



# SFA NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

### THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



*SFA President Milli Pope*

Hello Ladies! Our 2023-2024 DRT year is in the homestretch, but the best parts are still to come. This year's Stephen F. Austin Chapter Scholarship Luncheon will be April 20, at Balcones Country Club here in Austin. We have three scholarship winners to honor:

- Caroline Franke-** \$1000
- James Jaeckle-** \$500
- O'Rion Baker-** \$500



We also honor our winner for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest, **Margaret Russell**, who will receive a \$50 check.

As you know, the, Stephen F. Austin Chapter Scholarship Luncheon is our big event for the year. We honor our essay contest winners, and we raise money for our scholarship fund with a silent auction and door prize raffle. We will also have a speaker I am really excited to hear, **Dr. Adrienne Caughfield**. She will be presenting *Mary Austin Holley and the Women of the Texas Revolution*.

The registration form for the Luncheon is attached to the same email as this newsletter. You can download it, fill it out and email it back.



The 2024 Daughters of the Republic of Texas National Convention will be in Lubbock this year, from **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Lubbock is a long way from Austin, but don't let that stop you from going! Anyone who plans to drive and has room for a passenger, let me know. Anyone who wants to go but doesn't want to drive that far by herself, let me know. I am happy to help put you in contact with each other.

Our *Call to Convention* was emailed last week, but there may be some confusion as to how to register. If you prefer, you may print the registration form and mail it with a check. Or you can register and pay online following these instructions:

1. Go to [DRTinfo.org](http://DRTinfo.org) and sign in as a member.
2. Hover your mouse over the "Events" tab, and click on "Event List"
3. Go to the 4<sup>th</sup> page (click on the 4 above the first event, Texas Statehood Day)
4. Scroll down to "2024 DRT Annual Convention" and click on it.
5. Use this page to register and pay online.

See you at the Luncheon on the 20<sup>th</sup>!

--- *Milli Pope*

Tickets are \$40, and raffle tickets are \$5 or three for \$10. **Reservations are due by April 12<sup>th</sup>**, so don't delay!



**Debra Swete Ross** is our newest member. Debra lives in Argyle, TX.

**Shawn Latorre** has joined as an Associate member.



Thank you for joining our chapter!

**Debi Pantalion** has been touring Greece. (Hmm... maybe it's time for a *Members' Travels* feature?)

**Ali Bills Lorenzi** and her husband are expecting their first child.



**April 20, 2024**

**What:** Annual Awards Luncheon  
**Where:** Balcones Country Club - Austin  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m

**May 23 - 25, 2024**

**What:** DRT Annual Convention  
**Where:** Lubbock, TX

**OUR NEXT MEETING**

Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland Drive  
Austin 78757



Traditionally, a Chapter member presents her family at this meeting. Details to be announced later.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**



As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, our balances were:

**Chase Checking Account:** \$ 9,778.10  
**Chase Scholarship Fund:** \$ 2,252.52  
**Scholarship CD:** \$10,000.00

Invoices have gone out for the 2024-2025 dues.

You can pay by Zelle or by sending in a check. Details are on page 5. You can also pay for your Luncheon tickets the same way.



Have an idea for our new website?  
Send it to Allyce Dolan at [allyce.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:allyce.dolan@gmail.com)



**April 21 – San Jacinto Day**

Following several disastrous battles (including The Alamo), the remainder of the Texas army gathered on the fields of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836, for what would be a final battle with Santa Anna’s troops.

Though taken by surprise, the Mexican Army put up some resistance initially for a few minutes then fled in disorder. The Texans asked no quarter and gave none. The slaughter was appalling. But the Texans did show Santa Anna the mercy he denied the men of The Alamo and the Battle of Goliad.



The encounter at San Jacinto has been called *18 Minutes That Changed The World*. It was the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution and eventually led to enormous land concessions from Mexico. Almost one-third of the present area of America changed sovereignty.

