

SFA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CHAPTER

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



SFA President Debra Pantalion

May is going to be a busy month! Our Annual Convention is May 4-6 in Galveston. So far, there are 11 attending with me: Beverly Locklin, Suellen Mills, Carolyn Schilthuis, Sharyl Burshnick, Milli Pope, Laura Kitley, Barbara Walters, Ophelia & Kristina Overton, Allyce Dolan and Ali Bills.



We will be electing a new President General; all other offices are uncontested. Looking forward to a fun trip!

Our regular chapter meeting will be May 15th at the Northwest Recreational Center. Following our May tradition of having a member make the presentation, the speaker will be Milli Pope. Her topic is Burchard and Mathilde Max Dangers: Life in the Republic of Texas and Beyond. Our hostesses will be Juanita Painter, Ervalyn McVeigh and Ali Bills. I need to make a correction from the April newsletter. I inadvertently listed Juanita as a hostess instead of E.J. Vande Streek. (Give credit where it is due!)

The May meeting is also when we install new officers for the upcoming two years. All the new officers need to attend. Counting on you!

April was a very exciting time. We held our Scholarship and Anniversary Luncheon on April 22nd at Balcones Country Club. This was our 90th anniversary!! We were honored

to have President General Kim Stracener Zapalac, Recording Secretary General Tiffany Miller, District VIII Representative Marilyn Wade and several



members from other chapters attending. Our speaker was **Jesús de la Teja**, **PhD** who spoke on the Tejanos who fought in the Texas Revolution. He was very interesting, informative and entertaining on a serious topic. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program.

We were very excited to honor our Scholarship winners, Audrey Humann and Campbell **Lino**. Each receives a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Congratulations to both! We also celebrated our 4th-grade essay winner, Abigail Russell, and 7th-grade essay winner, Noah Helmers. Each was presented with a \$50 check. Noah also won the 7th-grade District essay and received another \$50 check. Congratulations! Thank you to all the people who donated items for door prizes and silent auction. Thanks to Muriel Parker, it was a big success! We had some really nice donations. Muriel did a beautiful job! Also want to thank a few other people who helped; Milli Pope, Juanita Painter, Joyce Fisher and Lucy Duncan. All in all, it was a great event!!

After four years as your president, my term is expiring. This is my final column. It has been an honor and privilege to be your president. I know you will give all your support to incoming president, **Milli Pope**. So, for now, I will just say "Happy trails to you, until we meet again".

-- Debi Pantalion

OUR NEXT MEETING

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Drive Austin 78757 May
15
Noon

Our May tradition is to have a member do a presentation on

her family. Milli Pope has the honor this year.

Hostesses will be Ervalyn McVeigh, Juanita Painter and Ali Bills.



Longtime chapter member, Martha Jo Ruffcorn, has transferred her membership to a chapter nearer her home. We will miss her and hope her new chapter knows what a treasure they are getting.



May 4-6, 2023

What: DRT Convention Where: Galveston, TX

Contact: Register through DRT website

June 23-24, 2023

What: CRT Convention Where: Center, TX

FINANCIAL REPORT



As of April 1st, our balances were:

Checking Account: \$ 5,172.74 Scholarship Fund Account: \$11,531.45 Chase Checking Account \$ 2,423.42 Chase Scholarship Fund \$ 4,839.04

There is one outstanding check—to the Country Club for the Luncheon.



(Yep, I'm repeating the information—AGAIN!.)

As we have begun collecting dues, our members need to be aware that all checks will now need to be made out to

DRT-SFA.

The bank will not allow us to deposit checks made out in any other way.

We will constantly remind you because we don't want to return checks with the incorrect payee and ask you to send another check. Using Zelle or paying through the DRT website may make this easier for those of you who can pay online (instructions on page 7).

However, we would appreciate your starting to think **DRT-SFA** instead of the other way around!

-- Lucy Duncan



The installation of new officers for the 2023-2025 term is a major event at our May meeting. Our new Officers will be:

President	Milli Pope
1 st Vice-President	Sharon Wander
2 nd Vice-President	Debi Pantalion
3 rd Vice-President	Open
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Schilthuis
Corresponding Secretary	Beverly Locklin
Treasurer	Sherry Crickmer
Registrar	Allyce Dolan
Historians	Kathryn Barnes & Sharyl Burshnick
Chaplain	Muriel Parker
Honors & Awards	Laura Kitley & Barbara Walters
Parliamentarian	Ervalyn McVeigh

Our new officers will no doubt appreciate all the help and support our membership can provide.

NOTE:

The office of 3rd Vice-President has not been filled. The person holding this office is responsible for our **Children of the Republic of Texas, Sarah Turner Cottle Chapter**. If you like working with children, this may be the perfect spot for you. Contact **Milli Pope** (millipope@gmail.com) for more information.



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.







Debi Pantalion with speaker Jesús de la Teja



Scholarship winner Campbell Lino was unable to make the trip from Houston. Muriel Parker, her grandmother, accepted the award on her behalf.

Scholarship winner Audrey Humann, who is also a chapter member, receives her "check" from incoming President Milli Pope.

ONE THOUSANDAND NO/100



Debi Pantalion and 4th-grade essay contest winner Abigail Russell



Souvenir anniversary pen & program cover



Noah Helmers, son of chapter member Lori Helmers, with his Chapter & District certificates as 7th-grade essay contest winner.



From I to r: DRT President General Kim Stracener Zapalac, SFA President Debi Pantalion, Maggie & Jesús de la Teja, Mandi Humann & winner Audrey Humann



Julia & Brian Russell, parents of winner Abigail Russell



Carolyn Schilthuis and granddaughters Hazel Burshnick (former winner) and Lily Anderson



Yellow roses on every table, of course!



Muriel Parker accepting award for granddaughter Campbell Lino and Milli Pope



Lori and Brian Helmers, 7th-grade essay winner Noah Helmers, and Jacob Helmers (future winner?)



Cathy Gieselman & Debi Pantalion



Seated: Lisa Motley (Ferdinand Lindheimer Chapter). Barbara Walters, Pat Horridge, DRT Recording Sec. General Tiffany Miller, Beverly Locklin, District VIII Rep. Marilyn Wade. Standing: Milli Pope



Some of the auction "loot"



Debi Pantalion and winner Abigail Russell with former winner Margaret Russell



Nice turnout!





NOTE: Half of the funds raised came from two nonchapter donors, Sharon Rankin and Stefanie Cavanaugh. As an expression of our gratitude, there will be a motion before the membership at the May meeting to make both ladies Honorary Chapter Members.





The Dues Fairy Has Returned!

And she has her rolling pin ready to handle your dough!

We are now collecting 2023-2024 dues.

Dues are \$65.00 for Members and \$15.00 for Associates and Affiliates.

PLEASE make your checks payable to

DRT-SFA

And mail to: Milli Pope 2641 W 45th St. Austin, TX 78731

Or pay through the DRT website using Zelle.

On your bank's website, confirm that Zelle is an option.

Set it up.

Send the payment to stephenfaustin@drtinfo.org.

<u>Don't forget to indicate the purpose as DUES.</u>

(Extremely important!)

The deadline is JULY 1st, but don't wait until the last moment.

If, for some reason, you will not be renewing, please let us know.

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 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.



If you would like something put in the Chapter newsletter, contact **Lucy Duncan** by email:

lucyd4622@gmail.com



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.



And did we mention that dues are due!

