PRESIDENT GENERAL

Convention News:
The ladies of District IV produced an incredible 127th Convention in Addison. It featured interesting and informative workshops on Thursday that were very well attended. This format continues to be popular with members. If there are specific topics that you would like to see included in future conventions, please discuss with your District Representative. The programs were awesome, the music was great, what beautiful and nostalgic music. Thank you again District IV, and its co-Chairs Johnnie McWilliams and Susan Aikin.

As this was the bylaws convention, Friday’s afternoon session was devoted to the bylaws. Thanks to our professional parliamentarian Kirk Overbey and Bylaws Committee Chair Kay Crews we were able to get through all but one proposed bylaw amendment that afternoon.

I am excited about the three new committees approved, two will assist in operations and one will assist with genealogical research. These committees have been functioning as Special Committees this past year and we have seen the positive impact that they have and will have.

All those who attended District Meetings heard me speak of the need for growth. Significant growth in the number of members is very important to the overall sustainability of our organization both financially and functionally. Registrar General Glenda Wise took on the challenge of increasing membership by 8%. She issued this challenge to the chapter registrars. Twenty-five chapters responded meeting the challenge. Those chapter names are contained in this issue. They were both large and small chapters. I want to commend these chapters for their assistance with this pillar of our strategic plan. This growth not only helps our organization, it also helps these chapters. Thank you to all who participated, and to those chapters that grew may not have reached this “stretch goal”.

I would like to extend a hearty thanks to Sarah Hardy, Awards Chair, and member of the Elizabet Ney Chapter of Washington D.C. The Awards Committee presented thirty-five Six Start Chapter Awards. This was an increase from last year and is very impressive. The number of other chapter awards given indicates that chapters are working to progress the DRT Mission and Objectives. Thank you so much.

CRT Convention
I am looking forward to the CRT Convention in Deer Park this month. It promises to be a wonderful time. As of early June, there were about 110 members and guests planning to take the field trip to the San Jacinto Monument and the new Juan Seguin Park.

RTHC
The Republic of Texas History Center Committee held a program Thursday afternoon at Convention. It was well attended. Each member of the committee presented an aspect of the project from the funding to the design. There were questions about elements of the design, funding, expenditures, and timing. The committee received a standing ovation at this meeting and after their report on Saturday morning. There were questions on the revised design of the RTHC during a discussion of BOM actions that were not in order at this time. To respond to those questions: Last year the RTHC presented an L-shaped design, with a red roof, and limestone walls. As we progressed we found two major problems with the design. The first related to fire codes which resulted in having the ground level in two unconnected wings. The second related to cost and timing. With the appropriations by TxDOT of the front of the current HQ site, and the projected disruption of our functions there, a decision was made that to reduce the costs of the building enabling us to begin building sooner. The design presented at this convention does that. Costly elements of the design were removed to save construction costs. Thus, this design has no limestone, an altered roof line, and a streamlined structure. Members have expressed donor fatigue and just want to get this building built. Reducing the cost of the building will help with this goal. It is important to get this project finished.
Current Headquarters Building
The Headquarters Relocation Team continues to work with TxDOT to prepare for the impact of site work for the flyover. The major work is not scheduled to begin until 2019 but some minor work has already begun. Given below is a figure of the property acquired by TxDOT (pink) and photos of where the support for the flyover will be constructed. Note that it will go through the planter in the front of the building.

HQ Staffing
There was a reorganization of the HQ staff with the resignation of the Membership Records Clerk. The addition of a bookkeeper position and the reorganization of staff was done without increasing the number of employees. To support staff and ensure compliance with State and Federal laws with respect to employee relations, a Human Resources Committee was approved at this convention. The organization is struggling with a fragile IT infrastructure and the new Information Technology Committee is addressing this issue.

Historic Celebrations
I was honored to be invited to attend several celebrations of Texas history. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend all these events and wish to thank President General-Elect Carolyn Raney for representing DRT at many of the events that I was not able to attend. Hosted by District Representative Mary Wieser, I was excited to attend “Dawn at the Alamo,” The Pilgrimage, and participate in the Battle of Flowers parade. I attended the Republic of Texas Museum annual symposium on Jose Antonio Navarro at the State Cemetery. THC presented a slide show on the Jose Antonio Navarro home and museum in San Antonio, and this officer was delighted to learn that the THC team who has FLM oversight also oversees this sight.

