Nature Sanctuary in the City at November Meeting
Bethany Foshee, nature lover manager of the Edith L. Moore
Nature Sanctuary in Houston, was our speaker. She gave us a
brief history of the sanctuary and encouraged us to visit this
hidden gem nestled in the city.

The sanctuary, 17.5 acres of land located on Rummell Creek
in West Houston, is named after Edith L. Moore. She owned the
land and lived there in a log cabin, still in existence today, for
44 years. The log cabin, made from Loblolly Pine has a long and
deep history. Edith and her husband built the cabin in 1932 with
pine cut there on the property. They both lived there until 1959
and she subsequently lived in the cabin until her death in 1975.

In 1974, Edith willed the land to the Houston Chapter of the
Audubon Society to create an urban wildlife sanctuary for native
plants and animals and provide an education about the natural
environment to Houstonians of all ages.

The most recent restoration was in 2012. Steve Riha, general
contractor of the restoration also spoke about intricacies in
solving unique problems restoring the log cabin.

We found it fascinating that our Pioneer Log House was built
in 1936, about 4 years after the Moores built their log cabin.

Thank you Bethany and Steve for an engaging presentation.

Edith L. Moore Sanctuary Cabin Tours, 4th Saturday of the month.
440 Wilcrest Blvd. Houston, Texas 77079

Add a lil’ Texas Spirit to Your Tree
Texas Christmas ornaments are a lovely keepsake. Buy one or buy ‘em all at the Christmas luncheon!
Honor and Memorial Days

**November 3**
Stephen F. Austin Birthday (1793)

**November 6**
DRT Founders Day (1891)

**December 9**
Siege of Bexar Day (1835) NEW!

**2018**

**January 26**
Mirabeau B. Lamar Day, Father of Education

**February 19**
Texas Statehood Day (1846)

**March 2**
Texas Independence Day (1836)
Sam Houston's Birthday (1793)

**March 6**
Alamo Heroes Day (1836)

**March 27**
Golida Heroes Day (1836)

**April 6**
San Jacinto Day (1836)

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**Program Schedule 2017-2018**

**December 7, 2017**
Christmas Luncheon
Entertainment by HSPVA
Madrigal Group
New Member Ceremony

**January 4, 2018**
Chase Untermeyer

**February 1, 2018**
Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski

**March 1, 2018**
Field trip to Sam Houston Heritage Park

**April 5, 2018**
Beth Fisher

**May 2, 2018**
Memorial Service

**June 7, 2018**
June Luncheon
Braeburn Country Club
State Convention Report
and New Member

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**UP NEXT, December 7 - Christmas Luncheon**

Our Christmas luncheon is on December 7 at
The Pioneer Log House at 11:30. $28 per person.
See attached flyer to make reservations.

Please bring a toy, unwrapped or wrapped in clear-wrap cellophane. We will donate the toys to a local shelter.

The CRT kids had a blast making unicorn pumpkins at the Halloween party. A big thanks to our chairman of CRT, Debra Liss-Frank for making it happen.
DECEMBER 16 - Log House Open
The Pioneer Memorial Log House Docents invite you and family to the Open House on December 16th between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. for a great family photo opportunity.

On the third Sunday each month, the docents sponsor an open house for tours of the Log House. We open our doors to Hermann Park visitors, answering questions and giving tours.

On Saturday, December 16, your family can see the Log House decorated for the Christmas season, including our beautiful Christmas tree, and take a family photo in front of the Christmas tree or the festooned fireplace.

Contact Sharolyn at 713-305-2750 if you have any questions.

Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

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**Report from Log House Committee**

Thanks to Margie and Lee Forster and Carolyn Lightfoot for repairs at the Log House in October. Carolyn found a craftsman to repair our front porch lantern which was vandalized this summer. Margie and Lee installed the repaired lantern in time for the Come and Sip It. It looked great.

At the October chapter meeting, we discovered the disposal was not working. Special thanks are extended to Carolyn Lightfoot for sending her company’s plumber to install the new disposal. The plumber advised that the disposal has a small motor which was burned out. In addition, he reported that our old water pipes were extensively corroded and needed replacing.

