

Texas A&M



Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

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President's Message

Howdy Ladies,

Well, our numbers were low but those who attended our last meeting got a treat. First, we met two young ladies from TAMU who are in the marketing masters program. They offered us the opportunity to participate in a focus group for Fossil Corp. It should be fun.

Capital City Club sent their chairwoman of Muster 2008 to inform us on Muster and how important it is to Aggies around the world. April 21st is a day when Aggies everywhere stop to remember those who have passed this year.

Make sure you see the article about the March meeting. Our meeting will be at the beautiful Austin Country Club and we have a wonderful speaker coming from College Station. Luke Altendorf, director of the MSC will come to give us updates on what is happening on campus. Speaking of what is happening around Texas A&M, the University was named #9 in Kiplinger's list of top 100 schools with the best value for the tuition. Can we say Whoop!?

If you receive a call from Christie Nalle, Linda Danz or Mary Fellows, carefully consider their request for you to serve the club. This club has existed a long time and is only as good as its members. That said, this club is exceptional.

One last piece of business. We would like to close the books on the Singing Cadets Concert. We still have a few members who have not turned in the tickets or the money for them. If you are one of those, please get those in as soon as possible. It means a couple of scholarships for our Austin kids.

Thank you for being a part of the one of the greatest organizations anywhere. I look forward to seeing everyone at our March dinner. Remember, bring your spouse, friend or yourself. It will be a wonderful night.

Gig 'Em Good!

Karen Allen 306-0770 president@austinaggiemom.org

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Mark Your Calendar

- 4 Mar. Past Presidents Dinner
- 21 Mar. Spring Goody Bag deadline
- 1 Apr. Merit Scholarship deadline
- 4 Apr. Endowed Scholarship deadline
- 10-14 Apr. Parents Weekend - A&M

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. The Board meeting is open to all Austin Aggie mom members.

March 4	Past Presidents Dinner (at Austin Country Club) - Please RSVP
April 1	Girl's Night Out (details to be announced)
May 6	Installation of Officers



To volunteer to help at the Austin Aggie Mom booth, Parent's Weekend at Boutique - See page 2 for details

Tuesday, March 4 General Meeting



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

The March activity for Aggie Moms is a wonderful dinner at the Austin Country Club. On Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. we will have a fun evening of conversation, good food, an informative speaker and we will honor our Past Presidents. This event was a huge success last year when we went to Austin Country Club for the first time for an evening dinner. We hope you will invite your husband to attend and other guests are welcome as well. This is a perfect event to take a high school student who has been accepted to A&M for next year. They can enjoy a lovely experience having some exposure to the A&M world.

This is far from a formal event. We have defined the attire as "elegantly casual." Just dress as you would to eat at a nice restaurant in Austin. No sequins or satin are required! You will have a three course dinner prepared by the outstanding chefs at Austin Country Club. Wine is included with the meal. The price per person includes a generous discount from the club so that we are paying \$25 per person for a meal that is actually a \$35 tab.

Our speaker is Luke Altendorf who is the Director of the MSC (Memorial Student Center). He will update us on the news from the MSC, particularly regarding the landscape.

Please reserve by February 26. Call or email Sue Munns 263-2423, sgmunns@gmail.com or Tamara Vannoy 795-9370 tamara-vannoy@austin.rr.com. We ask that you **mail you checks in advance** to Tamara. Her mailing address is: **Tamara Vannoy, 8601 Oakmountain Circle, Austin, TX 78759**

AGGIE BRAGS

Paul Schattenberg was selected to receive the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Freshman Engineering Scholarship from Texas A&M University at Galveston for the 2007-08 academic year.

Ben Warshawsky, freshman, pre-med major, and was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for fall semester 2007!

Volunteers Needed Parent's Weekend - Aggie Mom Boutique

We need volunteers to work selling the James Avery Texas A&M Bracelets at Parents Weekend in College Station on April 11 and 12.

"It's fun to sign up and work with a friend selling our James Avery Bracelets at Boutique in Reed Arena."

All of the other Texas A&M Aggie Moms Clubs will be there selling A&M memorabilia and you can shop before or after your shift. We need volunteers for the following times:

Friday, April 11 10:00am-12:00n (2 volunteers)

12:00n - 2:00pm (2 volunteers)

Saturday April 12 9:00am-11:00am (2 volunteers)

11:00am-1:00pm (2 volunteers)

1:00pm-3:00pm (1 volunteer)

3:00pm-5:00pm (3 volunteers)

Please contact Debbie Slater to volunteer or with questions.

