



# SFA NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

### THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



*SFA President Milli Pope*

Hello, Ladies! September is here, and it's almost time for our first meeting since May. I hope as many of you who can make it will join us—there's a lot to catch up on!

I especially hope our new members will join us, as there will be a **Welcoming Ceremony** for you all. If you are a member who hasn't been part of a welcoming ceremony, and you will be attending the September meeting, please let me know. **Beverly Locklin** will also do the honors of installing the officers who were unable to attend the May meeting. Beverly is a long-time member of the Stephen F. Austin Chapter, a Past President, and an all-around delightful person. *Thank you, Beverly.* A big thank you also goes to our hostesses for the meeting, **Sharyl Burshnick** and **Carolyn Schilthuis**, who will be providing refreshments.

The first field trip of 2023-2024 was on August 8<sup>th</sup> to the French Legation here in Austin. The Legation is the former official residence of the French ambassador to the Republic of Texas. By all accounts, the ambassador did not enjoy our dusty frontier town, and the feeling was mutual. He did, however, leave a lovely home on the highest hill in Austin. I was joined by **Debi Pantalion, Carolyn Schilthuis, Barbara Walters, Sharyl Burshnick, Sherry Crickmer,** and **Allyce Dolan** for a guided tour of the home and kitchen outbuilding. We were all so interested in the house and the history that we forgot to take pictures! *Mea culpa*—we'll do better on our October field trip.

Speaking of the October field trip, don't forget to reserve your spot! We will be driving to Monument Hill in La Grange, where we will have a guided tour of the park where the men who died in the Dawson Massacre of September 1842 and the November 1842 Mier expedition (the black bean incident) are buried. There are also the ruins of an historic brewery on the grounds. \$30 covers transportation, as well as admission and the tour of the park. Zelle \$30 to [stephenfaustin@drinfo.org](mailto:stephenfaustin@drinfo.org), or give our treasurer **Sherry Crickmer** a check at the meeting to hold a place in the van.



On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the SFA officers met to discuss updating our chapter bylaws. We must have approval from the DRT Parliamentarian General, and we have to vote on the changes in a chapter meeting before they are official. I will distribute the changes to be voted on at least a couple of weeks beforehand so everyone has the opportunity to read them before voting. The current bylaws are on the last few pages of your yearbook, if you have one. I will distribute the current bylaws at the same time I send out the proposed changes.



Make plans to attend the **District VIII meeting** in New Braunfels on October 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. They are always fun and informative, and a great way to meet new friends and family. I have to say, if the New Braunfels meeting is half as good as the one **Debi Pantalion** and the meeting committee put together for the District VIII meeting hosted by SFA last year, it will be a raging success. There is a running event in New Braunfels the same weekend as the District Meeting, so hotel rooms are already

scarce. Act fast, but you may have to be creative and collaborative in finding accommodations.

And finally, don't forget to proudly fly your Texas flag on the two Texas Honor Days this month. Info about them is under the **Texas Honor Days** heading on page 3 of this newsletter.

See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

*-- Milli Pope*



The one thing that seems constant in our chapter is change!

**Jan Gonzalez** has moved to Bossier City, LA, but is still retaining her membership in the SFA Chapter.

AND—We have two more new members, **Karen Overman Dickson** and **Mallory Dolan Walker**.

Both Karen and Mallory live in Austin. Mallory is the daughter of new Chapter Registrar **Allyce Dolan**. Mallory is expecting her first baby in December—so beware of new grandmas bearing tons of photos!

To both new members .....



We're glad to have you in our chapter!

This brings our Chapter membership to **109** Full Members.

*[Did you know that almost half of our members are related to someone else in chapter?]*

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland Drive  
Austin 78757



Remmer Machamer will present a short program on Wreaths Across America.

Hostesses will be **Carolyn Schilthuis** and **Sharyl Burshnick** (so, as usual, everyone will eat well!)

### FINANCIAL REPORT



As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, our balances were:

**Chase Checking Account:** \$ 9,957.91  
**Chase Scholarship Fund:** \$11,701.92

All monies have now been moved to Chase Bank. The two scholarships for this year have been funded.

### Message from Campbell Lino, 2023 Winner



I'm honored to receive the scholarship. Thank you for your generosity and your sacrifice. This fall I will be entering Cedarville University with the end goal of becoming a Bible translator. Thank you for investing in my future.

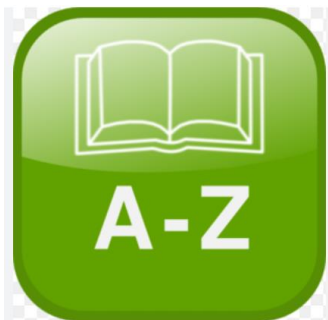
*[Editor's note: Campbell was unable to attend the April Luncheon and I forgot to include her note in the last newsletter. Blame it on a feeble brain!]*



**September 16 – Texian Navy Day**  
**September 18 – Texas Heroes Day**

Texian Navy Day honors the Texas Navy that helped defend the Republic at sea, secure the Gulf of Mexico, (and briefly claim the island of Cozumel). *Too bad we didn't hang on to that one!*

For Texas Heroes Day, fly your flag to honor the volunteer soldiers who died for the independence and defense of the Republic of Texas, including those who were lost in the Dawson Massacre and the Mier expedition. We also honor the men and women of the military, past and present, who serve Texas.



**2023 – 2024**  
**DRT Member**  
**Directory**

You can also request a FREE digital copy from Lucy Duncan at:

**lucyd4622@gmail.com**

## *This Month In Republic of Texas History*

**September 25, 1839**

King Louis Philippe of France signed a treaty of amity, navigation, and commerce with the Republic of Texas.

France was the first foreign country, other than the United States, to recognize the Republic as a sovereign nation. Dubois de Saligny, a secretary in the French legation in Washington, was promoted to Chargé d'Affaires and sent to establish a legation in Austin, Texas. A similar treaty was signed with the Netherlands on September 18, 1840.



The latest edition of our Chapter Directory should be printed and available at the September meeting.

You can request a copy from Milli Pope ([millipope@gmail.com](mailto:millipope@gmail.com)) but need to send \$3.00 postage via Zelle or snail mail a check payable to **DRT-SFA** to Milli at

**Milli Pope**  
**2641 W. 45<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Austin, TX 78731**

## 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

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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** 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.



(This is when temperatures start to go **BELOW** 100 degrees!)