

Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs Newsletter

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PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOWDY! This amazing year has flown by! It certainly has been a special privilege and personal lifetime honor to serve as your Federation President for 2015-2016. Being able to meet and visit with many of you is what makes this job so rewarding. Thanks to all for these cherished memories that I will keep with me forever!

Dedicating my year to the Division of Student Affairs has brought wonderful new friends – administrators and students alike. The Winter Program on Texas A&M's Core Values led by student leaders brought home how important this department is to all students.



Aggie Mom Boutique

Aggie Mom Boutique 2016, our spectacular on-campus fund raiser for Aggie Moms' Clubs during Parents' Weekend (April 8-9) is quickly approaching. Boutique will once again be held in the beautiful MSC (Memorial Student Center) - the place where Boutique began many years ago. Boutique booths will occupy most of the second floor with raffle tables located in the corridors. You will be able to shop to your heart's content for wonderful treasures, many handmade by other Aggie Moms. The MSC also provides food venues, an ATM for your convenience, and opportunities to visit with friends and family in a very comfortable setting. Conveniently located across from Kyle Field where the Spring Football game will be held on Saturday afternoon-the perfect time to see the renovated Kyle field and watch our Fightin' Texas Aggies!! Whoop!

Elections, Meeting, and Installation

Please join us for the *Spring Federation Business Meeting, Election of 2016 - 2017 Officers and Yearbook Dedication* by President-Elect Sharon Johnson on Friday, April 8 at 5:30 PM at Koldus in Rooms 110-111. On

Saturday, April 9, the *Spring Federation Meeting and Installation of Officers* will also be held at Koldus in Rooms 110-111. Registration is from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. followed by the Business Meeting and Installation of Officers beginning at 8:30 a.m. For those of you who love Miss Reveille, she is known to make an appearance to greet the Aggie Moms! Our long-standing tradition of hosting the Singing Cadets for a mini-concert as well as a chance to have your photograph made with Miss Reveille is a must! A reception for the outgoing Board members will wrap up the year's events, so please plan to join us.



Spring Activities

Starting with the Winter Dinner in the impressive Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center in Flores Hall with a slide show featuring our events thus far on the 49 panel jumbo screen, Winter Federation meetings, Workshops, a memorable Fire Alarm, Mini-

Boutique, first ever Winter Workshops, and then another first – a Fun Fun Fun – Aggie Mom Social and Box Lunch at Benjamin Knox's Gallery and Wine Bar complete with photo props. Many thanks to Benjamin Knox for his hospitality and generous Aggie Mom dedication piece – more on er.

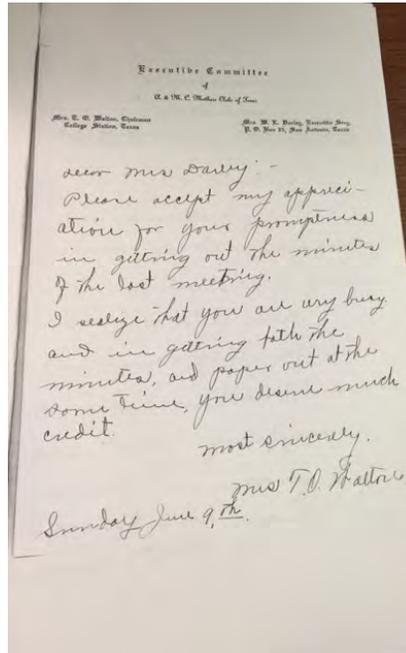
There was much fun and fellowship with attendees at the District meetings across the state (more on those from Carolyn), the Houston Aggie Moms Crazy Auction and judging 22 Aggie Chili recipes at the Ft. Worth Tarrant County Chili Cook off! I represented the Federation at The Association of Former Students' Winter Leadership Council meeting, attended a Fightin' Texas Aggie Baseball game (WIN!), but had to miss the Dallas County Singing Cadets' concert back at home! I'm looking forward to the Collin County Howdy Rowdy Roundup and installing the Northeast Tarrant County officers in the Spring! I wish that I could attend all of your Spring event fundraisers. I LOVE seeing all of your photos on Facebook of all of the fun events that you are having! Aggie Moms just want to have FUN!

