



SFA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



SFA President Milli Pope

Hello Ladies! We're down to the last month of this DRT year. It's been eventful, and I'm grateful for all the support and encouragement I received as I navigated my first year as President of Stephen F. Austin Chapter.

If you missed our Scholarship Luncheon this year, you really missed out! Thank you to all of you who came out and supported our scholarship program by purchasing a meal, buying door prize raffle tickets, and bidding on silent auction items. We had some hard-working chapter members that day, and I'm especially indebted to **Muriel Parker, Fabienne Mayfield, Debi Pantalion, and Juanita Parker** for the huge effort in making the day go smoothly. And big "kudos" to **Joyce Fisher** for the table decorations and the rocks she painted herself. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

All of our scholarship winners were present. **Caroline Franke** presented her scholarship-winning essay on *Francita Alavez, the Angel of Goliad*, **Margaret Russell** presented her winning 7th grade essay, *The Tenacity of the Canary Islanders*. We didn't know it at the time, but Margaret also won District and State! Way to go, Margaret! I can't wait to see what **all** our winners accomplish in the coming years.

Our speaker, **Dr. Adrienne Caughfield**, presented "Mary Austin Holley and the Women of the Texas Revolution," As she points out, the men may have

gotten the glory, but the Revolution wouldn't have gotten anywhere without the women. Dr. Caughfield expressed to me how happy she was for the opportunity to speak to a group that shares her passion for Texas history.

The Luncheon accounting is not done yet, but we should have an idea of what we accomplished by the May meeting. Preliminarily, however, I will say that I hope more people will attend next year and help boost the numbers a bit.



The 2024 Daughters of the Republic of Texas National Convention will be in Lubbock this year, from **Thursday, May 23rd through Saturday, May 25th**. If you can, please consider going. Anyone who plans to drive and has room for a passenger, let me know. Anyone who wants to go but doesn't want to drive that far by herself, let me know. I am happy to help put you in contact with each other.

If you plan to go to Convention but haven't registered yet, do it! You may print the registration form and mail it with a check, or you can register and pay online following these instructions:

1. Go to DRTinfo.org and sign in as a member.
2. Hover your mouse over the "Events" tab, and click on "Event List"
3. Go to the 4th page (click on the 4 above the first event, Texas Statehood Day)
4. Scroll down to "2024 DRT Annual Convention" and click on it.
5. Use this page to register and pay online.

And finally, if anyone has field trip ideas for over the summer, please let me know! There are plenty of historic sites we could get to and back in a day. We could also do a trip to the Texas State Library and Archive, or to the Briscoe Center, the Austin History Center, or even the Austin Public Library downtown for genealogy and history research. Let me hear your ideas.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting at noon, May 20th, at the Northwest Recreation Center. **We will not be in our usual room, because that room is being used for voting.** Enter through the front door, and the desk person will be able to direct you to our room.

Happy trails!

--- Milli Pope



May 23 - 25, 2024

What: DRT Annual Convention
Where: Lubbock, TX



We're starting a new feature this month—**Member Adventures**.

If you've been someplace interesting, send photos and a comment or two to **Lucy Duncan** (lucyd4622@gmail.com).

OUR NEXT MEETING

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive
Austin 78757



Member **Allyce Dolan** will be presenting one of her ancestors—a May meeting tradition.

Hostesses will be **Joyce Fisher, Laverne Sharp** and **Milli Pope**.

FINANCIAL REPORT



As of May 1st, our balances were:

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| Chase Checking Account: | \$12,475.06 |
| Chase Scholarship Fund: | \$ 2,252.52 |
| Scholarship CD: | \$10,000.00 |

Invoices have gone out for the 2024-2025 dues.

You can pay by Zelle or by sending in a check. Details are on page 7.



Have an idea for our new website?
Send it to Allyce Dolan at
allyce.dolan@gmail.com



May 14 – Treaties of Velasco Day

As a result of the Mexican Army’s defeat at San Jacinto, Santa Anna signed two treaties with interim Texas president David G, Burnet.

The public treaty provided that the hostilities would cease, Santa Anna would withdraw to south of the Rio Grande and not take up arms against Texas again, and that confiscated property would be restored. There were also provisions for exchanging prisoners.

The second and “secret” treaty, the Texans agreed to release Santa Anna immediately in exchange for his pledge to use his influence to secure Mexican recognition of Texas’ independence. Santa Anna was also to arrange for the Mexican government’s favorable reception of a Texas mission and treaty of commerce. The Texas border would be the Rio Grande.

However, the Texas Army blocked Santa Anna’s release by the Texas government. Also, the Mexican government refused to recognize the treaties, saying that Santa Anna had signed them as a captive (and, thus, under duress).



Because both parties violated the treaties, they never took effect. Mexico finally recognized Texas’s independence when the U.S.-Mexican War was settled by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildalgo in 1848.

This Month In Republic of Texas History

**May 19, 1836
Limestone County, TX**

Several hundred Native Americans from the Comanche, Kiowa, Wichita, and Caddo tribes raided Parker’s Fort in the Robertson’s Colony Grant this morning. Five men were killed, and two women and three children were taken prisoner. Two others were wounded and left for dead.

