



SFA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



SFA President Milli Pope

Can you believe it's October? Seems like the longest summer I've ever lived through, but the year has flown by. How did that happen?

On September 18, we had our first meeting of the term. Despite some rookie mistakes on my part, I think it went pretty well. I hope you agree! We had a super turnout, with around 30 members, prospective members, and guests in attendance.

Remmer Machamer, a local 12-year-old who is passionate about honoring our veterans through Wreaths Across America, was our guest speaker. Remmer has spoken to many groups around Austin and the State of Texas, and we are honored to have had him share his message. It is especially poignant that Remmer spoke of honoring our veterans on Texas Heroes Day, a DRT Honor Day.



Carolyn Schilthuis, Sharyl Burshnick, and Laura Kitley were our generous hostesses. Thank you, Ladies! You are much appreciated.

Also at the chapter meeting, we swore in three officers who weren't at the ceremony in May: **Muriel Parker**, our Chaplain; **Lori Helmers**, our 3rd VP and CRT Sponsor, and **Barbara Walters**, Co-Chair of Honors and Awards.

We also held a Welcoming Ceremony for new member **Karen Dickson**, and for **Juanita Painter**, who despite not being new, had never been properly welcomed to our Chapter. Welcome, Karen, and thank you, Juanita, for being a part of our Stephen F. Austin family!



In other news, we are still on the lookout for speakers with a unique perspective on Texas history and its promotion and education. If you have a speaker idea, please forward names to SharonWanderTX@gmail.com.



We could use some hostess help for the March and May chapter meetings. If the spirit moves you, please send me your name and I'll add you to the list. It's your big chance to show off your favorite family recipes!



The **DRT District VIII Meeting** will be October 20-21 in New Braunfels. The flyer and signup sheet can be found under "**Events**" on DRTinfo.org. These events are always informative and fun. Join us!



And finally, please reserve your place in the **October 18th field trip to Monument Hill in La Grange**. We have a few signed up, but I would love to see more. It's the second field trip opportunity to get a stamp on your Republic of Texas Historical Passport. The passport is free, and we're on a mission to visit as many sites as we can. The price of the field trip is \$30.00, and it covers transportation and admission to the park.

See you in November!

-- Milli Pope



Ervalyn McVeigh's husband, Andrew, has been in the hospital and recently diagnosed with cancer. All prayers and good thoughts would be appreciated.

Corrections for the SFA Directory:

For those of you who have a hard copy of the new chapter Directory, there are a couple (so far) of changes:

Beverly Locklin's zip is **78731**.

Nancy Warren's ancestor is **John Hawkins Singleton**.

I inadvertently merged some info, so—my apologies.

We also have two new membership applications on the verge of approval.



October 2 – Gonzales Day

The first recognized battle of the Texas Revolution was fought in Gonzales in 1836. The Texas force of 160 men challenged the Mexican military by refusing to surrender a brass cannon previously given to the town. The Battle of Gonzales, which gave rise to the "Come and Take It" slogan and flag, lasted only a few minutes, but most citizens in Texas realized that there was no turning back. A war had begun.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive
Austin 78757

Program to be announced.



FINANCIAL REPORT



As of August 31st, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$10,060.41
Chase Scholarship Fund: \$11,752.15

This Month In Republic of Texas History

Saturday, October 22, 1836

The first constitutionally elected President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was installed on this day, following the abrupt resignation of interim president, David G. Burnet. Because of short notice, he did not have a speech prepared, but made an impromptu statement. At its conclusion, he eloquently referred to his defense of Texas on the battlefield, and vowed to further defend the new nation if needed with "my blood and my life." Vice President Mirabeau B. Lamar was installed the same day. His inaugural address stated that he did not expect to accomplish much as Vice President, and he hoped that no "unhappy contingency" would arise to require him to assume greater authority."



WAIT—Is this the new cast for "A Chorus Line" on Broadway?



From l to r: Milli Pope, Sharon Rankin, Barbara Walters, Karen Dickson, Debi Pantalion, Carolyn Schilthuis, Juanita Painter, Laura Kitley, Muriel Parker, Sharon Wander, Laverne Sharp, Allyce Dolan, Annette Englemann, Beverly Locklin, Audrey Poche, Kathy Burshnick, Lori Jackson Khalil, Dana Werner, Nancy Warren, Fabienne Mayfield, EJ Vande Streek. (A few people left before pictures were taken,)



Milli Pope and 1st VP Sharon Wander with speaker Remmer Machamer



Milli Pope with new officers sworn in Muriel Parker, Barbara Walters & Lori Helmers. Beverly Locklin (r) conducted the swearing-in ceremony.



Milli Pope and Registrar Allyce Dolan (2nd from r) conduct Welcoming Ceremony for Juanita Painter & Karen Dickson

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

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

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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** is available from Milli Pope. You can request a free digital copy from Lucy Duncan. Email is lucyd4622@gmail.com.

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 Sherry Crickmer and Lucy Duncan know through their email addresses:

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It's important that we keep our records up to date.

