

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

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## PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us at the beautiful Pebble Creek Country Club for a wonderful Texas Fajita buffet for the Fall Federation Dinner in August. Many thanks go to our Hospitality Co-Chairs Janet Davis '79 and Julie Wilmoth for their wonderful creative efforts in decorations featuring our theme this year - *Deep in the Heart of Aggieland*. We were pleased to have the delightful Dr. Daniel Pugh, the new Vice-President of Student Affairs and his wife Denice in attendance.

If you missed the Fall dinner, we hope that you'll be able to attend the upcoming *Winter Dinner at Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center, January 22, 2016*. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with social time followed by a buffet dinner. The theme will be around Student Activities. The invitation and all the details are included in this newsletter. *All Aggie Moms are invited!*

During the Fall Federation business meeting, we voted on Bylaws amendments. The results and updated Bylaws are located on the website at <http://aggiemoms.org/>. Thank you for all of your input and participation in the voting process. It was encouraging to see so many delegates participating on both sides of issues of concern as we work together for the future of the Federation of Aggie Moms.

Our Winter meeting will start a half hour earlier than normal due to the full program. The meeting will feature Student Leaders and offer a new format with an interactive Student Panel. We will also recognize our Former Federation Presidents for their previous leadership and service. Our final new portion of the meeting is an additional offering of three Workshops - Finances - IRS and Sales Tax - Presidents and Treasurers, Boutique, and Website Development. These items seem to get the most questions.

We have two special treats at the Winter meeting this year! A Mini-Boutique will be conducted in the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Hall for your shopping pleasure. In addition, we are excited to offer a new event for Aggie Moms after the Winter Program, Business meeting, and Mini-Boutique on *Saturday, January 23, 2016*. We received feedback after the Fall Workshops and Aggie Mom Camp that moms would like more time to visit with each other and reconnect with old friends. Thanks to the efforts of Cindy Dube, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Registration, we will have a special event at the Benjamin Knox Art Gallery and Event Center at 405 University Drive E., College Station. Benjamin will be available to visit with us and talk about his upcoming Aggie Mom offering. In addition to viewing the gallery, purchasing prints, food will be available for pre-order through Blue Baker (See Cindy Dube's

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For questions regarding the Federation newsletter please contact: [kmlatham@keeva.net](mailto:kmlatham@keeva.net)

We're on the Web! [www.AggieMoms.org](http://www.AggieMoms.org)



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**Winter Workshop Registration**  
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**List of Special Committees**  
**Board Dinner Invitation**

witeup) and drinks will be available at the onsite Wine Bistro. Be sure to stay and enjoy some relaxed time visiting. See the weekend schedule of events included in this newsletter for complete information.

Carolyn Phelan, 6<sup>th</sup> VP-Districts, has been working with all Districts in developing District Leadership meetings in the District geographical area. This is a slightly modified format that has been successfully tested in one of our larger Districts. This adjustment is an attempt to move the District meetings to a central geographical site in the Districts, to encourage participation in some of our outlying areas, and in response to feedback that clubs would like more training on club issues rather than a purely social event.

Peggy Nolan, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President - Boutique, is excited to announce that **BOUTIQUE 2016** will be held at the Memorial Student Center (MSC) during Parents' Weekend. Peggy will review all of the details at the Winter Federation Meeting.

Just around the corner in February, **three Federation forms are due**: **Form A** (optional) nomination for Federation Officer positions, **Form B**, dues payment; and **Form T**, confirming your club's continued participation in the Federation's IRS group tax-exemption. See page 12 for additional guidance with Forms B and T. We will be reviewing these forms, their purpose, and how to complete them at the January meeting.

