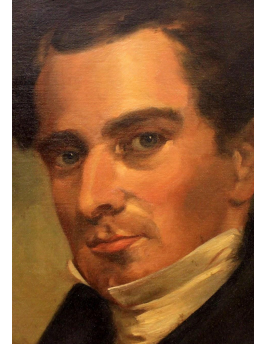


# Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

April, 2026



## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

It's April, the pollen... I mean flowers... are blooming, and it's time for the **Stephen F. Austin Chapter Scholarship Luncheon**! As I write this at the end of March, there is still time to save your seat for the event. If you haven't signed up yet, please do it now- I need a final count to give to Balcones Country Club by April 6. Our fabulous treasurer **Sherry Crickmer** will take cash, check, or Zelle. You won't believe what great items your silent auction chairwoman **Terri Obermiller** was able to score! Bring your checkbooks- you won't go home empty handed. The door prizes are nothing to sneeze at, either. That being said, it's not too late to donate to the cause. If you have something you would like to donate as a door prize or silent auction item, please let **Terri** know (512-844-5983 or [terriobermiller1@gmail.com](mailto:terriobermiller1@gmail.com)) and she will coordinate pickup.

Speaking of the Scholarship Luncheon, we have winners to announce! The \$1000 **Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT Scholarship** winner is... (drumroll, please) **Cassidy Lino**! **Cassidy** lives in Dallas, and she is the granddaughter of **Muriel Parker**. Cassidy's senior prom is the same day as our Luncheon, so she will be sending her thanks via video.

We will award a \$500 scholarship to **William Russell**, son of our chapter member **Julia Russell**. He is homeschooled, along with his siblings, by his parents. The Russells certainly know what they are doing- their kids regularly win essay awards!

And, the winner of our 7th Grade Essay Contest is **Abigail Russell**! **Abigail** is **William Russell's** sister, and the daughter of **Julia Russell**. We look forward to seeing **Abigail** and **William** at the Luncheon.

Finally, you will soon be getting the official notice to pay your DRT dues. You will have awhile before the final due date, but please don't wait until the last possible moment. Speaking as someone who has been in her shoes, **Sherry** will appreciate getting your payment sooner rather than later!

Stay safe, stay healthy, and until we meet again Happy Trails!

-Milli Pope

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 18, 2026**

**What:** Stephen F. Austin Chapter  
Scholarship Luncheon

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

**When:** 11:30 AM

**May 28-30, 2026**

**What:** DRT Annual Convention

**Where:** Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown,  
1701 Commerce Street, Fort Worth,  
76102

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 28, 2026, our balances  
were:

Chase Checking Account: \$11,823.41

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$4,459.96

Scholarship CD: \$10,500.00



### This Month in Republic of Texas History

**Thursday, April 21,  
1836**

On April 21, 1836,  
Texian forces led by  
Sam Houston won a decisive victory at  
the Battle of San Jacinto, securing  
independence from Mexico. In a  
surprise attack lasting just 18 minutes,  
Houston's army overwhelmed the larger  
Mexican force commanded by Antonio  
López de Santa Anna. The following day,  
Santa Anna was captured and later

agreed to terms that ended the Texas  
Revolution. This swift and decisive  
victory will pave the way for the creation  
of the Republic of Texas.

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## Texas Honor Days:

**San Jacinto Day: April 21**

On this day in 1836, General Sam Houston  
and the Texas Army defeated Santa Anna's  
Mexican troops at the Battle of San  
Jacinto. In honor of this battle, annual  
celebrations are held in LaPorte and San  
Antonio. The LaPorte celebration is at the  
San Jacinto Monument, the site of the  
battle. The San Antonio celebration is the  
Pilgrimage to the Alamo, the first Monday  
of Fiesta Week. Fiesta Week was originally  
Fiesta San Jacinto, which includes San  
Jacinto Day.

Bonus fact: The Stephen F. Austin Chapter of  
DRT was founded April 21, 1933, 93 years ago!

## \*Contest Information\*

We have our winners for this year! Next  
year's 4th and 7th Grade Essay Contest  
topics will be announced at Convention in  
May. Be on the lookout for next year's  
Scholarship Essay topic as well!

## 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](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 or static cling decals are \$5.00

Magnets are \$3.00

The **2025-2026 SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook** is available in digital format. You can request a free digital copy from Milli Pope at [millipope@gmail.com](mailto:millipope@gmail.com). Hard copies of each are available at the chapter meetings.



**Native Texan  
license plate  
sales fund  
grants by DRT  
to deserving  
projects.**

**Please consider showing your Texas  
pride on your car and supporting some  
good causes!**

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](mailto:millipope@gmail.com).

Send any contact info changes to Sherry Crickmer at [sacrickmer@gmail.com](mailto:sacrickmer@gmail.com) or Allyce Dolan at [allyce.dolan@gmail.com](mailto: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.

