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# Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

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## Upcoming Events

- 11 Jan. Singing Cadets Concert
- 14 Jan. 1st day of Spring 2008 classes
- 21 Jan. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Class
- 10 -14 March Spring Break

## President's Message

Howdy Ladies,

I would like to begin my letter with an Aggie brag on one of our board members. She is too modest to let anyone know, but I was present when our own Debbie James was given the Eanespiration Award. This award is given to someone at the Westlake school campuses who shows an outstanding attitude and goes over and above the standard to help others. Debbie works as a Special Ed collaborator and was cited for showing extraordinary patience with students and parents. I would concur! Congratulations Debbie.

It was a wonderful beginning to a holiday season. Our annual Aggie Mom's Christmas party was a hit. A big thank you to Patsy and Bruce Nichols for opening their home to us. Not only did we get a beautiful home to meet in, but Bruce was a bartender extraordinaire and we had live music! The Aggie gift exchange was as spirited as ever.

There are a few upcoming events I would like you to make note of please. First, the Singing Cadet Concert is fast approaching. If you haven't paid for your tickets, please take care of that soon. Consider giving tickets as a Christmas gift. Everyone loves a concert!

February 9<sup>th</sup> is our Federation meeting in Cameron, Texas. It would be great fun to carpool and caravan to the meeting on Saturday. It is a luncheon and we will be on our way back by 1:00. Please consider putting it on your calendar.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is a special day. No not just Valentine's Day. It is the first day for hosting Abbott Family Leadership Conference attendees. See Reenie Rollo's article for more information.

Finally, we have struggled for some time with the timing of our meetings. Because muster falls on the first Tuesday of the month, as does our meeting, our guest speakers often have to hurry away or cannot come at all. The board voted to move our meetings to the second Tuesday of the month NEXT YEAR. If anyone has an objection to moving the meeting, please contact me through e-mail or by phone before January 15th. We will continue to meet at Tarrytown United Methodist Church.

On a personal note, it has been a great year so far. It is hard to believe it is passing so quickly. It has been my privilege to get to know some of our new moms and continue my relationship with the returning moms. Our board is amazing. I don't think there is anything that couldn't be accomplished by this group of fabulous women. I wish you a blessed and joyous holiday and New Year.

Happy Holidays and as always...Gig 'Em Good!

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## Austin Aggie Mothers' Club Programs for 2008

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month and are usually held at the Fellowship building of the Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2531 Exposition Blvd, Austin 78703. The meetings begin at 7:15 pm and the Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings.

January 11	Concert Singing Cadets (Great Hills Baptist Church; No Board Meeting)
February 5	Muster Speaker
March 4	Past Presidents Dinner (at Austin Country Club)
April 1	Girl's Night Out (details to be announced)
May 6	Installation of Officers



### **Birthdays!!!!**

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



Please take a moment to remember our troops and their families during this holiday season.

## **Silver Taps**

**Silver Taps is held for a graduate or undergraduate student who passes away while enrolled at A&M. This final tribute is held the first Tuesday of the month when a student has passed away the previous month.**

## **SINGING CADETS CONCERT**

With the Singing Cadet Concert right around the corner we all have the opportunity to serve in preparing for the concert. Thank you to all of you who are so faithfully distributing posters and getting the word out!

We want to extend a GREAT BIG "TEXAS A&M HOWDY" to all of our guests the night of the performance. In order to do so, we will need people to greet, sell tickets, hand out programs and bake cookies. If you can bake 3 dozen cookies please e-mail Lee Anne Potter at lapotter@austin.rr.com (She needs 7 people)

If you would like to greet, sell ticket and hand out programs please e-mail  
Julie Black at jblack13@austin.rr.com  
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And last but certainly not least we need your help by purchasing or selling the six (6) concert tickets you received. If you can sell more or be a sponsor that would be terrific, there is plenty of room and the proceeds go to the fine young men and women of Texas A&M University in the form of scholarships for Austin area students and other service organizations at Texas A&M University.

If you have sent in the proceeds from the tickets, THANK YOU. If you have yet to do so, please make **checks payable** to "Austin Texas A&M University Mothers Club" and mail to:

**Singing Cadets Concert, Julie Black, 11903 Barrington Way, Austin, TX 78759**

Just think what great Stocking Stuffers Singing Cadet tickets will make!

