



Kingwood/Humble Area
Aggie Moms Newsletter
September, 2013

Message From the Executive Board

Howdy! Welcome to the Aggie Family and our Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms. Our primary board goal is to assist you in any manner possible in order to make you feel at home in Aggieland. We also seek to keep you informed about all the programs, events and activities we have to offer to help you navigate the river of sending a student to Texas A&M University in College Station or Galveston. Whether this is your first student to head off to college or your last, this is a unique transition in your life and an adventure for you and your family. Our club has a wealth of “Aggie Mom” knowledge within our membership, and we are eager and willing to share with you in order to make your experience as an Aggie Mom the best it can be. Texas A&M does an outstanding job at making incoming students feel welcome and a part of the Aggie family, and Aggie Moms is here to do the same for you. We are all in this together as we explore the horizons of parenting a college student, especially one who is fortunate to be attending a premier university such as Texas A&M!

What does our Aggie Moms group offer? Is it a social club? Yes, you will have a lot of fun, and meet some great ladies. Is it educational? Yes, we have some entertaining and informative programs. Is it to fill the hole that is left when a son or daughter leaves home? Yes, we offer numerous worthy activities to help you stay in touch with your students and support the University. However, our greatest purpose is to help our Aggies be all that they can be.

As your Board officers this year, each of us hope you will become a part of our group! Please take every advantage of participation in our local chapter. You can do this at the monthly meetings, with Aggie Mom fellowship and informative programs related to your student at Texas A&M, by helping stuff Goodie Bags for students at finals time, by eating out at local restaurants to benefit our scholarship fund, and by being a part of our fundraising efforts at a community event. Kingwood/ Humble Area Aggie Moms is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a larger Aggie family.

Please note that this year's general meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month and not the 2nd Tuesday of the month as we have in the past. Socializing and shopping will begin at **6:30pm** and the speaker and business meeting will start promptly at 7pm. We are hoping to streamline our meetings and have everyone home earlier this year. We would love to have you join us on **September 3rd** and find out more about Aggie Moms! Meanwhile, please feel free to contact any of us personally if you have any questions about our club.

Your Aggie Moms Board Members

Programs: Howdy Friends and Aggie Moms!

Howdy! I hope you were able to be a part of the 200 plus people at the Howdy party on Sunday, July 28th. We had a GREAT time! We had guest speakers from the Corp of Cadets, Lt. Colonel Chris Emmerson and from The Traditions Council, Peter Schneider. On September 3rd we will have Brian Blake, Communications Director of Texas Engineering Extension as our guest speaker. We also want to say THANK YOU to the following students who at the HOWDY PARTY to answer questions for the newest members of the Aggie Network: **Megan Fitzgerald (Class of '13)** Biomedical Engineering; **Aaron Halling (Class of '14)** Wildlife Fisheries Sciences, Corps of Cadets, Aggie Band; **Lilliebeth Halling (Class of '14)** Special Education, Corps of Cadets, Aggie Band; **Pollyanna Halling (Class of '14)** Special Education, Corps of Cadets, Aggie Band; **Jake Zagst (Class of '15)** Construction Science, Corps of Cadets; **Katy Johnson (Class of '16)** Petroleum Engineering; and **Danielle Ruthstrom (Class of '12)** Sociology & HR Development.

Program Chair: Carolyn Suydam carolyn.suydam@insperity.com

Membership

Howdy! We would like to welcome you to the Texas A&M family. Are you ready for some fun times? Then the Aggie Mom's Club is the place to be. We would like to invite you to join the Kingwood/Humble Area 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. Your membership offers you opportunities to help with scholarships and philanthropy for your students. In addition, you receive a discount on your goodie bag orders and your students will love receiving them. We are officially recognized as a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization so your contributions or gifts may be tax deductible. Use the form included in this newsletter or if additional forms are needed download a copy from our website, (www.khaggiemoms.org). You may bring your form to the first meeting or mail it to the address on the form.

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to contribute to the comfort and welfare of the students at Texas A&M. *Don't Delay. Join Now. We Have a Great Year Ahead!* Thanks and Gig 'em!

Membership Co-Chairs: Gayle Howell born2shop321@yahoo.com Donna Hunter sbmkt@gmail.com

Goodie Bags

Don't forget to order your Aggie a Goodie Bag. Members ordering a single Goodie Bag (for either Fall or Spring semester) is \$30 but for only \$50 your Aggie will get both a Fall and Spring Goodie Bag loaded with college favorites. Remember that Goodie Bags also make great gifts for your Aggie's roommates or friends. Goodie bags for the Fall and Spring will be hand delivered just in time for Finals Week. An order form is included with this newsletter. If you have any questions please email either Angela or Terri.

