Daughters of the Republic of Texas

HAPPY FALL

September 2022

Coming Up In Next Month's Chapter Meeting:

October 6: Caroline Crimm, PhD



Dr. Caroline Castillo Crimm was born and raised in Mexico City. She holds degrees from the University of Miami, Texas Tech and a Ph.D. in Latin American History from the University of Texas at Austin. Among her many books and articles is the award-winning De León: A Tejano Family History. After 40 years of teaching, she retired and was honored as Professor Emeritus from Sam Houston State University. She lives in Huntsville, Texas, and with her husband Jack owns and operates Historic Tours of Texas, offering a variety of opportunities to see and learn the fascinating stories about our state.

We invite you to register for and attend the District VI Workshop
October 22, 2022

Monument Inn in LaPorte

Registration materials and information attached to this newsletter

Let's make some new friends and put on a great showing

from our San Jacinto Chapter!!

From the President:

Hello, Ladies, and welcome to Almost Autumn! We have had a busy and productive summer with your officers and committees working on numerous projects for our chapter. We held a called chapter meeting on July 28th and had 24 members present to approve six new Prospective Members and one new Associate Member. We have cleaned the outside and the inside of our Log House removing lots of ugly gunk in the rafters and brightening up the 86-year-old logs! Our Country Store has traveled to three out-of-town workshops and sold over \$3,200 worth of merchandise (gross sales)!! We also approved our calendar for 2022 - 2023 (see attached) and are excited about some of the wonderful programs we are planning. We wrote new bylaws for our CRT Chapter and amended some bylaws for our DRT chapter. Our committees went through numerous old documents found by our Historian. Our Log House committee continues to work through its long list of projects to keep our House and grounds in good shape.

We collected dues for 264 chapter members! And our CRT chapter elected officers and plans their first meeting and initiation ceremony on Saturday, September 17th at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome! We are almost ready to print the Supplement to our Yearbook which will include all new members since last September.

We said good-bye to three stalwart members of our chapter this summer: Mary Jane Merchant, Marilyn Chapman, and Verlinde Doubleday. See Chaplain's report.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, October 6, 2022 when our speaker will be Dr. Caroline Crimm. We will meet in person at the Log House and will also send out a Zoom link. On Saturday, October 15th, we want to invite all new members to the Log House for a reception from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Since many of you work during the week, we thought you might enjoy a time to visit on a weekend!

We also hope you will attend our District VI Workshop on Saturday, October 22nd at the Monument Inn in LaPorte. An invitation is attached to this newsletter. We need at least 13 members to attend! We are working on transportation for everyone interested.

Welcome to the new DRT year of 2022 - 2023!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

In Memoriam

Marilyn Grogan Jones Chapman born 30 Jan 1933, died 26 July 2022-member of San Jacinto DRT for 41 years. Marilyn held the offices of President, 2nd VP, 5th VP, recording secretary and director. She was District VI Rep, Bom 1st VP General and Registrar General. She was a life member and a very active member of the chapter.





Catherine Jane Merchant was born 6 July 1919 and died 22 June 2022-She was a member of the San Jacinto DRT for 58 years. She was 102 years of age when she passed away. Music was the center of her life and she was a volunteer of the Houston Grand Opera, Glyndebourne Opera in

England, Bayreuth Opera in Germany, Arkansas Opera, Kansas Lyric Opera, Memphis Opera and Shreveport Opera. She attended many workshops that added experiences in backstage advetures. The Catherine Jane Merchant Reading Room was establisher in her honor. Her collection of rare books were defined as "Merchant Quality".



Verlinde Van de Berge Hill Doubleday, age 68, died on August 28, 2022. She was a member of our Chapter for 31 years. Verlinde was active in several historic organizations and was on the Board of Trustees of the San Jacinto Museum and Battleground Association. She also was a very talented artist. Some of her

works can be seen at verlindedoubledayfineart.com

Report from the CRT Convention from Gwen Koch

CRT Convention - Denton, June 25, 2022

Pictured right: JoAnn Heiligman Eames I happened to sit next to her at the CRT Convention. She knew San Jacinto Chapter right away as she was the winner of our Bluebonnet Linens set at the 2021 DRT Convention in San Antonio. JoAnn said that she loves and collects

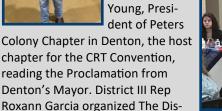


all things bluebonnet and was so excited when we called to say she had won. Our set is her current favorite table set.



