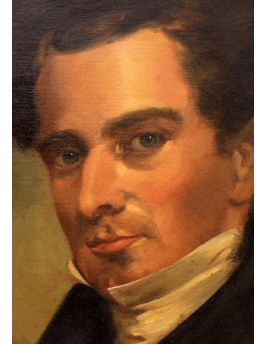


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

June, 2026



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

Another DRT season is in the books. If you missed going to Convention this year, my goodness, you really missed something. I've enjoyed every Convention I've been to, but this one was outstanding! **Debi Pantalion** and I drove up to Fort Worth on Tuesday so I could be there bright and early for the first Board of Management meeting on Wednesday morning, and the week was off like a rocket from there. **Allyce Dolan, Sharyl** and **Mike Burshnick**, and **Dusky Waters** and her husband **Dan** were there as well, and we all ate, shopped, laughed, and learned together.

Debi and Sharyl helped at the sales table, and they sold almost our entire inventory of Associate Member pins! Our Affiliate Member **Julie Sheldon** held down the fort when no one else was available to watch our sales table. Thank you very very much to all of these ladies for stepping in to help our chapter.

Other items of interest- Dusky Waters was chosen to Chair the Nominating Committee for next year's DRT Officers General election. We look forward to seeing who they come up with to be our next fearless leaders. And, I was re-installed as the District VIII Representative for the next term, so it'll be another busy couple of years!

Finally, the Memorial Service remembered our two members who passed in the last year- **Audra Shugart** and **Sally Chionsini**. I was honored to be the one who shared their names in the ceremony.

Next year's Convention will be Thursday, May 13 through Saturday, May 15, 2027 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Allen. Mark your calendars- I promise you won't regret going.

Don't forget to pay your DRT dues! Please don't wait until the last possible moment to pay. Cash, check, or Zelle are gratefully accepted. Also, make sure Allyce Dolan, **Sherry Crickmer**, and I have your current email, mailing address, and phone number for the next yearbook, to be compiled this summer.

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

-Milli Pope



Your 2026-2028 District VIII Representative, **Milli Pope** of Stephen F. Austin Chapter, and District VIII Rep Alternate, **Kreschendalyn Backus** of the Abishai Mercer Dickson Chapter



Your 2026-2028 District VIII Nominating Committee Representative and Committee Chair, **Dusky Waters** of Stephen F. Austin Chapter



Left: SFA Chapter President **Milli Pope** and Past President and 2nd VP **Debi Pantalion** enjoying the first business session



Above: Hard working ladies, SFA Chapter Registrar **Allyce Dolan** and **Debi Pantalion**

UPCOMING EVENTS

To be announced

What: Field trip

Where: To be announced, but probably somewhere air conditioned

When: Sometime in August

To be announced

What: Stephen F. Austin Chapter Board Meeting- for all chapter officers

Where: To be announced, but definitely somewhere air conditioned

When: Sometime in September

September 21, 2026

What: Stephen F. Austin Chapter Meeting

Where: Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Drive, Austin, TX 78757

When: 12:00 Noon

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of June 1, 2026, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$19,270.02

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$4,335.06

Scholarship CD: \$11,500.00



This Month in Republic of Texas History

Monday, June 12, 1837

Today, an act of the Second Texas

Congress was approved, authorizing a corps of 600 mounted men for the protection of the northern frontier,

primarily against Indian raids. The Ranger Corps will consist of volunteers for a six-month term. Each Ranger must provide a substantial, well-shod horse, extra horseshoe nails, a good gun, 200 rounds of ammunition, their own provisions except for beef, and a pack horse.

Texas Honor Days:

None in June

Contest Information

The topic for the 2027 SFA Scholarship Essay Contest is to be announced.

The DRT 4th Grade Essay topic is the **Old San Antonio Road**.

The DRT 7th Grade Essay topic is the **William Barret Travis Letter**.

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 **2026-2027 SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook** will be available in digital format in September. You can request a free digital copy from Milli Pope at millipope@gmail.com. Hard copies will be available at the chapter meetings.



Sales of the *Native Texan License Plate* 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.