Margie Forster is looking after the grounds, including supervising volunteer days and the work of the yard service which recently reclaimed an area of the parking lot from encroaching plants and laid new gravel in the parking lot.

Margie and I have met with the sprinkler company about the condition of the sprinkler and problems were addressed--controller issues due to the loss of power, leaks and broken sprinkler heads, and the lack of sprinklers to water roses at the rear of the property.

We still face the challenge to level the Log House and replace our A/C system.

**Sharolyn Wood, 5th Vice President**

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**Chile Con Queso Dip**

**Ingredients:**
- 1–1 lb. pkg hot breakfast sausage
- 10 oz can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 onion diced
- 2 cans green chiles
- 1-2 lb. Velveeta Cheese
- 1 jalapeno, diced
- Chips for serving

**Directions:**
Brown sausage and onion in large nonstick skillet breaking up the sausage as you go. Once browned, drain off some of the fat. Chop cheese block into cubes and add along with the tomatoes and green chiles, juice and all. Cook over low heat til it all starts coming together. Stir in diced jalapeno. Serve with chips.
The Chapter adopted new bylaws on November 2, 2017. The 2017 Bylaws are included in the new Yearbook which is in the mail to all San Jacinto Chapter members.

The 2017 Bylaws include:

- **Article II—Objectives**, new Honor Day added, Siege of Bexar Day, December 9;
- **Article III—Membership and Article IV—Dues and Fees**, rewritten to comply with new DRT Bylaws and MOP;
- **Executive Board in Article V—Officers**, two elected directors, instead of non-voting advisors;
- **Article VI—Duties of Officers**, rewritten, including eliminating 6th Vice President;
- **Article VII—Standing Committees**, prior committees combined, eliminated, and redrafted and new committees created to better meet the needs of the Chapter;
- **Article XI—Amendments**, rewritten to eliminate an ambiguity;
- **Article XII—Pioneer Memorial Log House**, rewritten to incorporate the duties of the dissolved Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum into the Chapter, setting out the responsibilities of the Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee and Friends of the Log House; and
- **Article XIII—Election Process**, rewritten to designate the senior member of the Nomination Committee as chair.

The Bylaws Committee has a “Bylaws Comparison” showing the additions and deletions.

If you would like a copy of the Bylaws Comparison, please contact Sharolyn Wood at: woodsharolyn@aol.com or 713-305-2750.
In Memoriam
Betty Jo Higginbotham Petty

Betty Jo Higginbotham Petty, a sixth generation Texan, was born on the Higginbotham farm in the Lone Pine Community, in Houston County, Texas, on the 14th of January, 1928, to Joseph Austin and Laura Evin (Sharp) Higginbotham in a farmhouse which is still standing on the farm today. She loved her husband, her family, and her God.

In high school, Betty moved with her family to Beaumont, where she graduated from South Park High School in 1943, at age 15. In 1943, she received the first scholarship awarded by the Texas Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Beaumont, enabling her to be the first member of her family to attend college. After graduation from Lamar Junior College in 1945, she enrolled at Texas State College for Women in Denton, graduating in 1947 at 19, with a B.S. degree in homemaking. In Denton, Betty met a returned Army Air Corp veteran, Robert H. "Bob" Petty from Corsicana, who was attending North Texas State Teachers College. They married in the Little Chapel at TSCW her senior year and started their family in Denton. In 1948, the Petty family moved to Houston where their son was born. Betty began her teaching career, teaching homemaking in HISD and Cy-Fair ISD. Following Bob in his career moves, she taught in Arlington, Freer, Poteet, Pleasanton, Corpus Christi, and New Orleans until retiring in 1973, teaching many subjects — homemaking, 3rd and 5th grade, American history, girls' P.E., 7th grade math, and remedial 4th grade math. She was a FHA sponsor, girls' basketball coach, and cheerleader sponsor. Betty was president of the National Association of Math Teachers and presided over its national convention held in Corpus Christi. She served as president of the Corpus Christi Classroom Teachers Association, during which time she found a sponsor to introduce and pass a law to allow classroom teachers to report suspected child abuse without legal consequences. Gov. Preston Smith named Betty a “Yellow Rose of Texas” and appointed her to the Task Force to write the Code of Conduct for public school teachers of Texas. She attended college in the summers — the University of Houston, obtaining an elementary education certificate, driver's education certificate, and M.A. in history and Auburn University to study mathematics for a M.S. Betty started a computer career in Washington, D.C., at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1974.