Cushing Archives

On two of my trips to A&M on weekdays, I spent a total of about 10 hours going through Federation archived documents in Cushing Library. The building is beautiful and I LOVE the history that is stored there! The library is in the center of campus behind the Academic Building so I loved walking by the campus buildings where I used to have classes. There I have special memories of where I met my husband (Chordate Anatomy class in the Biology Building) and where we went on our first date. (He

walked me home from OPAS in Rudder Auditorium past the Academic Building and Sully where someone was playing "Somewhere My Love" on a violin in the alcoves at 2 am in the morning! It is still our song!)

I took photos of over 500 pages to name and categorize! I wish I could have read each one – maybe later! Wow so many things have changed! The most fun ones were



the very, very beginning handwritten documents on onion skin paper (and photo copied). Everyone addressed each other as "Mrs. T.O. Gathright" – for example. Did you know that the first Federation Presidents were actually the wives of the Presidents of the university? They were trying to decide if they should spend their money on a pipe organ or on a

swimming pool! (Which one do you think the boys would have wanted?!)

I was surprised to see that there used to be some different officers on the Board. As times and needs changed, the officers changed. However, many things are still the same and it is heartwarming to see that some traditions have carried on as the organization has adapted to change as it was needed.

New Position on the Aggie Family Parent and Family Advisory Board

The Federation is especially honored to have been offered a permanent Aggie Mom's position on a new Advisory Board sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and New Student & Family Programs. The department has requested that the Past President, or as we call it – the VP-at-large, serve in this role. The Aggie Parent & Family Advisory Board is launching this spring. The implementation of this board comes after a tremendous amount of research and benchmarking with peer institutions. The Aggie Parent & Family Advisory Council seeks to continually improve the support provided to families by New Student & Family Programs and across the university. Among other duties, the Aggie Parent & Family Advisory Council recommends programming activities for the New Student & Family Programs, provides feedback about University programs,

discusses issues that are of concern to family members, recommends content for publications, participates in New Student & Family Programs events, and assists with the recruitment of new Aggie Parent & Family Advisory Council members.

By the time you get this, the Nominating Committee will have met and the 2016-2017 Slate of Officer Nominees will be presented. And then the year will be winding down..... (Sad Face ☹).

I look forward to seeing you during Parents' Weekend. Safe travels to Aggieland!

In the Aggie Spirit,

Troie Pruett Burch '77
Federation President 2015-16

AGGIE MOM BOUTIQUE-PARENT'S WEEKEND



The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs will host its annual Aggie Moms' Boutique during Parents' Weekend. Boutique will be open for sales on the upper level of the Memorial Student Center in the Ballrooms. Raffle tables will be located in the corridors outside of the ballrooms.

Boutique hours are:

Friday, April 8th 10:00 AM until 5 PM
Saturday, April 9th 9 AM until 5 PM

Since Boutique is open during the Saturday morning Federation meeting in Koldus, please encourage your Aggies and Aggie Dads to assist your club sales people so you and members of your club can attend the Spring Federation Meeting.

Details about Boutique are available on the Aggie Mom website: www.aggie moms.org . If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 5thvpboutique@aggienetwork.com or peggy.nolan.1029@gmail.com or call 214-616-4851.

We are excited to welcome you to the MSC again this year for Boutique. See you there!

Peggy Nolan, Federation 5th VP – Boutique

2015-2016 DISTRICT MEETINGS

Our district meetings are in full swing and are going GREAT!! The number of clubs represented at each one is well over half and in most cases approaches 75% of the clubs in each district. That is AWESOME!! The moms who attend these 2-hour meetings in the “epicenter” of

their district are finding that a meeting over dinner equates to “Good Food, Good Company, Good Conversation, Good Times” and a GREAT way to receive training, share ideas, and collaborate with other moms in their geographic area. The discussion has included information on the filing of 990s and other tax issues, as well as scholarship and gift issues. Many great ideas have been shared for meeting programs and speakers. If you missed this year’s district meeting, please consider attending next year. Our new meeting format definitely provides more information and education than past meetings and is providing wonderful, positive results. Thank you to all of the moms who have attended a district meeting this year. Your enthusiastic participation has made them so successful.

