

Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston

The San Jacinto Dispatch

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March Meeting

Since our March meeting falls on Texas Independence Day and Sam Houston's birthday, our annual field trip will be to Huntsville to attend the activities that take place there each year on **March 2nd**. Our bus will depart at **9:00 a.m.** sharp from St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3741 Westheimer. We will travel directly to Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville for the Walker County Historical Society program featuring author James Haley. Next is lunch at the Homestead Restaurant and then on to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. At 2:00 p.m. there will be short ceremony to celebrate the completion of the redesign of the exhibit galleries, followed by the "Toast to Texas" and the cutting of Sam's birthday cake. On the way back to Houston, we will stop briefly at the Sam Houston statue before returning to St. Luke's at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Cost for the trip is \$25, which includes lunch. The bus holds 39 passengers and reservations are first come, first served. Send your checks made out to San Jacinto DRT to treasurer Kathy Fountain at 2014 Possum Creek Road, Houston, TX 77017-6709. For those of you who may choose to drive, the cost is the same. The bus is provided to us at no charge, courtesy of Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Eversole.

Nancy Burch

FROM YOUR DISTRICT VI REPRESENTATIVE

Saturday, **February 18** is our District mid-year workshop. Parliamentary procedure, DRT applications and proposed bylaws changes will be the topics of discussion. This meeting is open to all prospective members!

Saturday, **March 11** is our district's CRT Gathering. Bring your grandchildren and friends. A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at Jones Park off FM 1960 in Humble. Bring your old flags for proper disposal.

Essays are due to me, your District VI Rep. by **March 15**. The Fifth Vice President General must have them on March 25. I hope we've had lots of entries.

Anita Cooper

Log House Docents

Recently, some of our docents have regrettably resigned. Since we all have very busy lives, it is understandable and at times, unavoidable.

However, it is very important that we keep the Log House open to the public as much as possible on weekends, as that is one of the key elements in our being able to qualify for grant money.

We are very grateful to those volunteers already helping out as docents in the Log House. My challenge to the rest of our membership is--**CAN YOU GIVE ONE DAY IN 2006** to be a docent at the Log House? With a membership of over 300, we should be able to find enough ladies to cover most Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Along with our regular docents, one day per year is not too much to ask of ourselves.

We have all enjoyed having a wonderful new roof, and will soon have new chinking between the logs so that we no longer see daylight through the holes! But, remember that without grant money, our chapter would be in the midst of a serious fund-raising drive.

Call me and I will schedule you for the day of your choice, along with another volunteer. Thanks for all you do to keep our chapter home running!
Martha Haydel, Docent Chair, 936-441-0790

Bits and Pieces

The DRT Website is "Live" hope you will have time to visit it.

Address for Public Page: <http://www.drt-inc.org>

The French Legation 50th anniversary party is Sat, **April 8, 2006**, 4 – 10 p.m. Liz Carpenter will be the speaker. Make your reservations now.

San Jacinto Day is **April 21**. Plan to attend the ceremonies at the San Jacinto Monument. No admission fee will be charged on that day.

A chartered bus from Precinct 3 will leave from Westminster Methodist Church on April 21, 2006 for the San Jacinto Day ceremonies at the San Jacinto Monument. The buses will depart at 9:15 a.m. promptly and return by 3:00 p.m. The address is 5801 San Felipe, 77057. There is no charge for the trip. Please make your reservations soon, as only 39 seats are available. It will be a grand event! Reservations: Pat Craig 713-974-2729 or pcraig@ev1.net

The DRT Convention will be **May 17-20, 2006** in Arlington, TX, hosted by District II Chapters. The hotel information is on this site. Just click on the link and you can make your reservations. The DRT Convention website address is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txdrtd2/index.htm>

The Alamo Committee has set the date for the next Alamo Gala to be **Oct 28, 2006**. Mark your calendars!

TEXAS HONOR DAYS~~~~FLY YOUR TEXAS FLAG

FEBRUARY 19~~~~TEXAS STATEHOOD DAY

On this day is 1846, President Anson Jones lowers the Lone Star Flag with his famous words; ". . .The Republic of Texas is no more."

MARCH 2~~~~~TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos by members of the Convention of 1836.

MARCH 6~~~~~ALAMO HEROES DAY

Texian Forces under command of Col. Travis were defeated. Approximately 187 men, all of the men there, died in the Battle before dawn.

Historical Dates

February 8, 1836 David Crockett and his Tennessee Mounted Volunteers arrive at the Alamo.

February 11, 1836 - Colonel William Barrett Travis takes command of the Alamo.

February 23, 1836 - This day marks the beginning of the thirteen day siege of the Alamo.

February 24, 1836 - Col. Travis wrote his famous message to the people of Texas, ". . . asking for all men to come to their aid. . . I will never Surrender or Retreat. . ." and signs the letter, "VICTORY OR DEATH".

March 1, 1837 - The United States Senate voted to recommend legal recognition of Texas Independence.

March 2, 1793 - Sam Houston was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia to Elizabeth and Samuel Houston.

March 3, 1836 - Col. Travis sends out his last impassioned cry for help.

March 4, 1836 - General Sam Houston was named Commander of the

Texas Army.

- March 7, 1901 - The Bluebonnet was named the State Flower.
- March 9, 1731 - San Antonio became the home for 56 settlers from the Canary Islands.
- March 11, 1836 - General Houston learns about the massacre at the Alamo while in Gonzales. General Houston retreats eastward and orders Gonzales burned.
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CRT

On **Feb. 26, 2006** all San Jacinto Chapter CRT members are asked to support the Texas Independence Day Celebration. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas have graciously allowed us to hold the Chili Cook-Off as part of the Celebration at the Pioneer Memorial Log House these past four years.

Ms. Eron Brimberry Tynes, 4th V.P. of the DRT is assisting in organizing this event.

The Sons of the Republic of Texas will participate and support this event. Additionally, Tom Green, will be there with his Texas Flag exhibit, Larry Hoff will have a blacksmithing tent, and the Texian Army will present "Travis' Letter. Edwin Erwin will write land grants. We encourage CRT members to make plans to attend and this event. Admission fee is \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child under 16.

This event will help the San Jacinto Chapter CRT fulfill the 4th Vice President's General's Project. Both the San Jacinto Chapter CRT and the San Jacinto Chapter DRT will be awarded a certificate for this project at the CRT Convention in San Antonio, Texas, in June.

On **March 11, 2006** the San Jacinto Chapter CRT members are invited to attend our districts' CRT Gathering at the Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center, located at 20634 Kenswick Dr. Humble, Texas 77338. Additionally, we ask that all CRT members that plan to attend dress in blue jeans/blue slacks and a white blouse, or pioneer period dress. Adults need to be in pioneer dress. Please bring your own lunch as we plan to meet at the Pavilion for lunch at 11:00 a.m. There will be a flag retirement ceremony at 2:00 p.m. at the Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa Indian Village. Reenactors will also be participating at the Homestead and Village. The event will end at 4:00 p.m. Anita Cooper, District 6 Representative is diligently organizing the event and can be reached at 409-945-6849 or email ajcooper@cybergal.com for more detailed information.

On **April 22, 2006** the San Jacinto Chapter CRT will have a coloring table

next to the DRT Sales Table at the San Jacinto Day Festival & Reenactment. CRT members are asked to volunteer and help staff the coloring table at the event. For information please contact 3rd V.P. Loretta Williams at 713- 673-1418.

The Sons of the Republic of Texas

Joint Social Event (all are welcome) - Come for a couples gathering of socializing and food at the new and historic Steamboat House Restaurant.

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