



Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

Established November 10, 1938

President's Message

I hope all of you had a safe, restful and joyous holiday season. I also hope all of you own new calendars! The Austin Aggie Moms calendar is filled with a number of events this season that will keep you busy. Our events range from the Singing Cadets concert to a "baby shower", from a Talbot's style show for Aggie Moms to hosting Aggie students, and ending with a couples dinner at the Austin Country Club.

By now, you will have attended the Singing Cadets concert. I believe this was the best one yet. The mix of music ranged from religious to Broadway to the Beach Boys. The Great Hills Baptist Church sanctuary was filled with guests of all ages who were having a wonderful time. If you see Mary Jane Berry, Karen Larson, Lee Anne Potter or Mary Fellows – please take a minute to thank them and their committee members for all their hard work in putting on such a wonderful concert.

We are going to need multi-vitamins for the month of February! The meeting on February 6 will be a "baby shower" for the benefit of the Becky Gates Children's Center at Texas A&M. Did you know students and staff with children have a child care center available to them? Di Fontenot, the dynamic director of the center, will be our honored guest as we provide items for the center. Please see the enclosed article about suggested gift items. On Saturday, February 10, our club will host a brunch and style show in conjunction with the Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Club District V meeting at the Austin Country Club. Join us for a peek at the new spring fashions being modeled by members of our club. An annual treat that I cannot endorse enough is the opportunity to house student delegates to the Austin Abbott Family Leadership Conference that will take place here the weekend of February 15-18. If you haven't signed up to house 1-4 delegates in your home on the 15th and 16th, then you are missing a wonderful opportunity to interact with some terrific students.

Aggie Moms does include Aggie Dads! On March 6, we will have a couple's dinner at the Austin Country Club. This is our chance to honor our Past Presidents, celebrate our accomplishments of the year and thank our husbands for being so supportive of our involvement with Austin Aggie Moms.

Thank you for everything you do for the Austin Aggie Moms Club.

Christie B. Nalle, President cnalle@io.com 327-2666

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Upcoming Events

- 6 Feb. Austin Aggie Mom General Mtg.
- 10 Feb. District V Federation Mtg. PLEASE RSVP
- 14-18 Feb. Austin Abbott Family Leadership Conference
- 6 Mar. Dinner & Mtg. Austin Country Club
- 3 Apr. Austin Aggie Mom General Mtg. @ GHBC
- 13-15 Apr. Parents Weekend - A&M

2007 Austin Aggie Moms' Meeting Schedule

DATE	THEME/LOCATION	SPEAKER
Feb. 6	Shower Them with Love at GHBC	Di Fontenot, Becky Gates Children's Center
Feb. 10	District V Federation Mtg. - Austin Country Club	Brunch & Talbot's Style Show
Mar. 6	Dinner - Future Meets the Past (honoring Past Presidents) at the Austin Country Club	Patsy Nichols -Parents & TAMU - Winning Partnership
Apr. 3	Regular Meeting at GHBC	Student reps of CARPOOL, the free safe ride program at A&M.
May 1	Passing the Torch at GHBC	Nominating Committee

Feb. 6 General Meeting - Shower Them With Love



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Add the Austin A&M
University Mothers'
Club to your Randall's
card. Our account num-
ber is 7637

February is the month of love so let's show a lot of love to the Becky Gates Children's Center. The dynamic Di Fontenot will be our speaker on February 6th. Di will give us some insights as to what the center does and who is eligible to use it. We would love to send her home with needed items for the center. It can be something practical, like diapers of all sizes, wipes, towels and other essentials. Or give into that urge to splurge on a little one and bring a toy, blanket or any fun item you care to bring.



The meeting will begin with our general meeting and of course Reenie's not to be missed fun food. Join us at Great Hills Baptist Church at 7:00. Come a little early and visit with some of our new Aggie Moms.

We look forward to seeing you there. Remember, sharing is caring, so let's share our time and gifts with Di and her little ones.