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

Boutique

Howdy! We would like to welcome you to shop at our "AGGIE BOUTIQUE". This is a great opportunity to purchase gifts for your Aggies or for yourself. New this year we have Hand Painted Aggie Spirit "GAME DAY SHOES" and the Spirit of Aggie Canvas Print Original Photography. The shoes will be available at our monthly meetings and the canvas prints are available in a wide range of sizes and can be personalized. We also offer unique Laser Graphic Engraved Aggie items such as Ring Boxes with your class year, wine stoppers, and ornaments. Aggie Boutique is set up each month at our General Meeting. All proceeds go toward student scholarships, student awards, and student organizations. We look forward to seeing you at the Boutique and Happy Shopping!

Membership Co-Chairs: Gayle Keller keller6@suddenlink.net Lisa Lawrence lisa2busy@gmail.com
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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 me 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 nolab81@gmail.com

Scholarship & Philanthropy

Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms was very excited to award five \$200 student awards at Howdy Party. Winners were Tucker Bryce (Class of 2017), Joe Decker (Class of 2017), Chris Comeaux (Class of 2017), Jacob Burr (Class of 2017), and David Hurd (Class of 2015). We hope to see everyone at the September meeting. Make sure you stop by the Scholarship and Philanthropy Table and enter your child's name for a student award. Two student awards are given at each meeting. Thanks!

Scholarship and Philanthropy Co-Chairs: Susan Clifford tc56tx@earthlink.net
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Kingwood/Humble Aggie Mom's Scholarship Benefit Night – Chili's Atascocita

Please join us at Chili's in Atascocita on Tuesday, September 10th for our Kingwood/Humble Aggie Mom's Benefit Night (11am – 11pm). With presentation of the flyer below, Chili's will donate 10% of all dine-in and take-out orders to our scholarship fund. Please note this applies to both lunch and dinner. Please print the flyer and give it to your waiter so that we will be credited accordingly. Feel free to give this flyer to your friends and family to help out with our benefit night. Thanks so much for helping us raise funds for our scholarship program.



Chili's Is Proud to Support

Kingwood / Humble Area Aggie Moms



With each flyer presented on "**The Aggie Moms Benefit night,**" Chili's will donate 10% of the sales you bring in to help with their scholarship fund.

"The Aggie Moms Benefit night,"
Tuesday Sep 10th @ Chili's Atascocita
11:00AM - 11:00 PM
Dine in and ToGo Orders!

“Traditions” Banquet:

This year the Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms Club will host their third annual “Traditions Banquet”. The Banquet will be held again at Kingwood Country Club **on Wednesday, November 20th** at 6pm. The theme for this year's banquet will be “**Cowboy Christmas**”. We plan to have a great dinner along with a beautiful fashion show featuring stylish outfits from Baskins Western Wear. There will be many silent auction items, drawings for six raffle prizes, as well as drawings for door prizes throughout the evening. We are currently selling raffle tickets and collecting items for gift baskets from local merchants. Plan to get your tickets early for this special night which will be open to all men and women in the community. There are lots of areas that we will need help with in planning the banquet, so look for a sign-up sheet at our first general meeting on September 3rd.

Banquet Co-Chairs: Paula Beck paulabeck@kingwoodcable.com
JoAnn Dusing joanndusing@embarqmail.com

Social

Howdy! 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. Your participation is what makes this organization a great success. If you would like to help please contact us or we will have a sign up sheet at our table.

Social Co-Chairs: Robyn Macdonnel rmm@kingwoodcable.cnet
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Join Aggie Moms!

You are invited to join the Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms club! Texas A&M does an outstanding job in making incoming students feel welcome and a part of the Aggie family and we are here to do the same for you. Here are just some of the benefits of your membership:

- Monthly Meetings featuring speakers from campus groups with information on programs and services
- Wonderful “goodie bags” each semester you can send to your son or daughter during finals week
- Community projects funding scholarships and awards, and donations to A&M student groups
- Monthly newsletters, web sites and emails to stay well-informed and aware of campus events
- Networking with other Aggie Moms – a valuable resource for any parent question!

A form for Membership and Goodie Bag orders is enclosed with this newsletter and is also available on our club’s website at www.khaggiemoms.org. Join today! Our first meeting is **Tues, Sept. 3 @ 6:30pm.**



2013 Texas A&M Game Schedule



Aug. 24 Meet the Aggies (Gilliam Indoor Track)

Aug. 31 vs. Rice

Sept. 7 vs. Sam Houston State

Sept. 14 vs. Alabama

Sept. 21 vs. SMU

Sept 28 @ Arkansas

Oct. 12 @ Ole Miss

Oct. 19 vs. Auburn

Oct. 26 vs. Vanderbilt

Nov. 2 vs. UTEP

Nov. 9 vs Mississippi State

Nov. 23 @ LSU

Nov. 30 @ Missouri



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**HOWDY! Y’all come to the next meeting of the
Kingwood / Humble Area Aggie Moms**

When: Tuesday September 3rd @ 6:30pm

**Where: Kingwood Church of Christ
2901 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

Visit our Website

www.khaggiemoms.org