Communication
Communication with members has been a goal which has been challenging. Only 46% of the communications to members using Constant Contact have been opened by members. A small percentage of the emails used are returned but a considerable number, >30%, appear to be received but not opened. Staff has been working very hard with the District Representatives and chapters to update member emails. Chapter presidents have been encouraged to send out all communications to members to help with distribution of minutes and notices.

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Management, committee members and chairs, and chapter members who have worked so hard this year to forward the mission and goals of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Collectively, we can make a difference.
President General-Elect Message

With the 300th celebrations in San Antonio this year, there was a Tartan Day celebrated by the Scottish Society. This officer dearly loves pipes and drums and had the opportunity to represent DRT. The annual Tartan Day celebration in San Antonio started at the English Pub on the Riverwalk midafternoon and continued through the weekend with Highlander games. She rode a barge preceded by a barge of pipes and drums in a River Parade with the mayor of San Antonio, Ron Nirenberg, the Very Honorable Viscount Dunrossil, Andrew Morrison, Former First Minister of Scotland, Henry MacLeish, and many others. After a reception at the English Pub, the group walked in a parade to the Alamo. A late afternoon program followed at the Alamo with Scottish dancers, singers, tributes to the four Alamo defenders from Scotland, and the Scottish lineage for all who fought for the Republic of Texas. There were many special messages to me about missing the Daughters at the Alamo and how much they appreciated us.

Treasurer General’s Message

Your Treasurer General presented a program on DRT Finance at Convention this year. It was on Thursday, May 17th, 1:30pm, and was well attended. The program was educational and informative as it discussed the fund accounting and income reporting aspects of DRT finances and gave financial information for the past.

In February, all chapter treasurers were sent a revised copy of the Chapter Treasurer's Handbook. It contains the updated Treasurer's Calendar as well as samples of dues forms, how to file the chapter's IRS Form 990 and instructions for the Related Entity Form. Every chapter treasurer should be sure to have a printed copy of this handbook for easy reference. The handbook and all forms needed by a treasurer are posted in the Forms section of our members' website.

DUES COLLECTION & REPORTING: This year we changed the time period for collection of DRT dues. Collection began on April 1st and all dues must be sent to Headquarters by July 10th. To qualify for the Six Star Award, the chapter's dues and reports must be mailed to Headquarters, postmarked no later than June 15th. The change was prompted by inquiries from Suzy Burt of the James Tilley Edwards chapter and echoed by other chapter treasurers. Chapter treasurers do not like to spend their entire summer collecting dues. This will be a tight schedule and hard for a lot of long time members to get used to, but in the long run, it will make everyone's job much easier.

Here is the "dues related" portion of the treasurer's calendar from the Chapter Treasurers' Handbook.

Ellen S. McCaffrey

Recording Secretary General’s Message

In addition to recording all minutes of regularly scheduled meetings and called meetings, I have been working on a couple of other projects that did not have a coordinator.

I prepared an update to the Native Texas License Plate brochure which is now available at HQ. I urge all chapters to get copies of this and place it in as many public places as you are allowed.

I have completed the 2016-2017 Annual Proceedings and with the help of current Annual Proceedings chair Dorothy Landol, this publication is available on-line in a print-on-demand format. A member can use the link on the members website to order a printed copy. This format reduces the inventory of old AP. A copy on a flash drive may be ordered from Headquarters.

Anita Cooper
Registrar General’s Message

I have been working with District V Representative Sue Cobb on the planning of the 2019 Convention which will be at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin. This is going to be a great time for all, please plan on attending.

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Executive Secretary General’s Message

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Custodian General’s Message

The Headquarters Committee, chaired by the Custodian General, has supervision of DRT Headquarters. The Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month. In addition to the monthly meeting, workdays are scheduled periodically. Headquarters committee members are available to assist staff with administrative duties such as filing, filling mail order requests or other such tasks as requested by the Custodian General or Office Administrator. There are three full-time employees: Jana Mousette, Office Administrator; Renee Armstrong, Membership Coordinator; Mara Johnson, Bookkeeper. Longtime employee, Kelsey Powers, resigned in January 2018. In the summer of 2017, the DRT off-site storage unit was vacated and all contents were brought to Headquarters. Members have spent many hours purging these contents, using the General Records Retention Schedule Policy. Some of the accomplishments of the Committee this past year are the revision of the DRT Pin Book, creation of a ten year ribbon to be worn on the DRT ribbon and a new T-Shirt designed by member, Sherilyn Beal.
Meet Your New Members of the BOM

LINDA MARIE JACKSON
DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE

Linda Marie Jackson is a 7th generation Texas born in Wichita Falls, Texas.

