

Texas A&M



Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

Established November 10, 1938

President's Message

Howdy Ladies,

We had a great March meeting! Many thanks to Tamara Vannoy and Sue Munns for planning a wonderful evening at Austin Country Club to honor our Past Presidents. With an informative talk by Luke Altendorf about the proposed changes at the Memorial Student Center to add to the evening, we were treated to a walk down memory lane with each of our Past Presidents. A special thanks to Christie and Bill Nalle for hosting the open bar before the dinner. I know everyone enjoyed the festivities but as usual, the Past Presidents had the best time.

At our March board meeting, the nominating committee announced the slate of Officers. We will be voting on the slate at our April meeting. Carolyn Storey has accepted the Presidency for 2008-2009. We are very excited to present the proposed officers to you so please plan on attending the April meeting. There are a few offices still available so if you would like to serve on the board, please contact Christie Nalle or Linda Danz

Remember our April meeting will be at Christie Nalle's home. She has graciously offered to host the meeting so we could have a Girl's Night Out. See Tamara's article about the meeting for details.

Boutique is coming! Boutique will be held during Parent's Weekend. Debbie Slater and Carolyn Storey could use help working our bracelet table. See the article for dates and times. Also, the price of the bracelet will be increasing immediately after boutique. If you are interested in ordering one, you can save by ordering now.

We will need five ladies to represent our club on the Friday evening of Parents Weekend at our Federation meeting. We have earned five delegates at the meeting to vote on 2008-2009 officers and amendments. It will be especially important to our club to have all five delegates there as our own Patsy Nichols name is on the slate as President Elect. We want to be a part of the votes that confirm her. If you can be a part of that group, please contact me. Also, we are as always, invited to the Saturday meeting. It would be great to have as many members as will be in town at 8:00 a.m. Saturday as that is when the new officers will be installed.

It has been a great year but it has flown by. It seems only a few months ago that we were passing notebooks. Speaking of notebooks, if you haven't seen yours in a while, find it and brush it off. It is time to make notes and get ready to pass it on. If you didn't make one for this year, let me know and I will get a notebook to you at the next meeting.

I look forward to seeing you April 1st, and that's not foolin'. Sorry, I couldn't resist. I promise not to indulge at the meeting so please come and have a great night out.

Karen Allen 306-0770 president@austinaggiemom.org

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Mark Your Calendar

- 21 Mar. Spring Goody Bag deadline
- 1 Apr. Merit Scholarship deadline
- 4 Apr. Endowed Scholarship deadline
- 10-14 Apr. Parents Weekend - A&M
- 9 -10 May Graduation and Commissioning

Austin Aggie Mothers' Club Programs for 2008

April 1	Girl's Night Out - See article on page 2
May 6	Installation of Officers



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



Ross Volunteers

The oldest honor guard and drill team of its kind in the state, the Ross Volunteer Company is the Honor Guard for the Governor of the State of Texas. Beginning in 1887 as the Scott Volunteers, they were renamed by 1898 in honor of former Governor and president of the college Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

Girls Night Out for April 1 Austin Aggie Moms' Meeting

On Tuesday, April 1, we are invited to the home of Christie and Bill Nalle for our Aggie Mom's monthly meeting. Christie is providing a dinner for us and we are asked to reserve our place to help her know a head count that evening. Plan to dress comfortably and if possible please make a \$5 contribution for the meal that evening. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm. We will hold our elections and otherwise it will be an evening of fun and games.

The Board will meet at 6:30 pm and anyone is welcome to arrive as of 6:30 p.m. The meeting is at 7:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:15 sharp!

The Nalle's home is on Lake Austin and while they have cattle and describe the home as "rustic," it is a lovely setting and a very gracious, hospitable locale. We hope you can join us for a delightful evening.

To be counted for the meal arrangements that evening, please email Tamara Vannoy at tamara-vannoy@austin.rr.com or Sue Munns at sgmuuns@gmail.com with your reservation. Or you can call Tamara at 795-9370 and Sue at 263-2423.

Directions to 4615 Bunny Run, Austin 78746:

Southbound on Loop 360, cross the bridge at Lake Austin. Turn right at the first light, Cedar Street, at Riverbend Church. Turn right on Bunny Run. Go 1/4 mile. You will see a sign that says Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve and three flagpoles with flags. That's the Nalle's! Gate code is 4615. Go down the hill to the second house (there are only two houses here). They live in the middle of a wildlife preserve, so it's pretty rustic.

Northbound on Loop 360 - turn left onto Cedar at the light. You will see Riverbend Church in front of you and to your left - can't miss it. If you get to the river, you went too far. See details above.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 1

Don't forget to remind your Aggie to apply for one of our Austin Aggie Mom's scholarships. The postmark deadline is April 1. No hand delivery, the envelope must be postmarked. Check our website, www.austinaggiemoms.org for all the details

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.

