

Texas A&M



Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

President's Message

HOWDY!

What a great pleasure it is for me to be able to say welcome to our new members and welcome back to our returning members. For those of you who are receiving our newsletter for the first time, welcome to Austin Aggie Moms. You are joining an organization made up of an elite group of women in Austin who all share a common interest - we have children who are currently attending A&M or have attended A&M and are now out in the working world. Our goal is to provide support, both financially and emotionally, to our Austin area students who are attending A&M. We are also here to make your experience as an Aggie Mom one you will always remember. You will make friends with people you wouldn't have met had your child not decided to attend A&M. You will also find answers to many of your questions. I encourage you to attend our first meeting in September. Scott Jarvis will be speaking about Aggie Traditions. What a great way to start the year! Come be part of the wonderful Aggie Spirit from Aggie-land. I look forward to meeting you in September. Gig 'Em!



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Upcoming Events

- Aug. 26 Fall Federation Meeting, College Station
- Aug. 27 Freshman Convocation, Reed Arena
- Aug. 28 First Day of Fall Semester
- Sept. 1 First Yell, Reed Arena
- Sept. 3 MSC Open House
- Sept. 5 Austin Aggie Mom's General Meeting

Austin Aggie Mom's Programs for 2006-07

DATE	THEME	SPEAKER
Sept. 5	You are Family	Scott Jarvis
Oct. 3	Abbott Austin - A Firm Foundation	Student Speakers
Nov. 6	Singing Cadets Sampler	4 Singing Cadets
Dec. 4	Christmas party	Gift Exchange
Jan. 12	Singing Cadet Concert	A&M Singing Cadets
Feb. 5	Shower them with Love (Baby Shower)	Di Fontenot
Mar. 5	Parents & TAMU - Winning Partnership	Patsy Nichols
April	Spring Luncheon	One Accord
May 7	Officer Installation	Nominating Committee



Don't forget to send your child's snail mail address to Karen Douglas for birthday cards and possible holiday cards. kzoudouglas@aol.com

Helpful Hints

- Single game football tickets are available through the 12th Man Foundation.
www.12thmanfoundation.com/tickets
- Parents can read the campus newspaper, The Battalion online. www.thebatt.com
- Remind your kids to attend the MSC Open House on Sunday, September 3.

Hundreds of clubs & service groups will have booths with information available for your child to take home, fill out and return. Encourage your son or daughter to join at least one organization as a Freshman. What a quick way to make friends with other students who share your interests.

Voting 101

Has your Aggie registered to vote in the November 7 election for Governor, U.S. Senator, and other races? The deadline to register is early October. Students may register to vote in their hometown or College Station.

If your child wishes to register to vote in Travis County, the voter registration website is www.traviscountytax.org.

Would your Aggie like to have a ballot-by-mail to avoid the drive back to Austin to vote? An application for a ballot-by-mail can be downloaded from the Travis County Clerk's Office.

www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/election.

The completed application must be returned by mail, common/contract carrier or FAX to 512-854-9075. Check the website for all the various deadlines.

CAPITAL CITY A&M CLUB FISH FRY AND COACH'S NIGHT

The Capital City Fish Fry and Coach's Night was held at the Exposition Center on August 1st. Twelve members and spouses took advantage of the Aggie Moms' reserved table in a wonderful location – we were in front of the speaker's podium and across the aisle from Coach Fran and Governor Perry's table! A big thanks goes to the Capital City Club for placing us in this excellent location. Speakers included the soccer coach, defensive coordinator, Coach Fran and three of the football players from the upcoming seasons.

Aggies are all members of the same family.

A&M Singing Cadets Coming to Austin

We are fortunate again to have the Texas A&M Singing Cadets perform in Austin for the Austin TAMU Mothers' Club! This is one of our fund-raisers for student scholarship money and we need your continued support. The Singing Cadets is Texas A&M's premiere men's chorus consisting of roughly 70 members and are internationally known as the "Voice of Aggeland". They are in their 102nd touring season and will be performing 60-70 concerts this year through out Texas and the United States but best of all... right here in Austin, Texas!

Mark your calendar and join us for the performance on:

DATE: Friday, January 12, 2007

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500 Jollyville Road

The Singing Cadets will be spending the night with us and we will need host homes to house these wonderful young men on Friday night. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and visit some really wonderful Aggies! More information will be given at the upcoming meeting and sign-up sheets will be passed around, so please think about hosting. This is a wonderful opportunity and honor to be a host home. We will also need volunteers to help us on concert night and more importantly ... **to sell tickets in advance!!!** We will provide you with more information on this event at our September meeting.

This is a wonderful concert and guaranteed to make you proud to be an **AGGIE ...and an AG-GIE Mom!** Please plan on attending this event and please invite others! If you have questions or want to help please contact Mary Jane Berry at dberry3@sbcglobal.net (250-1001) or Karen Larsen at karenblarson@hotmail.com (328-9813)

MAROON OUT?

