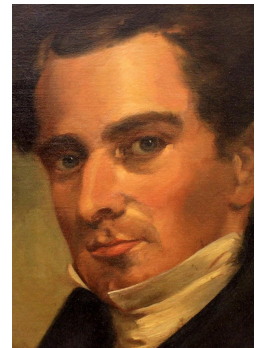


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

November, 2024



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies! Welcome to fall! The weather is getting cooler, and DRT activities are heating up. We had our first meeting of this DRT year on September 16th at the Northwest Recreation Center. **Ron Moulton**, an SRT member and a heck of a speaker, presented his program "Lone Rider from the Alamo". We were treated to a variety of artifacts and displays, and even got to hear him play the fiddle, bugle, and snare drum. He was a force of nature, a fount of knowledge, and entirely entertaining. We also had a Welcoming Ceremony for two of our new DRT members, **Lindy Vasquez-Gordineer** and **Mallory Dolan Walker**. We are so excited to have you with us, ladies!

There is no chapter meeting this month, but that doesn't mean nothing is going on. The 2024 District VIII Meeting is coming up! On Friday, October 11 there is a social evening at the YO Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, then the actual meeting is on Saturday, October 12. There will be a speaker, breakout sessions, shopping, and lots of opportunities to meet other women who love Texas. Even though advance registration is over, you can still register at the door. (If you do decide at the last minute to attend, don't forget to brown bag your lunch!) The flyer with all the information is on the SFA Chapter website (AustinDRT.org), and also on the main DRT website (DRTinfo.org). Come join us!

The October field trip this year will be to San Felipe de Austin. It is another opportunity to get out and learn about our history, and also to get another stamp in your Revolution and Republic Historic Sites Passport! If you are planning to join us and haven't reserved your spot yet, please RSVP as soon as possible. \$30 covers the vehicle and gas; details TBA soon.

And finally, I am sure you have noticed the format change for the newsletter. Our absolute legend of a member, **Lucy Duncan**, has historically produced it, and it has been beautiful. Lucy lives in Jacksonville (East Texas) now, and she has been in and out of the hospital for quite some time. It is too much to ask to have her continue producing the newsletter. If anyone has the time and inclination, I would love to have a volunteer to take over newsletter duties. Until then, though, I will be producing them. I apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.

See you soon; until then, happy trails!

-**Milli Pope**



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11-12, 2024

What: District VIII Meeting

Where: Kerrville, TX

October 23, 2024

What: Field Trip to San Felipe de Austin

Where: Meet at Northwest Recreation Center

When: We are leaving at 8:00 AM



FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 30, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$11,282.08

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$457.92

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00

OUR NEXT MEETING



November 18, 2024

12:00 Noon

Northwest Recreation Center

2913 Northland Drive

Austin, TX 78757



This Month in Republic of Texas History

Monday, October 13, 1845

Texians today went to the polls to vote on annexation to the United

States, and on a new state Constitution. With only about half of those eligible voting, annexation was carried almost unanimously, 4,254 in favor, and 267 opposed, and the Constitution was adopted by a similar margin, 4,174 to 312.

The election ratifies the work of the convention called by Texas President Anson Jones last July 4. It met in Austin, at the special request of the citizens of Travis County.

Texas Honor Day: Gonzales Day, October 2

Gonzales Day honors the first skirmish fought in the Texas War for Independence. On October 2, 1835, the citizens of Gonzales refused to give up a small cannon to the Mexican military.



COME AND TAKE IT





Member News...

Lucy Duncan could use your prayers and wishes for improved health. Please keep her in your thoughts.

We have some new members since the last newsletter! **Gina Bell Harris Beckham** and her daughter **Caitlyn Joyce Beckham** were recently approved. They live in Midland, and their ancestor is Andrew Miller.



We would also like to say a special



to new member **Alice Romberg** for her generous \$500.00 donation to our chapter. Her contribution will help bulk up our Scholarship Fund, and it's *really* appreciated!

Contest Information

Topics for the **2025 4th and 7th Grade Essay Contests**, as well as the **Scholarship Essay Contest**, have been announced. They 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).

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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.

