

# Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs Newsletter

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Once An Aggie Mom  
Always An Aggie Mom

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[www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org)

## President's Message

What an honor it is to be serving as the president and team leader of the Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Club for 2010-2011. The theme I chose for this year is "Once An Aggie Mom, Always An Aggie Mom". I believe those words fit us all! There are some really wonderful ladies on your Federation Board this year with true servant's hearts. Your board is ready to help with anything that you or your club might need. It would be a privilege for us to assist your clubs in making a difference in the lives of our students.

We have had great turnouts to each one of the New Parent Socials and the summer isn't even over yet. Janet Graef, our 8<sup>th</sup> VP, has done a wonderful job being in charge at each one of these meetings. Janet and her helpers are the first encounter some of these moms have with an Aggie Mom.

Aggie Mom Camp will be here before we know it. Cynthia Sanford and Rochelle Pena have been working hard to get everything ready for camp. The theme this year is "Angels in Aggieland – Keepers of the Spirit". Please put November 12-14 on your calendar. We will once again have camp at the Hilton Hotel in College Station. It would be great if you could get a group together, share a room, come to camp and have fun making lifelong friends and great memories. I look forward to seeing you in November.

I would like to encourage you, as president of your club, and as many of your officers as possible to attend the fall Federation meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have speakers from the university that you will not want to miss. It is always great to hear Dr. Loftin. There will be some important information pertaining to Boutique that you will need to hear. This year we will have Mr. Bruce Marquess, CPA, speaking to us concerning the filing of each club's 990 and other IRS issues that have to do with our local clubs.

Please continue to check our website [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org) for up to date information for your clubs. Kari Roush '80 is doing a great job as our webmaster.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Fall Federation Board Dinner, meeting, and workshops. I would love to meet those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting and get reacquainted with those whom I have.

Have a great rest of the summer.

With Aggie Mom Love,  
Mary Hodges

## Federation Dinner & Meeting

Please join us for the Fall Federation Board Dinner on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and then the general meeting and workshops on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. This year the Board dinner will be in Koldus, Room 110 and 111. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Enclosed is an invitation to the Board Dinner. **Please note that the Federation Board Dinner and meeting are open to all Aggie Moms.**

The first Federation Meeting of the 2010-2011 school year will be at Texas A&M University in Rudder Tower, Room 601. The coffee and reception time is 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the workshops beginning at 11:30 a.m.

**Club Presidents:** Please plan for you (or a representative) to pick up your president's packet at the meeting. There will be a \$6.00 postage charge to mail your packet.

## 2011 AGGIE MOM BOUTIQUE \* \* IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS AND BOUTIQUE CHAIRPERSONS: We have a special guest speaker for the Boutique Workshop on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and would love to have you attend and learn of news and updates for the 2011 Boutique. Rosa Rodriguez, Administration Coordinator from Marketing and Communications at Texas A&M, will give a presentation on the use of TAMU Trademarks and answer questions you may have. These regulations apply to the products you may have to market at Boutique during Parents Weekend, April 15-16, 2011. Please plan to be there and be informed!

For any questions, contact Sharon Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Boutique, at (409) 882-1393 or e-mail at [sljohnson47@att.net](mailto:sljohnson47@att.net).

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**Aggie Mom Workshops Saturday, August 28, 2010**

All Aggie Moms who will be attending the Fall Federation Meeting will be able to sign up for our very informative workshops which will be held following our General Meeting. There will be several sessions from which to choose, all held in Rudder Tower from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

Workshop Topics include: \* *President and President Elect –Effective Leadership* \* *How to Prepare for a Successful Boutique* \* *Increasing Membership through Great Programs* \* *District Meeting Hostess* \* *Tax Advice for Aggie Moms Clubs* \* *Aggie Mom Camp* \* *Electronic Communication - Your Website* \* *Aggie Mom Scrapbooking.*

Presidents, bring your members and officers along for some helpful information for your club. This is also a great way for your members to get ideas from other Aggie Mom Clubs to help your club run a successful year. The registration form can be found on the Federation website. There is room for everyone!

If you have questions please contact Tina Gibson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Programs at [mdgaggie@aol.com](mailto:mdgaggie@aol.com) or 281-491-6599.

**Your Assistance Please**

I am looking for six enthusiastic Aggie Moms to help with Registration at the Fall Federation Meeting, Saturday, August 27, from 8:00 am until the meeting begins at 9 am. If you are interested in helping, please email me at [pontious82@aol.com](mailto:pontious82@aol.com) or call (281) 693-4807. Thanks in advance for your help!

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Kay Pontious

Federation 3rd VP - Registration

**Aggie Mom Fish Camp**

"Angels in Aggieland - Keepers of the Spirit!" will be this year's theme for Aggie Mom Fish Camp 2010. Camp will be held at the Hilton Hotel in College Station, November 12-14, 2010. Registration will be limited to the first 200 Moms with a deadline of October 1, 2010 so please do not delay.

For more information visit Fish Camp at [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org), or contact co-chairs

Cynthia Sanford at 817.346.0085 / [cynsanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cynsanford@sbcglobal.net) or Rochelle Pena at 972.527.5607 / [rpena@utdallas.edu](mailto:rpena@utdallas.edu).

Please share this information with your local club members so they too can join us for a weekend of food, fun, fellowship, and a lot of tradition. Hope to see you there!