Just a few final comments. The Federation is here to help you, advise you, suggest solutions to issues, and to ensure that you are following 501(c) (3) guidelines so that your club or the Federation does not lose our tax exempt status. Our purpose is not to tell you how to run your clubs or be the "enforcer". Please explain this to your members. However, we will continue to educate you, remind you, and point out the key issues that get clubs in trouble with their tax exempt status. If we become aware of situations that may need attention, we will bring them to the attention of the club President and Treasurer and follow up to make sure that an appropriate resolution is in place. Most of these issues are related to financial accountability and reporting, Scholarship distribution, and following club bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Enjoy the holiday season with your Aggies! We are looking forward to seeing you at our January events in College Station! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

***Troie Burch '77***  
***Federation President 2015-2016***

**2015-2016  
Federation Officers**



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**Troie Pruett Burch'77**

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**Marti Young**

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**Kari Moore Roush'80**

**Parliamentarian:**

**Charlotte Strouse**

**Corresponding Secretary:**

**Katie McMordie Latham'80**

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**Rose Bassett**

**Helen Howell**

**Hospitality Directors:**

**Janet Davis'79**

**Julie Wilmoth**

## Virtual Visit to Aggieland!



Just click on the link:

<http://campustours.tamu.edu/audio/>



### 2015-2016 District Meetings

This year our District meetings will have a new look. We are going to try something new; we are calling it the “Leadership Model District Meeting,” and it is in response to feedback we have received from our membership over the last several years. The format will be about training and sharing of ideas and collaborating with the leadership from the clubs within a District.

We plan to schedule the meetings in the spring in the most geographically central location within each District in order to keep driving time for each club more equitable. We are looking for a restaurant in this central location and will encourage each club to send 2-3 of their members (probably president, president-elect, treasurer, or some other combination of club officers or members who are interested in perhaps taking on a leadership position within their club in the future).

We expect the meeting to last about 2 hours and to likely be on a weekday evening, although we will decide based on feedback within each District. Attendees will have an opportunity to visit with each other in a “speed dating” type of scenario that will encourage discussion on topics such as speaker/program ideas, fundraising ideas, and member recruitment ideas. There will also be time for training on topics such as 990s and tax issues. This new format will give attendees more “meat” for the time spent at the meeting without the frills of the traditional format.

If everything works out, this same central restaurant could possibly be used year after year in the District. The plan is for each attendee to pay for her own meal, hopefully being able to order directly off of a menu to

keep things simple and costs down. Final dates and details will be sent out soon, so be sure to watch your email and check the Federation website for updates.

Please keep in mind that this is completely new and we are learning what works as we move forward. This model has been “tested” in one of our largest Districts for several years and worked beautifully. We are excited to try it across the entire Federation and think that you will all be pleased with the results.

Just a note, at this time District 11 is the only District that will still have the traditional-style of District meeting. It is scheduled for February 6 and will be hosted by the Coastal Bend Aggie Moms’ Club in Rockport, Texas.

Contact Carolyn Phelan, 6<sup>th</sup> VP for Districts, if you have any questions or comments at [carolynfeyphelan@gmail.com](mailto:carolynfeyphelan@gmail.com) or at 830-237-0450.



### Club Websites

#### “Accountability and Transparency” - New Website Information

As a tax-exempt “public benefit” unincorporated association, The Federation of Aggie Moms, a charitable nonprofit organization, embraces the values of accountability and transparency as a matter of ethical leadership, as well as legal compliance.

Tax-exempt nonprofit organizations should provide, upon request, their three most recently filed annual information returns (IRS Form 990). To demonstrate a commitment to transparency and to make it easier for those seeking financial information to view these documents, many charitable nonprofits post these documents from a link on their websites.

This applies to the Federation, **as well as the individual clubs as tax exempt organizations.** Clubs also have a responsibility for accountability and transparency to their members. Such as:

- To aid in accountability, a budget should be developed each year to serve as a measuring document on club financial activity.
- An accounting of revenues generated and expenses incurred should be reported to club members on a regular basis, i.e. at each meeting.
- In addition, club financial records should be audited at the end of each year by a committee of more than one person, preferably by unbiased, non-club

members.

