



Kingwood/Humble Area *Aggie Moms*
Newsletter
January, 2014

President's Corner

Howdy and Happy New Year!!

What a beautiful night it was on November 20th at Kingwood Country Club! We are all so excited about the great success of our Cowboy Christmas Banquet! We had a distinguished speaker, a beautiful fashion show, a wonderful silent auction, a great raffle, fabulous gifts available in our Boutique, exciting entertainment by the Aggie Wranglers, and beautiful decorations for the evening. Thanks to each and every one of you for the work you did to make the evening a success. And thanks to JoAnn and Paula for the many hours they spent to make this event so wonderful.

More thanks goes out to Angela and Terri for organizing the fantastic Goody Bags that were delivered to our students before finals. Many of you helped in this effort by baking goodies, packing, and delivering the bags, and thanks to each of you.

As we start the New Year, this is a time to think about our club's spring activities. Our main fundraiser this spring will be the Boutique on Parent's Weekend in College Station. It will be a great event for any member to visit, shop, and work a shift. It is lots of fun to help sell our merchandise and also to see what the other Aggie Moms clubs have for sale. So let Gayle, Lisa, or Patti know if you will be able to sign up to work for this event.

This is also a good time to help out in other areas. You can volunteer to be on the Scholarship selection committee to decide who will receive scholarships. This is also the time for those of you who would like to get more involved in Aggie Moms by volunteering to fill a Board position for next year. And you can help out by telling Robyn or Cherryl that you can bring a snack for one of our general meetings.

Our January meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 3803 W. Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood. Please feel free to bring your students who will be home from campus at the time. Of great interest to both you and your students is our speaker, Paul Pausky, who will talk about career planning for the students. Hope to see you there!

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Dates to Remember:

January 7th 6:30 pm **General Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church**

Programs

The Kingwood Humble Area Aggie Moms will hold their January meeting on Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 3803 Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood. The group would like to invite moms of all Aggies including current and former students. The featured speaker for the January meeting will be Paul Pausky '78. Mr. Pausky is the Former Student Career Services Associate Director. He will provide useful knowledge about how the Career Center can help both current and former Aggies, as well as explain important information that students need to know when finding a job. All Aggie students and Dads are also invited to this meeting. For more information call Carolyn at 832-746-5254 or visit the club's website at: www.khaggiemoms.org.

Program Chair: Carolyn Suydam 832-746-5254 carolyn.suydam@insperity.com

Making an Impact on Our Future

Looking for a way to make our local Aggie Moms club even better than it already is? Step forward and say "YES! I can help. Where do you need me?" The club has many areas of participation, but one of the most fulfilling and rewarding is to be an officer on the Aggie Mom's Executive Board. I have been on the Aggie Moms Board for our Kingwood/ Humble club for six years and I have thoroughly enjoyed every year. Officers work side by side with the club membership on all club activities and events and have a great time! Officer position interest forms will be available at the January and February general meetings. The Nominations Committee will bring the officer slate before the membership for a vote at the April general meeting. Newly elected officers will be initiated in May and begin their duties in June. However, now is the time to let us know of your interest! Whether you have assisted one of our committees this year or you are new to membership, there is most likely a place for you to be involved! If you have any questions regarding a certain board position, please don't hesitate to contact any of our Board officers or call me. We would love to hear from you.

Mary Widmier, VP at Large 281-361-6125 mary.widmier@yahoo.com

Scholarship & Philanthropy

The Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms were very excited to award two \$200 student awards at their General Monthly Aggie Mom meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Winners were Cameron Macdonnell (Class of 2014) and Britt Lee (Class of 2016). We hope to see everyone at the January meeting. Make sure you stop by the Scholarship/Philanthropy Table to enter your Aggie's name for a chance to receive a student award. Two student awards are given at each meeting.

Thanks & Gig'em!

Scholarship & Philanthropy Co-Chairs:

Susan Clifford tc56tx@earthlink.net
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Goody Bags – ORDER NOW!!! Deadline April 1st

We want to thank each and every one who made the Fall GOODY Bag such a success. We handed out over 163 bags and none of it would have been possible without all the help received. Gig'em to all the moms who came to pack the bags, provided an ENORMOUS amount of baked goods, broke down the boxes for trash, loaded the bags in the cars, drove our precious cargo to our campuses, and for all those that were able to help hand out the bags. Our Aggie students were so gracious and we are sure that finals were a success for each of them!

Have you ordered a Spring Goodie Bag for your favorite Aggie? The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 1st! A single Goodie Bag for the Spring semester is \$30. Goodie Bags also make great gifts for your Aggie's roommates or friends. Goodie bags will be hand delivered just in time for Finals Week. An order form is available on our website at www.khaggiemoms.org. If you would like to help with the May delivery to College Station or to Galveston, please email us!

