

September 2024

Stephen F. Austin Chapter Newsletter

President's Letter

Hello, Ladies!

We are temporarily going back to a simpler newsletter format while the talented and generous **Lucy Duncan** recovers from her recent surgery. Even after moving to Jacksonville, Texas a while back, Lucy has been an integral part of the Stephen F. Austin Chapter. She normally compiles and edits the newsletter, and she makes it look pretty. I apologize for any errors, or if I overlooked anything. We wish Lucy a speedy and complete recovery! On to business.

It's September, and you know what that means- our first fall meeting is right around the corner.

The Stephen F. Austin Chapter officers got together for our summer board meeting on August 19th. We are on top of things! Our registrar **Allyce Dolan** is well on her way to getting us another 10% Growth Award, and our year is barely underway. We are in very good financial shape, and our treasurer **Sherry Crickmer** presented a budget that will keep us that way. We all caught up on business, and we're ready to go!

Speaking of ready to go, our Honors and Awards Committee, **Barbara Walters** and **Laura Kitley**, have come up with a really interesting **Senior Scholarship Essay** topic:

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.

Ok Seniors, your turn. Ready, set, go to AustinDRT.org for information on how to submit your essay and be in the running for a \$1000 scholarship to be given out at our Scholarship Luncheon on April 19, 2025. For this contest, entrants must be related to a Stephen F. Austin Chapter DRT member, associate member, or affiliate member.

The 4th and 7th Grade Essay Contest topics were announced at the DRT Convention in Lubbock in May. For these contests, any 4th or 7th grader may submit an entry.

4th Grade: Juana Navarro Alsbury- Survivor of the Alamo

7th Grade: 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.

More information on the 4th Grade and 7th Grade Essay Contests is available on our chapter website AustinDRT.org, or at DRTinfo.org.

Mark your calendars, the September meeting is coming up on September 16th at noon at the Northwest Recreation Center. Speaker **Ron Moulton** will present **Lone Rider from the Alamo**, a costumed dramatic monologue on Davy Crockett's adventures in travelling to Texas. Then we will have refreshments provided by our hostesses **Sharyl Burshnick**, **Audrey Poche**, and **Muriel Parker**, after which we will hold a welcoming ceremony for the members who joined DRT over the last year. I will distribute a complete agenda before the meeting.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the District VIII meeting in Kerrville October 11-12. There will be a social evening Friday October 11, and the main portion will be October 12. The YO Ranch Resort in Kerrville is giving us a discounted room rate if you would like to stay overnight. It'll be a good opportunity to meet a few people, learn a few things, and maybe do a little shopping.

Field trip alert Our next field trip will be Wednesday, October 23rd, and we will be visiting **San Felipe de Austin!** As usual, if you would like to be in on the fun, RSVP to me at millipope@gmail.com. Cost is \$30 for vehicle and gas; bring money for entrance fees, lunch, snacks, etc. Bonus, you'll be able to get another stamp in your Texas State Historic Sites Passport.

Financial Report:

As of August 27, 2024 our balances were:

Checking Account: \$11,793.55

Scholarship Fund: \$457.91

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00

Texas Honor Days:

September 18th: Texas Heroes Day

Daughters of the Republic of Texas recognizes military heroes on September 18 with **Texas Heroes Day**. DRT has designated the day to honor and preserve the memory of the volunteer soldiers who died defending the Republic of Texas and her independence, and to pay tribute to the men and women of the military, both past and present, who serve Texas. Special emphasis is placed on honoring those of the 1842 Dawson Massacre and the Mier Expedition.

Please observe this day by flying your Texas Flag.

This Month in Republic of Texas History:

Monday, September 6, 1841: General Sam Houston was today reelected to the presidency of the Republic of Texas after a three-year absence. He received 7,915 votes vs. 3,616 David G. Burnet, the present vice president. General Edward Burleson was elected vice president.

Etc.:

To order:

SFA Chapter name tags: GTX Awards in Georgetown (512.868.5881) or info@gtxawards.com. Cost is \$12.50, including shipping.

SFA Chapter pins, stickers, or other merchandise: Send check payable to **DRT-SFA** to

Milli Pope
2641 W. 45th Street
Austin, TX 78731

OR

Send **Zelle** payment to StephenFAustin@drinfo.org; note what it is for.

Chapter Pins are **\$25.00**

Associate Pin with ribbon are **\$20.00**

Stickers and cling decals are **\$5.00** each

Magnets are **\$3.00** each

2023-2024 SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook: You can request a free digital copy from **Milli Pope** at millipope@gmail.com or **Lucy Duncan** at lucyd4622@gmail.com. A limited number of paper copies are available at the meetings.

Native Texan License Plates: Visit the Texas Department of Transportation website.

And Finally....

If you would like to put something in the Chapter newsletter, contact **Lucy Duncan** by email at lucyd4622@gmail.com or **Milli Pope** at millipope@gmail.com.

If any of your contact information changes, please let **Sherry Crickmer** and **Allyce Dolan** know through their email addresses:

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It's important we keep our records up to date.

Happy trails until we meet again!

Milli Pope