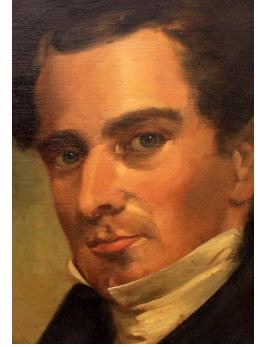


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

December, 2024



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

As we kick off this Holiday Season, I would like to start by letting you know how thankful I am for all the friendships and experiences I've gained since joining DRT. There are so many opportunities to become involved in our organization, and I would like to encourage you all to find a way to help shape the future of DRT. You won't regret it!

In the November newsletter, I wrote that **Debi Pantalion** and I drove to visit longtime SFA member **Lucy Duncan** in Jacksonville in October. Debi and I were lucky to have had the opportunity to see Lucy again, because on November 3, she lost her battle with cancer. Lucy may be most succinctly described as "a character", or maybe "salty", or "extra spicy", but she was a lot of fun to be around, and she worked hard to make our chapter a success. I for one owe her a debt of gratitude for her mentorship.

If you would like a little more involvement with DRT, the Stephen F. Austin Chapter Nominating Committee is 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.

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.

Thank you for endorsing me as a candidate for District VIII Representative on the Board of Management in 2025-2027! That election will happen at the annual conference in Odessa next May.

Don't forget to RSVP for the SFA DRT Holiday Party at **Sherry Crickmer's** house! It's on December 9th at 11:30 am. Plan to bring a side dish or dessert (let Sherry know what you're bringing)- Sherry is making quiches! If you haven't had Sherry's cooking, drop everything and RSVP right now. If you have had her cooking before, I'm sure you've already RSVP'd. Also, bring a gift for the White Elephant gift exchange worth \$25 or less. See the eVite Sherry sent for details and the address.

Happy trails!

-**Milli Pope**



Lucy Duncan sends her love from Jacksonville in October, 2024





Lucy, circa 2018




Lucy Carroll Duncan



 **Share obituary**
Let your community know

 **View memory board**
Share a memory, offer a condolence

 **Plant a tree**
Give to a forest in need in their memory

Born October 22, 1946 Lucy was raised in the Austin area where, as a young girl, she avidly pursued all things equestrian. After attending Austin High School, she moved on to Dallas where she earned her bachelor's degree in English from SMU. Armed with her diploma, she taught junior high English in Richardson, Texas. After teaching, life's path leads her to become Ross Perot's administrative assistant. From there she established and operated a regional training center in Grand Prairie, Texas for Pilot Independent Adjusters. Finally, family called her back to Austin where she was a dutiful caregiver to her mother for fifteen years. During this period, her interest in genealogy led her to join the Mayflower Society and become an officer in the Austin chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Lucy is preceded in death by her parents, Lucy Carolyn Sneed Duncan and C.A. Duncan Jr. Lucy is survived by sister Melanie A. Allison of Raleigh, NC, and her brother, Dempsey Watson, of Jacksonville, Texas and numerous nephews. A memorial Service will be held for Lucy at 11:30 AM Monday, November 18th in Jacksonville Texas. For additional information call (281) 787-1295.

Announcing...

Enzo Franco Lorenzi was born on September 21, 2024 to SFA member **Ali Lorenzi** and her husband Franco. Congratulations to the proud parents!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9, 2024

What: Stephen F. Austin Chapter Holiday Party

Where: Sherry Crickmer's home- 10203 Aqua Verde Ct, Austin, TX 78733

When: 11:30 AM

Please RSVP ASAP!

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of November 25, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$10,361.22

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$1,293.73

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00



This Month in Republic of Texas History

Monday, December 9, 1844

Today, President-elect Anson Jones and Vice

President-elect Kenneth Lewis Anderson were installed in what many believe will be the final administration of the Republic of Texas before annexation by the United States. The ceremony took place outside Independence Hall in Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Texas Honor Day:

Siege of Bexar Day: Dec. 9

On December 9th, we honor those who fought at the Siege of Bexar.

After a two-month stalemate, Ben Milam and volunteer Texans captured San Antonio de Bexar from General Perfecto de Cos and 1200 Mexican soldiers. The fighting started on December 5, and ended with Cos calling for a truce on December 9. In exchange for the parole and return of Cos and his men to Mexico, the Texans gained all of the public property, guns and ammunition in San Antonio. During the siege, the Texans lost only four men killed (including Milam) and fifteen wounded.

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.