She attended, Ben Milam, Cunningham, Jefferson Elementary, Barwise Junior High before graduating from S. H. Rider High School. Linda attended North Texas State University and Draughon's Business School before graduating from George B. Hamilton School of Nursing. She worked as a Licensed Vocational Nurse from 1982-2010, at Hamilton Hospital Olney, Texas, and United Regional Health Care Center. In 2002 Linda found that she had an ancestor in the Republic of Texas. She joined the Rebecca Jane Fisher Chapter immediately. She has served as Secretary, President, Register and Treasurer. At the national level she has served as District II Representative Alternate then as District II Representative from 2011-2014.

During her term as chapter president the chapter established a chapter pin, flag, and implemented the history trunk program which we show each year. Also, during her presidency, they went from 0-star chapter to a Six Star Chapter and have maintained that achievement since that time.

Linda and her husband, Billie Jackson, have been working on their family’s genealogy since 1973.

SONEIN PATTINSON NOACK
DISTRICT III REPRESENTATIVE

Sonein grew up in DRT. Family heritage and legacy mean so much to her and she takes great pride in being a member of DRT. As a young child she has memories of attending DRT meetings with her Grandmother and Great-Great Aunt leading “Texas, Our Texas” whenever asked. She has been a member of DRT for 27 years and was a member of CRT for 14 years prior to DRT. All three of her children were members of CRT, as well as, CRT Board of Management members and they are now members of SRT and DRT respectively. Two of her three children are also Past President Generals of CRT. She currently is serving as Chapter President for Peters Colony and served 4 terms as their 3rd Vice President prior. Mrs. Noack’s experience with the Board of Management includes serving as 3rd Vice President General, Chairman of the Reflections Committee and several terms as a CRT Committee member. As District III Representative she plans to work closely with the local chapters to help them continue to grow and reach their goals as a chapter. She and her husband live on their family farm outside of Krum, where they raise All Natural Beef. They are very active in local community activities. Mrs. Noack is also the founder and chairman of a Non-Profit organization which has given her the opportunity to travel worldwide to work with leaders of other organizations to help grow and sustain other communities.

GAYNELL WELLS
DISTRICT 8 REPRESENTATIVE

GayNell has always been deeply interested in Texas history. It wasn’t until the 1990s, though, that she had enough time to really find out about her Texas roots. She is a fifth-generation Texan. Two of her ancestors had Mexican Land Grants and one was a member of The Old Three Hundred. GayNell has been a member of DRT for 19 years and a member of the Joshua D. Brown Chapter in Kerrville since 2002. She has served her chapter as its Historian, 2nd Vice President, and is currently serving her third term as its President. GayNell’s state organization service includes Membership Committee, French Legation Committee, DRT Library Committee Co-Chair, DRT Convention Planning Committee (2012 & 2015), 2017 CRT Convention Co-Chair, and District VIII Representative (2014-2016) and currently.

Other lineage organizations to which she belongs include Austin's Old Three Hundred, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Kerrville Genealogical Society. Before her retirement and move to Kerrville, she worked as a State of Texas Bar Association Board Certified Paralegal.

GayNell has three daughters, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She is extremely proud that all women in her family who are qualified are members of her DRT chapter. As a side note and just for fun, William Barret Travis was the best man at one of her ancestor's wedding on June 15, 1835 in Brazoria County.
Meet Your New Members of the BOM

SHERRY JENKINS
DISTRICT V REPRESENTATIVE

Sherry Levada Smith Jenkins, was born August 24, 1947, Blanco Historical Courthouse, Blanco County, Texas. She is strong advocate for historical preservation, espousing the motto, “The Pathway to the Future is Understanding the Past”.

She is currently serving on the DRT Headquarters Committee, TX DOT subcommittee, The Blanco County Historical Commission and is a member of the Hill Country Chapter, NSDAR, Organizing Regent, Blanco County Pioneers DRT, Hood’s Brigade and Reactivated and Association Former Texas Rangers.

She is married to Paul, a 26 year veteran of USAF and supports him in his building career. Paul and Sherry make their home on land that has been in her family for 150 plus years in Sandy, Texas. She grew up in a farming and ranching family in the Hill Country of Texas. She retired from US Foodservice as a National Account Manager in 1999 and joined her parents farming the family peach orchards until 2005.

