From the President

Dear Daughters,

Hopefully March weather will be the beginning of calmer weather for the foreseeable future. March is full of Texas Honor and Memorial Days. We start the month with Texas Independence Day and Sam Houston's birthday on the 2nd. Alamo Heroes Day is on the 6th and we finish up March with Goliad Heroes Day on the 27th.

Please check the newsletter carefully for all the upcoming activities. San Jacinto Chapter member, Beth Fisher, will speak on the Texian Navy at our April 5th chapter meeting and of course, our San Jacinto Day Ceremony will take place on April 21st at the San Jacinto Battleground. This year April 21st is on a Saturday, so please plan to attend the activities and festivities.

Have a happy spring!
I hope to see you at these events.
Laura-Hill Taylor,
President

Field Trip to Sam Houston Park in March

Eight delightful DRT ladies braved a beautiful sunny and breezy day to visit the Heritage Society Homes at Sam Houston Park. After a tour through three buildings and an overview of continued plans for the Kellum-Noble House, we walked to the downtown tunnel for a fun lunch in the food court. "A good time was had by all."

UPnext: The Vital Role of the Texas Navy

Beth Fisher, one of our very own members, will present "The Vital Role of the Texas Navy". Come and hear our fabulous speaker talk about the Texas Navy and its importance to Texas.

UPnext for April: Speaker, Beth Fisher

Honor and Memorial Days 2018

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The “Texas Star” Handmade Pendant

Buy Raffle Tickets now!
$20 each or six for $100

DRT Member Carolyn Lightfoot commissioned and donated this exquisite piece handmade by jewelry designer Paul Cravey. This Texas Star pendant design is based on the Texas Ranger badge. The piece features a blue Texas topaz in the center of the star, surrounded by five white Texas topazes, one in each arm of the star.

All proceeds of this raffle will be used for needed improvements on the San Jacinto Chapter Pioneer Memorial Log House. The drawing for the winner of this stunning piece will be held at the San Jacinto Chapter Annual luncheon on June 7, 2018. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available to be purchased by members and friends at meetings or by calling or texting Gwen Koch at 713-826-9061 or by email at jkoch11949@att.net

Please encourage your friends to buy tickets in support of the Pioneer Memorial Log House. They just might be the winner!

SAVE THE DATE!
San Jacinto DRT Luncheon
Thursday, June 7, 2018
See Flyer Attached

Program Schedule
2018
April 5, 2018
Beth Fisher
May 3, 2018
Memorial Service
June 7, 2018
June Luncheon
Braeburn Country Club
State Convention Report, and New Member

Contributions
San Jacinto Chapter
DRT Pioneer Memorial
Log House
Friends of the PMLH
Lisa Braly
Marilyn Chapman
Leslie Conrads
Amanda Cowan
Alfred Davis IV
Martha Haydel
Grace Kelly
Gwen Koch
Angela Mahmarian
Kay Martin
Constance Seger
Anne Brent
Carol Haddock
Sharon Hanan
Anne Kennett
DRT New Kentucky Chapter
Beth McCarty
Beth Fisher
Margaret McGinty
Laura-Hill Taylor
Jamie Moran
Coyla Holmes
Betty Newsom

Memorials
In Memory of
Betty Petty
Karen Cox
Evenlyn Keyes
Ann Tanner
Sharolyn Wood
Luanne Zacek

Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

2018
March 29  Executive Board Meets
April 5  Chapter Meeting  10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
April 21  San Jacinto Day Ceremoy  10:00 am
Presentation of SJC Scholarships
San Jacinto Battleground
Battle Reenactment  3:00 pm
www.sanjacinto-museum.org
April 26  Executive Board Meets
May 3  Chapter Meeting  10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
May 15-19  DRT Annual Convention
Dallas, Details to be Announced
May 31  Executive Board Meets
June 7  June Luncheon  11:30 am
BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet
June 22 - 23  58th Annual CRT Convention
Deer Park
March Log House Committee Report

Work Completed and Needed Repairs

- Downspouts on the Cottage and Log House that had come loose were repaired.
- Three sprinkler heads near the Log House chimney were capped off. They were not watering anything.
- A “temporary fix” to the porch light at the Cottage front door was made so it no longer hangs from its wire. An electrician needs to fix it permanently while other work is being done.
- Lee and Margie donated and planted a new “Belinda’s Dream” rose in the Lila Smith Rose Garden to replace the one in the center that died. The two existing Belinda’s Dream roses in that bed were pruned.
- Other roses on the grounds were pruned, as time allowed.
- The ant beds were treated and litter was picked up.
- The motion activated sensor that controls the 2 security lights on the Cottage (one facing the parking lot; the other lighting the rear of the Log House) seem to be working only intermittently. The light bulbs were replaced, but it has not solved the problem.

