

Texas A&M



Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

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President's Message

Howdy Ladies,

Wow! What a great evening we had Friday at the Texas A & M University Singing Cadet Concert. So many people went out of their way to thank us for bringing them to Austin. We had a wonderfully enthusiastic crowd. We raised funds for our scholarships through the raffle and cookie sales as well as ticket sales. If you haven't sent in your money for your tickets, please do. I know Julie Black and Karen Larson would appreciate meeting last year's numbers with your help.

Speaking of Julie and Karen, I would like to thank them for their incredible efforts to make this a great success. Julia Scott was amazing as our publicity chair. Those beautiful posters of the Singing Cadets were all over Austin! The ladies began working in August and have not relaxed yet. Please thank them if you see them.

Our next meeting on February 5th will be very special. The Texas A & M University Capital City Club will be sending a representative to tell us more about Muster. We will learn what it is, what it means, who it honors and how we can be a part of this special evening. Please join us for our first regular meeting of 2008.

The next major event in February will be the **Abbott Family Leadership Conference** on February 14-16th. We will be hosting the students who are participating in the conference. The responsibilities are minimal compared to the huge return you will receive as a part of this fantastic event. **Please contact Reenie Rollo at 331-0378 if you are interested in hosting a student or two.**

Thank you again for the fabulous but humbling experience of leading the club this year. As I reflected on the past year, the Aggie Mom's Club was a huge part of it. The old saying, 'You only get back as much as you put in' does not apply to me. I have received blessings ten-fold compared my efforts. The friends who have supported my family and the new faces I look forward to seeing each month could never be replaced. I appreciate all your faithfulness to our club and to our students.

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks

Gig 'Em Good, Karen Allen 306-0770 president@austinaggiemom.org

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Upcoming Events

- 5 Feb. Austin Aggie Mom General Mtg.
- 9 Feb. District V Federation Mtg.
- 14-16 Feb. Austin Abbott Family Leadership Conference
- 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.

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



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Endowed Scholarships

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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

Feb. 5 General Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5 at the Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2531 Exposition Blvd. The speakers will be Christi Van Rite and Stephen Mason from the Capital City Aggies Club. They will be informing us about the upcoming Aggie Muster celebration. We can participate in either the Austin Muster at the State Capitol or Muster in College Station.

All of the Aggie Mother's Club 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.

The meetings are held in the Fellowship Building on the north end of the church. You can park on McCullough Street and enter the meeting room through the arch in the center of that side of the building.

HALF PRICE TUITION FOR SECOND SUMMER SEMESTER

Texas A&M University will be the site for a state-sponsored pilot program offering half-price tuition for the second session of 2008 summer school. The pilot program will be open to all Texas resident undergraduate students who are eligible for admission to Texas A&M. The per-semester-credit-hour tuition for the pilot program will be \$75, slightly less than half the \$156 that would normally be charged. For more information please visit <http://dmc-news.tamu.edu/templates/?a=5393&z=15>

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>

Feb. 9 District V Meeting and

Federation Meetings of Texas A & M University Mothers' Club

A gentle reminder that if you would like to join those of us who are going to Cameron for the District 5 meeting on February 9th, I need to hear from you before the 18th. I am required to send the reservation and money in by the 20th. I am happy to write a check for all of us and we can settle accounts at the meeting. If we get enough of us who are interested, we could always do a shopping side trip. Please consider going. It is always fun. <http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/District5InvitationandRegistration2007.pdf>

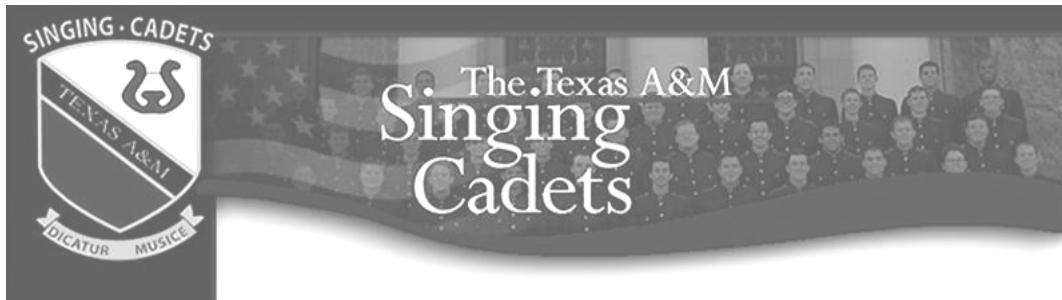
I attended the Federation meeting on Saturday. It was great to meet our new President, Dr. Elisa Moreno. She is going to be a great addition to our University. She brought the State of the University to us. It was her first appearance as President! We felt very honored. She let us know she plans to continue the initiatives that Dr. Gates began while at the University. Going to the Federation meeting was enlightening. It was a small meeting but there were still over 100 people there. It puts in perspective that we are not just a small group of Aggie Moms here in Austin, but a part of something very large and influential. I hope some of you will join me at the April meeting.