The men killed were John Parker and his two sons, Benjamin and Silas, as well as Samuel Frost and his son Robert. The two wounded women were John Parker’s wife, Sarah Pinson Duty (known as “Granny”), and Silas Parker’s mother-in-law, Mrs. Duty. Taken were Mrs. Elizabeth Kellogg, Mrs. Rachel Plummer, her two-year-old son James Plumme, and two of Silas Parker’s children, six-year-old John, and eight-year-old Cynthia Ann Parker.

Cynthia Ann remained with the tribe until late in her life, married a chief, and became the mother of the famous



Scholarship LUNCHEON



Winner Caroline Franke receiving her “check” from Awards Officers Laura Kitley and Barbara Walters.



Winner O’Rion Baker and her scholarship “check.”



Winner James Jaeckle with his “check” and his Thank you note to the chapter.

Caroline Franke is the daughter and granddaughter of chapter members Janene Franke and Elizabeth Meeks. O’Rion Baker is a member of the SFA Chapter, as well as the daughter of chapter member Lindsay Baker. James Jaeckle is the grandson of Associate Member Judy Palmer.

Several of Judy Palmer’s grandchildren have won the scholarship over the last few years. Most—if not all—of them have been involved with CRT.

JUDY—Isn’t James the last of your grandchildren?



Chapter, District and State 7th grade essay winner Margaret Russell receives her award checks from past Chapter President Debi Pantalion.



Chapter President Milli Pope presenting Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Dr. Adrienne Caughfield.

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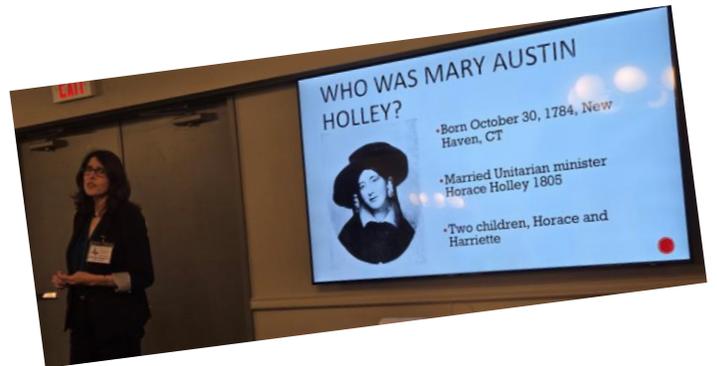
Scholarship LUNCHEON



Anyone for dessert?



Please note Joyce Fisher's lovely tables with their "Yellow Rose of Texas" theme!



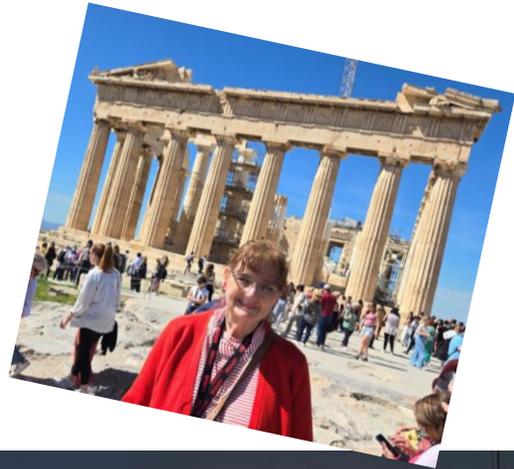
WHO WAS MARY AUSTIN HOLLEY?

- Born October 30, 1784, New Haven, CT
- Married Unitarian minister Horace Holley 1805
- Two children, Horace and Harriette



Co-Awards Office
Laura Kitley

MEMBER ADVENTURES



Debi Pantalion just returned from Greece. Her biggest revelation? "It's impossible to comprehend the enormity of these ancient sites until you are standing in them!"

Milli Pope completed a "Genealogy Odyssey" from Atlanta to New Orleans, visiting courthouses and archives in Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama.



IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

Our dues are **\$65.00** for Members and **\$15.00** for Associate & Affiliate Members. You can pay online using Zelle through your bank (refer to the invoice Sherry Crickmer emailed to you for instructions) or by check (payable to **DRT-SFA**) mailed to Treasurer Sherry Crickmer at

**10203 Aqua Verde Ct.
Austin, TX 78733**

Dues are due by **June 25, 2024**, but please don't wait until the last minute. There's a lot of paperwork involved to meet our submission deadline, and everything affects our eligibility for the Six Star Award

If you are not going to renew for 2024-2025, we would appreciate a note from you saying so. This saves us a lot of time and stress.

Remember that members who do not reply are automatically dropped from membership. Reinstatement requires filling out a form and paying a \$25.00 fee. If, for some reason, you cannot pay your dues by the deadline, let us know. We can always work out something acceptable to everyone.

Dora, the Dues Fairy, will be watching for your payment!



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

Milli Pope
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. 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

Send any contact info changes to **Sherry Crickmer** (sacrickmer@gmail.com). Send email address changes to **Lucy Duncan** to ensure you keep getting this newsletter—an email will do (lucyd4622@gmail.com). It's important that we keep our records up to date.

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**