



SFA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



SFA President Milli Pope

Hello Ladies! Our DRT summer break has officially begun. We had our last meeting of the 2023-2024 year on May 20. **Joyce Fisher, Laverne Sharp,** and **I** provided a festive lunch. Our Registrar, **Allyce Dolan**, presented an excellent program on her ancestor entitled *James Cummings, Merchant Marine Sailor to Lighthouse Keeper*.

Our Registrar, **Sherry Crickmer**, reported we made \$323.32 for our Scholarship Fund at the Scholarship Luncheon. Considering we paid out \$2000 in scholarships, I would like everyone to be thinking of ways we might increase income and donations for next year. Our scholarship program is foundational to our chapter, and it is our opportunity to support the educational portion of the DRT Mission. We must keep it sustainable.

The DRT National Convention was held in Lubbock May 22-25. **Debi Pantalion** and I made the long drive together. If anyone has the opportunity to make a future road trip with Debi, I say do it! She is an excellent copilot, once she can get the seat adjusted. Five-star travel companion, highly recommended. Besides copiloting the road trip, Debi helped for many hours at the Stephen F. Austin Chapter sales table. We made \$115.00 on merchandise, which is pretty good!

Our own 7th grade essay contest winner, **Margaret Russell**, won both the District VIII competition and the National competition! Margaret was awarded a

certificate and a \$50 check for her District win, and a certificate, a plaque, and a \$500 check for her national win. Additionally, Margaret received a silver coin pendant worth \$250 as a special gift from our **President General, Carol Steakley**. Thank you, Mrs. Steakley, for your generous gift! On May 28th, **Debi Pantalion** and I met with **Julia and Brian Russell**, along with Margaret and her siblings **William and Abigail**, at their home to present Margaret with all her awards. Margaret was thrilled with her prizes, and we are all so proud of her. Only one little Russell left for the essay contests, but no pressure, Abigail.

In other Convention news, I was elected your new District VIII Representative. It is a DRT national Board of Management position, and my role will be to act as liaison between the 18 chapters in District VIII and the Board. It is a big role, but I look forward to getting to know all the chapters in our area. As District Representative, one of my jobs is to be in charge of the **District VIII meeting**, which will be in **Kerrville October 11-12**. As I will be otherwise occupied at this meeting, I will need someone to take over the running of the chapter sales table. It's easy peasy; volunteers would be much appreciated. The Joshua D. Brown Chapter is hosting the meeting, but I would love for our own Stephen F. Austin Chapter to make a big showing! The YO Ranch Resort Hotel is blocking rooms at a special rate for us, so make plans and mark your calendars.

Our field trip this summer will be to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Republic of Texas Presidential Library in Huntsville on July 16th. I will be renting a van, and the cost will be \$30 per person. We will have lunch in Huntsville, place to be determined.

-- Milli Pope



July 16, 2024

What: Field Trip to Sam Houston Memorial Museum
Where: Huntsville, TX
(Contact Milli Pope to sign up)

October 11-12, 2024

What: District VIII Meeting
Where: Kerrville, TX

FINANCIAL REPORT



As of May 1st, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$15,690.42
Chase Scholarship Fund: \$ 2,252.56
Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00

OUR NEXT MEETING

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive
Austin 78757



Program details will be announced as the date nears.

This Month In Republic of Texas History

**June 3, 1836
Goliad, TX**

Today General Thomas J. Rusk, commander-in-chief of the Texas Army, officiated a military funeral for the 330 Texians killed at the Goliad Massacre. Skeletons and partially burned bones that had been strewn about the site where they were killed were placed in a common grave. General Rusk was so overcome with emotion that someone else had to read his funeral oration, which began:

“Fellow soldiers! In the order of Providence we are this day called upon to pay the last sad offices of respect to the remains of the noble and heroic band who, battling for our sacred rights, have fallen beneath the ruthless hand of a tyrant.” The speech later said of Santa Anna, “While the names of those whom he murdered shall soar to the highest pinnacle of fame, his shall sink down to the deepest depths of infamy and disgrace.”





Milli Pope with her District Rep pin and being sworn in.



Milli Pope and Debi Pantalion at the Chapter sales table



Milli with Patricia Horridge from HQ.



During Convention, Milli and Debi took a side trip to Palo Duro Canyon—Texas' version of the Grand Canyon—and site of a famous battle in 1874 between the U.S. Army and several Indian tribes.