Left photo: A young CRT member wearing the Texas Flag Polo Shirt his mother purchased for him from our table at the DRT Convention in Austin.

Pictured right. Kristin Koch Young, Presi-





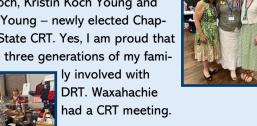
attending. Next year's CRT Convention will be in Center, District IV. Plan to attend, it is fun to watch the CRT members involvement. They are the future of DRT.

Country Store on the Road Again from Owen Koch

The Country Store has been to several District meetings this summer with Carla Brown to sell our gear in support of our Pioneer Memorial Log House:

District II, Waxahachie - right photo: Gwen Koch, Kristin Koch Young and Carolyn Young - newly elected Chaplain for State CRT. Yes, I am proud that we have three generations of my fami-

trict III Chapters and CRT and BOM





District IV, Longview – left photo District V, Georgetown

News From the Social Committee

Nancy Burch has planned great speakers for our 2022-2023 meeting schedule, now we need great refreshment volunteers. We try to keep food easy, and there may be a table theme for each meeting.

Gwen Koch will contact you several weeks before the meeting to tell you the theme and what food we will need. And then a reminder on Monday before the meeting. We also can use help to set up for the meeting the day before, setting out the food the day of, and clean up.

October 6 - Board will provide refreshments

<u>Chapter Meeting Dates to choose from:</u>
November 3, January 5, February 2, April 6, and May 11

December 1 will be our Holiday Luncheon at the Log House. We need a committee to help with details and lots of volunteers to help in advance and the day of. Food will be catered.

December 4 will be our Holiday Open House and CRT Holiday event. We need a committee, food volunteers as well as people to help set up in advance and clean up afterwards.

June 1 is our Year End Luncheon - we need a committee to help with details Helping the Social Committee is a great way to make new friends and get to know the chapter better.

If you are interested in any of the above, contact Gwen Sorsby Koch 713/826-9061 or jkoch11949@att.net

Attention, all CRT and DRT members of the San Jacinto Chapters!

Please join us this Saturday, September 17th, at the Pioneer Memorial Log House for our CRT's Officer Installation and first meeting of the year.

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Log House, 1510 Cambridge Street, Houston 77030

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We will have a flag ceremony, Installation of New Officers, and a tour of the Log House and then go to Brooks' Cottage for refreshments and our first meeting. All are welcome! Bring your children and/or grandchildren!

YOU ARE INVITED!

New Member Reception

at the Pioneer Memorial Log House 1510 Cambridge Street Houston, Texas 77030

> Saturday October 15, 2022 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome! Come tour your Log House and the newly renovated Brooks' Cottage! Get to know your DRT sisters! We appreciate you!

Curatorial Committee Report

Early Texas History Collection

The Curatorial Committee is responsible for maintaining the "Early Texas History Collections" as part of the chapter's mission to perpetuate the history of the Republic of Texas. The chapter has acquired many objects representing the rich heritage and diverse cultures of the republic before, during and after 1836 to 1845.

- The History Collection containing historical objects of material cultural significance, used or created during the republican era.
- · The Art Collection containing historcial works of art created during or depicting the republic era.
- The Textiles Collection containing historical textiles relevant to the Republic of Texas and the establishment of the SJC/DRT.
- · The San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of The Republic of Texas Collection containing objects relating to the history of the organization.

The Collection is interpreted to the public through educational tours, permanent and temporary exhibits and special events. The committee is in the process of reviewing and updating the inventory of our Collection and adopting a management policy guide to responsibly maintain the Collection.

Current projects underway are framing and displaying historical maps and other images in Brooks Cottage, framing art and pictures relating to General Sam Houston, finding a new home for the deaccessed, early 1900s piano, and displaying decades-old chapter scrapbooks which the Historic Preservation Committee is bringing out of storage.

The committee is a subcommittee of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee, chaired by fifth vice president, Sharolyn Wood, with members Trudi Becht, Gwen Koch, Gwen Kunz, Eron Tynes, and ex officio member, the president Beth McCarty. Volunteers are welcome who are interested in working with the collection. In October, we will begin a project to inventory the collection. We have prior inventories to double check and new items to add.