Important kudos to Fran Marintsch, a current Federation board member. Fran developed the original framework for this new type of meeting and used it for several years within District 6 where she has been the district liaison; her results there were so positive that we took that model (with her blessing) and tweaked it a bit and now we have our new “Leadership Model District Meeting.” Thanks, Fran!!



Contact **Carolyn Phelan**, 6th VP for Districts, if you have any questions or comments at carolynfeyphelan@gmail.com or at 830-237-0450.



District 1 Meeting: Saturday, February 27, 2016
Spring Creek BBQ Ft Worth, Texas



District 2 Meeting: Saturday, March 19, 2016
Spring Creek BBQ, Richardson, Texas



District 5 Meeting: Monday, February 29, 2016
Mimi's Cafe, Round Rock, Texas



District 3 Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Jalepeno Tree Restaurant, Nacogdoches, Texas



District 6 Meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Rudy's, League City, Texas



District 4 Meeting: Saturday, March 6, 2016
Los Cabos Restaurante, Brenham, Texas



District 7 Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2016
New York Pizza & Pasta, Beaumont, Texas



District 8 Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2016
Salsalito Cantina, Helotes, Texas



District 12 Meeting: March 5, 2016
Gilmer National Bank Gilmer, Texas



District 9 Meeting: Saturday, February 20, 2016
Lowake Steak House, Lowake, Texas



District 11 Meeting: February 5-6, 2016
Mom's Bait Shop, Rockport Texas

HELP WANTED FOR REGISTRATION

Volunteers Needed for Registration at our Federation Meetings on April 8th and 9th!

Howdy! Registration just won't be the same without YOU!

We need 8-10 volunteers to man the Registration tables for our Federation meetings in April. Please email or call me if you and your friends would like to join us in welcoming members and visitors to the Spring Federation Meetings. You can help out at one meeting or at both meetings.

We need help beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 8th with registration and passing out voting delegate cards until the meeting begins at 5:30 PM. On Saturday morning, April 9th, assistance is needed from 8:00 AM until the meeting begins at 8:30 AM. Please join our team and meet lots of Aggie moms, University staff and guests.

Thanks!



Cindy Dube

3rd VP Registration

3rdVpRegistration@aggienetwork.com

713-412-7759

1ST VP MEMBERSHIP-GINGER MORTON



I am excited to let everyone know that there has been great interest in the Great States of the Northeast. Karen Ostberg has been working hard on recruiting Aggie Moms for the Northeast states. An organization meeting is planned for March 9th at 7:00 p.m. via Skype. Since the states are so far away from one another

and the weather in this region is unpredictable, Skype seemed like the best way for them to communicate.



Karen would like for any of us to let her know if we know any Aggie Moms that would like to be a part of their soon-to-be Aggie Moms Club. Karen will be at the Spring Federation meeting.

Karen can be contacted by email at kostberg@yahoo.com.

ADOPT AN AGGIE MOM UPDATE

Parker County Aggie Moms' Club was honored to be a part of the Adopt an Aggie Mom. We were also given Out of State Aggie Moms that were interested in being a member of Parker County Aggie Moms' Club. Lynora Carrigan, - President, contacted



each and every Out of State Aggie Mom. With very much interest, our club was excited to receive memberships from approximately 28 Aggie Moms from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Missouri, Iowa, North Carolina, Nevada, and a few more states. Also, this April during Parents' Weekend at the Aggie Mom Boutique, there will be Aggie Moms from Out of State helping to sell Aggie Boots. Our club calls our Adopted Aggie Moms to see how they're doing and if they need anything. We email our minutes from our meetings each month and we keep them updated on all matters with the club. We also send out cards to our Aggie Moms and students when they have accomplished something. Our out of state Aggie Moms are very thankful and happy to be a member of Parker County Aggie Moms' Club. We have had a successful year with all our Aggie Moms.

