



Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms Newsletter May, 2014

President's Corner

Howdy! We have had a remarkable year in the Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms Club, and it has been a joy to be part of such a wonderful organization. Here are some of the many ways in which you have impacted students at Texas A&M and our local community: Hosting our third annual Aggie Moms Traditions Banquet benefiting our Texas A&M scholarships and philanthropy; sharing your generosity with many students each month through student awards; hosting fabulous speakers from Texas A&M at our monthly meetings; supporting our students through the delivery of goody bags twice a year; working together to get to know each other better as Aggie Moms; and getting the word out about our organization in the community.

Now is the time to be listening for news of who will be the proudest members of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 2018! Be sure to note the Moms you'd like to invite to the May meeting and ask them to save the date of our **Howdy Party** this summer—it will be **Sunday, July 27**, from **3-5 pm**. Of course we'll be contacting the moms of all Aggie students, but it's always more fun to come to the meetings with a friend, and newcomers are more likely to come back if familiar faces invite them. We would love it if every student attending Texas A&M from our area had their mother as a member.

I'd like to include just one last comment. I want to sincerely thank you all for making this year so special. You have given me my own wonderful Aggie Moms memories. It has been an honor and privilege for me to be associated with such an outstanding group of women for the past eight years. You are truly an awesome group!

Mary Widmier, Vice-President at Large

You Are Invited! Join Us for a Fun Evening! Last meeting of the year - May 6th!

Mark your calendar now to attend the last general meeting of the year on **Tuesday, May 6th, 6:30 pm** at Christ the King Lutheran Church on West Lake Houston Parkway in Kingwood. This meeting is open to all members, former members and area moms who will have a new student at Texas A&M University in the Fall of 2014. We will begin with a buffet dinner, including sandwiches, tea and cake for everyone!

The meeting will begin at 7:00. The final meeting of the year is a special one, not only celebrating the success our group has had throughout this year but moving forward with the initiation ceremony of our new officers! Joining us will be two very special Aggie Moms who are Federation officers. Cindy Dube (Federation 7th VP and President of the Friendswood/Clear Creek Aggie Moms club) and Fran Marintsch (Federation 3rd VP and Parliamentarian of the Houston Aggie Moms club) will share their Aggie Moms experiences and oversee the installation of new officers. Come enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship one last time.

Dates to Remember:

May 2014 Commencement Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies will be held on May 8, 9, and 10 in College Station and on May 11 in Galveston according to the following schedule:

- May 8th at 2:00 pm: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – Rudder Auditorium
 May 8th at 5:30 pm: Commencement Convocation – Rudder Auditorium
 Guest speaker will be The Honorable Todd Staples,
 Texas Commissioner of Agriculture
 May 8th at 6:30 pm Graduates and Undergraduates at Texas A&M – Qatar
 Qatar national Convention Center

Graduation ceremonies in Reed Arena are:

- May 9th at 9:00 am: Liberal Arts
- May 9th at 2:00 pm: Mays Business School
- May 9th at 7:00 pm: Dwight Look College of Engineering
- May 10th at 9:00 am: George Bush School of Government; Education & Human Development
- May 10th at 2:00 pm: Architecture; Geosciences; Science; and College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
- May 10th at 7:00 pm: Agriculture; Life Sciences

Graduation Ceremonies at Galveston Island Convention Center are:

May 10th at 9:00 am: Graduates and Undergraduates of Texas A&M Galveston

Additional Commencement Ceremonies will be held on the following dates:

- May 16th: Nursing; School of Law
 May 17th: School of Rural Public Health; Medicine; Health Science Center
 May 24th: Pharmacy
 May 29th: Baylor College of Dentistry

For further information go to: <http://graduation.tamu.edu/ceremon.html> Information and instructions for students planning to graduate can be found at www.graduation.tamu.edu

Book your hotel reservations now for future semesters. An online listing of local hotels can be found at the Convention and Visitors Bureau website at <http://visitaggieland.com> Look under "accommodations". Bryan/College Station hotels get booked far in advance so it's not too early to plan now for these future graduation dates:

- Summer 2014: August 15 (Galveston: August 16)
- Fall 2014: December 19 & 20 (Galveston: December 20)
- Spring 2015: May 15 & 16 (Galveston: May 16)
- Summer 2015: August 14 (Galveston: August 15)

Time for Spring Goody Bags

We will be sending 152 or more goody bags to the College Station and Galveston campuses at the end of April. The goody bags will include snacks, fruit and a gift card to either Subway or Starbuck's and, of course, homemade baked goods. The bags will vary with the type of baked good included. Your homemade baked goods are very popular with the students.