*This Month In Republic of Texas History*

**April 21, 1836  
San Jacinto, Texas**

Today a decisive battle was fought at the mouth of the San Jacinto River. The Texas Army, led by General Sam Houston, routed the Mexican forces of President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. The Mexicans lost 630 killed and 730 wounded, and Santa Anna himself was taken prisoner. Texian losses were 8 killed and 25 wounded, including Sam Houston, whose right leg was shattered above the ankle. Secretary of War Thomas J. Rusk would later report “Our army consisted of 750 effective men. This brave band achieved a victory as glorious as any in the records of history, and the happy consequences will be felt in Texas by succeeding generations.”



**Field Trip!  
PART II**

*From l to r: Milli Pope, Sherry Crickmer, Laura Kitley, Muriel Parker, Debi Pantalion, Fabienne Mayfield, Allyce Dolan, Barbara Walters, Sharyl Burshnick, Joyce Fisher.*



# March Meeting



*From l to r: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sharon Wander, guest speaker Dr. Carolyn Frick and President Milli Pope*



*From l to r: Suellen Mills, Debi Pantalion, Milli Pope, Muriel Parker, Barbara Walters, O'Rion Baker, Allyce Dolan, Juanita Painter, Beverly Locklin, Laverne Sharp, Carolyn Schilthuis, Lindsay Baker, A'Lanna Escueta-Aikens, Sherilyn Owren, Elizabeth Meek, Sharon Wander and E.J. Vande Streek. Not pictured are Sharyl Burshnick and Joyce Fisher.*



*Pres. Milli Pope attended the DRT Museum Reception and met up with DRT President General Carol Steakley and WBT Chapter President Honey Bellemans.*





As we have mentioned several times in emails and this newsletter, our annual Awards Luncheon is April 20<sup>th</sup>. This is our biggest event of the year. We honor our essay and scholarship winners, raise funds for future scholarships, and thank the members who worked so hard to raise the funds—as well as those who just gave generously.

**Registrations are due by April 12<sup>th</sup>** to meet the Balcones Country Club deadlines. A copy of the invitation and the registration form were attached to the email containing this newsletter. You can download the registration form, fill it out and email it back.

We encourage all of our members who can attend to do so. Remember that you can also bring your family and friends. We have a wonderful speaker, door prizes and a silent auction. (Think “a good meal, entertainment and **SHOPPING!**”)

So please make plans to attend and get those registration forms in by the deadline.

We'll be looking for you!



### IT'S ALSO TIME TO START COLLECTING ANNUAL DRT/CHAPTER DUES!

Our dues are **\$65.00**. You can pay online using Zelle through your bank (refer to the invoice Sherry emailed to you for instructions) or by check (payable to **DRT-SFA**) mailed to Treasurer Sherry Crickmer at

**10203 Aqua Verde Ct.  
Austin, TX 78733**

If you are attending the Luncheon, Sherry will be happy to take your dues check while you're there (saves a stamp!)

Dues are due by May 31, 2024, but please don't wait until the last minute. There's a lot of paperwork involved and we really don't want to send out Guido the Collector in search of your dues!



## 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.



If you would like something put in the Chapter newsletter, contact **Lucy Duncan** by email:

[lucyd4622@gmail.com](mailto:lucyd4622@gmail.com)

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 and static-cling decals are **\$5.00** each.



The 2023-2024 **SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook** should be available at the September meeting. You can request a free digital copy from Lucy Duncan. Email is [lucyd4622@gmail.com](mailto:lucyd4622@gmail.com). See **page 3** for **details and how to obtain a hard copy**.

The **2022-2023 Supplement** is available in digital form. It contains **ONLY** the changes from the 2021-2022 Directory plus new member (at that time) info.



To order Native Texan license plates:  
**Visit the Texas Dept. of Transportation's website.**

JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*

If any of your contact info changes, **please** let Lucy Duncan know through the email address above. It's important that we keep our records up to date.