Lynora Carrigan

President
Parker County Aggie Moms' Club

FORM D (CLUB REPORTS) REMINDER



Howdy Ladies,
It is that time of year once again to send in your Club reports. It is the perfect time for those Aggie Brags about your club and all the activities that went on throughout the year. Your Form D should have already been completed and sent to me by March 15th. If you have not

been able to do so, please complete and email your digital version of Form D to me. My email address is: aggiemom85@gmail.com. You will find the form on the Federation website. Go to www.aggiemoms.org Go to Resources and then Federation Forms. The directions for how to complete, save, and send this form is on the Form D itself. If you have questions, please let me know. I am happy to help.

hanks and Gig 'Em,
4th VP-Projects - **Jana Patroliia**

~Save the Date~

**Aggie Mom
Camp**



Roughing It at the Hilton
October 14-16
College Station, Texas

AMC Co-chairs Karen Hunter, Dallas County and Clair Balliett, Deep East Texas



**2015-2016
DISTRICT LIAISONS**



District 1:

Peggy Nolan

District 2:

Katie McMordie Latham'80

District 3:

Ginger Morton

District 4:

Cindy Dube'91

District 5:

Jana Patroliia

District 6:

Fran Marintsch

District 7:

Barbara Kasper'82

District 8:

Carolyn Fey Phelan'89

District 9:

Cathy Haegelin

District 10:

Shannon Eberle

District 11:

Denise Fisher

District 12:

Kari Moore Roush'80

District 14 & 15

Cathleen Inman'88

Club Problems:

Sharon Johnson

Former Federation Presidents:

Linda Schmidt

YEARBOOK MESSAGE

Howdy from South Texas. Spring Semester is in full swing with many activities bringing Aggie Moms to campus. May you and yours enjoy every moment with your Aggie. Also please take a moment to fill out Form C (available on line to file on line) with your new officer information. You don't have to wait for the deadline to file but please make sure your Form C is submitted electronically by May 15, 2016 to the 7th VP Yearbook email.

If you have any questions on information and content I will be happy to assist.

May 15, 2016 is the Sunday AFTER GRADUATION this year.



Let's make this 100% compliance in filing and deadline. Thank you for your cooperation.

Denise Fisher
7th VP Yearbook

YEARBOOK CHANGES AS OF MARCH 13, 2016

CURRENT CLUBS

Denton County	President - Heather Frey, phone (972) 510-7269; hlfrey31@gmail.com
Friendswood/Clear creek	President – Cindy Dube 691 CR 351 Alvin, TX 77511 (713)412-7759 friendswoodccmoms@aggienetw.ork.com
Hood Area	President- Michelle Browning michellebrowning66@live.com
Lonestar	President-Susan Addison 3911 Concord Place Texarkana, TX 75503 (903)276-7830 addisons@cablone.net

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS ...

**Meet Aggie Artist Benjamin Knox '90
Friday, April 8, 2016, at 5:30 pm
Koldus, Rooms 110-111**

During the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs' Business Meeting, Benjamin Knox '90 will unveil his latest Aggie Mom painting, and will share his plan to raise scholarships by donating limited edition signed and numbered prints to every Federation Aggie Moms Club.

Other highlights of the Business Meeting include the dedication of the 2016-2017 Federation Yearbook and election of your 2016-2017 Federation officers.

**Singing Cadets Concert
Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 8:00 am
Koldus, Rooms 110-111**

The famous Texas A&M University Singing Cadets will perform during the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs' General Meeting on Saturday, April 9th. Other highlights of the General Meeting include Dr. Daniel Pugh, Vice President for Student Affairs; installation of your 2016-2017 Federation officers, presentation of the President's Quilt, and more!!



