



SFA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



SFA President Debra Pantalion

Our new year started with the meeting held at **Ervallyn McVeigh's** home. **Pat Horridge** was a special guest and gave us some important insights on the new RTHC building. The Grand Opening is scheduled for March 25th. SFA has been asked to act as hostesses for the event, which will be open to the public. The hostesses will act as information liaisons to answer questions or direct attendees to various places. What an honor to be able to show off our new building! If you haven't already signed up, please do so. Contact **Pat Horridge** at patriciahorridge@austin.rr.com. She will have all the information to help you or answer your questions.

Our program speakers for the meeting were from the Sojourners, **James Baker** and **Andrew McVeigh**. The program was on *Building the Flag*—or how our flag came to be. It started with the British, of course, then the Thirteen Colonies, then changed and grew as our country changed and grew. We all know the stripes represent the Thirteen Colonies, but each stripe has a meaning that Mr. Baker explained. The presentation was interesting, informative, and very heartfelt!

I am working on getting our chapter into the new building to get a good look at it. Currently, access is limited to staff or those with a connection to the building. However, we are allowed to hold a meeting in the building, so we will have a “scaled down” meeting on February 27th at noon. Our “program” will be learning the building. **President General Kim Stracener Zapalac** may be available to speak to us.

As there will be no hostesses (thus no food), we can go to lunch after touring the building.

The **Texas Independence Day Parade** is on March 4th. I already have some participants confirmed. This has always been a really fun event for our chapter—especially for families. Friends and family of chapter members are welcome to march (well, actually, just walk) with us. For those who want to be in the parade but can't walk the distance, we can usually make arrangements for you to ride, but I need to know so I can line up a vehicle.

This is a great opportunity for your kids or grandkids to **BE IN** a parade rather than just watching it from the sidelines. The Color Guard from the Moses Austin SRT Chapter will be joining us, which is exciting. Please let me know (dpantalion@austin.rr.com) if you're interested in participating. I'll have more details soon.



Our next “regular” meeting will be March 20th at noon. Details are on the next page. Our hostesses will be **Beverly Locklin, E.J. Vande Streek** and **Suellen Mills**. The topic will be announced later.



-- Debi Pantalion

OUR NEXT MEETING

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive
Austin 78757



The speaker is Marshall Kuykendall.
Topic to be announced

The hostesses will be **Beverly Locklin, E. J. Vande Streek** and **Suellen Mills**.



Our membership has increased again. We have a new member: **Cyndi Sauter Weber**.

Cyndi lives in Franklin, TX, and shares an ancestor with several other chapter members.



Thank you for choosing our chapter.

Our membership now stands at **114**, not counting Associates and Affiliates.



Do you know a 4th grade or 7th grade student who would be interested in entering the DRT Essay Contest? If so, please contact Debi Pantalion for information (dpantalion@austin.rr.com). We've had several winners from our chapter and would love to repeat that honor.

FINANCIAL REPORT



As of February 3rd, our balances were:

Checking Account: \$ 5,417.74
Scholarship Fund Account: \$11,528.64

Our checking account is reduced by \$5,000.00 because we are in the process of switching to Chase Bank. That amount was used to open new checking and Scholarship Fund accounts.

The change is for three reasons: 1) It has become increasingly difficult to bank at Capital One; 2) Chase has better services and actual physical banks; and 3) it will enable our new Treasurer, **Milli Pope**, to better serve the chapter's financial needs.

I am stepping down as Treasurer as of the March meeting. I've held the office for 10 years, and it's time for someone else to take over. And my living so far from Austin also makes it impossible for me to handle some of the Treasurer responsibilities. **Milli Pope** has been working with me this past year to be ready to assume the office. I'm very pleased that Milli agreed to be my replacement. I know she'll do an exceptional job. She is setting up a process for members to pay online, and we've been looking at ways for our funds to grow more.

The change in banks means changes in how we do some things—especially how checks are made out. But we'll have details later.

I've been honored to be your Treasurer for so long and appreciate the trust you've had in me. I know everyone will be equally supportive of Milli as she transitions into the office of Treasurer.

-- Lucy Duncan



February 19 – Texas Statehood Day

The legal entry of Texas into the Union was December 29, 1845. However, being the independent-minded people that they were, the Texans waited until the last possible moment.

Formal authority was transferred on February 19, 1846, which later became the cut-off date for eligible DRT ancestors.



Unfortunately, Amazon has decided to end its Smile Amazon program of donating to charities designated by individual shoppers. Bummer! We've received several hundred dollars from Amazon for our Scholarship Fund based on members' purchases. We will still receive donations based on purchases as of February 20th, so there is a little more to come.



There is still time to enter our Scholarship Competition for 2023. It is open to any graduating high school Senior who is related to a chapter member, Associate or Affiliate.



The essay topic is *The Treaty of Bird's Fort*. Entries are due March 1st. The scholarship is for \$1,000.00.

For an application package, contact **Lucy Duncan** at lucyd4622@gmail.com.

Recipe

Corner



Mini Potato Gratin Stacks



INGREDIENTS

For 6 mini potato stacks

- 1 2/3 lbs firm red potatoes
- 2/3 cup melted butter
- 1 heaping tablespoon dried herbs mix
- Salt
- 1 silicone muffin mold or 1 buttered metal muffin mold

STEP 1

Peel the potatoes and rinse them well.

STEP 2

Cut the potatoes into super thin slices using a mandoline slicer.

STEP 3

Put the sliced potatoes in a bowl and season with salt.

STEP 4

Add 3/4 of the melted butter and the dried herbs.

STEP 5

Mix well using your hands.

STEP 6

Fill the muffin mold with the potato slices.

STEP 7

Pack them well and add more slices if needed.

STEP 8

Add the rest of the melted butter.

STEP 9

Cook the stacks in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes.

(You can even add some cheese on top!)

January Meeting



Andrew McVeigh and James Baker give their presentation on **Building the Flag.**



From r to l: Beverly Locklin, Ervalyn McVeigh, Ophelia Overton, Carolyn Schilthuis, Sharyl Burshnick, Scottie Hagen (barely visible), Allyce Dolan, Milli Pope.



From l to r: Laura Kitely, Barbara Walters, Sharon Wander and Sherry Crickmer



Special guest Patricia Horrridge and SFA President Debi Pantalion

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 **SFA-DRT** to

Lucy Duncan
914 Crestwood Dr.
Jacksonville, TX 75766

Chapter pins are **\$20.00**.
Associate pins are **\$15.00**.
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.



We will start collecting dues in March or April.

At the May Convention, DRT voted to raise the dues paid to Headquarters by \$5.00. This means we will be collecting **\$65.00** from SFA Chapter members.

The deadline for dues is **JULY 1st**.