If you wish to donate baked goods please follow these guidelines: Please pack 2-3 pieces in a small ziploc bag (no icing please). Just double the recipe you would normally make. Brownies, cookies, rice krispie treats, muffins are good possibilities, and any amount you wish to bring is fine. We would ask that you let us know how many Ziploc bags you prepared as this helps with the sorting at packing time. **We really appreciate you being able to provide baked goods for our Aggies....they truly love the homemade items!!!**

Monday, April 28th 5:30-6:00 pm Drop off BAKED GOODS
6:00-8:00 pm Pack bags & load cars for Tuesday delivery

We will be **packing bags at Christ the King Lutheran Church**, 3803 West Lake Houston Parkway. This is just north of Creekwood Middle School. Look for the 'Aggie Moms' sign in the parking lot.

Tuesday, April 29th Delivery of bags to College Station and Galveston

If you plan on driving to College Station and would be able to transport 15 bags please let us know. We also need many more loving hands to be there to hand out the bags!!!! Thank you for all your help - Gig'em!!

Co-Chairs: Angela Wisenbaker angelaw@wisenbaker.com
Terri Gibson tgibson3@kingwoodcable.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, April 8, 2014. Winners were Brittney Howell (Class of 2017) and Michael Ogle (Class of 2017). It has been a great year and so much fun giving away money to so many of our Aggies. Congratulations to all of our winners! We hope to see each one of you as we complete our year at the May General Monthly Meeting. Thanks & Gig 'em!

Scholarship & Philanthropy Co-Chairs:
Susan Clifford tc56tx@earthlink.net **Terri Fitzgerald** terri.fitzgerald4@gmail.com

Summer Job Opportunity – Attn: Accounting Students!!

I have several summer positions open for students who have completed Introduction to Accounting I and II. They can visit the Humble ISD website or contact me directly.

Treasurer: Ida Schultz ida.schultze@humble.k12.tx.us

Thanks to Our April Meeting Speakers

Speakers for our April 8 meeting were Mary Carmen Rodriguez and two of her Aggie children, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Jr. and Belen Rodriguez, Class of 2012. Members were treated to their heart-warming story of sacrifice and commitment to the Aggie dream. Mary and her husband, Gonzalo, were the Texas A&M University Parents of the Year for 2013-2014. Thanks for sharing your story with us!



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Boutique News

Parents Weekend Aggie Moms' Boutique took place April 11-12 and it was a huge success for our club. Thank you to all the ladies who crafted with us and at home during the days and nights leading up to the event. We made 48 pairs of game day shoes, 400+ photo tile coasters, 60 various size canvas photos, 15 scarves, 40+ handmade notecards, 10 chalkboard frames, and decorated 8 vintage windows and screens. It was a huge undertaking. In addition, many thanks go to the ladies and gentleman who helped set up these items and additional items including our exclusive laser graphic ring boxes, wine stoppers, traditions frames, valet boxes, and ornaments in the booth, who tore down the booth, and who manned the sales table during the event. We also want to thank all the Aggie Moms, Dads and students who visited and purchased items from our booth. We enjoyed the camaraderie and fun and we had over \$7000 in sales! WHOOP!

Welcome to a whole new boutique team next year; TJ Hall, Lisa Ogle and Jamii Hanney! We are excited about the influx of new talent for 2014-15. Please come and watch these lovely ladies being installed at our next meeting in May!

Boutique Chairs:

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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

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New Aggie Moms Officers - *WELCOME!*

Congratulations to each of the officers who were officially elected by the membership at our April meeting and will be installed at our May meeting. They are ready and eager to work with you to make next year an awesome year for Aggie Moms. Our thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee (Mary Widmier, Susan Clifford, Terri Fitzgerald, Paula Beck, Karen Ehlig, Kim Levy, Katrina Lively, and Patty Burr) who secured this wonderful slate of leaders! Our new President, Lisa Lawrence, is announcing some appointed positions as well.

Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms Board 2014-2015

President	Lisa Lawrence
Membership	Gayle Howell & Donna Hunter
Programs	Carolyn Suydam
Boutique	TJ Hall, Lisa Ogle & Jamii Hanney
Special Events	Deb Cesarak, Gayle Keller & Geralyn Sullivan
Social	Cherryl Peterson & Kim Levy
Scholarship/ Philanthropy	Paula Beck & Karen Ehlig
Goody Bags	Angela Wisenbaker & Terri Gibson
Communications	Karie Sommers (newsletter) & Cathy Raney (website)
Secretary	Jackie Martin
Treasurer	Ida Schultze
Parliamentarian	Susan Clifford
Positions Appointed by the President:	
Publicity	Jacque Havelka
Student Activities	Lori Pinkston
Historian	Patty Burr

Thanks for a Wonderful Year from Your 2013 – 2014 Board!



Join us at our Last Aggie Moms Club Meeting of the 2013-2014 Year:
Tuesday, May 6th @ 6:30 pm
Christ the King Lutheran Church
3803 W. Lake Houston Pkwy
Kingwood, 77339