Current projects include the restoration of the Maddox Farmhouse where her great grandparents settled in mid-1800’s. It is a true labor of love to experience new life in this humble dwelling that touched her family and its community. She enjoys traveling, fishing, reading and research fill while enjoying her sons and their families.

MARTHA FLEITAS
DISTRICT VII REPRESENTATIVE

Elected in Goliad to serve as District VII representative, Martha happily plans to serve the Daughters in her district to the best of her ability.

A seventh generation Texan, Martha grew up walking in the footsteps of her ancestors: on the same sandy roads that they had walked. Her grandmother taught in a one room schoolhouse on the land, and instilled in Martha a true love of place: this home we call Texas. History, especially Texas history, has always been her first love. Although after majoring in history at OLLU, she became a flight attendant/translator because “she loved to travel and she loved people!” The DRT has given Martha plenty of opportunity to travel as she served as Fourth Vice President General & chair of the Historic Sites Committee! Texas is a big State with lots of history to mark and preserve. And, she feels that our organization is filled with so many wonderful women who equally love their history. Other life experiences have prepared Martha to serve the Daughters (wife of almost fifty years to her handsome pilot husband, mother of six children, grandmother of seven, business owner of antique shop, experience of living other places besides Texas (but Texas is best!), member & officer in other organizations, newspaper columnist- if you live long enough, one can do many things!). At the chapter level, Martha has served as president, first vice president, co-chair of the Pilgrimage, cemetery and education committees; at the state level, other than 4th VP, she has served on the library committee, historic sites committee, co-chair of the 125th Anniversary, chair of the 120th Anniversary, and presently is administrator of the Facebook Daughters of the Republic of Texas history site. And, since this is Texas: Martha was a cheerleader- if best of ability isn't enough, she can cheer for the Daughters of District VII!

MARJORIE REYNOLDS
DISTRICT X REPRESENTATIVE

Marjorie Reynolds became a member of DRT in January of 2005. She is a member of the General James Smith Chapter. Marjorie has served as chapter president, chapter treasurer, and chapter recording secretary. She also served as District X Nominating Committee member.

Chapter Bylaws

The 2018 Convention was a Bylaws Convention. Changes were made to the bylaws and chapters should obtain a new copy of the bylaws and the documents which show the changes to the bylaws. These tables include advise to chapters telling them which changes may cause changes to chapter bylaws. These may be found on the website.

Chapter Bylaws are required to be submitted to the Parliamentarian for review. You must review the bylaws changes, review and change your chapter bylaws as appropriate, and then submit the revisions to the Parliamentarian.
Bosque River Chapter dedicated Citizen of the Republic of Texas medallions for this couple on May 26. Three great granddaughters were present and other descendants down 5 generations.

SCR Member Kathy Parsons Sartor April 21 re-enactment of Runaway Scrape at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site- La Porte, Texas. In addition to pitching a fly tent in the Texian camp and visiting with the public about the Battle of San Jacinto and camp set-up, She demonstrated crocheting techniques of the period (bone hook and cotton "yarn"). She is the one in yellow apron/mob cap, pulling the cart with a few belongings as we "fled for our lives".

Friday, March 2, Texas Independence Day, members of the William Carroll Crawford Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) gathered on the historic courthouse square in Center to read the Texas Declaration of Independence. The first annual event was organized by Margaret Casto assisted by Merle Howard. Chapter President Judy Lee welcomed those attending, Chaplain Fay Eddins gave the invocation and Sandy Risinger led the pledges to the United States flag and to the Texas flag. Gail Sholar, Sue Gardner, Vickie Martin and Barbara McClellan read the document that on March 2, 1836 fifty nine delegates of the land to become the Republic of Texas approved and signed at Washington-on-the Brazos.

Members of the public joined members of the DRT Chapter, the Gateway to Texas Sons of the Republic of Texas Chapter, the JJE Gibson Children of the Republic of Texas Chapter and members of other DRT chapters as we honored our Texas history.

DRT Member, Merle Howard introduced a special guest, Brian Smale of Mineola, Tx. who is the third great grandson of William Carroll Crawford, our chapter namesake. At his death in 1895 Crawford was the last surviving signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Fly your Texas flag proudly and celebrate Texas.

