

Texas A&M



Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

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President's Message

Howdy Ladies,

Our November meeting was a wonderful mixture of entertainment and work. The Texas A & M University Singing Cadets sent a quartet to sing just a few of their terrific numbers from their concert material. They were wonderful and told delightful stories of some of their past experiences. After a few nibbles, we got down to work stuffing the envelopes with letters and tickets that would invite hundreds of formers and others to the big concert on January 11th. Make sure to pick up posters of the Singing Cadets at the Christmas party.

And, speaking of the party, set aside December 4th for our annual Aggie Mom Christmas party. Patsy and Bruce Nichols have graciously offered their home for the party. It is close to our regular meeting place, Tarrytown United Methodist Church. Their address is 3301 River Road. Patsy told me that you can't miss the 60 foot decorated tree in the front yard. I can't wait to hear the story behind the tree!

As is our tradition, please bring an appetizer or dessert and an Aggie related gift for the gift exchange. Please keep the gift under \$15 and the exchange is completely optional. Another great thing to bring is a friend. This is a wonderful opportunity to call someone you know whose student is at A & M and introduce them to the club. We still have some informative and creative meetings left this year.

One item that has been discussed in our meetings is changing the night on which we meet. The board has authorized my to look into the availability of Tarrytown United Methodist Church next year and the procedure we must follow if we decide to follow up on the motion. We will have a board meeting before the party next month. All are welcome. We will be contacting everyone by e-mail after the board meeting. Please be watching for that e-mail.

Again, it is such a pleasure to be a part of this dynamic group of women. You are always fun to be with and our meetings are never dull!

I look forward to our Christmas party and seeing you there.

Gig 'Em Good!

Karen - 306-0770 - president@austinaggiemom.org

Upcoming Events

- 22-23 Nov. TAMU Thanksgiving Holiday
- 23 Nov. Final Corp of Cadet March In for 2007, prior to the Lone Star Showdown game.
- 29 -30 Nov. "Winter in Aggieland" Craft Fair (MSC)
- 4 Dec. Aggie Mom's Christmas party
- 11 Jan. Singing Cadets Concert

Austin Aggie Mom's Programs for 2007-2008

DATE	THEME
Dec. 4	Christmas party - Aggie gift exchange and social
Jan. 11	Singing Cadets Concert at Great Hills Church, No Board Meeting
Feb. 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

Don't forget to purchase your Singing Cadets tickets. They make great holiday gifts.



Birthdays!!!!

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

Aggie Spirit

an intangible that binds together Texas A&M students - and former students - in a unique camaraderie.

Memorial Student Center

Aggies who have given their lives in wars are honored in this living memorial. Please respect those fallen Aggies by removing your hats when you step inside the building and by not walking on the grass surrounding the facility.

December Meeting – Annual Christmas Party!

The December meeting of Aggie Moms is traditionally a Christmas Party. Patsy Nichols has graciously agreed to host the meeting at her home, 3301 River Road a few blocks west of the church where we meet regularly. The Nichols' is located at the intersection of Pecos and River Road and it can be readily recognized by the forty-foot, decorated pine tree in their front yard. (Pecos St. runs parallel to Exposition, basically one long block west of Exposition.)

The party involves two contributions on your part. We ask that you bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share at the event. Also optionally please bring a wrapped Aggie gift item (cost under \$15) for an Aggie Gift exchange. You can optionally mark who it is from. There will be some serious exchanging

The meeting date is our usual first Tuesday on December 4. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 and anyone is welcome to attend. The party begins at 7:15 with actual activities beginning at 7:30 pm. . For more information please contact Tamara Vannoy, 795-9370 or Sue Munns, 263-2423.

Aggie Brags

Daniel Howard, sophomore, will made his third appearance on the weekly series of Friday Night Lights. He had a small speaking part which aired on Friday Nov. 16. Daniel is the son of Greg and Kina Howard of Austin.

Sean Waltman, senior, Squadron 3, son of Danita Day and Skip Waltman was awarded the George C. Marshall - Henry H. Arnold Air Force ROTC Award.

Singing Cadets Concert Performance

A big Thank You to all of you who came to the November meeting to stuff envelopes in preparation for the January concert. Wasn't it great to hear the Singing Cadet Quartet. What a great preview of the concert to come!

Thank you for taking posters to place around town.

This is our one fund raising event, and all money raised goes to the Singing Cadets and Austin Aggie Mom scholarships. Tickets on sale now.

Date: Friday January 11, 2008

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Great Hills Baptist Church

Ticket Price: \$10

Questions?

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Thanks so much and we look forward to having a great turn out!

Texas A&M Bracelet
Offered exclusively by the Austin Aggie Moms Club
All Proceeds Directly Benefit
A&M Service Organizations and Student Scholarships

Sterling Silver Bracelet - \$100 each
 18k Gold Bracelet - \$400 each
 Plus Tax (Silver: \$8.25 ea. / Gold: \$33.00 ea.)

We will sell bracelets 3 hours before the "Lone Star Showdown" the Texas A&M vs. Texas game, the day after Thanksgiving, November 23 at the Traditions Bookstore on George Bush Drive.



Additionally, we will be selling the bracelets at the MSC Winter in Aggieland Craft Fair which is held at the Memorial Student Center the Thursday and Friday the week after Thanksgiving, November 29 & 30 from 10 till 5 each day.

Volunteer Opportunities: Thurs., Nov. 29 and Fri. Nov. 30:

"Winter in Aggieland" Craft Fair at the MSC Sales are expected to be brisk, so we could use some extra help - even if it is just for an hour or two. Please contact Carolyn Storey at carolynstorey03@yahoo.com for additional information.

http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/ATM_bracelet_flyer07.pdf



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



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

Merit Scholarships
 Awarded this Spring by
 The Austin Texas
 A & M University
 Mothers' Club

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 or 327-2666

Ross Volunteers

The oldest honor guard and drill team of it's kind in the state. 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.

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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.

☆ **MANY THANKS TO TRADITIONS BOOKSTORE FOR ALLOWING US TO SELL BRACELETS ON GAME DAYS** ☆

BRACELETS AVAILABLE AT TRADITIONS BOOKSTORE BEFORE A&M/UT GAME Austin Aggie Mom's A&M bracelets will be for sale 3 hours prior to game time on Nov. 23 (TAMU vs. UT). The bracelets will be available at the Traditions Bookstore at 340 George Bush Drive. You save the \$7 shipping charge by purchasing on game days. The beautiful James Avery Bracelets are exclusively available from the Austin Aggie Moms club and make a perfect Christmas, Graduation or Birthday gift! Also look for ad and order form in the Texas Aggie magazine or on our website

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**Congratulations to Austin Aggie Mom Julie Black on completing the
New York Marathon on Nov. 4, 2007. Time: 3:24:00**

Mark Your Calendar for Austin Abbott!

Austin Abbott will be looking for a few good pillows for their delegates on Thursday, Feb 14 and Friday, Feb 15. To grab a delegate or two to stay at your home, email abbottops@gmail.com. For more information about Austin Abbott Family Leadership Conference, go to their website at <http://abbott.tamu.edu>. This conference really relies on our Aggie Mom Club to show our warm Austin hospitality – please get involved and sign up.

FALL GOODY BAG DELIVERY DATE - DEC 3