



Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

Established November 10, 1938

President's Message

Holiday Greetings!

"Laughing at ourselves as well as with each other gives a surprising sense of togetherness" is a quotation by Hazel C. Lee. Last Tuesday night, the Aggie Moms Christmas Party was filled with a great sense of togetherness. The sound of women laughing filled the house and even drowned out the Christmas music! What a beautiful sound. Many thanks to Reenie Rollo, Karen Allen, and Carolyn Storey for putting on such a beautiful party.

The Singing Cadets concert committee is working furiously to put together a great evening for everyone on January 12th. The young men performing for us will put on a program filled with Broadway show tunes, gospel, patriotic and "fun" music. Our club supports on campus organizations and funds the scholarships for local A&M students through this concert and our bracelet sales. Your assistance in selling tickets will help us to make this the best concert in the 2007 tour.

Mark your calendars for three great programs next spring! The Singing Cadets concert will be in lieu of a January meeting. In February, we will have a "baby" shower for the children of the Becky Gates Children's Center at A&M. When you are picking up children's toys and books for Christmas gifts, pick one up for the shower. There will be more information in the next newsletter. Our March meeting will be a dinner at the Austin Country Club for members and spouses. Join us as we listen to Bruce and Patsy Nichols tell us about their memorable year as Parents of the Year at A&M. April's meeting will be a very timely one. Representatives of CARPOOL will be present to tell us all about their free safe ride home program for students at A&M. End of school celebrations will be starting, so what a perfect time to hear about this tremendous program.

May all of you have a safe and laughter filled holiday season.

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

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Upcoming Events

- 12 Jan. Singing Cadets Concert
- 6 Feb Austin Aggie Mom General Mtg.
- 10 Feb. District V Federation Mtg.
- Feb. 14-18 Austin Abbott Family Leadership Conference
- Mar. 6 Dinner & Mtg. Austin Country Club

2006-07 Austin Aggie Moms' Meeting Schedule

DATE	THEME	SPEAKER
Jan. 12	Singing Cadet Concert	A&M Singing Cadets
Feb. 6 (Tues)	Shower Them with Love	Di Fontenot, Becky Gates Children's Center
Feb. 10	District V Federation Meeting in Austin	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 Great Hills Baptist Church	Student reps of CARPOOL, the free safe ride program at A&M.
May 1	Passing the Torch - Officer Installation	Nominating Committee



**Birthdays!! Send your
child's snail mail &
birth date to**

**Karen Douglas for birth-
day greetings!**

kzoudouglas@aol.com

AGGIE BRAGS

Jackson Dashiell, class of '07 and Corps Commander '06-'07, son of Betsy and Mark Knowles and Doug and Amy Dashiell, is engaged to Miss Stephanie Smith, class of '07! They will marry in the early fall.

John Earl Smith (class of 2010) has decided to join the Corps of Cadets. He will be "frogging in" the spring semester by joining Squadron 18 (Air Force). He is a Biomedical Engineering major with plans to go to Medical School after that. He is also a member of the Century Singers. John's parents (Cindy & Billy Smith) are very proud of him and support his decision to join the Corp of Cadets.

Virginia Fellows '08 has been chosen to be an Aggie Fish Camp Co-Chair for a Fish Camp this summer. The past two summers she enjoyed being a Fish Camp Counselor at Camp Harrigan and Camp Easterly.

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

Hosted by Austin Texas A & M University Mothers' Club

At Austin Country Club

February 10, 2007

Registration begins at 9:00 am

Brunch and Talbot's style show begin at 9:30 am

Cost - \$20.00



Elephant Walk
The annual walk
around campus is
done to symbolize
the Seniors dying
usefulness to the
12th Man.

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.

Volunteers are needed for planning the event and helping the day of the meeting.

If interested, please contact Sarah Ann Will at sa-will@hotmail.com.

BRACELET NEWS:

Sales continue to be very good. Our ad in the TAMU Former Students' magazine 'The Texas Aggie' continues to be a major marketing source for our sales. There have been a lot of orders/phone calls/emails from husbands as a result.

Winter in Aggieland in late November went well - thanks to our wonderful volunteers, Mary Fellows and Sue Minn. They sold nine bracelets and gave out quite a few flyers. We expect some orders as a result of students going home and giving these flyers to their parents as gift suggestions.

We just received a new shipment from James Avery so we have sufficient inventory to get us through Christmas.

Merit Scholarships

Will be awarded
this Spring by
The Austin Texas
A & M University
Mothers' Club.
Applications can
be found on our
website and must
be postmarked
April 1, 2007.