Article submitted by Merle Howard. 936-591-6543 or email at howard.me92@gmail.com
April 14, 2018 marked the beginning of a new chapter for DRT District V. The Judge Greenleaf Fisk Chapter of Liberty Hill held their official chartering, new member ceremony and installation of officers at the Cross Tracks United Methodist Church. President General Barbara Stevens officiated the ceremony with the assistance of Mariann Laughlin, Chapter Organizing President. Past President General Karen Thompson spoke about Judge Greenleaf Fisk. President Laughlin expressed her gratitude to among others, Glenda Wise, Registrar General, for her countless hours of work in reviewing applications for the new to DRT members needed for the chapter. After some group photos were taken, guests were treated to a lovely reception where everyone had the opportunity to meet and welcome our new Daughters into the family. Special guests included Recording Secretary General Anita Cooper, Incoming District V Representative Sherry Jenkins, District VIII Representative GayNell Wells and District IX Representative Tiffany Miller. Chapter Organizing Chair.

District IX Chapters will be hosting the 58th Annual CRT Convention on June 22-23, 2018 in Deer Park. The Deer Park area is so rich in history from the San Jacinto Battle-ground to Patrick’s Cabin, where Sam Houston and others went to draft the initial treaty papers securing Texas’ Independence from Mexico. The City of Deer Park holds the distinction of being the true “Birthplace of Texas” and has included that wording as a part of their official city logo. The historical highlight of the weekend will be a tour of the Battleship Texas, San Jacinto Battlefield and Juan Seguin Park. Convention goers will have several opportunities to support the CRT Scholarship Fund by either participating in the Silent Auction, Live Auction or going to an old-fashioned Sock Hop. CRT President General Daniel Steeves’ project “Honor the Texas Flag” is the theme for the Convention. Over this last year CRT members have been active in communities across the state to replace worn and damaged Texas flags; and to propose new locations to fly the Flag of Texas.

It started about a year ago with a simple premise- find an image that captures the spirit of what it means to be a Daughter of the Republic of Texas. President General Barbara Stevens’ vision of the process was one that was driven by the Daughters, calling on the membership to share their talents and ideas to create our logo via a design contest. We had 24 Daughters who submitted a total of 56 designs for consideration. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented group of ladies within our organization!

Each designer and design had a story to tell. Some designers used words along with the design, while others allowed their designs to speak for them. Many designs represented the history of the Republic of Texas, from the original boundary to the first flag to our role in preserving our precious legacy. Some used the most recognizable shape of Texas and incorporated symbols such as bluebonnets, the yellow rose and silhouettes depicting generations of Daughters. Still others spoke about our deep roots that keep us strong and honoring those who blazed the trail for us.

Of course, the hard part came next. How do you choose the one best design/story that represents who we are? Well it took four separate votes by our BOM to narrow down the 56 designs to the three brought to the Convention in May. The Convention body also found that the decision was a difficult one and took two votes to declare a winner, Sherilyn Beal of the Stephen F. Austin Chapter.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all the Daughters that contributed to the success of this contest. The process of drafting policies regarding the use of the logo is ongoing. Until then the logo may not be reproduced or used in any form.
Bobby Landeros, this year's Joshua D. Brown Scholarship recipient. Bobby is a graduating senior from Tivy High School in Kerrville and plans to attend The University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Congratulations, young lady!

The three San Antonio chapters participated in celebrating San Antonio's tricentennial with a variety of events: Alamo Heroes celebrated San Jacinto day with a special ceremony in front of the Cenotaph while Alamo Couriers chapter sponsored a Children's History Forum focusing on flag education especially those that flew over the Republic of Texas. The Couriers also had a special luncheon on February 23, commemorating the first day of the Alamo siege; from the Witte museum, guests heard about the "Confluence and Culture of 300 years of San Antonio history; from the Menger, Doreen Sanders spoke about 159 years of Menger History. On the opening day of the Tricentennial, Alamo Mission members Sharon Skrobarcek and Martha Fleitas, were speakers at San Pedro Springs where San Antonio was founded. The Alamo Mission chapter also sponsored three special ceremonies at the Alamo: the first on March 2, Texas Independence Day; then March 6, the fall of the Alamo, and in April, the Pilgrimage to the Alamo. Daughters from many chapters participated in this solemn march. President General Barbara Stevens rode in the Alamo Mission carriage for the Battle of the Flowers parade commemorating the Victory at San Jacinto.

A historical site marker sponsored by Alamo Couriers chapter was placed at James Butler Bonham's home in Saluda, South Carolina. On Memorial Day, Dr. Amy Jo Baker presented the marker to the Preservation chair of the Bonham home as well as a proclamation from Governor Abbott, a letter from the James Butler Bonham chapter in Dallas, a flag that flew over the Alamo, and a proclamation from the Mayor of San Antonio. The DRT Library Committee also sent "Alamo" books for the local Saluda schools. The Alamo Heroes chapter was one of four chapters sponsoring a historic site monument in Fredericksburg honoring the German pioneers who walked the German Immigrant Trail from Indianola to Fredericksburg.

