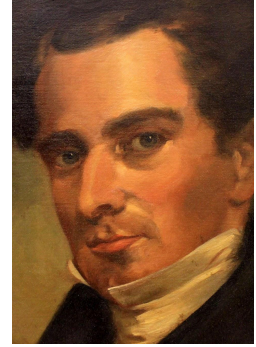


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

April, 2025



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

Please join me in congratulating our new slate of chapter officers. They (we!) will be sworn in at the May meeting.

PRESIDENT: **Milli Pope**
1st VP: **Terri Obermiller**
2nd VP: **Debi Pantalion**
3rdVP: **Lori Helmers**
RECORDING SECRETARY: **Juanita Painter**
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: **Vacant**
TREASURER: **Sherry Crickmer**
HISTORIAN: **Carolyn Schilthuis**
CHAPLAIN: **Laura Kitley/Barbara Walters**
HONORS and AWARDS: **Dusky Waters**
BYLAWS & PARLIAMENTARIAN: **Ervalyn McVeigh**

We didn't manage to talk anyone into the Corresponding Secretary role, but if someone wants to step into an important chapter position, this is a golden opportunity! Contact me at millipope@gmail.com, and we will talk about it.

If you haven't already, please register for the Scholarship Luncheon on April 26 at Balcones Country Club. You should have gotten an Evite for the event from **Sherry Crickmer**- if not, let me or Sherry know so we can get you a link so you can sign up. Our silent auction chair this year is **Terri Obermiller**, and she has done an outstanding job getting some amazing items! These generous donations will go a long way to maintaining a healthy Scholarship account for the upcoming years.

Speaking of scholarships, this year we will be awarding three- one for \$1000, and two \$500 prizes. The winner of the Stephen F. Austin Chapter DRT \$1000 Scholarship is my niece, **Charli Haynes**! Winners of the \$500 prizes are **Laurel Hall**, great niece of Debi Pantalion, and **Caitlin Beckham**, a member of SFA DRT and daughter of member **Gina Beckham**. Congratulations to our winners, and a big thank you to **Carolyn Schilthuis** for coordinating the judging for that contest!

Also at the Luncheon, we will be awarding a \$100 prize for the winning 7th Grade Essay Contest at the Chapter level. That winner is **Sadie Lee**, who is related to SFA members **Carolyn Schilthuis**, **Sharyl Burshnick**, **Hannah Cruz**, and **Hazel Burshnick**. Even bigger news for Sadie is that she also won the District VIII 7th Grade Essay Contest! For that win, Sadie will receive a \$50 check from DRT and a certificate. She will also get additional \$50 from SFA DRT to boost her district win to \$100. Sadie is now

in the running for the overall DRT 7th Grade Essay Contest, with a chance for \$500, a plaque, a certificate, and having her essay archived at the DRT Library in San Antonio. Good luck in the big contest, Sadie!

Not to bury the lede, but **Convention registration is now open!** Sign in to the [DRTinfo.org](https://www.drtinfo.org) website, then go to "Events", then "2025 Call to Convention" to register. If you don't already have a logon for the website, you will have to sign up and go to the Members section to see the relevant portions. Associate members without a current logon, contact webmaster@drtinfo.org (that's **Jessy**) for credentials. As a reminder, our chapter's attendance at Convention counts toward our Attendance awards and Six Star designation. If you plan to attend and haven't already booked your hotel room, please go ahead and do so. The link for hotel rooms is on the DRT website in the same place as the registration link.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at these exciting events! Happy trails!

-Milli Pope

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134TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

MAY 15TH - 17TH, 2025
305 EAST FIFTH STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS 79761

Hosted by
Districts I and X
Aaron Estes Chapter - Midland
Rio Grande Chapter - El Paso
Palo Duro Chapter - Amarillo
General James Smith Chapter - Lubbock

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ALL CONVENTION INFORMATION, FLYERS AND FORMS MAY BE FOUND ON THE DRT WEBSITE.
[HTTPS://WWW.DRT.INFO.ORG](https://www.drtinfo.org)

THIS INCLUDES INFORMATION FOR SALES TABLES, PROGRAM ADS, PAPER REGISTRATION, ONLINE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE AT
DISTRICT1REP@DRTINFO.ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26, 2025

What: SFA DRT Scholarship Luncheon

Where: Balcones Country Club, 8600 Balcones Country Club Drive, Austin, TX 78750

When: 11:30 AM

May 15-17, 2025

What: DRT Annual Convention

Where: Odessa Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 305 E. 5th Street, Odessa, TX 79761

When: Schedule varies- see registration info

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 26, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$10,511.10

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$1,993.10

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00



This Month in Republic of Texas History

Monday, April 16, 1838:

The first meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas of the

Masonic Order was held today in Houston, with Grand Master Anson Jones presiding. Dr. Jones was elected Grand Master at a meeting when the representatives of the three Masonic lodges in Texas met this past December, which was chaired by President Sam Houston. The three Texas lodges are located in Houston, Nacogdoches, and San Augustine.

Texas Honor Days:

San Jacinto Day: April 21

On this date in 1836, General Sam Houston and the Texas Army defeated Santa Anna's Mexican troops at the Battle of San Jacinto.

An annual celebration is held at the San Jacinto Monument and Battlefield.

Contest Information

Chapter level contests are over for this year!

\$1000 Scholarship: Charli Haynes, daughter of Cris and Mike Haynes; niece of Milli Pope

\$500 Scholarship: Laurel Hall, daughter of Kellie and Mitch Hall; great niece of Debi Pantalion

\$500 Scholarship: Caitlin Beckham, daughter of Gina and Thomas Beckham. Caitlin and her mother are both SFA DRT members!

SFA DRT 7th Grade Essay Contest: Sadie Lee, daughter of Angela and Chris Lee; relative of Carolyn Schilthuis, Sharyl Burshnick, Hanna Cruz, and Hazel Burshnick.

District VIII 7th Grade Essay Contest: Sadie Lee, daughter of Angela and Chris Lee; relative of Carolyn Schilthuis, Sharyl Burshnick, Hanna Cruz, and Hazel Burshnick.

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 **2023-2024 SFA Chapter Directory/Yearbook** and the **2024-2025 Yearbook Supplement** are available in digital format. You can request a free digital copy from **Milli Pope** at millipope@gmail.com. Hard copies of each are available at the chapter meetings.



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.

