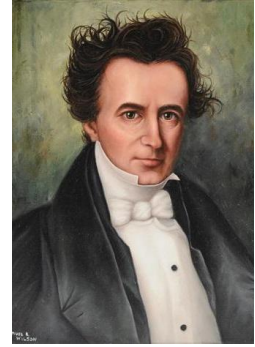


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

March, 2025



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

We have a very important meeting coming up- at our March meeting we will be holding our chapter officer elections for 2025-2027. Come cast your ballot and help us welcome the new slate of officers.

PRESIDENT: *Milli Pope*

1st VP: *Terri Obermiller*

2nd VP: *Debi Pantalion*

3rdVP: *Lori Helmers*

RECORDING SECRETARY: *Juanita Painter*

REGISTRAR: *Allyce Dolan*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: *Audrey Poche*

TREASURER: *Sherry Crickmer*

HISTORIAN: *Carolyn Schilthuis*

CHAPLAIN: *Laura Kitley/Barbara Walters*

HONORS and AWARDS: *Dusky Waters*

BYLAWS & PARLIAMENTARIAN: *Ervalyn McVeigh*

I am very pleased to announce the winner of our 7th Grade Essay Contest, *Sadie Lee!* Sadie is a relative of SFA members *Carolyn Schilthuis, Sharyl Burshnick, Hazel Burshnick,* and *Hannah Burshnick Cruz.* Her essay entitled "The Birthplace of the Republic of Texas"

has won her \$100, and the chance to compete with other chapter winners at the District level. Congratulations, Sadie!

March is **Texas History Month!** To celebrate, at our March meeting we will have a special speaker, author and DRT member **Gaylon Finklea Hecker**. Gaylon will be presenting a program based on her book, *Growing up in the Lone Star State: Notable Texans Remember Their Childhoods*. Bring your copy of this book (or any of her books) to refer to, ask questions from, or to have her sign it. We look forward to an informative and entertaining presentation!

In February, eight of us had a fabulous time exploring the San Antonio Missions, the only UNESCO World Heritage Site in Texas. **Fabienne Mayfield**, **Debi Pantalion**, **Sherry Crickmer**, **Sharyl Burshnick**, former SFA member and president **Sherilyn Beal**, **Juanita Painter**, Juanita's guest **Gerry Urbach**, and I visited Mission Espada, the Mission Espada Aqueduct, Mission San Juan, Mission San Jose, Mission Concepcion, and The Alamo. Added bonuses were lunch at the hidden gem Esmeralda's Mexican Restaurant, a visit to historic San Antonio Market Square, and margaritas and dinner at the iconic Mi Tierra Restaurant. (Never fear, I was driving, so no margarita for me). If you're ever on the fence about going on one of our field trips, take that step and do it! We laugh, learn, and have a great time.

Remember, the **SFA DRT Scholarship Luncheon is April 26 at Balcones Country Club**. Our speaker this year is **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. We are still looking for volunteers to make centerpieces, decorate, and do a few odds and ends. If you would like to be involved in our premier event of the year, contact me at millipope@gmail.com. Terri Obermiller 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. Happy trails!

-Milli Pope





DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN CHAPTER

2025 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The Stephen F. Austin Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is pleased to invite you and your family and friends to attend our annual fundraising Scholarship Luncheon.

**Saturday, April 26th, 2025
11:30 am**

**Balcones Country Club
8600 Balcones Club Drive
Austin, Texas 78750**

The cost is \$40.00 per person

Meal includes:

Coffee or tea, rolls, garden salad

Entrée- Mango Chicken, parsley rice, and grilled asparagus

Dessert- vanilla or chocolate cake

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

We are honored to welcome as our guest speaker historian, professor, author, and entrepreneur **Dr. Caroline Crimm**, presenting “A Contrast of Cultures”, the story of two ranch women and their lives in the Anglo and Hispanic cultures in early Texas. Among her many accomplishments, Dr.

Crimm is a graduate of the University of Miami, Texas Tech, and U.T. Austin; she is retired Sam Houston State University Professor Emeritus in History; author of many books and articles, including the award-winning *De León: A Tejano Family History*; and she runs Historic Tours of Texas with her husband Jack. Dr Crimm is an accomplished and entertaining speaker, who we know you will enjoy.

There will be a Silent Auction and a Door Prize Raffle, so prepare to bring home goodies!

*****Three free door prize drawing tickets with each reservation*****

Extra tickets available at the door for \$5 each or four tickets for \$15

Reservations are required by April 18th.

Please RSVP to Sherry Crickmer at sacrickmer@gmail.com

Payment is required in advance. **Make checks payable to DRT-SFA** and mail to
Sherry Crickmer

**10203 Aqua Verde Court
Austin, Texas 78733**

Or use the **Zelle** app and send payment to stephenfaustin@drinfo.org

Be sure to note what the payment is for when sending.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17, 2025

What: Chapter Meeting, officer elections

Where: Northwest Recreation Center,
2913 Northland Drive, Austin, TX
78757

When: Noon

April 26, 2025

What: SFA DRT Scholarship Luncheon

Where: Balcones Country Club, 8600
Balcones Country Club Drive, Austin, TX
78750

When: 11:30 AM

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of February 20, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$10,531.44

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$1,493.09

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00



This Month in
Republic of

Texas History

Saturday, March 1, 1845:

Today, John Tyler, President of the United States, signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress authorizing the President to enter into negotiations with the Republic of Texas regarding terms of annexation to the Union. The bill provides that Texas be admitted with a republican form of government to be adopted by Texas before July 1, 1846, upon the following conditions: All boundary adjustments will be made by the United States; the State of Texas shall retain its own public lands and apply the income from these to the debts of the Republic; and if Texas approves, the state may be divided into four. The President of the U.S. was authorized to negotiate new terms with Texas if needed.

Texas Honor Day:

It's Texas History Month, y'all!

Please fly your Texas flags this month, especially in honor of...

March 1: CRT Founders Day

March 2: Texas Independence Day

March 6: Alamo Heroes Day

March 27: Goliad Heroes Day

Contest Information

We have a 7th Grade winner, Sadie Lee! She will go on to compete in the District essay contest.

Scholarship Essay Contest results coming soon.

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 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).

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.



Income from the **Native Texan License Plates** program enables DRT to award grants to groups or individuals for Texas History education, preservation, and monument projects. Show off your Texas pride every day with Native Texan plates! Visit the Texas Dept. of Transportation's website for more information.

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.