Sharolyn Wood,
5th Vice President
Chair, Log House Committee

Scenes from Around the Log House

- Redbuds and Azaleas
- Roof and Gutter Clean
- Chimney Sweep
- Luanne, Pioneer Days
- The Log House grounds.

DRT Convention 2018
May 17-19

Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum by the Galleria
14901 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
(972) 661-2800

Room Rate:
$109 plus tax

Opening date for reservations:
January 1, 2018

RESERVATIONS:
To make your reservation, please use the Reservation Flyer attached to newsletter.

IMPORTANT INFO:

- Please do not reserve your room with Marriott Points. It will not count as a sold room for the convention. We get the ballroom and meeting rooms on the basis of number of room nights sold for the convention. This is why we ask you not to use points.
- If you are a Marriott Rewards Member you will earn points for your stay but they should be used for future nights, not for this convention.
- Please do not reserve a block of rooms for your chapter. Each person should make their own reservation (or for yourself and a roommate if you are sharing a room)
- We will be having breakout sessions and hopefully a trip to the Dallas Arboretum. These events will all take place on Thursday afternoon. More information regarding these and other entertainment, and the menu will be sent out with the registration form at a later date.
The Eagle Scout fence project has been completed by eagle scout, Kendall Barnes. His goal to finish the fence by his birthday in March has been met. Kendall is with Troop 55 at St. John the Divine. Congratulations Kendall!

San Felipe de Austin, a town founded by Stephen F. Austin in 1823, has a fascinating story and played a pivotal role in events leading up to the Texas Revolution, yet this story is not nearly as well known or understood as others in the chronicles of Texas history, including the Alamo and San Jacinto.

To increase public understanding of the town's history and significance, the Texas Historical Commission has developed a new museum and visitor center at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site. It includes a welcome/orientation center, exhibits, map plaza, outdoor interpretation, and educational programs focused on the site's history and archeology.

A SMALL SETTLEMENT WITH A BIG STORY
In 1823, Stephen F. Austin—“the Father of Texas”—secured land grant contracts with the Mexican government and brought 300 families (the “Old 300”) to form a new colony near Sealy known as San Felipe de Austin. The town became a major hub for commerce, government, and diplomacy and was the site of the state's first land office, postal service, and schools.

When the Alamo fell, Sam Houston's army retreated toward San Felipe. Houston ordered residents to burn their town to the ground on March 29, 1836, and the town's militia defended the river crossing against Santa Anna's invading army. Weeks later, Texas independence was won at the Battle of San Jacinto. While San Felipe de Austin's prominence lasted only 13 years (1823–1836), nearly every significant character and event of this era of Texas history is connected to this frontier outpost.

San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site occupies a 90-acre property located 50 miles west of Houston near Sealy, Texas, along the Brazos River.

Source:
http://www.thcfriends.org/special-projects/san-felipe-de-austin-state-historic-site-museum-campaign

http://www.thcfriends.org/
Complete one (1) form for each DRT member registering for the 2018 Convention. Please print clearly.

**2018 DRT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**
District IV Hosts at Quorum Marriott, 14901 Dallas Pky, Dallas, TX 75254

Name: ___________________________  DRT Number (required): __________________
Address: ___________________________  City: __________________ State: ___ Zip: _______
Home/Cell Phone: ___________________  Email: __________________
Chapter Name: _______________________  Dist.#: _______  City: ___________________
Chapter Officer? ___ Yes ___ No  Chapter Position: _______________________
Current BOM? ___ Yes ___ No  State Committee Chair? ___ Yes ___ No
Past BOM or State Office/Position Held (if any): _______________________________

Guest Name (if any): __________________

Complete for the number of people attending each event:

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*BOM: DRT Board of Management Meeting
**Historical Dinner ASSIGNED SEATING – to sit together, mail registrations/check together in ONE envelope. 10 people/table.
Please join us for the
San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas

June Luncheon
June 7, 2018  11:30 a.m.

New Member Ceremony
Texas History Teacher Award

BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet, Houston, TX  77074

Reservations Required - $38 per person
Make your reservation with Amanda Cowan by May 30th

arcowan@sbcglobal.net  or  281-676-4499

Spring / Summer Hats are encouraged!

=== Clip and mail with your check ===

San Jacinto Chapter June Luncheon
June 7, 2018
11:30 am
Reservations must be received by May 30th

Please print
Reservation for _____________________________________________________

My Guest (s)_____________________________________________________

Check for $38 payable to: San Jacinto Chapter DRT
Mail to: Amanda Cowan
        20603 Raingreen Dr
        Katy, TX 77449