GALVESTON COUNTY AGGIE MOMS SUPPORT TEXAS A&M GALVESTON!

What a thrill to have an opportunity to share with you about our Aggie Mothers Club at your Branch Campus, Texas A&M University at Galveston. Often times we get questions from other Aggie Moms about the Galveston Campus and what it is like to live so close and serve hands-on. The answer is easy; it IS fabulous...Whoop!

Did you know?

- Galveston Mothers are spread all over the world from Singapore to the British Isles and represent 24 states in the U.S.
- We have 300 fully paid members with approximately 70 living within an hours' drive; under 35 folks live within a half hour.
- 16 of our club members have a student at TAMU and one at TAMUG.
- 9 club members live in the College Station area with a student on the TAMUG Campus and 7 live in the Galveston area with a student on the TAMU Campus.
- We financially support student groups and scholarships on BOTH campuses.
- As the Galveston Campus nears 3000 students, our club growth continues steadily upwards.
- Less than 10% of Galveston students transfer to College Station.
- We now call the Galveston Campus 'our home' for meetings and event preparations and have on-campus storage.
- Good relations with our campus staff has enhanced the effectiveness and level of our support to them and the students here locally.
- The TAMUG Police Department blesses us with 'anytime' parking privileges with a specially issued Aggie Mom dash-pass.
- Our local club members have the unique opportunity to love and support the University staff and students with the same traditions like: 12th Man, Big Event, Elephant Walk, Gig 'em Week, Maroon Out, Midnight Yell, Muster, Reveille, Ring Day, Silver Taps.
- We also enjoy serving the Texas Maritime Academy at Awards Day, March-Ins, Military Commissioning, and Pass in Reviews.
- Our club is represented at each Transfer and New Student Conferences during the summer and included with the TAMUG Staff for the parent and student presentations.
- Aggiland does not stop at the waters-edge!! Check out your Branch Campus commercial: <https://youtu.be/RrttU94q0s4>

SAME RING, SAME NETWORK, SAME SPIRIT

With our unique locale to this campus, we are called upon at all hours to meet students in the ER, deliver birthday cakes, transport students to the airports, and find a seamstress or car mechanic. We are involved in almost every tradition listed above and have recently added to our service calendars: Commencement Ceremonies, Student Health Awareness, Sea Aggie Previews, Family Weekend, and Texas Maritime Academy -March on the Bay and the TMA Olympics.

Allow me to give praise to the local moms (less than 35 close members) who pull all of this off. To say that we stay busy is an understatement. Our reward comes from the appreciative parents that live far away, the students wanting us involved in their activities and being valued by the University Staff; we are truly a family at TAMUG!



All A&M Mothers Clubs support the College Station Campus so this year we proudly reached out to the other 12 clubs in our District 6 and asked for Galveston Campus support. Additionally, we have extended invitations to them to join us at our events and even asked them to perhaps adopt one of our student organizations which have, per ratio, more than double student participation than that of the main campus.

Want to know more, ASK ME!

From the Loudest and Proudest Member of the Galveston County Aggie Mothers Club,

Connie Marquez, GCAM President

Pictured above: L-R front row: Elena Bryant, Connie Marquez, Cindy Scott
L-R middle row: Sue Chelf, Michelle Goswick, Rhonda Davis

L-R Back row: Monica Isgren, Kellee Traylor, Carrie Coutorie, Dalinda Dugal Not shown: Mary Louise Giamfortone, Diane Eckols

Benjamin Knox '99 Donates Aggie Mom Painting

Benjamin Knox '99, the very popular "Aggie artist" and faithful friend to Aggie Moms, has graciously designed an original piece specifically for Aggie Moms. The purpose of the original and the limited edition, signed and numbered prints will be to raise scholarships for students. The details of the campaign are under development and will be revealed at Parents' Weekend.

Troie Burch, Sharon Johnson, and Barbara Kasper were able to meet with Benjamin in February and consult with him on the design. We are very excited about his vision and can't wait to share it with everyone!

