

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



January 2018

UP NEXT, February 1st Meeting

Our February 1st meeting features guest speakers Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski. They will speak on historic artifacts found during the recent Kellum-Noble House restoration located in Sam Houston Heritage Park in downtown Houston.

The Kellum-Noble House is the oldest brick house in Houston. Built by Nathaniel Kellum in 1847, Kellum operated a brick kiln, tannery and saw mill on the property. Standing on its original foundation, it retains its original brick walls made with mud from Buffalo Bayou. Mrs. Zerviah M. Noble operated one of Houston's first private schools there in the 1850's. In 1899, the City of Houston purchased it as partial property for Houston's first city park. Interestingly, for a short time, its grounds were the site of Houston's first zoo.

In 1954, interested citizens organized the Heritage Society to save the house from destruction. Kellum-Noble is the only house in the Sam Houston Heritage Park on its original site.



Kellum-Noble House with family, 1890.



Artifacts found during restoration.

Linda Gorski is a researcher and writer whose byline appears in publications worldwide. She was a correspondent for the Houston Chronicle. Her lifelong interest in archaeology and



Linda Gorski

history has led her to become an avocational archaeologist for 39 years. She is President of the Houston Archaeological Society. Linda loves canoeing Texas rivers; her favorite place in the world is anywhere west of the Pecos.

Native Houstonian Louis Aulbach is a graduate of Rice University and the University of Chicago. He retired after 17+ years as Records Management Officer for the City of Houston. Aulbach is an expert on Houston's history and author of several historical guides. He writes and publishes paddling guidebooks for the Rio Grande, the Devils River and the Pecos River in West Texas. Local history selections include two volumes on the history of Houston:

Louis Aulbach

Buffalo Bayou, An Echo of Houston's Wilderness Beginnings, and Camp Logan, Houston, Texas 1917-1919.



From the President

Dear Daughters,

What a way to start the New Year with record breaking freezing temperatures! As you know, unfortunately, the January chapter meeting was cancelled due to the bone chilling weather and the fact that the Log House is without heat. That, along with air conditioning, are issues we are diligently working to correct.

There is much going on in 2018. Chase Untermeyer, our speaker for January, will hopefully be rescheduled for next year. Our speakers for February, Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski, will speak on the historic artifacts found during the recent Kellum Noble House Restoration and please make plans to attend our field trip on March 1st to Sam Houston Heritage Park.

While making your New Year's resolutions, please consider stepping up and volunteering to serve **your** San Jacinto Chapter. As is said, "Many hands make light work". If everyone volunteers a little time, so much more can be accomplished. Please look through your yearbook, see where your talents can help to support your Chapter.

Happy New Year! I hope to see you at our February 1st meeting.
Laura-Hill Taylor,
President

Due to frigid weather and lack of heating in the Log House, January meetings were cancelled.



Honor and Memorial Days 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

Goliad Heroes Day (1836)

April 6

San Jacinto Day (1836)

Program Schedule 2018

February 1, 2018

Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski

March 1, 2018

Field trip to Sam Houston
Heritage Park

April 5, 2018

Beth Fisher

May 3, 2018

Memorial Service

June 7, 2018

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

Iris Beds

Our Iris beds are declining. We have bare patches where there were thick iris beds. We are investigating why this is happening. At this time, we plan to replant the beds -- digging up the bulbs, tilling and replenishing the soil, and replanting. Our Log House was high and dry during HARVEY; yet the surrounding grounds were underwater. If a member has special knowledge about bulbs, particularly iris bulbs, please call Sharolyn Wood.

Thelma Maresch Scholarships

Thelma Maresch Scholarship applications are available. Five scholarships of \$5000 will be awarded to Houston Metro high school seniors. Contact Luanne Zacek at lzacek@hotmail.com

"The Texas Star" Handmade Necklace.

Get Raffle Tickets at Meetings for a Chance to Win!

Carolyn Lightfoot, President of the Friends of the Log House, has commissioned a "The Texas Star" necklace and donated the necklace to the San Jacinto Chapter to raise funds to maintain the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

The Texas Star necklace, handmade by Paul Cravey, is based on the Texas Ranger badge. It features a blue Texas topaz in the center of the star, surrounded by five white Texas topazes, one in each arm of the star.

