

Kingwood/Humble Area *Aggie Moms*Newsletter February/March 2016

President's Corner

Wow! I was bowled over at how many students came with their Moms to the January meeting. Good luck to each one on landing that coveted internship, job, or assistantship they are applying for. I hope they were able to take something away useful from our speaker, Mr. David McMahon from the Career Center that will give them that edge to get that job! We also enjoyed watching them participate in the reading of the "Winter Break Family Right Story". As for jobs, we have a job for YOU! We are currently accepting interest forms for next year's executive board. If you are not into forms, just send an email to khaggieMoms@gmail.com with your contact information and what office you are interested in and someone from the Nomination Committee will be getting back to you. Or if you know a Mom that would be terrific for the board, let Susan Clifford, Lisa Janak or myself know. We are this year's Nominations Committee. Your board commitment would be for two nights a month (currently the first and second Tuesdays of the Month) during the school year and ad hoc meetings over the summer to prepare for the Howdy Party. Visit our bylaws on the webpage for brief office descriptions. It's very rewarding and a FUN group of ladies to work with.



I just returned from College Station for the Federation of Aggie Moms' Winter Meeting with exciting news! Beloved A&M Artist, Benjamin Knox, will be doing a piece just for Aggie Moms. He is collecting ideas for the piece so that it will represent the spirit of an Aggie Mom. His plans are to have the piece revealed at this year's Parents' Weekend and to donate signed and numbered limited print(s) of the original only to Aggie Moms' clubs. This print will not be available for purchase through his gallery and therefore can only be obtained through an Aggie Mom club. He wants the clubs to use their donated print(s) for scholarship fundraising purposes.

Also on the topic of scholarship fundraising...Did you know that we will be selling our older Boutique inventory off at the February meeting? All proceeds from the sale go directly to our scholarship and philanthropy fund. So bring some spending money to next month's meeting. It's time to shop!



The District IV Federation of Aggie Moms Meeting will be held on Sunday March 6, 2016 from 3pm-5pm in Brenham, TX. All moms interested in serving on the board next year or current board members are encouraged to attend. Place TBA so watch the Website for location announcement. Please email <u>KHAggieMoms@gmail.com</u> to register to attend.

Gig'em!

Lisa Lawrence '81 2015-16 President Lisa2busy@gmail.com

Scholarship and Philanthropy

Howdy! Looking forward to seeing all Aggie Moms again at our February meeting. Please remember to stop by the Scholarship and Philanthropy table and enter your student's name for a chance to receive a student award. The Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms is pleased to award two \$200 student awards at each of our general meetings. Our winners at the January meeting were Ryan Rudd and Blair Fose.



Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms senior scholarship applications are now available. This scholarship is for high school seniors planning to attend Texas A&M, College Station or Texas A&M, Galveston in the Fall of 2016. <u>Completed applications must be postmarked by March 21, 2016</u> in order to be considered. Scholarship applications and additional instructions can be found at www.khaggiemoms.orghttp://www.khaggiemoms.org/.

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Scholarship and Philanthropy Chairs: Cathy Raney - cmraney@suddenlink.net

Angela Wisenbaker - angelaw @wisenbaker.com

Dates to Remember

February 9 General Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)

Come check out our Boutique Clearance Sale!

We will have great Aggie merchandise at great prices!

March 21 Scholarship Deadline

April 1 Deadline to Order Spring Goody Bags

April 12 General Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)

Executive Board Nominations

Our club is currently accepting nominations for the 2016-2017 executive board. The executive board commits approximately two nights a month to meetings. Brief descriptions of each officer's responsibilities are contained in our bylaws which can be found at

http://www.khaggiemoms.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/KHAM-Bylaws-As-Amended-2015.pdf. Send Aggie Mom name, email, phone number and

the position(s) of interest to KHAggieMoms@gmail.com. We have the

ability and encourage co-chairs if you wish to share the office with someone. Our bylaws do not allow for a Mom to hold an office for more than two years, so new Moms will need to step up. Please help us continue our club growth and awesome scholarship and philanthropy efforts.



Goody Bags - ORDER NOW!!! Deadline April 1st





Have you ordered a Spring Goody Bag for your favorite Aggie? The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 1st! A single Goody Bag for the Spring semester is \$35. Goody Bags also make great gifts for your Aggie's roommates or friends. Goody Bags will be hand delivered just in time for Finals Week. An order form is available at http://www.khaggiemoms.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Goody-Bag-Form-2015-2016.pdf.

Goody Bag Co-Chairs: Donna Hunter - sbmktd@gmail.com

Leaneta Eilers - leaneta16@embargmail.com

Social

Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments for our January meeting. Aside from the insightful speakers we hear and awesome friendships we make, delicious snacks are another great reason to come to Aggie Moms Club meetings! We rely on members bringing food items to share each month. If you would like to sign-up to



bring a snack to one of our monthly meetings, please email Kim Levy at kimboxlev@gmail.com or go to: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449aaad2daafe3-social and we will place you on the schedule. Thank you!