The unveiling of the painting will be at 5:30 pm at the Federation Spring meeting and Officer Election. The original will be donated to the Federation and used to raise funds to support the purpose of Aggie Moms. Individual clubs will receive signed and numbered prints to auction/raffle/sell to raise funds to benefit Student Scholarships to Texas A&M University. The number of prints per club will be based on the club membership numbers.

A very special thanks to Benjamin for his outstanding Aggie generosity!



Artist Benjamin Knox displays new Aggie Mom original work dedicated to Federation Aggie Mothers' Clubs for their fundraising efforts. Knox is shown with 2nd VP Barbara Kasper, President Troie Burch'77 and President -Elect Sharon Johnson



Benjamin Knox invited Aggie Moms to suggest ideas for his artwork inspired by their mission to server students and Texas A&M University.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SETS SLATE OF OFFICERS

Thanks to the Federation Nominating Committee that met in College Station on Saturday, March 5, 2016 to develop the slate of officers for the coming year.

The Nominating Committee members are:

Sherrice Judd	Dewitt/Lavaca
Janet Graef	Williamson County
Yvette Paredes-Gonzalez	Medina County
Alice Artmann	Brazoria County
Lynora Carrigan	Parker County

Officer elections will be held Friday, April 8 at 5:30 PM in Koldus 110-111. Sharon Johnson from Orange County Aggie Mom Club will serve as Federation President for the coming year and will lead the board of elected and appointed officers.

The committee has proposed the following slate of officers for 2016-2017:

President	Sharon Johonson	District 7	Orange County
Vice President at Large	Troie Burch'77	District 2	Collin County
President-Elect	Carolyn Phelan '89	District 8	Comal County
1 st VP Membership	Peggy Nolan	District 2	Dallas County
2 nd VP Programs	Denise Fisher	District 11	Coastal Bend
3 rd VP Registration	Shannon Eberle	District 4	NW Harris Cty
4 th VP Projects	OPEN		
5 th VP Boutique	Cathleen Inman'88	District 8	Blanco County
6 th VP Districts	Diane Eckols	District 6	Galveston Cty
7 th VP Yearbook	OPEN		
8 th VP Parent Socials	Kristi King	District 2	Kaufman Cty
Recording Secretary	Jana Patroli'a'85	District 5	Bastrop County
Treasurer	Colleen Holmes	District 4	Brazos County
Historian	OPEN		

Nominations from the floor will be accepted for all positions. If someone would like to run from the floor, it is best if someone in your club nominate you (not required) and have a summary of qualifications if requested. If not from your club, someone else should be prepared to nominate you. The eligibility requirements are in the Federation Bylaws.

In order to speed up the Voting Delegate check in procedure, we are asking that each Club President submit the names of your delegates plus two alternates to 3rdVPRegistration@aggienetwork.com, , Cindy Dube, by **March 31, 2016**. Please use the Google Doc link that was sent to each President. The delegates must be **active** members as defined by your club Bylaws. Associate members are not eligible to vote. Attached is a list of clubs with your number of delegates based on last year's membership numbers.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED FEDERATION OFFICERS

Open Positions for 2016-2017-Board

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT - PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep organizations, names and addresses current on the Projects Section on the website.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Form D – Club Reports received from each club and compiled into one report ready for the current Fall Business meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Form E – Donations report received from each club and compiled ready for the following Fall Business meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Form G – Scholarship Award form. This information will also be ready for the following Fall Business meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for sending cards for illnesses and deaths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Proclamations for Former Federation Presidents' (notice of passing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Memorial Fund and Benevolence fund for the Federation.
SEVENTH VICE PRESIDENT - YEARBOOK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This responsibility is handled during the summer months since the yearbook is to be distributed at the Fall Business meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accumulate and format all information to be included in the yearbook, i.e.
Bylaws, current and approved
President's dedication and message
List of all Federation Officers, former Presidents, Regents, Deans and Administrators
Audited Treasurer's report
Approved minutes from the previous Parents' Week-end
All District meetings and the schedules
All clubs, including currently elected officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing advertisements from organizations on campus, which should defray the total cost of the book in coordination with Ways and Means Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting a printer and getting appropriate copies of the book printed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating officers for the next year from Form C's that are submitted to the President and 6th Vice President on disc for the following year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires extensive accurate data entry to complete the yearbook
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Presidents' list is compiled from this information to be distributed to Federation officers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update cities in each district
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of yearbook
HISTORIAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for taking photos or assigning someone to take photos at all events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for compiling a scrapbook showing the year in pictures and words of that current year. This scrapbook should be completed by the fall meeting of the subsequent year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Historian or her representative should try to attend all District meetings or other functions on campus to record a pictorial history of that year for the scrapbook
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A color copy of the scrapbook is prepared for preservation in the Archives\The original scrapbook is presented to the President

