



# Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

## President's Message

Howdy Ladies,

First, let me thank you for the opportunity to lead such a wonderful group of dedicated women. I'm incredibly impressed by the creative ideas and efforts that have already been put into action this year. It is my privilege to be the president of this terrific group.

What a great start to the year we've had. First, Howdy Night featuring Miss Reveille and Scott Jarvis was a big hit. Returning members hosted our newest "fish" and their families, who, through the efforts of Mr. Jarvis, Virginia and Bailey Fellows and many others, were introduced to some of the traditions and organizations of our beloved university. Many thanks to Nora Hodges, Mary Fellows and Sue Munns for their efforts in making the event a success.

Please welcome our newest board member, Tamara Vannoy. She accepted the position of Vice President, Programs, and will be a fantastic addition to our team.

Remember that our Federation meeting is on Saturday, August 25, in College Station. Several of our board members have conflicts and will not be able to attend. I totally understand, and for that reason want to make sure everyone knows that ALL members are welcome. I was hoping we could take a large contingency to this meeting to show our support for Federation. Please consider going if possible. It's a great meeting and a fun way to just get to know your fellow Aggie Moms better.

Remember to mark September 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. It is our kick-off meeting for the year. We will have a lot of announcements, things to share and a great speaker. Don't come alone--call that Aggie mom friend or alumnus and bring them along.

I look forward to a wonderful year and many memory-making events. Until then, Whoop and Gig 'Em Aggies!

Proudest member of the Austin Texas A & M University Moms Club '08,

Karen Allen - 306-0770 - [president@austinaggiemom.org](mailto:president@austinaggiemom.org)

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### Upcoming Events

- Aug. 26 Freshman Convocation, Reed Arena
- Aug. 27 First Day of Fall Semester
- Aug. 31 First Yell, Reed Arena
- Sept. 2 MSC Open House
- Sept. 4 Austin Aggie Mom's General Meeting
- Nov. 9-11 Aggie Mom's Weekend Retreat

## Austin Aggie Mom's Programs for 2007-08

DATE	THEME
Sept. 4	Speaker from Student Association
Oct. 2	Pot Luck and a Friend
Nov. 6	Singing Cadets Quartet and envelope stuffing party
Dec. 4	Christmas party
Jan. 11	Singing Cadets Concert at Great Hills Church

### BRING A FRIEND

Remember to bring a fellow Aggie Mom to our next meeting! Ask your Aggie Mom friends to join you at our meeting and introduce them to our wonderful group! Sometimes all we need to do is reach out a little and make a call, so BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



### Birthdays!!!!

Send you child's snail mail & birth date to Karen Douglas for birthday greetings!  
kzoudouglas@aol.com

## Helpful Hints

- Single game football tickets are available through the 12th Man Foundation.  
[www.12thmanfoundation.com/tickets](http://www.12thmanfoundation.com/tickets)
- Parents can read the campus newspaper, The Battalion online. [www.thebatt.com](http://www.thebatt.com)
- Remind your kids to attend the MSC Open House on Sunday, September 2, 1-6 p.m.

Texas A&M is proud to boast over 800 student organizations on campus. Thousands of students every year find new ways to get involved. Organizations cover an enormous range of topics and interests from academics to service to culture and beyond! While many organizations are not specifically academically related, at least 212 in a variety of colleges are! When your Aggie is looking for a place to get involved, encourage him/her to check out all of their options.

## CAPITAL CITY A&M COACH'S NIGHT

At least 20 Austin Aggie Moms and spouses joined over 1,500 Aggie supporters for great barbecue and an evening with Coach Fran. Four players from the Fightin' Texas Aggies represented the football team, joked with Coach Francione and talked about their prospects for the season. The silent auction featured some wonderful items, including our gorgeous TAMU bracelet. Through the efforts of Debbie Slater, Carolyn Storey and volunteers, five of our bracelets were sold that night. Whoop to our ladies! The event finished with The Granger Smith Band. Granger is a very proud Aggie, graduated in '06, who just produced the wonderful song "We Bleed Maroon". He and his band played a short selection of their popular tunes.

