

Texas A&M



# Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

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Upcoming Events

- Aug. 29 First Yell, Reed Arena
- Aug. 31 MSC Open House
- Sept. 12 Academic Convocation
- Sept. 8 Austin Aggie Mom's General Meeting
- Oct. 31 Last Day to Q-Drop a class (no penalty)
- Nov. 14-16 Aggie Mom's Weekend Retreat

## Sept. 8 Meeting Information

The Austin Texas University Mothers Club has monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Prior to the general meeting is the board meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the board meeting if desired. In addition to the general meeting there is a separate small meeting at a nearby Starbucks just for "new" Aggie moms. Details on this meeting can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

**Location:** Cielo Building 2, 1st floor conference room (park in visitors parking slots)  
**1250 Capital of Texas Hwy South, Austin Texas**

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

## Austin Aggie Mom's Programs for 2008 - 2009

September	Dr. Alexander Dale-Director of Health Services
October	To be Announced
November	Past Presidents' Dinner at Austin Country Club
December	Christmas Gathering and traditional Aggie Gift Swap
January	Texas A & M University Singing Cadets
February	Bush Library Representative (Road Trip and Bush Library Tour)*
March	International Students Panel (tentative)
April	Dinner and recognition of Moms of Senior Aggies*
May	Guest speaker and Installation of Officers

We are still working to make this year a great combination of speakers from TAMU and gathering together. We are striving to bring information that will be useful and to make sure we connect with each other. If you have areas of interest of a speaker you think our club would be interested in, please let Karen Allen know. karenallen06@aol.com.

*\*New event for club*

### 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!

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

## August Aggie Brags

Paul Schattenberg (class of 2011) was selected by the Scholarship and Awards Committee to receive the TAMUG Academic Scholarship from Texas A&M University at Galveston for the 2008-2009 academic year.

John Earl Smith (Class of 2010), son of Billy and Cindy Smith was named a Corps Scholar for the Fall 2008 semester. He is a member of Squadron 18 and is the unit's Scholastic Sergeant and the Inspector General. He is majoring in genetics with plans to attend medical school

Kaitlin Allen Erkkila was awarded a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Education on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. She earned this degree while teaching and preparing to leave the country to join her husband in Korea.

## Howdy Parent Night

Howdy! That greeting was heard many times on August 12, at our Parents' Howdy Night. A wonderful talk from Mayor Will Wynn started the evening. Trivia prizes were awarded between the presentations from the TAMU representatives from various organizations. Maroon and white umbrellas, frisbees, 12<sup>th</sup> man towels and more were dispersed among the Fish parents for knowing traditions like "what time is midnight yell?".

Thanks to Virginia Higdon, the club gave a signed football from Mike Sherman, a signed volleyball and a three day coach's pass again from Sherman to lucky door prize winners. It even made a Longhorn winner smile!

The Threadgill's venue was fun and festive. Meeting so many new Fish parents and knowing we helped to introduce them to the traditions of the finest academic institution was incredibly rewarding. The comments at the end of the evening confirmed it was helpful and just what they needed to help the transition into the Aggie family. It was the 39 membership forms that were taken that night that lets our President, Carolyn Storey, know her idea was a great success. Thanks to all the board members who attended and helped to make it a wonderful evening.

## 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 16, 2009**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Place: Great Hills Baptist Church**

Questions:

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## 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).**

## 2007-08 Elected Board Members

- **President Carolyn Storey**
- **VP at Large Karen Allen**
- **1st VP (Membership) Anne Gordon**
- **2nd VP (Programs) Karen Allen**
- **2nd VP (hospitality) Sue Munns, Julia Scott**
- **3rd VP (Singing Cadets) Julie Black, Kathy Melde**
- **3rd VP (Bracelets) Danita Day, Judy Skeen**
- **Recording Secretary Jane Sherman**
- **Treasurer Sharon Baer**
- **Historian position Sheryl Streder-Becker**
- **Parliamentarian Tamara Vannoy**

## Membership & Goody Bags

If you haven't turned in your membership form, please send it right away to Anne Gordon, membership chairman. It's easy, it's fun, and inexpensive! 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/>

## 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:** <http://parents.tamu.edu>

**Texas A&M Parents Weekend:** <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>

**Texas A&M News and Information-** Daily campus news provided by the Division of Marketing and Communications: <http://tamunews.tamu.edu/>

## 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 \$125**

**Gold \$500**

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

# HOWDY!

Howdy! is the official greeting of Texas A&M. Aggieland 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.

## REMINDER: FALL GOODY BAG ORDER FORM DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 2008

### To All New Aggie Moms:

We have a special gathering at Starbuck prior to the regular monthly meetings just for new Aggie Moms. Our Aggie Mom mentors Linda Danz and Julie Matthews will be on hand to answer questions. This is a great way to meet one another in a small setting, share ideas, concerns, questions, etc.

**Meeting Time:** 6 pm

**Meeting Location:** Starbucks Coffee Shop inside Barnes & Noble @ Bee Caves//360, The Village at Westlake  
701 S. Capital of Texas Hwy.

Everyone can go from here to the general meeting. Hope to see you there.

**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?

**FABRICARE** is located close to the band hall, by the military property warehouse on the Quad. Also, **Harvey Washbangers** on South Texas Avenue has charge accounts. You buy a card and load it with as much \$\$ as you want and refill as needed. They also have a diner up front where you can eat while your laundry is washing. Both facilities do Corp uniforms and understand the rules with creases, etc.