



# Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

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## President's Message

Howdy Ladies,

What a great October meeting! The food was delicious and abundant and Carol Binzer was as informative and entertaining as ever. She left some great handouts for us. If you weren't able to join us, ask at the next meeting for a copy.

Speaking of the next meeting, November is always a special time for us. The Texas A & M University Singing Cadets will send a quartet to entertain us while we stuff invitations to the Singing Cadet Concert in January. It is a fantastic preview of a wonderful night to come. It is the perfect time to invite a friend to enjoy the mini-concert and enjoy a casual meeting.

Patsy and Bruce Nichols have graciously offered to host the Christmas party in December. The Nichols' home is very close to our regular meeting place, Tarrytown United Methodist Church, so it will make it very easy to find. In keeping with tradition, everyone will bring either an appetizer or dessert. Drinks will be provided. The Aggie gift exchange is always a highlight. Bring a wrapped gift that costs less than \$15 and we will have a fun and sometimes vicious game of gift swap.

I would like to thank Christie Nalle for choosing my "outgoing" president's gift so early in the year. I love the silver angel with the TAM monogram. Actually, I wore it today! I feel as if I have only begun my year but will enjoy wearing the gift right away. It reminds me of how fortunate I am to be a part of this amazing organization. I am honored you are allowing me to lead you this year.

One of our own, Julie Black, will be running in the New York Marathon this month. Let's cheer her on and follow her progress on line. Good luck Julie.

Remember, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at Tarrytown United Methodist Church off Exposition. We would love to have all of our members come to at least one meeting this year. The meetings have been very lively and it has been so enjoyable meeting all our new moms. We miss our members who have been away for a while. Please consider joining us soon.

See you at the mini-concert.

Gig 'Em

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### Upcoming Events

- Nov. 9-11 Aggie Mom's Weekend Retreat
- 1 Nov. Fall Goody Bag Order Deadline
- 7 Nov. Austin Aggie Mom's Monthly Meeting
- 18 Nov. Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
- 22-23 Nov. TAMU Thanksgiving Holiday

## Austin Aggie Mom's Programs for 2007-2008

| DATE    | THEME                                              |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 6  | Singing Cadets Quartet and envelope stuffing party |
| Dec. 4  | Christmas party - Aggie gift exchange and social   |
| Jan. 11 | Singing Cadets Concert at Great Hills Church       |
| March   | Past Presidents Dinner (at Austin Country Club)    |
| April   | To Be Announced                                    |
| May     | Installation of Officers                           |



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

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

## **Nov. 11 Austin Aggie Mothers Club Monthly Meeting** SINGING CADETS QUARTET & ENVELOPE STUFFING PARTY

Ladies! You will not want to miss our November meeting. Come and enjoy a delightful evening featuring a quartet from our very own Singing Cadets. They will be here to entertain us as we stuff envelopes to invite everyone to the upcoming Austin Singing Cadets Concert . It will be a great time of fun and preparation .

**Time:** Board (6:15 for social, 6:30 for meeting) General meeting (7:00 social, 7:15 meeting).

**Place:** Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2531 Exposition Blvd, Austin, TX 78703

Meeting room is on the north side of the church off McCullough Street. Park along McCullough and enter at the arch in the middle of the north side of the building.

### **Parent Weekend and Graduation Hotel Reservations**

Hotels in Bryan/College Station tend to fill up during busy times like Parents' Weekend and Graduation. If you are planning to attend either of these, we encourage you to make arrangements as early as possible. The Convention and Visitors Bureau website provides links to most area hotels: <http://visitaggieland.com/>

**Being an Aggie is a lifelong experience**



## **TEXAS A&M SINGING CADETS COMING TO AUSTIN** **REMEMBER SAVE THE DATE!**

Our very own Texas A&M Singing Cadets, known internationally as the "Voice of Aggie Land", will be rolling into Austin for an evening filled with outstanding music, memorable humor, and loads of fun. This will be a fantastic time!

### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP!**

- We will have posters to place around town so please be thinking now of where you can help us place them.
- We will need volunteers for the night of the event as well as to bake cookies.
- Let your families, friends and neighbors know the dates now!
- We will be having a raffle, if anyone has a business to advertise and wants to donate to our raffle, we will put their name in the program.

This is our one fund raising event, and all money raised goes to the Singing Cadets and local scholarships. Tickets go on sale in November, and will be \$10 per person.

## **Elephant Walk**

**Marks the transition of the graduating senior class handing down its role as leaders to the incoming senior class. The seniors wander through campus like old elephants that leave the herd to die.**

**Date: Friday January 11, 2008**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Place: Great Hills Baptist Church**

*Questions?*

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## Final Fall Semester Student Goody Bag Reminder

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 **NOVEMBER 1** to guarantee delivery of Fall Semester Goody Bags!

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



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

## ATMentors - "Open Doors, Open Minds"

### What are mentors?

Mentors are TAMU faculty, staff, and administrators who volunteer extra office hours to make themselves available to students who just want to talk to someone. We currently have about 165 mentors on campus.

### What do mentors do?

1. Mentors advise students in their area of experience and competence.
2. Mentors stay informed about current TAMU services so they can act as effective referral sources to students whose problems are outside the Mentor's expertise.
3. Mentors provide a caring, nonjudgmental ear when a student just needs to talk.
4. Mentors provide a smile, a helping hand, and eagerness to serve as stepping stones instead of stumbling blocks – these are the nuts and bolts of Mentoring.

(The ATMentors program does not attempt to replace or substitute for the programs provided by departmental advisers, the Student Counseling Service, and the many other valuable student services available at TAMU. On the contrary, Mentors work hand-in-hand with all of these services, helping students to locate and use them.)

For more information visit ATMentors webpage at <http://mentors.tamu.edu/>.

**Aggies never lose, though we may run out of time**

## 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 be selling bracelets on Oct. 27 at Traditions Bookstore on George Bush Dr. for three hours before the start of the Kansas game. They make great Christmas and Graduation gifts! Show your school spirit and support by wearing one."

[http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/ATM\\_bracelet\\_flyer07.pdf](http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/ATM_bracelet_flyer07.pdf)

## Aggie Ring

The Aggie Ring is one of the most symbolic of our traditions. Everything seen on the ring represents a value that an Aggie should hold. When an Aggie sees the ring on another Aggie's hand, a spontaneous reunion occurs.

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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 ON HOME GAME DAYS** Austin Aggie Mom's A&M bracelets will be for sale 3 hours prior to game time on Oct. 27 ( TAMU vs. Kansas game ). 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

[http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/ATM\\_bracelet\\_flyer07.pdf](http://www.austinaggiemoms.org/ATM_bracelet_flyer07.pdf)

Alcohol Awareness Week

Parents are an important partner in conveying the message about alcohol use and abuse. We hope you will join us in encouraging your student to visit the Alcohol and Drug Education Program (ADEP) display and activities the week of October 21-27, 2007.

<http://studentlife.tamu.edu/adep/>

On February 22, at 8:00 p.m., the members of the University's Wind Symphony – representing Aggieland's finest wind, brass and percussion musicians – will fill the Isaac Stern Auditorium at New York City's Carnegie Hall with the musical strains of Bernstein, Holst, Gershwin, Sousa and other noted composers. If you'd like more information on the benefit itself and/or ticket sales please visit

<http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu/carnegie>

MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP! - Remind your Aggie Mom friends that it's not too late to join the Austin Aggie Mothers' Club. It's a bargain for only \$20. We have many wonderful guest speakers planned, Christmas party, Singing Cadets sampler, etc. The opportunity to meet other Aggie moms, share, learn and support. Membership forms are available on the website:

[www.austinaggiemoms.org](http://www.austinaggiemoms.org)