The Alsatian Pioneer Chapter celebrated their fifth anniversary while sponsoring a genealogy workshop at the Castroville Airport. This chapter also erected a Cenotaph honoring Augustin Weber, a Texas Ranger and a citizen of the Republic of Texas. Castroville Daughters presented a memorial wreath to the Castroville Fourth graders for their presentation of "Voices from the Alamo."

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Caddel-Smith Chapter has continued their focus on education. Although their chapter covers roughly 40,000 square miles, the members visit every school in the area encouraging students to participate in the DRT essay contests. Winners in each grade level are given monetary gifts. Each year a graduating senior is given a $1000 scholarship. The chapter meets in Uvalde at the First State Bank, some members driving 50-70 miles each way to attend.

The Clara Driscoll chapter in Corpus Christi has worked with the Friends of Old Bayview Cemetery to preserve this historic site begun by General Zachary Taylor; this year over 1000 people attended their "Voices of South Texas." These daughters have worked on fund raising, grant writing and have finally obtained a 2003 Master plan; have secured a ground penetrating radar to locate missing graves; and have had the local military helping with locating and cleaning all the military graves at Old Bayview. The Driscoll chapter partnered with other historical societies was successful in saving the old Nueces Courthouse. In February, the Nueces Historical Society, Friends of Old Bayview and the Daughters participated in a program presented by a Louisiana expert on "How to handle cemeteries after a disaster," as well as how to clean old headstones. Very timely program as the area was still suffering from the damage wrought by Hurricane Harvey.

The James W. Fannin chapter in Victoria meets in a beautiful historic home willed to these Daughters by Genevieve Powers Stevenson. The home is shared by three women's organizations: the DAR, the DRT, and the UDC. These ladies raise funds to keep the home in good repair; part of the fund raising includes a "Silver Tea." The tradition of a Silver Tea includes placing a silver punch bowl in the entrance as guests enter for the tea, guests could leave their "silver" in the aptly named bowl. Martha Jones, the chapter president, laughingly stated, that these days guests were welcome to leave checks and cash in the silver bowl! James W. Fannin chapter members are busily planning for this year's district meeting.

Rio Medio chapter in Beeville reported that this year one of their favorite programs was learning about the Texas Missions. Father Richard Gonzalez of St. Joseph's Catholic church in their city, spoke in depth about the 35 missions in Texas, explaining the Islamic influence on the architecture of these missions. The son of the chapter president has done reconstruction work on many of the local missions, and this brought Father Gonzalez's speech closer to home for many of the members. Rio Medio has historical speakers at each chapter meeting, but this was their favorite.

The Stenson-Simpson chapter in Rockport had chapter members displaced from homes heavily damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Harvey; yet by December, the chapter participated in the December tour of historic homes, welcoming over 300 people to their historic one room schoolhouse. The Daughters have custodianship of a schoolhouse built in Fulton in 1886. Acting a docents for the schoolhouse and the Fulton Museum, the appropriately attired Daughters keep the schoolhouse open from one to four every Saturday and Sunday and by request for special tours.

The Texana Chapter in Edna also focuses on education; they participate in the essay contest, awarding monetary gifts to the fourth and seventh grade winners. They select three graduating seniors and gift them with a $500 scholarship each. Most of their monthly programs were presented by members, however, Texas historian Bill O'Neill gave a "Plum Creek" presentation. Another month the chapter took a field trip to Linnville where they toured the Calhoun County Museum. Each month, they write a Texas history article about their meeting topic and manage to get it published along with a photo in the local newspaper. Each year, the chapter invites SRT members to one of their chapter meetings. This coming year, they plan a field trip to the Cradle.

The Villa de San Augustine de Laredo chapter carpooled in April to Zapata where they visited the Zapata Historical Museum. Curator Dr. Hildegardo Flores spoke about the history of South Texas, and the chapter viewed a documentary video; many recognized their ancestors in this video. These Daughters also had a field trip to San Antonio where they toured the Alamo and then had lunch at the historic Menger Hotel. Next year, they are planning a trip to San Ignacio. Many members attended the recent convention in Dallas.

District VII chapters have had a rewarding busy year; and all are looking forward to the coming year.