E-mail: deslater@hotmail.com Home: 327-0006 Cell :917-0006.

CODE MAROON TEST - TUESDAY FEB. 26 - SIGN UP NOW

Code Maroon is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly—by email and text message. By enrolling in Code Maroon, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location. If your student has not signed up please encourage them to do so.

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

Endowed Scholarships

IMPORTANT:
2008-2009 applica-
tions will be avail-
able through the
TAMU financial
aide office begin-
ning March 1, 2008.
All applications
must be received by
the deadline April 4,
2008

Giving Back to A&M & Aggie Moms

For those of you who don't know me, I am the Immediate Past President of the Austin Aggie Moms. I have the privilege of sitting quietly at the meetings while Karen Allen leads us through another year and I serve as the head of the Nominations Committee. This is my sixth year to be a member of the Austin Aggie Moms. In asking members to take various positions on our board, I started counting up the positions I have held and I started to run out of fingers to count on! I have had a wonderful time on every committee and made a number of new friends in the process.

Aggie Moms (to me) serves three purposes - to bond and mentor with each other as mothers, to mentor and guide our Aggie children, and to provide some financial support to our Aggies so that attending A&M won't be a financial hardship.

To me, all three of the above are intertwined. I overheard a 5th year Mom giving advice to a 1st year Mom as to which office on campus could help her child with a housing problem. Last fall, a 2nd year Mom spoke to the group about a stranger who stopped to cheer up her daughter when she saw a tear on the daughter's face. Working together as a group, we have been able to raise money to establish two endowed scholarships that each generate \$1000, plus we fund numerous smaller scholarships for Austin area Aggies.

All of us are extremely busy women - some still have younger children at home, some work outside the home, most of us have at least one child at A&M, some are planning graduation ceremonies or wedding ceremonies!

However, it does take a village or maybe a small city to run our local club. Please take a moment to consider how you can contribute to our club - maybe you could take the Minutes at our monthly meetings? Maybe you have a knack for numbers and can be our Treasurer? In order to keep you informed of all the latest happenings within the club and on campus we need someone to publish our newsletter. Putting together a newsletter is much easier than you think. Or, maybe you are able to send birthday greetings to our students?

Please take a moment to think about how you can give back to A&M and to our club. If you would like to find out which positions are still available, please contact Christie Nalle, Mary Fellows or Linda Danz.



TAMU Help Desk

Repair Services

Can troubleshoot when your student's PC is having hardware problems and can also install new hardware or software. They can be reached by phone at (979) 845-8300.

SPRING SEMESTER GOODY BAGS!

Our Aggie Moms Club will be putting together Goody Bags full of treats and delivering the bags to A&M prior to final exam week. The cost is \$15 per semester. If you would like your student to receive a Goody Bag, Robin Starnes or Marsie Stauch must have your order form and check made out to "Austin Texas A&M Mothers' Club" by MARCH 21, 2008 to guarantee delivery of SPRING Semester Goody Bags!

<http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/GoodyBagsforYourAggie07.doc>

What to Expect for Parents of First Year Students

Your student will be faced with many for the same pressures this semester as they faced in the fall semester. Students who are hoping to improve their grades may be having a difficult time accomplishing their goals. If your student has issues with procrastination, now is the time to brush up on time management skills. Additionally, remind your student if he/she is having issues in class that he/she should speak with their professor.

During spring semester, many students decide that they want to change their major for varying reasons. If your student wants to change his/her major, remember it is not about what he/she is changing his/her major too, but why he/she is making the decision. Help him/her talk through it to decide what the best decision is for him/her.

Parents Weekend

Parents' Weekend is a tradition that has existed at Texas A & M University since 1919.

Parents' Weekend allows the students to express their gratitude to those whom have impacted their lives.

AUSTIN TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY MOTHERS' CLUB

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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.

Texas A&M Scholarships

**Texas A&M students with permanent Austin area addresses
are invited to apply for the**

**Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club
Merit Scholarship**

Visit www.austinaggiemoms.org
for more information and to download the application

Postmark deadline: April 1, 2008

**Sterling Silver
\$100
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\$425**

Perfect for Mother's Day, Graduation and Birthdays
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James Avery

Reservation Spring Banquet

Note: Past Presidents will receive an invitation by mail as Honorees and should not use this form

Name _____ Guest(s) Name(s) for Nametag _____

Total attendees ____ Payment enclosed for \$25 per person Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to "Austin Aggie Moms." Mail checks to:

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