A designated football game where everyone wears maroon and special shirts are sold through the class councils (inexpensive "Maroon Out" T-shirts with the year on them) .

2006-07 Elected Board Members

- **President Christie Nalle**
- **VP at Large Vicky Abney**
- **1st VP (Membership) Carolyn Storey**
- **2nd VP (Programs) Karen Allen**
- **2nd VP (hospitality) Reenie Rollo**
- **3rd VP (Singing Cadets) Karen Larson & Mary Jane Berry**
- **3rd VP (Bracelets) Beth O'Donnell & Karen Rima**
- **Recording Secretary Helen Harkreader**
- **Corresponding/Cheer Secretary Karen Douglas**
- **Treasurer Megan Price**
- **Historian Sheryl Stredler-Becker**
- **Parliamentarian Ann Williams**

Calling All New Aggie Moms We Want To Meet You!

We will be meeting at La Madaleine (at Great Hills Trail and 183N, - same shopping center as Pier One and Macaroni Grill) from 6:00 pm until 6:45 pm BEFORE each monthly Aggie Mom's meeting. Our purpose is to provide support for you and be a sounding board for any concerns or questions you may have as your child experiences their first year as a Fighting Texas Aggie! No agenda - just visiting and getting you know you!
Additionally, you may contact Karen Rima: Karen@stallworth.net or Betsy Knowles: betsy90103@yahoo.com and we will be HAPPY to help you any way we can! If we don't know the answer, we will help you find it!



RANDALLS CARD
Add the Austin A&M University Mothers' Club to your Randall's card. Our account number is **7637**

SEPT. 5 - First General Meeting 2006-07

Come help us kick off another wonderful Aggie Year with Austin Aggie Moms! Our guest speaker is Scott Jarvis of the Former Students Association of A & M University. Scott is an energetic and informative young man who graduated from the university in 2000. He always brings us interesting stories about traditions and why you are now a part of the TAMU family. Come HUNGRY! We will be having "football" food! If you have any questions or would like to help with hospitality this year, please let me know! Gig'em, Reenie Rollo—Hospitality - reenierollo@sbcglobal.net

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, Austin, TX 78759

Directions: North 183, exit W. Braker Ln., head west to Jollyville Rd.

Exclusive Offering by the Austin Aggie Moms' Club James Avery Texas A&M Bracelet

Our club is very fortunate to hold the exclusive rights to the beautiful, classically designed block Texas A&M hook-on bracelet. We hold those rights thanks to the generosity of Patsy Nichols who designed and commissioned the original bracelet after her son, Travis, made her an Aggie Mom when he entered TAMU in 1999. Give a bracelet as a gift! Current Aggies, former students, Aggie Moms, faculty & staff will wear this bracelet with pride. Men love gift ideas, so help them out by making them aware of this gorgeous piece of jewelry. Bracelets are available for purchase at monthly meetings or by using the order form on our website. Questions? Contact Karen Rima at karen@stallworth.net or 512-797-7011. or Beth O'Donnell at beth.b.odonnell@gmail.com or 512-327-2270. Our income from the bracelets and the Singing Cadets concerts have enabled us to make the commitment to fund an endowed scholarship at TAMU. We expect to complete the funding of that scholarship during the 2006-2007 academic year. We also grant several local scholarships and contribute to many campus organizations.



Sterling Silver \$90 Gold \$400

Order form and details : <http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/bracelet.htm>

**Aggies love to
make a
difference in the
lives of others.**

HOWDY!

Howdy! is the official greeting of Texas A&M. Aggiland has gained a reputation of being the friendliest campus in the world.

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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

Aggie Websites to Bookmark

- Capital City A&M Club: <http://www.austinags.org>
- Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs: <http://www.aggiemoms.org/>
- Texas A&M Parents webpage: <http://parents.tamu.edu>
- Texas A&M Parents Weekend Site: <http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu>

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FAQ'S?

1. WHAT ARE AGGIE BUCKS AND WHERE CAN THEY BE USED?

Aggie Bucks are a "declining balance" on your student's ID card. You register for them when you enroll on line. They can be used for food, etc. at many area restaurants and on campus. They can not be used to buy alcohol or meds/drugs. You can reload and track the account online: <http://aggibucks.tamu.edu>

2. ARE THERE ANY CLEANERS THAT WILL LET ME OPEN A CHARGE ACCOUNT?

Yes, "FABRICARE" is located close to the band hall, by the military property warehouse on the Quad.

Texas A&M Gets High Ranking in *The Washington Monthly*

Texas A&M University is ranked No. 5 nationally in The Washington Monthly magazine's ratings of U.S. colleges and universities.

Texas A&M was the only university in Texas ranked in the top 15 and the highest ranked university in the Southwest.

The magazine, which focuses heavily on institutions' service to the nation, rated Massachusetts Institute of Technology No.1, followed by the University of California-Berkeley, Penn State University and UCLA. "Unlike other guides...this guide asks not what colleges can do for you, but what colleges are doing for the country,"