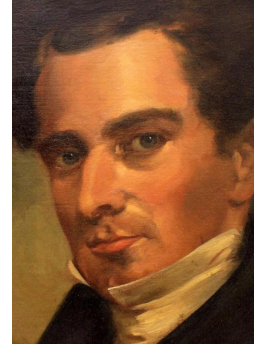


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

January, 2025



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

Well, another holiday season is in the books. I hope it was safe, happy, and healthy for you all. I for one got Covid for Christmas, so please excuse any errors or omissions in this newsletter. This one will be short and sweet.

Don't forget, our next SFA Chapter meeting will be at **Debi Pantalion's** home at noon on Monday, January 20. Her address is 2613 Byfield Drive, in Cedar Park. Our usual meeting place, Northwest Recreation Center, will be closed that day for MLK Day. Please contact Debi at dpantalion@austin.rr.com if you plan to attend the meeting, so she will have enough chairs available.

The Stephen F. Austin Chapter Nominating Committee is still taking nominations for chapter officers. The ballot will be distributed at the January 2025 chapter meeting, and the election will be at the March meeting. You may nominate someone for any position, but currently the positions with no nominees are Corresponding Secretary and Historian. The job descriptions for all positions are in the Yearbook. Please consider putting your name in the hat – your chapter needs you!

If you are interested in holding, or want to nominate someone to hold, a chapter office in 2025-2027, please let **Muriel Parker**, the Nominating Committee Chair, know at muriel.parker@gmail.com, or let **Debi Pantalion** know at dpantalion@austin.rr.com.

Sherry Crickmer was our fabulous hostess for the SFA DRT Holiday Party on December 9th. Sherry supplied delicious quiches, and everyone brought plenty of sides and desserts to go around. There was a White Elephant gift exchange, with a crazy twist. Fun!



Happy trails!

-Milli Pope

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20, 2025

What: *Stephen F. Austin Chapter Meeting*

Where: *Debi Pantalion's Home -
2613 Byfield Drive, Cedar Park, TX,
78613*

When: *12:00 PM*

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of December 27, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$10,343.94

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$1,293.74

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00



This Month in Republic of Texas History

January, 1836

Currently, Branch, T. Archer, William H. Wharton, and Stephen F. Austin are in New Orleans to solicit money, supplies, and men to fight for Texas independence. The envoys have been met with enthusiasm, but were advised help would not be forthcoming as long as Texians are divided on whether to sustain the Mexican constitution. From New Orleans, the men will proceed to Washington, where Wharton will remain

while Austin proceeds to New York City and Archer goes to Richmond.

Texas Honor Day:

January 26 - Mirabeau B. Lamar Day

On January 26, we honor the Father of Texas Education and second President of the Republic of Texas, Mirabeau B. Lamar. Please fly your Texas flag in his honor on this day.

Contest Information

Topics for the 2025 4th and 7th Grade Essay Contests, as well as the Scholarship Essay Contest, 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).

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.