- Time: Board (6:15 for social, 6:30 for meeting) General meeting (7:00 social, 7:15 meeting).
- Place: Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500 Jollyville Road, Hospitality Suite, Education Bldg. A
- Directions: North 183, exit W. Braker Ln., head west to Jollyville Rd.

Austin Abbott Host Families

WE STILL NEED 8 BEDS!!

We are still looking for Austin Abbott host families to keep incredible delegates and directors of the Austin Abbott Family Leadership Conference which will be held in Austin February 14-18, 2007. The nights for which we need host families are Thursday, February 15, and Friday, February 16. It is such an opportunity to meet and get to know some very outstanding Aggie students. If you are interested and could help out with this, would you please contact Patsy Nichols at 536-4532 or e-mail her at pnichols@fulbright.com. This conference really relies on our Aggie Mom Club to show our warm Austin hospitality – please get involved and sign up.

Federation of Texas A & M University Mothers' Club District V Meeting

Hosted by Austin Texas A & M University
Mothers' Club

Austin Country Club

February 10, 2007

Registration begins at 9:00 am

Brunch and Talbot's style show - 9:30 a m

**RSVP by Feb 1: Send \$20 to Christie Nalle
4615 Bunny Run, 78746
(Checks made out to Austin Aggie Moms'
Club)**

We are asking each club to provide 2 door prizes and one or more children's books for the Becky Gates Children's Center at TAMU.

The Becky Gates Children's Center is always in need of books. If you would like to donate a book here is a guide from Di Fontenot, director of the center.

Appropriate

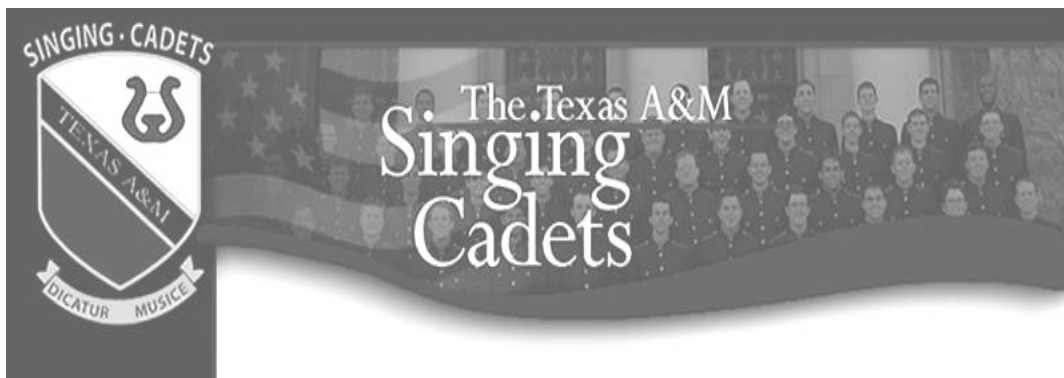
Soft books for babies
Board books for toddlers
Big books for group story time
Books with story tapes
Hard back books for 0- 5 years
Rhyming books
Sequencing/counting books.

Not appropriate

Pop-up books (they get torn up quickly)
Religious books

Endowed Scholarships

IMPORTANT:
2007-2008 applica-
tions will be avail-
able through the
TAMU financial
aide office begin-
ning March 1, 2007.
All applications
must be received by
the deadline
(information forth-
coming)



Singing Cadets Concert was a Success!