The drawing for the winner this stunning necklace will be held at the San Jacinto Chapter June luncheon on June 7, 2018. You do not need to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each, or six for \$100. They will be on sale at the Chapter Meetings January - June. If you wish to buy raffle tickets and are unable to come to a Chapter Meeting, please contact Treasurer Amanda Cowan at arcowan@sbcglobal.net.

**Chapter
FIELD TRIP
March 1st**

Mark the date
for a fun filled trip
to Sam Houston
Heritage Park.

Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

2018

January 25	Executive Board Meets	
February 1	Chapter Meeting	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
February 22	Executive Board Meets	
March 1	Chapter Field Trip	10:00- 12:00 pm
	Sam Houston Heritage Park	
March 12	Texas History Pioneer Day	
March 29	Executive Board Meets	
April 5	Chapter Meeting	10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting
April 21	San Jacinto Day Ceremony	10:00 am
	<i>Presentation of SJC Scholarships</i>	
	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	



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The Eagle Scout project is being done by Kendall Barnes. His birthday is in March and he must complete this project before then, so he is highly motivated. He is with Troop 55 at St. John the Divine. He has already cut the cedar posts, which are at the Log House. It should be completed fairly soon.

RECIPE CORNER

Our members share their yummy Texas recipes.

Buttermilk Eggnog Pie



Ingredients: Crust

1 cup all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons sugar
½ teaspoon table salt
1 stick cold unsalted butter,
cut into ½-inch cubes
2 tablespoons ice water

Ingredients: Filling

1½ cups sugar
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons grated nutmeg
½ teaspoon kosher salt
3 large eggs, at room temp
5 tablespoons unsalted butter,
melted and cooled
1 cup buttermilk, at room temp
1 tablespoon dark rum
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Directions:

Step 1, Make the Crust In a medium bowl, whisk the flour with the sugar and salt. Add the butter and, using your fingertips, rub it into the flour until the mixture resembles coarse meal with some pea-size pieces remaining. Stir in the ice water just until the dough comes together. Form dough into a ball, then flatten it into a 1-inch-thick disk. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour or up to 1 day.

Step 2. On a lightly floured work surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out the dough to a 12-inch round. Ease the dough into a 9-inch pie plate and tuck any overhang under itself. Crimp decoratively. Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.

Step 3. Preheat oven to 425°. Line the dough with parchment paper, then fill with pie weights or dried beans. Bake for about 25 minutes, just until the dough is set. Remove the parchment paper and weights; bake for 8 to 10 minutes longer, until light golden. Transfer the crust to a rack to cool slightly, about 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 375°.

Step 4, Make the Filling. In a large bowl, whisk the sugar with the flour, nutmeg and salt. Whisk in the eggs 1 at a time. While whisking constantly, slowly drizzle in melted butter followed by the buttermilk, rum and vanilla. Pour the filling into the warm crust. Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce the oven temperature to 350° and bake for about 40 minutes longer, until the custard is just set at the edge and slightly jiggly in the center. Transfer the pie to a rack and let cool completely. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Make Ahead. The pie can be refrigerated overnight.

**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 DRT Museum
Annual History Symposium,
"The Life and Times of
José Antonio Navarro"**

Date and Time:

Wed, February 28, 2018
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Texas State Cemetery Gallery
Austin, Texas

Speakers include:

Dr. Caroline Castillo Crimm,
Author and Historian
Mr. Emiliano "Nano" Calderon,
Site Educator,
Casa Navarro State Historic Site
in San Antonio

Fee:

\$60, includes catered
lunch and refreshments

**Registration and Information,
please contact Museum Chair
Julia Lopez at:**

[republicoftexasmuseumchair
@drinfo.org](mailto:republicoftexasmuseumchair@drinfo.org)

In Memoriam

**Mary Barden Attwell Worrell
1930-2018**



Date of Death:

January 5, 2018

Member since:

February, 2000

Ancestor:

Isaac VanZandt

Mary Barden Attwell Worrell, 87, of Houston passed away Friday, January 5, 2018. The Worrell family received friends on January 10, 2018 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at Dettling Funeral Home, on Memorial Drive. A Memorial Service celebrating Mary's life took place Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 1:30 PM at Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue, Houston, TX.

