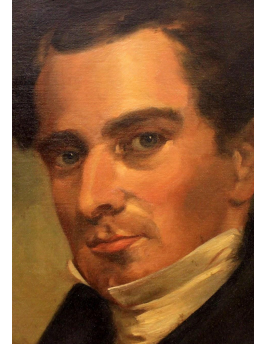


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

February, 2025



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

We had a productive meeting in January, setting almost a full slate of officers for our election in March. I almost have **Audrey Poche** talked into running for Corresponding Secretary, but if it is your dream to take over the newsletter, please let me know and we'll write you in.

PRESIDENT: **Milli Pope**
1st VP: **Terri Obermiller**
3rdVP: **Lori Helmers**
RECORDING SECRETARY: **Juanita Painter**
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: **Audrey Poche?**
TREASURER: **Sherry Crickmer**
HISTORIAN: **Carolyn Schilthuis**
CHAPLAIN: **Laura Kitley/Barbara Walters**
HONORS and AWARDS: **Dusky Waters**
BYLAWS & PARLIAMENTARIAN: **Ervalyn McVeigh**

The January meeting was held at the home of **Debi Pantalion**. Debi, **Sherry Crickmer**, and **Laura Kitley** were our hostesses, and they provided a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches, snacks, and sweets. Wonderful! We ate before the meeting, so it got off to a later start than usual. A recording of the meeting is still available for a short time on our Stephen F. Austin DRT Facebook page.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **SFA DRT Scholarship Luncheon, April 26 at Balcones Country Club**. I'm excited to announce our speaker this year will be **Dr. Caroline Castillo Crimm**, presenting "A Contrast of Cultures", the story of two ranch women and their lives in the Anglo and Hispanic cultures in early Texas. Dr. Crimm is a professor emeritus at Sam Houston State University, and she and her husband Jack run Historic Tours of Texas. Debi Pantalion saw her speak at a symposium last year, and immediately approached her to speak at our luncheon. Thank you, Debi! We are still looking for all kinds of volunteers, so if you would like to be involved in our premier event of the year, we would love to put you to work. Terri Obermiller is in charge of the silent auction (thank you, Terri!)- she is accepting donations of items for the silent auction and door prizes. If you have something to donate in support of our scholarship fund, please contact Terri at terriobermiller1@gmail.com. Be on the lookout for more information in the next couple of months.

There are still seats available in the van for the February field trip to the missions in San Antonio! We have a twelve-passenger van, and currently only seven seats filled. Our field trips are a steal, at only \$30 per person for transportation. Entry is free at all our planned stops, so the only expenses are the transportation and meals. This is going to be a fun trip- don't miss out! Contact me at millipope@gmail.com to sign up.

Happy trails!

-Milli Pope

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18, 2025

What: Field trip to the missions in San Antonio

Where: Meet at Northwest Recreation Center

When: Leaving at 8:00, returning that evening

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of January 28, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$10,544.74

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$1,493.08

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00



This Month in Republic of Texas History

Saturday, February 1, 1845:

Today, Texas President Anson Jones approved a charter for Baylor University. The 19th Texas university chartered to date, it was proposed by the Baptist Church. Plans are underway for its establishment in Independence next year.

Texas Honor Day:

February 19 - Texas Statehood Day

The legal entry of Texas into the Union was 29 December 1845, but the decade-old Republic of Texas did not formally transfer its authority to the new State of Texas until 19 February 1846. Please fly your Texas Flag on February 19 to honor our entry into the United States of America 179 years ago this month!

Contest Information

Topics for the **2025 4th and 7th Grade Essay Contests**, as well as the **Scholarship Essay Contest**, are as follows:

4th Grade Essay- Write an essay on **Juana Navarro Alsbury**, survivor of the Alamo

7th Grade Essay- Which site should be regarded as the Birthplace of the Republic of Texas: West Columbia, Washington-on-the-Brazos, or San Jacinto?

Any choice is acceptable, just make your argument with good research.

Scholarship Essay- Texas women had a huge part in creating at least five of the first flags of Texas used during the Revolution. Select two of these flags and discuss their design, history, importance, and role a Texas woman, or women, had in creating them.

See the DRT website (DRTinfo.org) for information on how to enter the 4th or 7th Grade Essay Contests. Winners of the SFA Chapter contests will win \$100.00!

See the Stephen F. Austin Chapter website (AustinDRT.org) for rules and requirements for the Scholarship Essay Contest. Contestants must be related to a Stephen F. Austin Chapter member (including Associates and Affiliates). The winning essay will earn a \$1000.00 scholarship!

Questions? Ask our Honors and Awards Committee! **Laura Kitley** (ldkitley@aol.com) or **Barbara Walters** (bwalters7@att.net).



Time is running out!

WHERE TO GO FOR WHAT:

With so many things going on in DRT and our chapter, it's hard to remember who to contact or where to go for what. This page has the basics.

To order SFA Chapter name tags:

GTX Awards in Georgetown (512.868.5881) or info@gtxawards.com). Cost is \$12.50 including shipping.

To order SFA Chapter pins and merchandise:

Send check payable to DRT-SFA to
Milli Pope
2641 W 45th St.
Austin, TX 78731

Chapter pins are \$25.00.

Associate pins are \$20.00.

Stickers or static cling decals are \$5.00

Magnets are \$3.00

The **2023-2024 SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook** and the **2024-2025 Yearbook Supplement** are available in digital format. You can request a free digital copy from **Milli Pope** at millipope@gmail.com. Hard copies of each are available at the chapter meetings.



To order **Native Texan license plates**: Visit the Texas Dept. of Transportation's website.

If you would like something put in the Chapter newsletter, contact **Milli Pope** by email: millipope@gmail.com.

Send any contact info changes to **Sherry Crickmer** at sacrickmer@gmail.com or **Allyce Dolan** at allyce.dolan@gmail.com.

Additionally, send email address changes to **Milli Pope** to ensure you keep getting this newsletter. It's important we keep our records up to date.