Austin, Texas was fortunate again to host the Texas A&M Singing Cadets Concert for the Austin TAMU Mothers' Club that was held January 12, 2007 and it was a wonderful success! The tentative numbers indicate that this year's concert did well. The proceeds from this concert are used to fund individual scholarships and to help support many Texas A&M campus organizations. On behalf of the Singing Cadet team: Karen Larson, Mary Fellows, Lee Anne Potter and Mary Jane Berry would like to THANK all the Aggie Moms that supported and assisted them ~ from buying/selling tickets, helping to mail the letters, advertisement, baking cookies and to actually working the concert night at the different stations (selling tickets, collecting tickets, selling raffle tickets, cookie table, handing out programs). The success of the concert and all the workings was truly a team effort ~ the Aggie Moms were so willing to help and everyone really seemed to enjoy doing the work! **THANK YOU TO ALL!**

We received quite a few comments/phone calls/emails from attendees that stated they enjoyed the concert so much! Even many of the singing cadets said how much they enjoyed singing for the Austin Moms and they really loved the venue, Great Hills Baptist Church. We would also like to thank all the Reveille, Maroon & White and Howdy Sponsors that helped to make the concert a success. In addition, we want to thank the following for their contributions: Capital City A&M Club, Jim Braeutigam, Great Hills Baptist Church, Ernie Woodby, Fuschak's Pit Barbeque, Hightech Signs, Pat Anderson, Aggieland Outfitters, Loupot's Bookstore, The UPS Store, HEB, The Benjamin Knox Gallery, MSC Bookstore, and Costco.

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets looked very handsome in their uniforms and shared the joy of music that stir emotions and feelings of happiness, hope, remembrance, and pride. They sang religious, Broadway, folk, novelty, patriotic and A&M school songs. Their performance and their music left everyone with a positive spirit that each attendee left with after the concert! A great and successful event. If you missed The Texas A&M Singing Cadet Concert, there is always next year and we encourage you to join us next year so that you can also share in this wonderful and fun experience.

It's That Time of Year Again - Nominating Committee

It may seem hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about what you would like to do to help the Austin Aggie Moms in our ongoing support of our local Aggie students.

The Nominating Committee will meet in February to start working on the slate of officers for 2007-2008. Elections are in April, so please be thinking about a position on the board that appeals to you.

If you look at page 6 of your directory, you can see the various opportunities that are available to you.

Please contact Vicky Abney if you are interested.



RSVP

District V Meeting Please send your \$20 check made out to our club by February 1 to Christie Nalle, 4615 Bunny Run, 78746.

Aggies never give up -- not on their dreams, not on life and not on themselves

Tidy Notebooks?

If you are a board member, now is a good time to see that your notebook is up to date. Board elections will be in April. If you are changing board positions, or stepping off the board, you will want to have your notebook ready to give to your successor at the May meeting.

**AUSTIN TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY MOTHERS' CLUB**

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We are on the web!

<http://www.austinaggiemoms.org>



The Austin Texas A&M Mothers' Club, a nonprofit organization, meets monthly from September through May to form a closer relationship with other Aggie Moms, and to better understand and assist with the problems students face. The newsletter is published each month from August through May at the newsletter editor's home, 6406 Ira Ingram Drive, Austin, Texas, 78749.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO GREAT HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club Merit Scholarships

The Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club offers several Merit Scholarships each year to current Texas A&M students. Merit Scholarships are awarded based on academic standing and involvement in sanctioned or approved Texas A&M University organizations and community outreach programs. It is not based on financial need, nor does it require affiliation with the Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club. Applicants must be from the Austin area.

Scholarship consideration requirements:

1. Completed application postmarked by 4/1/07
2. Current full time student (*12 hrs*)
3. Merit Scholarship award is subject to student completing (12) semester hours following award. (*full time for fall term or two - 6 hrs. summer terms*) If student does not complete the required 12 hours, the recipient will be required to refund the scholarship monies to the Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club by December 1, 2007
4. Copy of transcript as of 12/06
5. Thirty (30) completed and graded hours at Texas A&M, College Station campus
6. GPR of 2.5 on graded hours from Texas A&M
7. Scholarships cannot be awarded to a student two consecutive years

Please download a copy of our scholarship application that is located on our website at: www.austinaggiemoms.org

Aggie Moms' Directory Update: DIANA FAIRBROTHER 4105 FARHILLS AUSTIN, TX 78731

Please Join Us for Brunch and the Latest Fashions! Sat. Feb. 10 - Austin Country Club