



# SFA NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

### THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



*SFA President Milli Pope*

Hello, Ladies! We're smack dab in the middle of summer, DRT activities have slowed to a trickle, but it's time to get busy again. Thank you to everyone for paying your dues. Our tireless treasurer **Sherry Crickmer** put in the hours and got the dues and associated reports turned in to DRT Headquarters. It's a lot of work on the back end, but she gets the job done. Thank you, Sherry!



On Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, **Debi Pantalion, Sharyl Burshnick, Kathryn Barnes, Sherry Crickmer, Muriel Parker**, and I travelled to Huntsville to visit the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Presidential Library, plus other sites. While in Huntsville, we picked up affiliate member **Gayla Lawson**, who lives in that beautiful town. Our visit to the Sam Houston Museum was guided by a Sam Houston State University graduate student, Thomas, who wore period clothing and filled us in on the Texas hero's homes and life in Huntsville.

We ate lunch at the Texan Café, then headed over to the Sam Houston statue by I-45, the world's largest statue of a Texas hero. Old Sam truly led a remarkable life; it is fitting that his statue is so much larger than life.



It's still a couple of months away, but there will be a District VIII social meeting the evening of Friday, October 11 in Kerrville. The next morning (Saturday, October 12) the District VIII Meeting will start and run

until 2pm. If you are at all able, please attend this meeting. It will be fun and informative, and there will be shopping! The YO Ranch Resort Hotel is offering us a special rate of \$125 for Friday, October 11th . The flyer and registration form are attached to the email containing the newsletter.



Before that, though, is our first chapter meeting of the 2024-2025 DRT year! On Monday, September 16, we will meet at Northwest Recreation Center at noon. Our speaker will be **Ron Moulton**, who will speak on the Texas Revolution.

Also at this meeting, we will have a welcoming ceremony for our members who have not been previously sworn in. If you have not been through the welcoming ceremony and are coming to the September meeting, please let me know. I look forward to giving all our new members a proper welcome!



And finally, **Lucy Duncan** is working on our yearbook and directory supplement. If you have had any changes in your name, address, phone number, or email address in the past year, **please update Lucy** by emailing her at **lucyd4622@gmail.com**.

Have a great rest of your summer!. Happy trails.

*-- Milli Pope*



**October 11-12, 2024**

**What:** District VIII Meeting  
**Where:** Kerrville, TX

**FINANCIAL REPORT**



As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, our balances were:

**Chase Checking Account:** \$10,852.98  
**Chase Scholarship Fund:** \$ 1,457.90  
**Scholarship CD:** \$10,000.00

**OUR NEXT MEETING**

Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland Drive  
Austin 78757



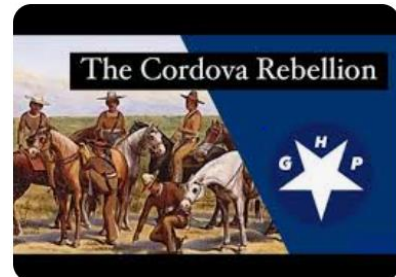
Speaker will be **Ron Moulton** of the Patrick Henry Chapter of SAR. His topic will be the Texas Revolution.

*This Month In Republic of Texas History*

**August 24, 1838  
Nacogdoches, Texas**

Vincente Cordova, a Mexican alcalde in Nacogdoches and one of the area's largest landholders, attempted to incite rebellion amongst the citizens of Nacogdoches against the Republic of Texas earlier in the month.

Today, Cordova escaped from justice. Major H. W. Augustine, who has been following his trail with 150 men, has failed to make contact and has given up the search. General T. J. Rusk, also searching for Cordova, learned that he had dispersed most of his men and headed to the upper Trinity River area.



## Member News and Happenings...

We've added four more new members:

**Venecia McKinzie** lives in Lakeway, TX.

**Julia Parker** lives in San Francisco, CA. She is Venecia's daughter.

**Julie Anne Moran** is an Austinite.

**Jody Alice Thompson** lives in Pantego, TX,, and she is Julie Anne's aunt.

(They should fit in nicely as about half of the Chapter is related to another member!)

That brings our membership up to **110** plus **12** Associate/Affiliate members.



By the way, **Jody** and **Julie Anne** were so excited about being approved for DRT membership that they sent Registrar **Allyce Dolan** a Texas-themed basket of goodies and a bouquet of yellow roses (of course!) to thank her for her help on their applications.



While this is not a requirement, or even expected, Allyce was very touched by their thoughtful gesture.

Jody turned 87 in June (the month their apps were approved). She said this was the best gift she could have received.

We're just delighted with their enthusiasm!

## Mini Mac & Cheese Bites



- 2 C Uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 C Seasoned bread crumbs, divided
- 2 Tbs. Butter
- 2 Tbs. All-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. Onion powder
- ½ tsp. Garlic powder
- ½ tsp. Seasoned salt
- 1¾ C 2% milk
- 2 C Shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 C Shredded Swiss cheese
- ¾ C Biscuit/baking mix
- 2 Large eggs, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 425°. Cook macaroni as package directs and drain.

Meanwhile, sprinkle ¼ C bread crumbs into 36 greased mini-muffin cups. In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour and seasonings until smooth; gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in 1 C cheddar cheese and Swiss cheese until melted.

Remove from heat; stir in biscuit mix, eggs and ½ C breadcrumbs. Add macaroni; toss to coat. Spoon about 2 Tbs. macaroni mixture into mini-muffin cups; sprinkle with remaining cheddar cheese and bread crumbs.

Bake 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pans 5 minutes before serving.





## 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.



If you would like something put in the Chapter newsletter, contact **Lucy Duncan** by email:

[lucyd4622@gmail.com](mailto:lucyd4622@gmail.com)

To order SFA Chapter name tags: GTX Awards in Georgetown (512.868.5881) or [info@gtxawards.com](mailto: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 and static-cling decals are **\$5.00** each.



The 2023-2024 **SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook** is available at the September meeting in digital format. You can request a free digital copy from Lucy Duncan. Email is [lucyd4622@gmail.com](mailto:lucyd4622@gmail.com).

The **2022-2023 Supplement** is available in digital form. It contains ONLY the changes from the 2021-2022 Directory plus new member (at that time) info.

The **2024-2025 Supplement** should be available by the September meeting.



To order Native Texan license plates:  
[Visit the Texas Dept. of Transportation's website.](#)

## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Send any contact info changes to **Sherry Crickmer** ([sacrickmer@gmail.com](mailto:sacrickmer@gmail.com)). Send email address changes to **Lucy Duncan** to ensure you keep getting this newsletter—an email will do ([lucyd4622@gmail.com](mailto:lucyd4622@gmail.com)). It's important that we keep our records up to date.