FEDERATION FORMS 2015-16

This year the forms are available online at www.aggie moms.org. You may print the form, fill it out, and mail it to the proper Federation officer. Please make special note of the date each form is due. As your Federation officers, we continue to try and streamline the process for you. Please be sure that you make a copy of each form you file before you mail them. A copy of this letter and a copy of each form should be filed in your President's files.

After the January Treasurer's Workshop, there were a lot of questions about tax issues. In order for the Federation to help with tax questions, we have recently added a new Form Y – "Confirmation of Federal and State Tax Compliance" due April 30, 2016.

According to the Federation Governing Documents,

"All clubs that are members of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs are expected to comply with State and Federal laws concerning taxes.

The Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs will not be responsible for any fund raiser of a member club. The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs will only raise funds for the Federation."

The forms are listed below by due date. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate officer. Please note that these deadlines are crucial as the Federation officer you are sending them to also has deadlines.

Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of Aggie Moms.

Troie

Troie Burch '77

Federation President 2015-2016

Form D	March 15, 2016	Member Club Report for Annual Report of Clubs
Form Y (NEW)	April 30, 2016	Confirmation of Tax Compliance
Form C	May 15, 2016	Member Club Elected Officers for upcoming Club Year
Form E	June 1, 2016	Donations to TAMU Student Organizations
Form G	June 1, 2016	Scholarships Awarded by Member Clubs

OTHER DUE DATES

IRS Form 990 or an extension request	October 15, 2016	Tax Exempt tax return
IRS Form 990 w extension	March 15, 2017	Tax Exempt tax return



MONTELONGO'S
FINE JEWELRY

THANK YOU MONTELONGO'S!

A big Aggie Mom "Thank You" to Montelongo's Fine Jewelry for their second year as exclusive donor. Their donation is in support of Federation operations for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016. Our Ways and Means Committee has been hard at work on the 2016-2017 Annual Campaign and is eagerly anticipating the roll out!

~Stay Tuned~

Aggie Moms 2015-2016: Through the Lens

Club Presidents:

Howdy! We are looking for some fun pictures to include in our Federation President's scrapbook for the 2015-2016 year. Please send at least one photo of your club's activities to or photos of you club's special events to me, Cathleen Inman, your Federation Historian, for inclusion in Troie Burch's Scrapbook.

We need to know who, what, when and where... so please identify the event and the names of the members/Aggies in the photo. We will be collecting photos between now and May 2016 so you have plenty of time to choose a fun event to share!

Please send the information by e-mail to me at cathleen.inman@gmail.com or call (830) 385-8811 if you have any questions.

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Tribute to Rusty Thompson '85

A maroon star was dimmed in Aggieland, but shown brighter in the heavens on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the passing of Rusty Thompson '85, TAMU Director of Student Activities and a familiar face at Texas A&M for many years. Rusty, who had served in his current post for just over three years, spent all but 2 years and 10 months working for his alma mater. He was a residence hall director and summer conference coordinator at Texas Tech during his brief departure from Aggieland. Once he returned as area coordinator, he worked his way through the department of residence life, eventually becoming assistant director of residence education and assistant director of the Memorial Student Center. He was serving in that position, as well as Aggie Bonfire adviser, in 1999 when the 59-foot-tall log tower collapsed without warning, killing 11 students and one former student, while injuring another two dozen.

