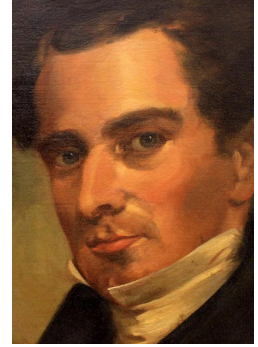


Stephen F. Austin Chapter, DRT NEWSLETTER

June, 2025



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello, Ladies!

Please join me in congratulating our new DRT Officers General, as well as our new chapter officers!

President General	Ora Jane Johnson
President General Elect	Carla Miller
Chaplain General	Kathleen Townzen
Treasurer General	Merle Howard
Registrar General	Marilyn Wade
Custodian General	Vacant
Exec. Secretary General	Cindy Bormann
Historian General	Carolyn Raney
SFA Chapter President	Milli Pope
Treasurer	Sherry Crickmer
Registrar	Allyce Dolan
1st VP	Terri Obermiller
2nd VP	Debi Pantalion
3rd VP/CRT Sponsor	Lori Helmers
Co-Chaplains	Laura Kitley/Barbara Walters
Recording Secretary	Juanita Painter
Corresponding Sec	Vacant
Historian	Carolyn Schilthuis
Parliamentarian/Bylaws	Ervallyn McVeigh
Honors and Awards	Dusky Waters

As you know, many of us recently got back from the Convention in Odessa- I am impressed that we had so many from our chapter in attendance! If we can get as good a turnout for the District VIII Meeting here in Austin in October, we will be in good shape for a Six Star Award next year.



Front row: **Laura Kitley, Milli Pope, Barbara Walters**
Back row: **Muriel Parker, Terri Obermiller, Fabienne Mayfield, Debi Pantalion**
Not pictured: **Dusky Waters, Sharyl Burshnick**

Speaking of awards, our chapter came away with some good ones. **Sharyl Burshnick** and **Allyce Dolan** are two of only a handful of members who got the DRT Goodwill Ambassador Award, for excellence in service to DRT. **Allyce** also was one of only two registrars who got the Registrar General's Award for 25% chapter growth. The SFA Chapter also got awards for Achievement, Texas History, Volunteer Hours, Membership, and the President General's Project Award. And, our dedicated crew of sales table volunteers brought in almost \$300. Yay! Congratulations, Allyce and Sharyl, as well as the chapter as a whole. I brag on our chapter all the time- SFA really is the best!

After all the craziness of springtime DRT activities, we are finally getting to the much less manic summer months. Be on the lookout for emails over the summer- I will still be producing a newsletter, and at some point I will be sending info on a summer field trip. Don't forget about our wonderful website, AustinDRT.org, where you can always find good information.

Until we meet again, Happy Trails!

-Milli Pope

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer, 2025

What: Field Trip

Where: TBD

When: TBD

September 15, 2025

What: September Chapter Meeting

Where: Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin, 78757

When: Noon

October 10-11, 2025

What: District VIII Meeting

Where: Friday: Republic of Texas History
Center and French Legation
802 and 810 San Marcos Street, Austin,
78702

Saturday: St. Matthews Episcopal Church
8134 Mesa Drive, Austin, 78759

When: To be announced

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of May 22, our balances were:

Chase Checking Account: \$15,944.54

Chase Scholarship Fund: \$4268.31

Scholarship CD: \$10,000.00



This Month in Republic of Texas History

June, 1842:

This month, 321 Texian men were released from prison at the San Carlos Fortress in Perote, Veracruz. Recruited a year ago under Hugh McLeod and George Thomas Howard at the behest of President Mirabeau B. Lamar for an invasion of Santa Fe, they were captured on October 5 near present-day Tucumcari, New Mexico after confusing the Wichita River for the Red River. They were captured without firing a shot. It is speculated that this debacle will lead to the return of Sam Houston.

Contest Information

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 and 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.