Gwen Kunz & Sharolyn Wood for the Curatorial Committee



Historic Texas Maps to be Hung in Brooks Cottage



Capitols of Republic of Texas To Be Hung in Brooks Cottage

LOG HOUSE RESTORATION 2019-2022: Part 5



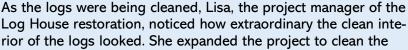
Logs surfaces inside the Pioneer Memorial Log House are sparkling clean today. The team of log specialists from Lonestar Log Specialties returned in early August to work for two weeks, cleaning the interior walls of the Log House.

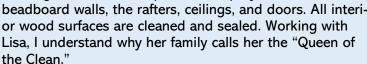
Hand washing the interior log walls removed decades of accumulated dirt, exposing beautiful, browntoned logs. The whiteish hue of the logs is gone. "Dirty" does not fully describe the condition of the interi-

or logs. Work was slow. Cleaning water turned muddy. Cleaning cloths turned black. Sealant was hand painted on the cleaned logs.



Cleaning the interior side of the pine log walls of the Log House was not contemplated by the Log House Committee when we embarked on the restoration in 2019. Lisa Braly came forward in early 2022 to suggest this project, providing the funds to make the cleaning possible.





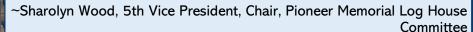


Status Report. The last details of the log restoration project will be completed in the coming weeks. With additional funding, the chapter can complete the lighting project and other projects to improve the Log House.

Sincere thanks are extended to Gwen Koch, 4th Vice President - Ways & Means, and the grants received for the support of chapter restoration projects. The generosity of Debra and Richard Grigsby, Lisa and Grant Braly, and Gwen Kunz is very much appreciated. Thank you all.

Other projects. The Log House Committee has been busy these past three years. If you are interested in working on future Log House projects, be a volunteer at the Log House. Contact Sharolyn Wood, Chair, Log House







Part 1-February Newsletter -- Infrastructure Projects, 2019-2020

Part 2-March Newsletter -- Brooks Cottage & Lighting Projects, 2021-2022

Part 3-April Newsletter -- Log Restoration, 2022

Part 4-June Newsletter -- Log Restoration & Trim, May 2022

Part 5-September Newsletter - Interior Log Restoration, August 2022

News and Happenings at the Log House!

Good News -- Bad News

Good news for our grounds. Our grounds keeper team has been at work during this blazing summer. Ronnie Perry and his team have been at work, putting down sod over the muddy area near the Log House, weed eating, and cleaning up unwanted vegetation around the Log House. Our overgrown beds are being rehabilitated. Grounds maintenance is looking good. Bad news is that two trees have died, most likely from the effects of the 2020 drought followed by the ice storm of 2021.



Chapter members Barbara Strong and Mary DiStefano were my volunteer "watering team" as we rotated watering duties, trying to keep the sod alive as the scorching months of June and July arrived. Bad news, we lost a lot of sod. Good news --the sod that survived is looking green and no mud.

Bad news for chapter refrigerator. Our 20-cu.ft. kitchen refrigerator donated by Ester Simon almost 20 years ago is on its last legs. Ice in the freezer has melted. The chapter will need to purchase a new one. "No" Good News for the Old Piano. The

"deassessed," oldest upright piano must be removed from the Log House. Efforts to locate the family who donated the piano have been unsuccessful. The search for a new home must begin.



Rental Good News. We had three successful events at the Log House this summer—two birthday parties--Carla Brown's sister and the Moran/Liss-Frank grand-baby--and a baby shower for Juan Nevarez, our Log House on-site caretaker until 2018.

The Moran/Liss-Frank grandbaby's birthday party included a wonderful petting zoo and lots of big bright balloons! (Pictured left: Members Jamie Moran and Debra Liss-Frank. Pictured bottom left: Member Jessica Blumfield with husband, Josh and birthday boy, Sawyer)









It seems fitting that the Nevarez baby shower was the first event held in the Log House after the interior logs and walls were washed and sealed. Many of us know Juan well and wish him and his wife Rebecca all the best as they await baby Liam. His mother Maria Gonzales has helped take care of the Log House for 18 years. (Pictured right center photo: Sharolyn Wood, Juan and Rebecca Nevarez, Luanne Zacek Pictured bottom right: Grandmama Maria Gonzalez)

~Sharolyn Wood, 5th Vice President, Chair, Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee

San Jacinto Chapter - 2022~2023 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2022

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. September 15

CRT Chapter Meeting, Log House 12:30 a.m. September 17

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. September 17

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. October 6

New Member Welcome, Log House, 1-3 p.m. October 15

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. October 15

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. October 20

District VI Workshop, Monument Inn, LaPorte October 22

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. November 3

Ribbon Cutting for RHTC in Austin, Texas, 11 am November 5

131st Birthday of our Chapter – 9 Nov 1891 November 9

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. November 19

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. November 29

Holiday Luncheon Setup Workday, Log House, 10 a.m. Nov. 30

Holiday Luncheon at the Log House, 11:30 a.m. December 1

Christmas Open House at the Log House, 2-4 p.m. December 4

~ And CRT Holiday Event!

