

Federation Of Texas A & M University Mothers' Clubs Newsletter

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*Music Brings Harmony
to Aggieland*

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President's Message

Howdy!

Wow! I cannot believe my year as President is coming to an end. It had been a fantastic year until February 27th when my beloved father, Jack Blann, Class of '49, passed away unexpectedly. Some knew him as 'the candy man'. He loved to make his special candy for me to give as gifts. As in my first President's Message published in the yearbook, "My parents taught me that when you dream, you need to set your goal and go for it". I dedicate my year as President to my parents, and especially my dad, who taught me to love Aggieland with all my heart.

Serving as Federation President has been an honor and an experience that I will never forget. I felt so privileged representing all Aggie Moms as part of the MSC Renovation Advisory Committee and all the other committees I served on throughout the year. I enjoyed meeting and visiting with moms all over the state as I attended the District Meetings, installed new club officers, and spoke at local club meetings. Thank you for all the great memories. I appreciate your confidence and support throughout the year as I represented you. Once again, it has been an honor.

I would like to also thank my board members. We have worked as a team carrying out the mission of the Federation by supporting all Aggie Mom Clubs, our students and Texas A&M University. Thank you for your time, energy, encouragement, and understanding throughout the year. The reception following the Spring Meeting on April 18 will honor these great ladies who served on the 2008-2009 Federation Executive Board.

Thank you for embracing my theme this year, "Music Brings Harmony to Aggieland". When making your annual donations, please remember the TAMU Music Department and the other ways music plays a part in Aggieland.

The future of Aggie Moms rests in the strength of our membership. Always remember that the Federation Officers are here for you if you ever have a question or concern.

Working in Harmony for Aggieland,

Mary Cooper

Federation Meetings, Election & Installation of Officers, Yearbook Dedication, & 2008-2009 Board Reception

Join us for the Spring Business Meetings, including the Election and Installation of the 2009-2010 Officers, Yearbook Dedication, and a reception for the outgoing Executive Board. *Please note that there has been a change in location of the meetings.*

Friday evening, April 17th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. we will have the Yearbook Dedication and Election of 2009-2010 Officers in Room 202.

The Spring Meeting and Installation of the 2009-2010 Officers will be held Saturday morning, April 18th, in Room 202. Registration is 8:00-8:30 a.m. The Installation of Officers will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Room 202, followed by a reception for the outgoing Executive Board. The reception will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Room 203.

The meetings and the reception are open to all Aggie Moms, their friends and family!

2008-2009

Federation Officers

President:

Mary Cooper

Honorary Presidents:

Dr. Elsa A. Murano

Dr. Peter Murano

Vice President @ Large:

Kathy Steffen

Interim President Elect:

Kathy Steffen

1st Vice President:

Dawn Powell

2nd Vice President:

Mary Hodges

3rd Vice President:

Rosanne Peyton

4th Vice President:

Robin Galvan '79

5th Vice President:

Melinda Weiblen

6th Vice President

Sharon Johnson

7th Vice President

Prissy Urban

8th Vice President

Ginger Morton

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Linda Schmidt

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Margaret Thompson

Parliamentarian:

Troie Burch '77

Corresponding Secretary:

Peggy Spaeth '74

Aggie Mom Camp Directors:

Gloria Graves

Kristi Spencer

Hospitality Directors:

Jo Goodwin

Jeanette Tyer

Rochelle Pena

Parents' Weekend Boutique

The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs will host its annual Parents' Weekend Aggie Moms Boutique from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Aggie Moms Boutique is held at Reed Arena and admission is free.

Doors will open at 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, to unload materials and set up your displays. There will be no raffles, drawings or distribution of final exam bags allowed on the arena floor.

Since Boutique is open during the Saturday morning Federation Meeting, we urge you to get students or dads to assist your club as sales people so you and your members can attend the meeting.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our 5th Vice-President, Melinda Weiblen, by phone at 210-392-9612 or by email at weiblenaggies@yahoo.com.

