



SFA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



SFA President Milli Pope

Hello ladies! I hope you all are having a wonderful, air-conditioned summer. Texas weather certainly went from “preheat” to “broil” quickly this year, didn't it? Because we won't have another chapter meeting until September, I have only a few items to cover.

On June 5th, some of the chapter officers from 2021-2023 met with some of the newly elected chapter officers at Rudy's BBQ to share their wisdom. I think my fellow new officers would agree, we are grateful! With the support of those who served before us, I know we will do a great job.

District IV hosted the Children of the Republic of Texas National Convention in Center, Texas, on June 23-24. Did you know, the Stephen F. Austin DRT chapter sponsors the Sarah Cottle CRT Chapter? For those of you with children under the age of 18 in your lives who have a qualifying ancestor, please consider enrolling them in CRT. What better way to encourage future participation in DRT and Sons of the Republic of Texas? They are the next generation of proud proponents of Texas History.



More information is available on the CRT website, crttexas.com. Or, contact our CRT sponsor and new 3rd Vice President, **Lori Helmers** at helmers1012@gmail.com.

This seems like an ideal time to share what I would like to accomplish during my term:

- **Lead field trips to Republic of Texas historic sites.** The Texas Historical Commission has published a Republic of Texas Historical Passport, free at various ROT historical sites. I would like for as many of us as possible to tour the sites, learn about our history, and get our passports stamped! Some of these will be all day (or longer!), and some will be shorter. For the longer ones, I am planning group transport and group meals.

- **Honor our Republic of Texas ancestors.** We all have Republic of Texas ancestors, but do their graves all have DRT Citizen of the Republic of Texas medallions? Do you have female ancestors who would qualify for posthumous DRT membership? Have you considered doing membership applications for them? Their graves would qualify for DRT member medallions. I plan to honor my qualifying ancestors in these ways, and I will encourage you all to do the same.

- I would also like to strengthen our membership ties by setting up a committee or system for checking in with our older members or those who might be in need. So often, we don't know that a member is ill or needs a little assistance of some kind until it's too late. We are, after all, a sisterhood, and we need to help each other when we can.

AND—I would like some feedback from members about the chapter's activities. If you have ideas for how to make our chapter stronger, better, more fun, or more engaging, please let me know. Do you want more ancestor talks? More involvement in schools? More genealogy? More field trips? Let me

know what is missing from your DRT experience. I promise to LISTEN and implement what is possible!



Our first field trip will be to the French Legation (in Austin), on **August 8th**. It is an ROT historical site, and a good place to get your passport and your first stamp! There is paid street parking, or there may be a few spaces in the French Legation parking lot, on the street just behind the Republic of Texas History Center. Lunch afterward, restaurant to be determined.

If you are interested in joining this field trip, let me know at millipope@gmail.com.

And finally, I'm adding a new feature to the newsletter-- **This Month in ROT History** that will feature interesting little tidbits of Texas history.

-- *Milli Pope*

This Month In Republic of Texas History

Sunday, July 16, 1837



Texas Navy Commodore H.L. Thompson ordered the Texas flag planted on the island of Cozumel, with a 23-gun salute. In claiming the island for Texas, Commodore Thompson commented on the strategic location, the rich soil, and the high-quality timber. He is quoted as saying Cozumel was "one of the greatest acquisitions to our beloved country that the Admiral aloft could have bestowed upon us." True story.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive
Austin 78757

Program to be announced.

Sept.
18
Noon

FINANCIAL REPORT



As of May 31st, our balances were:

Cap One Checking Account:	\$ 5,362.74
Chase Checking Account:	\$ 6,214.92
Chase Scholarship Fund:	\$16,473.03

There are no outstanding checks. The Capital One Scholarship Fund account has been closed and the funds deposited in Chase Bank. We will be moving the Cap One checking account to Chase this month.

Dues Update!

We appreciate everyone's patience during dues collection as we are transitioning to a new bank, a new way of paying, and a new Treasurer.

If you have NOT paid and want to renew your membership, please contact:

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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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Chapter pins are **\$25.00**.
Associate pins are **\$20.00**.
Stickers and static-cling decals are **\$5.00** each.



The 2021-2022 *SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook* is now available only in digital form. You can request a free copy from Lucy Duncan. Email is lucyd4622@gmail.com.

The **2022-2023 Supplement** is available in hard copy as of the September meeting. Digital copies are also available. However, it contains **ONLY** the changes from the Directory plus new member 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.