Betty and Bob returned to Houston in 1980 when she worked for U.S. Customs, before accepting a position at American General where she specialized in data management. Always a student, she took IBM courses, participated in the Houston area Data Base Users Group, serving as president and program chair, and was an early member of HAL-PC. After retiring from American General in 1998, Betty returned to computer work as a consultant and then as an employee at HL&P, to ready the "legacy" computer for Y2K, retiring again, three weeks before her 74th birthday. Betty's teaching and computer career spanned 54 years.

Betty was devoted to her family. Betty and Bob moved back to Houston in 1980, allowing her to be close to and help care for her mother and be close to their grandchildren and part of their lives, never missing a sporting event or a performance. Bob, retired from U.S. Customs in the 1980s, passed away in 1995. Their son, Robert Austin Petty, passed away in 1999. After retirement in 2001, Betty taught computer skills in the Pct. 5 senior program. Betty maintained her Cypress home until 2005. She moved to her "apartment" in the Wood home, where she lived until needing care in a memory center in 2017 in advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease. Her beloved Labrador retriever "Lady", adopted in 2006, kept her company until 2016. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and former member of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Betty was a "people person," personally knowing fellow employees, neighbors, and employees where she traded. They always looked forward to the Christmas candy she personally delivered.

As a 6th generation Texan, whose ancestors settled in Houston and, later, Anderson Counties, Betty proudly joined the San Jacinto Chapter of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas in 2008. She enjoyed the many activities until 2016, when her Alzheimer’s disease kept her at home with special caregivers.

Betty was predeceased by her husband, Robert H. "Bob" Petty and son, Robert Austin "Bobby" Petty of Houston; her parents, Joe and Laura (Sharp) Higginbotham of Houston and Lone Pine; and grandparents, Elizabeth "Lizzy" (Spence) and Leonard "Stell" Sharp of Crockett and Dora Elizabeth (Hassel) and Sam Houston Higginbotham of Lone Pine; all of her aunts and uncles; 42 of her 46 cousins; her siblings and brother-in-law, Elizabeth Dora "Beth" (Higginbotham) Bitner, Samuel Eugene Higginbotham, and Laura Sue (Higginbotham) and John Houston Davis III. Betty accompanied Bob to his Dodd "First Cousins" gathering each year and continued attending after Bob died. Kenneth Miles of Missouri is now the surviving Dodd first cousin.

Betty is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Hon. Sharolyn (Petty) and Hon. Michael J. Wood; grandchildren and spouses, Christopher Andrew and Debbie (Yee) Wood of Houston, Scott Austin Petty, Richard Evin "Ricky" Wood of Dallas, and Laura Elizabeth (Wood) and Grant Cox of Marble Falls; and great-grandchildren Harper Wai-Yu Wood, Henley Kate Wood, Evin Elizabeth Wood, Anson David Cox, and Austin Michael Cox. She is also survived by brother-in-law Orlan E. Bitner, Sr. of Lone Pine, previously of Houston, who continues to manage the Higginbotham farm, and sister-in-law Harriett "Judy" (Wade) Higginbotham of Houston; nieces and nephews Orlan E. Bitner, Jr. (Jan), Janet Bitner, and Joe Bitner (Lori), all of Austin; Judy Barron (Kevin) of Corsicana; Debbie Roberts (David) of Hawaii and Alaska; Allen Higginbotham of Tyler; Mark Davis of Los Angeles; and Nancy James (Tom), Sam Higginbotham, and John Davis (Tori), all of Houston; and numerous great nieces and nephews.
San Jacinto Chapter, DRT
Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Pioneer Memorial Log House

Stuffed Chicken Breasts
Sweet Potatoes
Green Salad with
strawberries, walnuts & feta cheese
Cheesecake
Rolls
Tea & Coffee

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Make your Christmas Luncheon Reservation by November 27th

Number of Reservations @ $28.00 Per Person $_______

Make your check payable to: San Jacinto Chapter
Send to: Amanda Cowan
         20603 Raingreen Dr
         Katy, TX 77449-1832