2008-2009 Scrapbook

The Federation would like each club to be represented in the 2008-2009 scrapbook. If you have memorabilia and/or photos from a special event such as installation of officers, howdy parties, fundraising events, special projects, etc., please send information to:

Linda Schmidt, Historian
Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers'
596 Loop 51
Yoakum, Texas 77995
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Phone: 361-293-6777

Aggie Mom Camp

Gloria Graves and Kristi Spencer had a wonderful time hosting Aggie Mom Camp this past year. The success of AMC '08 would not have been possible without their fantastic team of staff and counselors. They extend their heartfelt thanks to each of them.

But the time has come to pass the torch on. Your dynamic duo for AMC 2009 is Helen Howell and Kerri Blanton. They will have a booth set up at Boutique during Parents' Weekend so make plans to drop by and say "HOWDY".

During Parents' Weekend, we will also be collecting 2 gift items from each club. It is through this generous gift of giving of our clubs that we are able to provide door prizes for the attendees of Aggie Mom Camp.

If you have not attended Camp, make plans to do so this year. If you are looking for information about this fun filled weekend, you may contact the co-chairs via email at the following addresses: WalkingHRanch@gmail.com (Helen) or kfblanton@att.net (Kerri).

Help Wanted

Rosanne Peyton, 3rd VP-Registration, is asking for help again from six Aggie Moms willing to work the Registration tables at the Spring Federation Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00 a.m. till the meeting starts. If you are interested in helping her, please email Rosanne at mrbpeyton@aol.com or call 915-581-9755.

Texas A&M University PARENTS' WEEKEND 2009**Schedule of Events**

Ring Day	April 17	All Day	Clayton Williams Building
Aggie Moms Boutique	April 17	10 am- 4:30 pm	Reed Arena
MSC Variety Show	April 17	7 pm	Rudder Auditorium
Midnight Yell	April 17	Midnight	Kyle Field
Aggie Moms Boutique	April 18	9 am - 5 pm	Reed Arena
Bevo Burn BBQ	April 18	11 am-2 pm	Duncan Field
Maroon/White Football Game	April 18	2 pm	Kyle Field
Singing Cadets Concert	April 18	7:30 pm	Rudder Auditorium
All University Awards Ceremony	April 19	9:30 am	Rudder Auditorium

For complete details of all events, please refer to the official website:

<http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/>

Scholarship Deadline

The TAMU Financial Aid Department would like to remind all Aggie Moms clubs that Form G and awards must be received by July 1, 2009. They have requested that donors get their funds and awards in as soon as possible so the students will know what they have in their budgets for the 2009-2010 academic year. For more information, contact:

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Share the News

Often members have indicated that they have not gotten important information in a timely manner. Presidents, please make an effort to share the Federation newsletter with your club. Make it a point to display at your club meetings and/or pass it around at your board meetings. Anyone requesting a copy may find the newsletter posted on the Federation website.

**2008-2009
District Liaisons****District 1:**

Melinda Weiblen

District 2:

Margaret Thompson

District 3:

Ginger Morton

District 4:

Robin Galvin

District 5:

Janet Graef

District 6:

Kathy Steffen

District 7:

Sharon Johnson

District 8:

Prissy Urban

District 9:

Mary Hodges

District 10:

Patsy Nichols

District 11:

Linda Schmidt

District 12:

Rebecca Demeter

Districts 14 & 15:

Rosanne Peyton

Club Problems:

Dawn Powell

Thank You for allowing
me to serve as your
Corresponding Secretary
this year!

Peggy Spaeth '74

For questions regarding
this newsletter or articles
of interest, please contact

Peggy Spaeth '74
Corresponding Secretary

at:

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We're on the Web!
www.aggie moms.org

Federation Meeting Calendar 2009

Spring Federation Meeting - Parents' Weekend 2009 - Reed Arena

Business Meeting

Yearbook Dedication and Election of 2009-2010 Officers

Friday, April 17, 2009 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Reed Arena, Room 202

Spring Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2009-2010

Saturday, April 18, 2009 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Reed Arena, Room 202

Reception Honoring 2008-2009 Federation Board

Saturday, April 18, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Reed Arena, Room 203

Boutique

Friday, April 17, 2009 and Saturday, April 18, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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