New Members To Add to your Austin Aggie Moms phone directory

Sweat, Ann and Brian

8529 Dunsmere Dr, Austin, 78749

e-mail: anne@americanportraitpainter.com

Home 301-1761 / Work 394-9281 / Cell 695-7914

Student: Christopher 2010

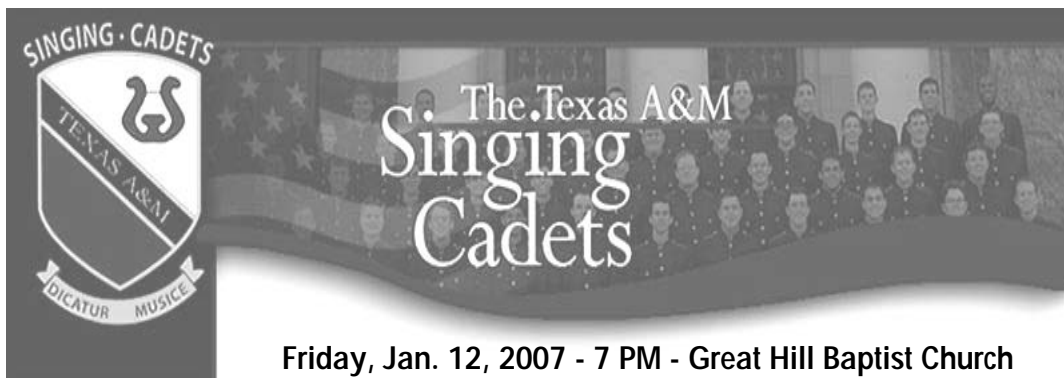
Lutostanski, Veronica "Nicki" and Lou

8125 Darwin Cove, Austin, TX 78729

e-mail: nicki@austin.rr.com

Home 219-0640 / Cell 563-5326

Student: Nicholas 2008



Friday, Jan. 12, 2007 - 7 PM - Great Hill Baptist Church

HELP!!! with the Singing Cadets Concert

We need your help with the Singing Cadets Concert....only one month to go! Here's how YOU can help.....

1. **SELL! SELL! SELL those tickets!** Ask your neighbors, A&M alumnae, veterans; send emails to your friends, family, co-workers, or anyone you think might enjoy the concert. Our members are our BEST form of advertisement.
2. **BUY tickets** and give them as gifts to family, friends, neighbors, teachers, choir directors, mailman, hair stylist, etc. Also, use them as "Thank you" gifts for someone watching your home, feeding your dog, etc.
3. Help by putting up posters in your neighborhood at shopping centers, assisted living centers, churches, etc.

We have really nice printed posters to give you to put up. Contact Mary Jane Berry for posters. dberry3@sbcglobal.net

4. Turn in your money....if you've already sold your tickets, please turn in the money ASAP to Mary Jane Berry or Karen Larson. You may mail in your check to:

Mary Jane Berry, 11509 Juniper Ridge Dr. Austin 78759, OR

Karen Larson, 1105 Elder Circle, Austin 78733

5. Bake cookies for the concert. Contact Lee Ann Potter (lapotter@austin.rr.com) and let her know you can bring cookies to the concert. Last year, we asked for a small donation for the refreshments and we made about \$500 just in small donations!

5. Please HELP in any way you can. This is our largest fundraiser and, as you know, the proceeds go toward scholarships for students and helping out A&M organizations.



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



Austin Abbott - Host Families

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.

\$Fun Bucks\$

Look for the Fun Bucks basket at each meeting. Put a dollar in the basket, along with your Aggie child's name and mailing address. Rules allow a maximum of \$25.00 per student. Reenie will mail the money directly to your child at A&M.

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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

Many thanks to Denise Murphy and Debbie Slater and their team of volunteers for the work on assembling and delivering our sons and daughters their Fall Goody Bags. They were filled with nutritious and fun goodies and the students were excited to receive them.

Our very own Nina Daniel graciously donated her time to embroider the quilt square that each Mothers' Club provides for the outgoing Federation President's quilt. Our square was the Texas Capitol building surrounded by a maroon border. Thank you Nina.

18 K Gold
\$400

A&M James Avery Bracelets

offered exclusively by the Austin Aggie Moms Club

For Graduation or Holiday Gifts

Sterling Silver
\$100



A&M SINGING CADETS CONCERT

DATE: Friday, January 12, 2007

TIME: 7:00 pm

**PLACE: Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500
Jollyville Road**