Chapter, District and State 7th grade essay winner Margaret Russell with her certificate, plaque and medallion.



MEMBER ADVENTURES

Debi Pantalion and her brother recently took a trip to Vicksburg, MS and the memorial to the battle in May 1863 that ensured Union control of the Mississippi and cleaved the South in two.



IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

Our dues are **\$65.00** for Members and **\$15.00** for Associate & Affiliate Members. You can pay online using Zelle through your bank (refer to the invoice Sherry Crickmer emailed to you for instructions) or by check (payable to **DRT-SFA**) mailed to Treasurer Sherry Crickmer at

**10203 Aqua Verde Ct.
Austin, TX 78733**

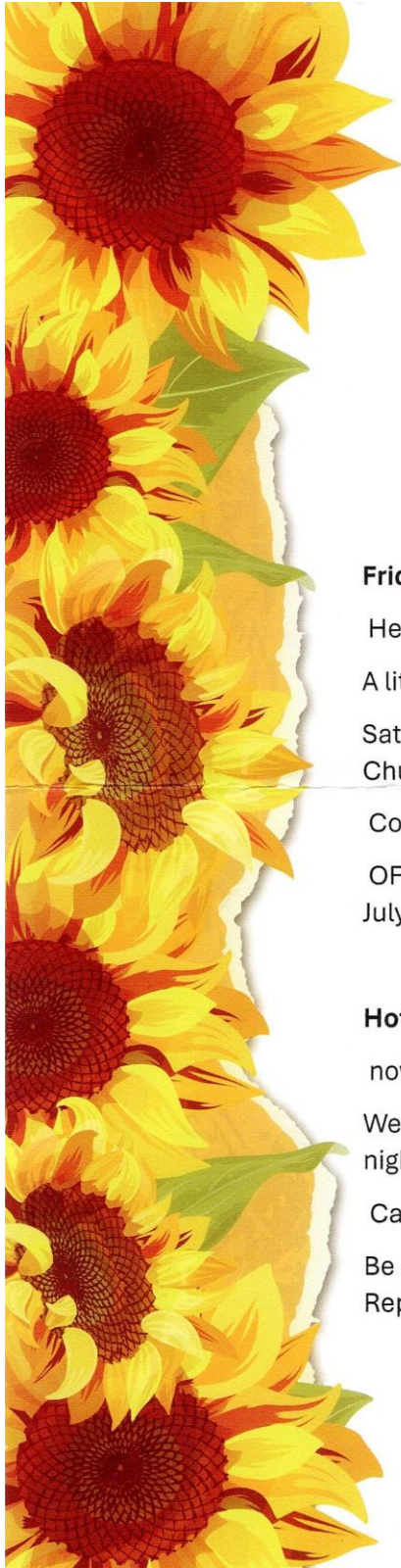
Dues are due by **June 25, 2024**, but please don't wait until the last minute. There's a lot of paperwork involved to meet our submission deadline, and everything affects our eligibility for the Six Star Award

If you are not going to renew for 2024-2025, we would appreciate a note from you saying so. This saves us a lot of time and stress.

Remember that members who do not reply are automatically dropped from membership. Reinstatement requires filling out a form and paying a \$25.00 fee. If, for some reason, you cannot pay your dues by the deadline, let us know. We can always work out something acceptable to everyone.

Dora, the Dues Fairy, will be watching for your payment!





Save the Date!

Daughters of the Republic of Texas
District VIII Annual Business Meeting
Host Chapter – Joshua D. Brown Chapter, Kerrville

Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12, 2024

Friday night social at YO Ranch Resort Hotel, Kerrville.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres.

A little entertainment and a lot of time to visit with friends.

Saturday morning business meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Continental breakfast and catered lunch will be served.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM TO FOLLOW. Registration opens July 1.

Hotel reservations for the YO Ranch Resort Hotel

now blocked and ready for your reservations.

We were blessed to be able to obtain a room rate of \$129.00 per night.

Call (830) 257-4440, the YO Resort Hotel for reservations

Be sure you tell them that you are with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

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

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 and static-cling decals are **\$5.00** each.



The 2023-2024 **SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook** is available at the September meein digital format. You can request a free digital copy from Lucy Duncan. Email is 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.



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). Send email address changes to **Lucy Duncan** to ensure you keep getting this newsletter—an email will do (lucyd4622@gmail.com). It's important that we keep our records up to date.