### Aggie Websites to Bookmark

Capital City A&M Club: <http://www.austinags.org>  
 Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs: <http://www.aggie moms.org/>  
 Texas A&M Parents webpage: <http://parents.tamu.edu>  
 Texas A&M Parents Weekend Site: <http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu>  
 Texas A&M Parent Listserv (sign up for emails of important Parent information):  
<http://listserv.tamu.edu/cgi/wa?SUBED1=parents&A=1>

**Aggies are all members of the same family.**

## A&M Singing Cadets Coming to Austin

*SAVE THE DATE & TELL ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS!*

Our very own Texas A&M Singing Cadets, known internationally as the "Voice of Aggie Land", will be rolling into Austin for an evening filled with outstanding music, memorable humor, and loads of fun. It will be a real musical treat! Proceeds will be going towards funding scholarships for Austin-area Aggies.

We will be needing volunteers the night of the event as well as people to bake cookies, so please mark your calendars now.

**Date: Friday January 11, 2008**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Place: Great Hills Baptist Church**

## 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).**

Questions:  
 Julia Scott [jas5@cox.net](mailto:jas5@cox.net)  
 Karen Larsen [karenblarson@hotmail.com](mailto:karenblarson@hotmail.com)

## 2007-08 Elected Board Members

- **President Karen Allen**
- **VP at Large Christie Nalle**
- **1st VP (Membership) Mary Fellows**
- **2nd VP (Programs) Tamara Vannoy**
- **2nd VP (hospitality) Sue Munns**
- **3rd VP (Singing Cadets) Karen Larson & Julie Black**
- **3rd VP (Bracelets) Carolyn Storey and Debbie Slater**
- **Recording Secretary Julie Matthews**
- **Corresponding/Cheer Secretary Karen Douglas**
- **Treasurer Megan Price**
- **Historian position open**
- **Parliamentarian Sheryl Streder-Becker**

## Membership & Goody Bags

If you haven't turned in your membership form, please send it right away to Mary Fellows, membership chairman. It's easy, it's fun, and it's cheap! The membership form is included as an insert in this newsletter along with the student goody bag order form. Both forms are also available on the web at [www.austinaggiemoms.org](http://www.austinaggiemoms.org).



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

## CODE MAROON

Code Maroon is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly—via email and text message. By enrolling in Code Maroon, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location. For more information go to:

<http://codemaroon.tamu.edu/>

## Tuesday, Sept. 4 - First General Meeting 2007-08

Please join us for our monthly Aggie Mom's Club meetings which are the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. We have an informative and fun program planned. The hospitality committee will provide food and drinks. Anyone is also welcome to attend the open Board meetings which are at 6:15 p.m. before the general meeting.

**Time:** Board (6:15 for social, 6:30 for meeting) General meeting (7:00 social, 7:15 meeting).

**Place:** Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2531 Exposition Blvd, Austin, TX 78703

## 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. Our income from the bracelets and the Singing Cadets concerts have enabled us to fund an endowed leadership scholarship at TAMU. We also grant several scholarships to Austin Aggies each spring and contribute to many campus organizations.



**Sterling Silver \$100**

**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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**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.

To All Interested Parties:

Now is the time to advertise your business and/or service in the Austin Aggie Mom's Directory! Please send your business card or other advertising medium to:

**(Electronic) valh55@aol.com (Hard Copy) Virginia Higdon , 4201 Burney Drive , Austin, Texas 78731**

Business card size ads will run \$25.00. Please call for prices on ad sizes other than business card - 342-8391. Ads are being accepted through September 15, 2007.

Many thanks!! Virginia Higdon 512-342-8391

**Important Newsletter Notice: Only the August and September Issues of the Austin Aggie Moms' Newsletter will be mailed to non paid members and to your home. Starting in October the newsletter will be sent via email to paid members only. Paid members without a valid email address on file will receive a newsletter in the mail.**

## 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 books, school supplies, laundry, food at many area restaurants and on campus vending. 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.