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District I Rep Carol Steakley was award the Yellow Rose of Texas in March. This is the highest award that the governor may award a Texas Lady. Congratulations Carol, well deserved!
May 8th, four DRT chapters worked together to erect both this informative plaque and this beautiful monument that was dedicated in Fredericksburg today. Members from Alamo Heroes, Blanco County Pioneers, Dr. Wilhelm Keidel and the Llano Pioneers Chapter’s studied the German Immigrants who landed in Indianola and walked towards the Fisher-Miller grants: their story is now present for all to read! Thank you Daughters for all your work!
The Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Seth Hurin Bates Chapter

Invites you to a
Veteran Medallion Memorial Ceremony
in memory of

Joseph Dunman
Veteran of the Republic of Texas
Alamo Courier

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Humble Cemetery, Humble, TX

Located at the NE corner of S. Houston Ave. and Isackas Road

You are also invited to a reception immediately following at
Humble Senior Center, 1401 S Houston Ave. Humble, TX
The Republic of Texas Museum and Gift Shop are under the supervision of the Republic of Texas Museum Committee Chair, Julia Lopez and Committee Members Honey Bellemans, Betty Bird, Linda Dietert, Anita Eisenhauer, Kay Gregory, Lois Lacy and Lizette Tandy. Our part-time Museum Assistant is Sharon Hall.

WE have added several new sales items to the Museum gift shop including a pad folio with the DRT logo embossed on the front, DRT logo embroidered visors, and children’s books. Additionally, we are adding a new wildflower pin: the False Foxglove pin! We hope to have them by District Workshops later this year.

And if you don’t have a copy of Eliza Griffin Johnson’s book Texas Wild Flowers, the Museum offers them for sale at $50. The book is a lovely collection of 101 of her watercolor paintings from the book she compiled for her husband, Albert Sidney Johnson. Call Sharon Hill to order a copy at (512)339-19997, Option 7 or we’ll have them for sale at District workshops. It’s a beautiful book of Eliza’s drawings. Her hand painted book is part of the DRT Museum collection.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE - our 5th Annual History Symposium is 9 March 2019 and will be held at the Norris Conference Center in Austin. Details will be announced soon.

The Republic of Texas Museum Committee is seeking articles for an exclusive journal project and is inviting Daughters only to write an article for the upcoming journal “Memories of the Republic of Texas: A Journal of Historical Fiction”. A list of twenty-nine Museum artifacts are provided as subject matter for your article and can be viewed on the DRT members’ website. From the main homepage, click on the blue book in the announcements section and then click on the “link to see details” and you will be directed to the full list of items as well as the specifications for the articles. Articles are intended to be “historical fiction” in nature since many of the artifacts have unknown origins. You are welcome to be as accurate as you wish, but please be aware that most or all of the articles will contain fictional aspects. For this project, imagination matters as much as research, so have fun while learning about the history surrounding these Museum artifacts. The deadline is 1 November 2018. Here are a few Museum artifacts – we hope they’ll pique your interest:

Five dollar certificate for the Republic of Texas era, dated 1839

Ring made from the epaulet belonging to Ben McCollough, inscribed “BMC”, top of ring is hinged to open

Original rosewood sofa from French Embassy and owned by A.D. Salingy, Charge d’affaires from France. Gift from Emma Kyle Burleson (1839-1842)

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With a record number of attendees at the recent 2017-2018 Art Contest Award Reception at the State Capitol in April, we are gearing up for the 2018-2019 contest! You can access the brochure on the members’ website from the homepage. Please click on the colored pencils to access to the brochure. There are three categories in each of the 10 DRT districts: Elementary Grade 1-5, Middle School Grades 6-8, and High School Grade 9-12. We have changed the rules a bit in suspending the adult category for the time being. Prizes are: 1st: $75, 2nd Place: $50 and 3rd Place: $35. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to enter! It’s a great way to learn about Texas history as they research historical sites, events, activities and people that helped shape Texas in their own home districts prior to 1850. Download the brochure and let’s teach Texas history! The deadline to enter is January 7, 2019.

Please email republicoftexasmuseumchair@drtinfo.org with questions about Museum happenings.

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Dear DRT Member,
The Cradle Committee has added a beautiful brick courtyard on the grounds of The Cradle in Galveston, TX. We are offering inscribed brick pavers for purchase to help cover the cost and are reaching out to our members to help us fill the courtyard with personalized pavers honoring our heritage. Non-members are invited to purchase pavers as well, but our members will get top priority.