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. December 17

2023

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. January 5

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 10 a.m. January 19

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. January 21

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 am February 2

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. Febuary 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

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 April 30

Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.

DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio May 4 – May 6

~Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas

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



The following items will be offered in a Silent Auction at our October Chapter meeting.

· 2 copies of Flag Song of Texas, copyright DRT, 1903

· 10 Official Postal Covers Postmark 3/2/1986 Texas Independence Sesquicentennial 1836–1986

· 1986 Print of painting Presidio La Bahia by artist Dalhart Windberg

1986 1st day cancellation Battle of San Jacinto

· 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas Alamo Visitor Register Book

Proceeds will benefit Historic Preservation of our historical documents.

-Gwen Kunz

Let's support our San Jacinto Chapter when we buy groceries!!





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!

Log House Refrigerator Update

Our 20-cu.ft. kitchen refrigerator donated by Ester Simon almost 20 years ago is on its last legs. Ice in the





The Log House desperately needs a new fridge. Anyone out there who would like to donate a new fridge to the Log House? Please let us know!!

Our annual yearbook is being printed and will be available soon!



Please review the proposed **Bylaws amendments** attached to this newsletter!

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San Jacinto Chapter 2021-2023 Bylaws Committee September 15, 2022 – Report to the Chapter: Proposed Bylaws Amendments

REPORT. The bylaws committee considered the amendment requests received and reviewed the current Bylaws for improvements, inconsistencies, and omissions.

Four categories of proposed amendments:

- 1) revisions incorporate amendments adopted at Annual Convention, including \$5 dues increase effective March 1, 2023. *Listed in a separate report.*
- 2) revisions relate to chapter finances, including the authorization of electronic payments for bills and duties of the treasurer.
- 3) revisions amend the description of duties of the first vice president, recording secretary, historian, and retiring officers.
- 4) revisions reflect chapter vote ending *new* life memberships in 2018 and changed names. Proposed amendments in **Categories 2**, **3**, **and 4** will be presented to the Chapter at the October 6 chapter meeting, to be **voted on by the chapter at the November 3 chapter meeting**.

Category 1. DRT BYLAWS (see the October Newsletter for these amendments).

Bylaws amendments from conventions in 2021 and 2022 which relate to chapter bylaws are incorporated into the San Jacinto Chapter bylaws without a vote of the chapter.

"Any amendment to the Bylaws shall become the law of the chapters <u>without chapter vote</u>."

Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Bylaws. Article XIV.

Category 2. CHAPTER FINANCES. Revisions authorize electronic payment of bills and incorporate prior financial and audit customs and duties into the bylaws.

Art. IX – Duties of Officers.

Section 6. Treasurer.

A. Duties. The treasurer will maintain the financial records of the chapter and report to the executive board at each regular board meeting and to the members at each chapter meeting. She will keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer will serve as chair of the Finance Committee and consult as needed with the Audit Committee. She will serve as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and on any Friends of Log House Committee.

- B. Dues. [No change from current bylaws.]
- C. Disbursements. Only budgeted expenditures are allowed; non-budgeted expenditures must be approved by the executive board before payment. All payments must be approved by the president prior to payment. All checks must be signed by the president and treasurer.

Alternatively, the Treasurer may issue electronic payments for bills, provided that there is an auditable trail of the President's approval prior to payment being made.

D. Compliance. The treasurer will file the appropriate IRS Form 990 . . .

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 2. Finance Committee will be composed of . . . for adoption in May. The committee will review the IRS Form 990 prior to filing. The committee will develop . . .

Section 3. Audit Committee will perform interim audits twice a year following established Audit Policy. At year end, the committee will complete its audit of all financial accounts and the annual financial statements and submit the Audit Committee's report, along with the financial statements, to the executive board and then to the chapter for vote of approval. The first vice president will chair the committee.

