hirsch

Tamara Mailloux

Beth Garrett McCarty – In Memory of Virginia Baldwin

Miki Lusk Norton

Mary Powell

Trudy Schuckers

Susan Sheeren

Carolyn Ivy Shimek - In Memory of Marje Harris

Betty Stokes

Jimmie F. Wooten

#### Texas Star

Carolyn Abernathy

Isabell Andrews – In Memory of Laura Andrews Wortham

Elizabeth Arp

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### Friends of the Log House (continued)

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#### Texas Star (continued)

Cheryl Barta

Elizabeth Burkett

Patricia Doyle – In Memory of Patti Ruth Linbeck

Martha Haydel

Marajane Jones

Dr. Rene Maher

Nancy Peebles – In Memory of Julia Aguilar

Caroline Prince

Diane Martin Quast - In Memory of Shirley Green

Mildred Quast – In Honor of Marilyn Chapman

Martha Rogers

Claire Seibert

Julia Ryan – In Memory of Patricia Craig

Laura Smith

Julia Stockstill-Cobb – In Memory of Mary Dell Rosier

Charlotte Taylor – In Memory of Dorothy Knox Houghton

Laura-Hill Taylor

Kathleen Vossler

Anita Walls

Sharlet Warner

Ashley Gayle Williamson – In Memory of Judith Gayle Greenwood

#### Other

Catherine Doxtater

Susan Gaze

Shelley Gottschalk

Emma Hanan

Bonnie Hutton

Amy Lueders

Lorena Maher

Mary Milby

Elysee Peavy

Sylvia Peebus

Josephine Rodgers

On behalf of San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic, we would also like to thank the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Foundation and the George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation for their generous gifts this year.

We have just received word that Texas Native License Plate has made a pledge to fund a new floor for our log house kitchen. If you are interested in having this special license plate which supports Texas history and allows you to show your Native Texan pride, go to [www.drinfo.org/education/native-texan-licenseplate](http://www.drinfo.org/education/native-texan-licenseplate) to get the information.

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

#### 2020 Thelma Maresh Scholarship Recipients



# 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 _____	
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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 (4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Ways and Means)**  
**2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098**

### ★★★★★★★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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