We encourage each chapter to purchase one to represent their membership or to honor the history of their chapter. Individual members of all chapters are also encouraged to purchase a paver. You may choose to honor your ancestor(s), commemorate a special occasion, or just show your Texas pride!

With the link below, you can read a brief history of The Cradle and its significance to DRT. You may order a paver and purchase online here as well:

The Cradle Info & Online Order Form

The 2018-2019 topics for the 4th and 7th grade essays have been announced. The forms are on the website. Please note that the essays and teachers awards are now presented at the Saturday Luncheon. This was done at the convention this year and worked very well. Good luck to all the students and we look forward to seeing next year’s winners.
**Six Star Chapters**

- Aaron Estes
- Alamo Couriers
- Alamo Heroes
- Alsatian Pioneers
- Ben Milam
- Charles Calvin McCoy
- Charles G. Davenport
- Collin McKinney
- Dilue Rose Harris
- Ferdinand Lindheimer
- Hiram Bennett
- James Bowie
- John Berry
- John Tilley Edwards
- Joshua D Brown
- Mary Hall Mantooth
- Miss Ima Hogg
- Moon-McGehee
- Palo Duro
- Rebecca Jane Fisher
- Rev John Haynie
- Sam Houston
- Villa de San Agustin de Laredo
- William Barret Travis

**Six Star Chapters with Growth Awards**

- Bosque River
- Frances Cook Van Zandt
- Isaac Low
- James Butler Bonham
- Llano Pioneers
- Lone Star Diamonds
- New Kentucky
- Picketville Chapter
- Seth Hurin Bates
- Stephen F. Austin
- William Carroll Crawford

**Chapters Achieving the Growth Award**

- Baron de Bastrop
- Blanco Pioneers
- Catherine Cynthia Overton
- Dr. Richard Fox Brenham
- Dr. Wilhem Keidel
- Elizabet Ney
- Fort Houston
- Fort Settlement
- Franklin Hardin
- Frontier Chapter
- James Pickney Henderson
- James W. Brown
- Presidio La Bahia
- Rio Medio
Naylor Award

The DRT Library Committee selected “Evangelina Takes Flight” as the recipient of the Naylor Award this year. The book was available at the library table in the sales room; and the author, Diana J. Noble, after speaking to the Daughters, remained during the evening to sign books.

Member
Betty Oglesbee

May 11 of the Governor Greg Abbott, along with THC Chairman John L. Nau, III and fellow THC Commissioners presented Betty Oglesbee with the Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation.

Throughout her lifetime, Betty and her late husband John have been responsible for the successful preservation of numerous historical buildings and the strengthening of heritage tourism in San Augustine.

Most notable is Betty’s 40 years of work in the discovery and establishment of our Mission Dolores State Historic Site. Her work with the City of San Augustine, Texas and her conversations with the THC helped lead to Mission Dolores being accepted as the THC’s 21st State Historic Site.
Back row (l-r): Ora Jane Johnson, Parliamentarian, Rhonda Helton, District 10 Rep, Tiffany Miller, District 9 Rep, GayNell Wells, District 8 Rep, Mary Wieser, District 7 Rep, Coyla Holmes, District 6 Rep, Sue Cobb, District 5 Rep, Johnnie McWilliams, District 4nRep, Denise Cervantes, District 3 Rep, Judith D’Amico, District 2 Rep. (not pictured Carol Steakley, District 1 Rep) Front row (l-r) Glenda Wise, Registrar General, John Ellen Becker, Custodian General, Claire Haynes, Chaplain General, Carolyn Raney, President General-Elect, Barbara Stevens, President General, Anita Cooper, Recording Secretary General, Melissa Goodrich, Executive Secretary General, Ellen McCaffrey, Treasurer General, Liz Hedges, Historian General

First Time Attendees at Convention

We were so honored to have so many members at their first convention. We hope that you had a great time listening to the fantastic music and attending workshops of every sort. It is hard to imagine that you didn’t find a few things to buy in all those chapter sales tables. Hope to see all of you next year.
Nelma Wilkinson

Nelma served as President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas from 2005 until 2007. She served as Fifth Vice President General from 2003 until 2005. She served two terms as Custodian General: 1995-1997, 1997-1999. Joining the Daughters February 27, 1986, Nelma remained an active member of the John Berry Chapter in Georgetown. Nelma continued to support DRT activities for thirty-two years: attending conventions, workshops, chapter meetings, honor days, and even our last day at the Alamo. Her kindness and generosity of spirit will be missed.
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