**Date: Friday January 11, 2008**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Place: Great Hills Baptist Church**

**Ticket Price: \$10**

## **Abbot Family Leadership Conference**

Our club will have a fantastic opportunity to give a Valentine's gift to Texas A & M. The Abbot Family Leadership Conference will be held in Austin from February 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be 45 delegates coming to Austin to hear about leadership, ethics and various topics. It is always a rewarding and enjoyable event for us to be a part of.

The host family may choose boys or girls. We ask that each student have a bed but rooms definitely can be shared. Our responsibilities include picking the students up at Tarrytown United Methodist Church, feeding the students that night and next morning, picking them up at the end of the day and accompanying them to a dinner of Friday night. Our final obligation is to take them back to the church the next morning. In short, Thursday night, Friday morning, Friday night and Saturday morning are our only required times to be available.

I can't impress on you how wonderfully rewarding this time with TAMU students can be. These students are chosen from 100's of applicants after applying and interviewing. If you are interested in being a host family, contact:

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## **Aggie Brags**

Amber James, class of 2008, daughter of Dave and Debbie James got engaged to Andrew Schless on Thanksgiving Day!



## February Muster Speaker

Our next meeting with a speaker will be Tuesday, February 5 at the Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2513 Exposition Blvd. The speaker will be Stephen Mason from the Capital City Aggies Club informing us about the 2008 Muster celebration. We can participate in either the Austin Muster at the State Capitol or Muster in College Station.

All of our Club's meetings have a social hour starting at 7:15 pm with the formal meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. There are refreshments and a friendly crowd. Anyone is also welcome to sit in on the Board meeting that starts at 6:30 p.m.

## Goody Bag Delivery!

The Austin, Texas A&M Mothers Club delivered 110 of red, green and blue holiday bags to our students at A&M on Monday, December 3. They were full of about 23 different healthy snacks like popcorn, cheese crackers, oatmeal-to-go, peppermint hot chocolate, a fresh apple, raisins, etc. We also included a maroon and white A&M koozie from CC Creations on their water bottles, a mechanical pencil to use for finals, and a \$5 gift card to Freebirds. Thanks to all the moms who helped stuff the bags on Saturday and deliver the bags to A&M on Monday!

Robin Starnes & Marsie Stauch

Goody Bag Committee



**Mark your calendar for the Past Presidents Dinner at the Austin Country Club - March 4, 2007**



## What Special Talent Do You Bring to Aggie Moms?

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about what you would like to do next year to help the Austin Aggie Moms continue to be such a great organization.

While you are busy planning your Thanksgiving menu, give some thought to where you might fit in our menu of positions on our board. Marketing might be "your thing" and selling our James Avery bracelets might be a great way for you to participate. Are you one of those people who really does understand spreadsheets and balancing books and would like to be the Treasurer?

How about spending time surrounded by 60 cute young male singers? Or, maybe you love working in Excel and being the first to know the new members?

To paraphrase our by-laws, we are here to contribute to the comfort and welfare of our students. What better way than by serving on our board and helping our club to continue to grow and provide emotional and financial support to our students?

Please give thought to serving next year. Talk to the person who has the job this year to find out more about what she does. Maybe you know one of our newer Aggie Moms who would be great in a particular position - what a wonderful way for her to jump in and be a part of a great organization.

If you have any questions, please contact Christie B. Nalle at [cnalle@io.com](mailto:cnalle@io.com) or 327-2666



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## Junior E-Walk

Coinciding with Elephant Walk, this new tradition celebrates the Juniors anticipating their reign as the top leaders for the campus.

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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.

**Merit Scholarships** Awarded this Spring by The Austin Texas  
A & M University Mothers' Club - watch for the news on the deadline and application form.

**A&M James Avery Bracelets**

*offered exclusively by the Austin Aggie Moms Club*

**For Graduation or Holiday Gifts  
On Sale at Singing Cadet Concert  
January 11**

**18 K Gold  
\$425**

**Sterling Silver  
\$100**



**A&M SINGING CADETS CONCERT**

**DATE: Friday, January 11, 2007**

**TIME: 7:30 pm**

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