Contact : Karen Allen 306-0770 president@austinaggiemom.org

AGGIE BRAGS

On Jan. 8th, Andrew Stauch was awarded a general scholarship from The Society of American Military Engineers. Andrew and his mom attended a SAME and CMAA awards luncheon @ The San Antonio SAME post (Ft. Sam Houston). Andrew was one of the 14 scholarship recipients. Six of the recipients were from Texas A&M University. Andrew was the only Construction Science major awarded a scholarship.

John Starnes just received his second 4.0 grade point semester at A&M! John is in his second year in the Mays Business School and also works there part-time.



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SINGING CADET CONCERT

Once again the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets delivered a superb concert here in Austin! As music moves the soul, we were reminded of the love of family, love of our country, and the sacrifice of those who serve or have served in our armed forces. In addition, we enjoyed a broad musical range including Broadway show tunes, snappy oldies, contemporary, as well as A&M favorites. A truly great and successful evening.

On behalf of the Singing Cadet team: Julie Black, Karen Larson, Julia Scott and Kathy Melde we would like to THANK all of the Aggie Moms that contributed to making the concert a success -- from buying/selling tickets, helping to mail letters, baking cookies and working the night of the concert. The success of the concert was truly due to everyone involved!

We would like to especially thank all of the Reveille, Maroon & White, and Howdy Sponsors that helped to make the concert a success. In addition, we want to thank the following for their contributions: Capital City A&M Club, Jim Braeutigam, Great Hills Baptist Church, Fuschak's Pit Barbecue in San Marcos, Morgan Fuschak, High Tech Signs (Abney Family), The Benjamin Knox Gallery, MSC Bookstore, Aggieland Outfitters, Loupot's Bookstore, Costco (Research Boulevard), H.E.B. and Schlotzsky's.

Remember that we have the privilege of hosting the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets every January. Won't you make this your January Aggie Tradition! The proceeds go to Austin area Texas A&M University Students as well as worthwhile organizations at Texas A&M University. As a reminder, if you still have money or tickets to turn in please do as soon as possible so that we may have final numbers for the funds raised.

Thank you, The Singing Cadet Committee

It's That Time of Year Again - Nominating Committee

The Austin Aggie Moms Nominating Committee is looking for a few good moms who are interested in supporting our great club. Officers serve from June 1 through May 31 and your term is only one year.

If you have a knack for writing, why not become the newsletter editor? You don't have to have any experience in desktop publishing to put together a newsletter. Danita Day can answer any questions you might have.

Do you like lots of bling? How about working with a partner on selling our exclusive James Avery bracelets? Debbie Slater and Carolyn Storey are happy to train you - it won't take long!

Are you the kind of mom who never forgets a birthday? Karen Douglas can tell you all about sending birthday greetings to our kids.

Do you like to be "in the know" about the happenings at A&M, especially if it is sports related? Why not consider becoming our liaison to the Capital City A&M Club. Karen Rima or Pat Thomson have all the answers.

These are just a few of the positions that are available. If you look at page seven of your directory, you will see a listing of all the positions on our board and who to contact for more information.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in February to start working on a slate of officers. If you are interested or know someone who would be - please contact Christie Nalle. cnalle@io.com or 327-2666.

BIRTHDAY CANDY GRAMS

The Texas A&M Women's Chorus offers singing birthday grams all throughout the fall and spring semesters. The birthday grams are \$15 and include a quartet of talented ladies singing a four part arrangement of Happy Birthday, a card, and a bag of candy. They offer singing birthday grams both on and off campus. To order a singing birthday gram call 979-845-5974. 48-hours notice is appreciated.

Don't forget to visit the Aggie Parent web site for other updates and helpful resources. You can visit us at: <http://parents.tamu.edu>

Tidy Notebooks?

If you are a board member, now is a good time to see that your notebook is up to date. Board elections will be in April. If you are changing board positions, or stepping off the board, you will want to have your notebook ready to give to your successor at the May meeting.

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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.

Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club Merit Scholarships

The Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club awards several Merit Scholarships each year to current Texas A&M students.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE APRIL 1, 2008.

These scholarships are awarded based on academic standing and involvement in sanctioned or approved Texas A&M University organizations and community outreach programs.

The awards are not based on financial need, or affiliation with the Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club. However, applicants must be from the Austin Area.

These scholarships are awarded each spring by the Texas A&M University Mothers' Club. This is a great opportunity for members who don't have a lot of volunteer time to contribute to the Aggie Moms! If you are interested in helping on this committee, contact Betsy Knowles 626-1061 or betsy90103@yahoo.com. The only criteria for being on the committee is that you do NOT have a child applying for the scholarship

If your student is interested in applying for the Merit Scholarship this spring have them download a copy of our scholarship application that is located on our website at: <http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/scholarship.htm>

Then select the scholarship application form under the merit scholarships area. (2008 application coming soon)

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The Faculty and Staff of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture ordered a Gold James Avery Bracelet from Austin Aggie Moms Club to present to their outgoing Chancellor, Dr. Elsa Moreno, as they celebrated her new role as President of Texas A&M University. What an honor to us as well!

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offered exclusively by the Austin Aggie Moms Club