Category 3. OFFICER DUTIES. Revisions improve the description of officer duties.

Art. IX – Duties of Officers.

Section 4. Vice Presidents. The vice presidents will assist the president . . .

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

Section 5. Recording Secretary. The recording secretary will keep the minutes of the chapter meetings and executive board meetings. She will co-sign, . . .

Section 7. Historian. The historian . . . She will secure and preserve all chapter historic documents and permanent files, maintain the chapter library collections in accordance with Library Collections Policy and administer the Chapter Record Retention Policy. She will . . . Section 14. Retiring Officers. The retiring officers will give to their successors, after installation of new officers in June, records and information necessary to facilitate the work of each office. They shall deliver archival items to the Historian for storage.

Category 4. GENERAL CATEGORY

ARTICLE. II - OBJECTIVES

Section 5. The special objective of San Jacinto Chapter will be to further interest in the San Jacinto Battleground **State Historic Site**, San Jacinto Museum of History, and the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership

B. Chapter Life Member. Life Memberships-in San Jacinto Chapter are no longer available. State dues for Life members enrolled as of May 2022 will be paid from the general funds until the member is deceased.

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 10. Relics and Preservation of Historic Sites Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Sharolyn Wood 5th Vice President Chair, Bylaws Committee September 15, 2022



The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Districts VI & IX Meeting Saturday, October 22, 2022

Hostess Chapters: Texas Star, Tejas, and James Taylor White I Chapters
Monument Inn Restaurant, 4406 Independence Parkway South, LaPorte, TX 77571

"At San Jacinto Battlefield - Sacred Grounds"

Coyla Holmes, District VI Representative: (281) 639-4187 <u>District6rep@drtinfo.org</u> Charlene Buck, District IX Representative: (979) 299-0777 <u>District9rep@drtinfo.org</u>

San Jacinto Monument Tour 3523 Independence Parkway South La Porte, TX 77571 (281) 479-2431 san-jacinto-battleground@thc.texas.gov Friday October 21, 2022, 3:30-5:30 PM Dutch Treat Dinner to follow at Antonio's Italian Restaurant 1105 Center Street, Deer Park, TX 77536 (281) 479-0605

Room Block:

A block of rooms is reserved at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 201 West X Street, Deer Park, TX 77536 at the rate of \$109 per night plus taxes (\$127.53), Code: DRT. You may reserve via a website link or by calling (281) 479-9888. Reserve by October 14, 2022.



8:00 AM Sales Table Setup
8:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
9 AM-Noon DRT Business Meeting
(CRT will convene in the Breakfast Room/Sales Tables)
Lunch and Program
Business Meeting will reconvene after lunch
Sales Tables must close and leave by 3:00 PM

Registration forms are due by October 8, 2022

Make your check payable to Texas Star Chapter-DRT Mail to: Diane Fellers, 4703 Felscher Lane, Crosby, TX 77532 (281) 462-0213 diane.fellers@outlook.com

\$5/Children 11 years and younger	#	\$
Registration @ \$15/person (after 10/08/22-\$25)	#	\$
Continental Breakfast and Lunch @ \$35/person	#	\$
Lunch served will be a choice of: (1) Fried Shrimp (12); (2) Blackened Tilapia; or (3) Gr		
Served with tossed green salad, baked potato, home Indicate choice of entrée: #1; #2		, iced tea, and coffee.
Sale and display tables 6' long @ \$10 each (Limited supply available on first come/first serve ba	a cial	\$
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Guest name(s):		
CRT name(s):		

Note: CRT members should register but are not required to pay the registration fee. If the tour and lunch are desired, they should pay in advance for those items only.

MAP showing Hotel, Restaurant, San Jacinto Monument and Monument Inn Restaurant locations. Sheldon Rd BW 8 San Jacinto Blvd USS Texas SHT Miller Cut Off Re Independence Pkwy SHT) Tidal Rd dena Fwy Railroad St 225 SHT La Porte Fwy Deer Park W 13th St BW 8 WXSt EXSt (1) Holiday Inn Express and Suites 201 West X Street, Deer Park, TX 77356 (2) Antonio's Italian Restaurant 1105 Center Street, Deer Park, TX 77536 (3) San Jacinto Monument 3523 Independence Parkway South, LaPorte, TX 77571 (4) Monument Inn Restaurant 4406 Independence Parkway South, LaPorte, TX 77571