25 Bits of Texas Trivia



- 1 The bowie knife is named after the Alamo hero Jim Bowie. His brother, Rezin, designed the hefty weapon.
- 2 It is still a hanging offense in Texas to steal cattle or to put graffiti on someone else's cow.
- 3 The Oscar statuette was named for Texan Oscar Pierce, whose niece worked for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. When she saw the gold statuette, she reportedly said, "Why, that looks just like my Uncle Oscar."
- 4 DFW Airport is home to the world's largest parking lot.
- 5 At 268,601 square miles, Texas is the second biggest state in the U.S. (after Alaska).
- 6 The term "maverick" is derived from the Samuel A. Maverick, an early Texas lawyer and pioneer.
- 7 Texas is the 2nd most populous state (after California).
- 8 The word "Texas" was the Spanish pronunciation "Tejas" of the Hasinai Indian word meaning "allies" or "friends."
- 9 Texas owns all of its public lands. If the federal government wants to create a park, it must first ask state's permission.
- 10 The city of Slaughter, Texas, has never had a homicide.
- 11 Houston is the largest city in Texas and 4th largest in the U.S.
- 12 Texas' nickname is the "Lone Star State" as a reminder of its struggle for independence.
- 13 It's said that only Texans would've fought the Battle of the Alamo, outnumbered by Mexican troops. All 187 men died.
- 14 "Six Flags over Texas" refers to 6 countries that ruled over Texas territory. Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederate States of America, and United States.
- 15 Texas emits more greenhouse gases than any U.S. state.
- 16 Texas has the most tornadoes in the U.S., averaging 139/year, most often in North Texas and the Panhandle.
- 17 The deadliest natural disaster in the U.S. was the Galveston hurricane of 1900, which killed between 8,000-12,000 people.
- 18 Texas was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845.
- 19 "G.T.T." was 19th-century short hand for "Gone to Texas," a way to say they left for greener grass. "G.T.T." came to mean "on the lam", when many headed to Texas to escape the law.
- 20 Battle cry "Remember the Alamo!" is attributed to Sam Houston, but was coined by Texas general Sidney Sherman.
- 21 The most popular snack foods in Texas are Frito pie, peanuts in Dr Pepper, beef jerky, jalapeños, and corn dogs.
- 22 The first word spoken from the moon was "Houston" in 1969, by Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong.
- 23 Camels were imported into Texas in the 1850s by the War Dept. believing they would be handy to use during the Indian Wars. They were seen roaming Texas well into the 1920s.
- 24 Davy Crockett once told his Tennessee peers in Congress "Ya'll can go to hell. I am going to Texas. He died at the Alamo.
- 25 The "Lone Star Flag", has 3 colors: red for courage, white for liberty, and blue for loyalty. It was adopted in 1845 when Texas became a state. The white star was first used in the 1830s during battles between Texas and Mexico.

Source: www.factretriever.com/texas-facts

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:

Event	Cost/ Person	# Attending	Total \$
Member Registration postmarked on/ <u>before</u> April 15, 2018	\$35.00	X	=
Member Registration postmarked <u>after</u> April 15, 2018. <i>Meals may not be available.</i>	\$45.00	X	=
*BOM Luncheon Wednesday, May 16, 2018	\$32.00	X	=
Opening Ceremony Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 7 PM. <i>Reception to follow for President General Barbara Stephens.</i>		X	=
Awards Luncheon Friday, May 18, 2018 <i>Churrasco Chimichurri Pork Loin</i>	\$32.00	X	=
**Historical Dinner Friday, May 18, 2018. <i>Parmesan Crusted Chicken</i>	\$45.00	X	=
Officers Breakfast Saturday, May 19, 2018 @ 7:30 AM <i>For all current and past BOM.</i>	\$22.00	X	=
Closing Luncheon Saturday, May 19, 2018 <i>Chicken Salad with seasonal fruit</i>	\$32.00	X	=
Sales Tables	\$25.00	X	=
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND ENCLOSED <i>No refunds after May 1, 2018</i>			

Special Dietary Needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please indicate need: _____

Mail Registration & Check before April 27, 2018:	Checks Payable To:	Questions? Email:
Julia Clow 5654 FM 1275 Nacogdoches, TX 75961	"2018 DRT CONVENTION"	clowjuliaw@yahoo.com

*BOM: DRT Board of Management Meeting

**Historical Dinner ASSIGNED SEATING – to sit together, mail registrations/check together in ONE envelope. 10 people/table.