Social Co-Chairs: Kim Levy – <u>kimboxlev@gmail.com</u>

Debora Brabson - cbrabson@outlook.com

Programs



J. David McMahon and his lovely wife, Jeannette

January Speaker - Aggie Moms was pleased to welcome J. David McMahon '69 as our January speaker. Mr. McMahon is the Associate Director of the Texas A&M Career Center. We were also very pleased that so many of our local Aggie students came to the meeting to hear this great talk. We talked about co-ops and internships and jobs, oh my! Mr. McMahon gave great advice on interviewing and on the upcoming Spring career fairs. There was a lively discussion involving parents and students. Visit careercenter.tamu.edu for more information. Also Ags, don't forget, it is never too early to go ahead and build your student profile in aggienetwork.com.

February Speaker - Join us at the February 9 monthly meeting at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kingwood. Our guest speakers will be student representatives from the Aggie Student Ambassadors. They are affiliated with The Association of Former Students, and develop their leadership skills through service to the Aggie Network. We can't wait to hear these wonderful students tell us about their service to our beloved university!



April Speaker - Join us April 12 as we welcome Cathy Mann as our speaker! Cathy Mann '92 serves on the board of directors for The Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University. Cathy graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1992 and later earned an MBA from Rice University in 2011. While at Texas A&M, she was active in Student Government, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, served as a Fish Camp counselor, and was a member of the Aggieland yearbook staff.

Cathy serves as Vice President for Marketing & Communications at the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), a leading international classification society. Previously, Cathy led Halliburton's global marketing strategy and execution. In 2011, Cathy was named as one of the 'Women Worth Watching' by the Profiles in Diversity Journal and has received many other awards. Cathy is a registered descendant member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and serves on the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. Cathy and her husband, Stan, reside in Kingwood.

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Jacque Havelka – <u>winepig1@yahoo.com</u>

Membership

Howdy,

We currently have 162 members in our organization. Whoop!!! As a reminder, membership isn't just about how many meetings you can attend. It's about helping many of our students achieve success because our Aggie Moms, Dads and Grandmothers are there to help and support our Aggies. We take great pride in knowing that we have helped our students attend the BEST UNIVERSITY in Texas.



Many high schools seniors are preparing to graduate and have already decided to go to A&M and we would like to be there for these new Aggies. Therefore, we would like to ask each of you to be aware of prospective members for our Aggie Moms organization. As an Aggie parent, we all have one thing in common, our Aggies. Let's get these new Aggie Moms excited to join our Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms organization. A personal invite from you would be an added touch and not only show the friendly atmosphere of our club, but also let them experience the connection we share by having an Aggie student.

Whoop! Gig'Em

Membership Co-Chairs: Gloria Ortiz – <u>zitroglo32@yahoo.com</u>

Rika Weinrich - weino2@yahoo.com

Student Activities

Aggieland Athletics, Activities, and Eats!

Basketball Season

The Fightin' Texas Aggie basketball season has only begun! Basketball games in Aggieland are tons of fun so you won't want your Aggie to miss out on them! Below are the remaining men's and women's home games in College Station!

Men's

- February 6th- South Carolina at 3 p.m.
- February 16th- Ole Miss at 8 p.m.
- February 20th Kentucky at TBD
- February 24th- Mississippi State at 6 p.m.
- March 5th- Vanderbilt at TBD

Women's

- February 7th- Tennessee at 3 p.m.
- February 11th- Mississippi State at 6 p.m.
- February 18th LSU at 8 p.m.
- February 28th- Kentucky at TBD



The opening day for Aggie baseball is February 19th! Visit 12thman.com for more information.

Activities



Million Dollar Quartet- is the high voltage Tony® Award-winning Broadway musical, inspired by the phenomenal true story of the famed recording session where Sam Phillips, the "Father of Rock 'n' Roll" brought together icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for one unforgettable night. This thrilling musical brings you inside the recording studio for a monumental night of rock and roll that explodes off the stage, featuring 21 timeless hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of

Fire," "I Walk the Line," "Fever," "Hound Dog" and more. The performances will be held Friday and Saturday February 19^{th} and 20^{th} at 7:30 in Rudder Auditorium.

<u>Cirque Mechanics: Pedal Punk</u> - Enter the world of Pedal Punk, a Steampunk-inspired place where cycling is the only way to escape the technology-obsessed society. This all-new show from Cirque Mechanics invites audiences of all ages to find out what happens when a wacky bike shop mechanic interacts with cyclists and bikes, creating wondrous larger-than-life machines and inspiring



the cyclist in all of us. Spectacle Magazine recently described Cirque Mechanics as "The most important contribution to the American Circus since Cirque de Soleil." Your family will love this rowdy circus where the mischief is on wheels! The performance is on Wednesday March 30^{th} at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Eats



<u>Café Eccell</u> is a great place to take your Aggie whenever you go up to visit them in College Station! They have excellent dishes for both lunch and dinner but they're brunch is one of the best in College Station! Café Eccell is located conveniently at 4401 S Texas Ave.

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Join us at our next Aggie Moms Club Meeting:

Tuesday, February 9th @ 6:30 pm Christ the King Lutheran Church 3803 W. Lake Houston Parkway Kingwood, 77339