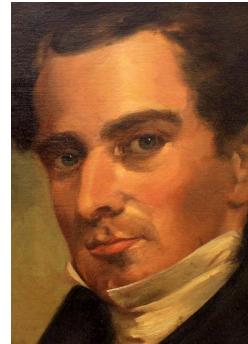


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT

NEWSLETTER

January, 2026



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

I hope you all had a wonderful, peaceful holiday season, and are looking forward to a fabulous 2026. Happy New Year!

Those of you who came to the SFA Holiday Party know, **Terri Obermiller** is the hostess with the mostest! She was generous enough to host the holiday party, as well as volunteer her home for the January meeting. We look forward to being back out at Casa Obermiller in a couple of weeks. Thank you, Terri!

I hope you all have checked out the 2025-2026 SFA Yearbook. I am sending out an addendum with this newsletter with the corrections I have received so far.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Until then, happy trails!

-Milli Pope



On the Left...

Seated: **Carolyn Schilthuis**
Left to right: **Allyce Dolan, Elizabeth Meek, Mary Alice Kuykendall**

On the right...

Back row: **Dusky Waters, Milli Pope**
Front row: **Debi Pantalion, Sherry Crickmer, Terri Obermiller**

Photographer was **Hazel Burshnick**

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19, 2026

What: Stephen F. Austin Chapter meeting

Where: Terri Obermiller's house at 5728 Standing Rock Drive, Austin, TX 78730

When: Noon

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of December 30, 2025, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$10,817.00

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$3,959.86

Scholarship CD: \$10,500.00



This Month in Republic of Texas History

Friday, January 25, 1839:

Today, President Mirabeau B. Lamar signed an act establishing a new flag for the Republic of Texas. It consists of a blue vertical bar next to the staff, one-third of the flag's width, with a large, five-pointed white star in the center. The remainder consists of two horizontal bars, white above and red below. The present change to the colors of red, white, and blue reflect the affinity most Texans feel toward the United States, whose flag consists of these colors.

Texas Honor Days:

Mirabeau B. Lamar Day: January 26

Mirabeau B. Lamar helped shape the Republic of Texas through his leadership, vision, and lasting contributions. As vice president and later president of the republic (1838–1841), Lamar championed a strong, independent Texas rather than immediate annexation to the United States, emphasizing national pride and sovereignty. He is remembered as the "Father of Texas Education" for advocating public education and securing land grants that became the foundation of Texas's public school system and future universities. Lamar also promoted the relocation of the capital to Austin, reinforcing Texas's westward aspirations.

Contest Information

See AustinDRT.org for the scholarship contest information. 4th and 7th grade contest information may be found at AustinDRT.org or DRTinfo.org.

Scholarship Contest: Texas was a Republic from 1836 to 1846. Discuss the economic advantages of Texas becoming part of the United States and how they affected the shape of Texas today.

SFA DRT 4th Grade Essay Contest:
"Alabama-Coushatta Tribe in the Republic of Texas."
Explore their interactions with the settlers and assistance during the Texas Revolution.

SFA DRT 7th Grade Essay Contest:
"Three Important Flags of Texas"
Many flags were used during the Texas Revolution. Choose three and tell why they were designed; who designed them; what is the significance of the design and where they were used.

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.

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. 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.

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.

**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.