Cards for Joan Abbott

Some of you have asked about sending cheer cards to Joan Abbott. As you know, Joan and Frank started the Abbott Family Leadership Conference. Joan is having some serious health issues that didn't allow her to attend the Austin conference. We have been told that she enjoys receiving cards to boost her spirits and brighten her day. Her address is:


Mrs. Frank Abbott

P.O. Box 150001

Longview, TX 75615

Austin Texas A&M Mothers' Club 2008 - 2009 Officer Slate

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Christie Nalle, Mary Fellows or Linda Danz, is pleased to present the following Slate. Voting will occur on April 1 and Officer Installation shall occur on May 6, 2007.

Nominee	Office	
Carolyn Storey	President	
Karen Allen	Vice President at Large	
Anne Gordon	1 st VP (Membership)	
Debbie Slater	2 nd VP (Programs)	
Sue Munns	2 nd VP (Hospitality)	
Julia Scott		
Julie Black	3 rd VP (Singing Cadets Concert)	
Kathy Melde		
Danita Day	3 rd VP (Bracelets)	
Judy Skeen		
Sharon Baer	Treasurer	
Tamara Vannoy	Parliamentarian	
Sheryl Streder-Becker	Historian	
OPEN	Corresponding/Cheer Secretary & Recording Secretary	

Standing Committees

Cindy Smith	Newsletter
OPEN	Publicity
Debbie James	Email/Telephone
Virginia Higdon	Directory
Mary Fellows	Scholarship
Christine Hausmann	Webmaster
Linda Danz/Julie Matthews	New Member Mentoring
Reenie Rollo	Austin Abbott
Robin Starnes	Cap. City A&M Club
Liaison	
Debbie Holzheuser	Goody Bags
Tamara Vannoy	Goody Bags
Patsy Nichols	Federation Liaison
Nominations	Karen Allen



Texas A&M is about half-way through a five-year, \$20 million effort to add 447 new faculty members and \$300 million in cam-

AGGIE BRAGS

Traci Toone '06 who will graduate with her Master's Degree in Health Education on May 10th. She passed her orals this week and is much relieved. She was offered a job with Kurt Salmon Associates, a health care consulting agency, in San Francisco at Christmas break. She will start her job in July.

Daniel Howard, sophomore, has been chosen to be a counselor for Fish Camp this fall. This is the second year Daniel has been selected to participate as a counselor. Whoop! Daniel is the son of Greg & Kina Howard of Austin.



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>

Endowed Scholarship - J Malon Southerland Aggie Leader

MISSION: The J. Malon Southerland Aggie Leader Scholarship program was created to recognize and reward student involvement at Texas A&M University. Student leaders are dedicated to Texas A&M and are an important element in the success of our campus. Unlike most scholarships, the primary criteria in the decision process will be leadership and involvement. This scholarship reflects Texas A&M's commitment to the "other education."

ELIGIBILITY: These scholarships will be limited to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who will have completed one long semester at Texas A&M at the time of application. Applicants must be full-time students in a degree-granting course of study and have a satisfactory conduct record. They cannot be on academic or other probation. Applicants must have a **minimum** cumulative GPR of **2.5** at Texas A&M.

Application Online: http://sfacfmapps.tamu.edu/scholarships/SALS_cas0607.asp

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.

WE STILL NEED A RECORDING SECRETARY!

We are still looking for an Aggie Mom who would be interested in taking minutes during the monthly board meetings. This position doesn't take much time but provides a valuable service to our club. This is a great job for a current "Fish" mom or an incoming Aggie Mom. No experience required!!! Contact Christie Nalle, Mary Fellows or Linda Danz if you are interested.

Sterling Silver
\$100*
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* A price increase go into affect starting April 14 due to price increases from the manufacturer. New prices will be \$125 Silver and \$500 Gold. Buy now to get the lower prices.

AGGIE MOM WITH FOGHORN NEEDED!

How would you like to be the chair of the Publicity Committee? Your main job is to help publicize the Singing Cadets concert. Visit with Julia Scott - she did a fantastic job this year and can tell you all about it! You can shop at all the stores while getting permission to place our concert banners and tell your husband "it's for Aggie Moms".

Please let Christie Nalle, Mary Fellows or Linda Danz know that you are interested. We would love to have you join us!

In the most recent rankings released by Business Week, Mays Business School at Texas A&M University has climbed to 10th in the nation among public undergraduate business schools and 31st in the nation overall.

Reveille VII, current keeper of Texas A&M's decades-old mascot tradition—and the ranking member of its Corps of Cadets—will formally retire in May at the conclusion of the spring semester for the 46,000-student university