Rusty was an incredible man - a man who loved Texas A&M, and especially loved the students. And they loved him. He exemplified leadership, integrity, excellence, honor, courage, respect, loyalty, and selfless service in all that he did. A man of character who was loved and respected by all who knew him. How fitting it was for Rusty to be the Director of Student Activities, as nobody cared for and loved Texas A&M students more than he did. He was a great Aggie, Husband, Father and Friend.

His love for Texas A&M is so inspirational and his legacy will live on forever. Always encouraging. Always smiling. And ALWAYS there for his students. Thanks for all you did for Texas A&M and our students. Job well done. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

Rusty was a great friend to Aggie Moms. Many of our own Aggies had been mentored by him. His smiling face was always present at our Federation meetings. He shared inspiring words with us as he was the keynote speaker at our last Aggie Mom Camp in October. We mourn with the Aggie family and the family of Rusty Thompson.

Rusty has served as Muster Advisor for many years. Aggie Muster this year just got a little more special, as he truly loved preserving what makes the Aggie Spirit so exceptional. In his own words,

"Nothing defines what it means to be a Texas Aggie like Aggie Muster. It is a unique emotion... a time when we celebrate Aggie life and tradition and a time when we remember our lost Aggie friends. It is a love and respect for a special institution that our values are built upon. It is an expression of thanks that transcends the years and unites us as Aggies. It is Texas A&M."

Thompson's last post on Twitter was Feb. 1 in which he re-tweeted a link from Aggie Muster's account. It displayed a quote from former U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, also an Aggie:

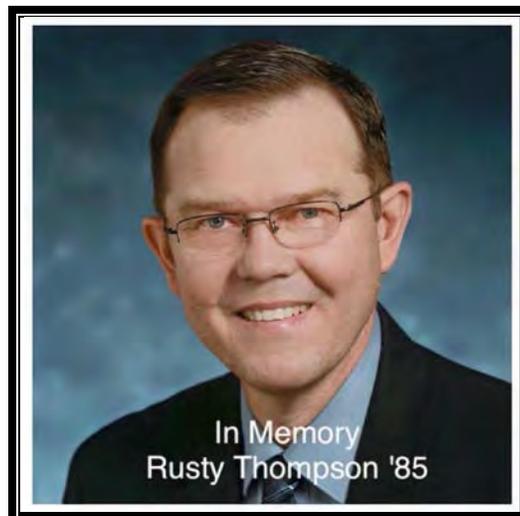
"Until that Muster candle is lit for us one day, Aggies we should give something of ourselves to make a better community, a better country."

"Softy call the Muster, let comrade answer, Here..."

http://www.theeagle.com/news/a_m/popular-texas-a-m-administrator-rusty-thompson-dies/article_9e1ca052-e95e-11e5-b9db-b3d739db1bec.html

<http://www.kbtx.com/content/news/TAMU-Dir-of-Student-Activities-Rusty-Thompson-passes-away--371901242.html>

<https://www.gofundme.com/rustythompson85>





2016 Aggie Muster

Muster Ceremony

Reed Arena

April 21, 2016

7:00 PM

2016 Campus Muster Speaker

R. C. Slocum





2015-16 Federation Board at the Winter Meeting January 23, 2016
Gates Ballroom with Reveille IX

Spring Meeting Itinerary

Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs

April 8-9, 2016

Yearbook Dedication and Election of 2016-2017 Officers

Friday, April 8, 2016 5:30 PM -7:30 PM

Unveiling of Benjamin Knox Aggie Mom Painting 5:30 PM

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Spring Meeting and Installation of 2016-17 Officers

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Registration at 8:00 AM

Meeting 8:30 AM-10:30 AMto

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Reception Honoring 2015-2016 Federation Board

Saturday, April 9, 2016 10:30 AM – 11:L30 AM

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