**Got Pictures!**

I would like to ask all Aggie Moms' Clubs to send in their current year memories, pictures, and stories so that I can document the scrapbook for Mary Hodges' year 2010-2011. I know a lot of the clubs are just now starting up with summer events, but please ask them send to me anything they would like included to:

Ginger Morton-Historian

Federation Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs

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**Parliamentarian update**

Howdy! I am Melissa Faubion and I am your new parliamentarian. I have contacted some of you for updates on your *bylaws and/or scholarship applications*. If you have not already sent those in please do so as soon as possible. This is all new to me and I am still learning, but I hope to be of service to anyone who needs information.

**Parent Socials are going really well.**

With half of the 12 dates finished, 373 interest forms have been completed and turned in by new Aggie Moms. This includes 8 adopt-a-mom forms. Any clubs who would like to adopt a mom should please contact me ASAP at [mommagraef@yahoo.com](mailto:mommagraef@yahoo.com). This is a great way to help these out of state moms be a part of the Aggie Mom family and also have that connection with their Aggies. I will be sorting through and sending all of these forms to the respective clubs. Once received, be sure to contact these new moms as they are anxiously awaiting to hear from you!

I would like to send out a big thank you to all the moms who have helped with the Parent Socials. They are: Jeanne Harrell, Cathy Smock, Pat Lindsey, GERALYN West and Laura Hlavinka (Brazos County); Mary Widmier (Kingwood/Humble); Lois Keith (Denton County); Mary Hodges (Abilene); Monica Stefek and Arlene David (Williamson County); Debbie Cortez, Barbara Nachlas, Donna Croft, Paula Ordeneaux, Sharon Jamison and Deb Fincher (Fort Bend); Tondi Branch, Amy Schreiber, Valerie Reeves and Ann Coker (Katy West); Judy Barnes (Collin County); Tootie Tanner, Beverly Williams, Janie Maxey, Tami Keller and Marsha Lopas (McLennon County); Prissy Urban (Attascosa County).

\*A side note: I am still working on the '09-'10 scrapbook and would like to have more pictures. If any clubs have pictures of meetings, events, fundraisers, district meeting, etc. during April 2009 - April 2010, please send me copies at 2303 Mildred Drive, Taylor, TX 76574 or [mommagraef@yahoo.com](mailto:mommagraef@yahoo.com).

Thanks and Gig 'Em!  
Janet Graef  
8th VP/Parent Socials

**\*\*2011 District Meetings -- The Tradition Continues\*\***

Howdy Ladies!

Mark your calendars for January 21 & 22, 2011 for a weekend of informative meetings, great fellowship, and Aggie Mom FUN!

The format will continue the combination of the Winter Federation meeting and the annual District meetings. Each District will meet together with one club from each District serving as the host club. The District meeting time is one of FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP! It is a great time to share ideas and get to know each other.

We are excited to have you join us for the many activities planned for the weekend and for the opportunity to make new Aggie Mom friends at the District level and throughout the entire organization. Make plans now to join us to hear some great speakers, visit with your Aggies, and attend your District meeting. You'll also have a chance to purchase "All-things-Aggie" at our mini-Boutique.

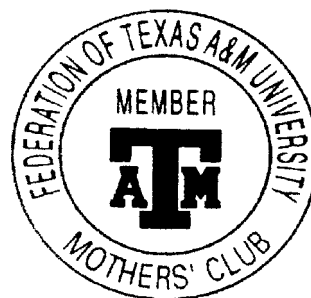
Details and the registration form will be posted in the Fall on the Federation website: [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org).

Any suggestions, questions, or comments, please contact me at [agmom77@yahoo.com](mailto:agmom77@yahoo.com) or 214-927-6184.

Looking forward to seeing you there in January!

Thanks and Gig 'em,  
Troie Pruett Burch '77  
Federation 6<sup>th</sup> VP - District

District	Host Club	Location and Date
1	Wise & Johnson	<b>"ONCE AN AGGIE MOM, ALWAYS AN AGGIE MOM"</b> College Station, Texas  <b>Friday, January 21, 2011</b>  Federation Dinner - 6:30 pm
2	Collin County	
3	Angelina County	
4	Tri-County	
5	Waco/McClennan County	<b>Saturday, January 22, 2011</b>  Federation Meeting - 8:30 am   Luncheon - Noon
6	Brazoria County	
7	Beaumont	
8	Guadalupe County	
9	San Angelo	District Meetings and Mini-Boutique  1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
10	Combined w District 14	
11	Rio Grande Valley	
12	Combined w District 3	
14	Combined w District 10	

**2010-2011  
District Liaisons**

**District 1:**

**Troie Burch**

**District 2:**

**Dawn Powell**

**District 3:**

**Ginger Morton**

**District 4:**

**Jeanne Harrell**

**District 5:**

**Janet Graef**

**District 6:**

**Kay Pontious**

**District 7:**

**Sharon Johnson**

**District 8:**

**Prissy Urban**

**District 9:**

**Sharon Jones**

**District 10:**

**Kari Roush**

**District 11:**

**Linda Schmidt**

**District 12:**

**Tina Gibson**

**Districts 14 & 15:**

**Sharon Jones**

**Club Problems:**

**Melinda Weiblen**

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Koldus, Room 110 and 111

**Fall Federation Meeting - Saturday, August 28, 2010**  
Coffee 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Rudder Room 601  
Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rudder Room 601  
Workshops 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Rudder Tower

**Winter Federation Board Dinner - Friday, January 21, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Location TBD

**Winter Federation Meeting - Saturday, January 22, 2011**  
Coffee 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Rudder Room 601  
Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rudder Room 601  
Luncheon 12:00 p.m.  
District Meetings and Mini Boutique - 1:30 p.m - 3:00 p.m  
Location TBD

**Spring Federation Meeting - Parents' Weekend 2011**  
April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
More information in our next Federation Newsletter

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