Co-Chairs: Angela Wisenbaker angelaw@wisenbaker.com
Terri Gibson tgibson3@kingwoodcable.com

Membership

We would like to welcome you to the Texas A&M family. Then the Aggie Mom's Club is the place to be. **It's not too late!** We would like to invite you and your friends to join the Kingwood/Humble Texas A&M Aggie Mom's Club. Our club is composed of mothers, stepmothers and guardians of present and former students of Texas A&M - College Station and Texas A&M - Galveston who reside in the Kingwood/Humble area. If you are not an Aggie Mom but would still like to participate, you may join as an Associate Member. Membership dues for the entire year are \$20. You can find and download a copy of the Membership Form from our website, (www.khaggiemoms.org). You may bring your form to the next meeting or mail it to the address on the form.

Benefits of Membership

- Monthly meetings featuring speakers from campus groups with information on programs and services
- Community projects to fund student scholarships, awards and donations to A&M student groups
- Discounted "goody bags" each semester that you can send to your son or daughter during finals week
- Monthly newsletters, websites and emails to keep you well informed and aware of campus events
- Networking with other Aggie Moms- a valuable resource for any questions you might have
- Shopping at our great Boutique!

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to contribute to the comfort and welfare of the students at Texas A&M. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 7 @ 6:30 pm. **Thanks and Gig 'em!**

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Donna Hunter sbmkt@gmail.com

Special Event – “Traditions” Banquet:

COWBOY CHRISTMAS....A HUGE SUCCESS....THANKYOU!!!!

We would like to extend a special word of thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring together our Third Annual Banquet “Cowboy Christmas”. The evening would not have been a success without the collaborative effort and support of each and every one of you.

Thanks to everyone who sold banquet tickets and raffle tickets. A special thanks to Alspaugh’s for letting us sell raffle tickets outside their store as well as for selling banquet tickets for us. Thanks to everyone who went out and solicited donations for our silent auction. The chef at the country club told us we had the best silent auction he had ever seen at the club. Thanks to those of you who helped transport silent auction baskets to the country club. Thanks to the husbands who helped out with the silent auction. Thanks to our boutique ladies for creating the most awesome and fabulous crafts ever. Thanks to everyone who attended craft nights and helped our boutique ladies craft! Thanks to our decorations committee for making the country club look gorgeous! Thanks to the Aggie Wranglers for a wonderful and entertaining performance. Thanks to all of our models, Boot Barn Western Wear and our fashion show committee for a great fashion show! Thanks to everyone who helped set up and tear down the banquet. Thanks to everyone who helped with the silent auction checkout! Thanks to everyone who helped behind the scenes! Thanks to Mr. McFerrin, our distinguished guest speaker! And very special thanks to everyone who sent their prayers to us over the past few weeks....they were definitely felt and very much appreciated!

Very special thanks to all of our gracious donors and sponsors!

Special thanks also goes out to the general membership for attending the banquet, bringing your friends, and supporting the silent auction and raffle ticket sales.

Again, it is with profound and heartfelt appreciation that we say THANK YOU!

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!

Banquet Co-Chairs:

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Aggies Eat Out!!



Are you tired of cooking or just don't know what to cook? We can help!

Plan on eating at **SHARKY'S** in Kingwood on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH** anytime from **11 am – 9 pm**. Please **PRINT** this and present to your waiter. Sharky's will donate 10% of your meal to Kingwood Humble Area Aggie Moms. Pass on to your friends and family and let them know as well. All money raised will go into our scholarship fund. Thanks for helping us help our students.

Boutique News

Join us in College Station during Parent Weekend on **Friday April 11th - Saturday April 12th** in the Upper Level of MSC (Memorial Student Center) for the best Aggie Boutique in Texas!! Aggie Moms organizations from all over the state will come together on this one weekend to sell more Aggie merchandise than you could ever imagine in one place. Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms is a popular stop for many Aggies looking for ring boxes. We will have those and so much more, so plan to stop by and see us.

We also will need help at the booth during this weekend so if you will be visiting your Aggie, please try to give an hour or two manning the booth. We'd love to have you there with us. The boutique will be open from 9-5 both days and we would love to have at least 3 people per shift each day to help sell. If you can help, please sign up at our Boutique Table at the January meeting. Sales from boutique go toward student scholarships & awards and also donations back to campus organizations. We thank you so much for your support of the K/H Aggie Moms!!

Boutique Chairs:

Gayle Keller keller6@suddenlink.net

Lisa Lawrence lisa2busy@gmail.com

Patty Amoruso amorusojpcd@embarqmail.com

Historian: Photos Wanted!!

Calling all photographers! If you have any Aggie Moms meetings, events, or student's photos you want to share for inclusion in our annual scrapbook, please email them to me at nolab81@gmail.com, or you can mail copies to Nola Ostrowski, 6207 Chestnut Peak Ct., Kingwood, TX 77345. Please remember to include the names of everyone in the pictures and what is going on in the photos.

Historian: Nola Ostrowski 281-797-3055 nolab81@gmail.com

Social

At each monthly meeting we provide refreshments and finger food for all the mothers that attend. We would like to invite you to participate by signing up each month to share your favorite finger foods or refreshments.. If you would like to help please contact us or we will have a sign up sheet at our table.

Social Co-Chairs: Robyn Macdonnell rmm@kingwoodbcable.cnet

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Join us at our next Aggie Moms Club Meeting:

Tuesday, January 7th @ 6:30 pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church,

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