- The availability of your Scholarships and any gifts, or cash prizes such as Book Awards, even if for attendance incentives, must be publicized more than one way and open to ALL students in the area that your club represents - not just to members! This is a major violation of 501(c)(3) regulations.
- <https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Inurement-Private-Benefit-Charitable-Organizations>
  - A section 501(c)(3) organization **must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests**, such as the creator or the creator's family, shareholders of the organization, other designated individuals, or persons controlled directly or indirectly by such private interests. **No part of the net earnings of a section 501(c)(3) organization may inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.** A private shareholder or individual is a person having a personal and private interest in the activities of the organization

**In other words, you cannot use club membership as a deciding factor in awarding Scholarships and the like and Scholarships must NOT be limited to ONLY club members' students.**

In keeping with the IRS guidelines for disclosure of Federation tax filing information and after consulting with a CPA and attorney, both knowledgeable in non-profit IRS requirements, the last three years of Form 990-EZ's and current financial statements will be available at <http://aggiemoms.org/documents/> with a password.

As the clubs, not individuals, are the actual members of the Federation, any club President interested in examining this information, please contact Kari Roush, Electronic Information Officer, [kmroush@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmroush@sbcglobal.net), for the password. This will cut down on the number of requests - potential 112 versus potential 6,550. The publication will allow equal access for all clubs that are

Federation members and eliminate the need for special requests by individuals that may or may not be a member of a club (The Federation does not have the resources to verify club membership, but can verify Club Presidents).

Treasurer Reports will continue to be available at Federation meetings for clubs and will be posted under the same password on the Federation website after the Federation meeting. (This is in keeping with IRS 990 guidelines and the Texas Business Code).

In addition, groups such as Guidestar make IRS Form 990s easily available over the Internet.

<https://www.guidestar.org/rxa/news/articles/2005/accessing-forms-990.aspx>

Thank you for keeping your club members informed.

Contact Troie Burch, 2015-2016 President, with any questions.

Thanks and Gig 'em!

*Kari Moore Roush '80*  
*Electronic Information Officer*

### Aggie Mom Camp 2015



The 22nd Annual Aggie Moms Camp, titled "Aggie Moms.....Deep in the Heart of Aggieland" was held October 9-11, 2015 at the Hilton Hotel

in College station. There were 210 moms attending, including campers, counselors, and staff.



We had great speakers from Traditions Council, The Association of Former Student, TAMU Libraries, Study Abroad, Carpool, 12th Can, as well as entertainment from the Aggie Wrangles, HardChord DynaMix, and the Chara Dancers. We also heard from the Former Student Career Services, the Dean of Student Life, University Police Department, and the Department of Student Activities. Moms enjoyed a personal tour of the newly renovated Kyle Field and the Vet School. Moms were able to do some early Christmas shopping at the Mini-Boutique and this year, we had a raffle of some wonderful items, including a hand crafted coffee table. Our weekend

always ends on a fun note with the Aggie Mom Follies.

Our camp was so successful and it couldn't have happened without the wonderful counselors and staff - some who took the plunge as a counselor for the first time! We appreciate all the time, hard work and dedication you each gave to make this happen. Thank you all so, so much!!

***Rose Bassett & Helen Howell -- AMC Chair Moms***



**Help Wanted For Registration**

Howdy! Thank you to the amazing moms that stepped up to help at the Fall Federation Meeting. We had over 200 in attendance and we even had to vote on some Bylaw changes. Way to make things run so smoothly on the first meeting of the year!

We are looking forward to our Winter Federation Meeting on Saturday morning, January 23, 2016. We need 8-10 volunteers for registration from 8:00 AM until the Winter Federation Meeting starts at 9:00 AM. As a volunteer, you will greet moms and visitors, supervise the sign-in process, and give out name tags and agendas. Your friendly assistance will help to make this a fun and smooth morning so we can learn new things, hear from our student speakers and have a fun morning with our new friends.

Presidents, please also be prepared with assigned club voting delegates in case any voting issues arise. If you or any of your club members can help, please contact Cindy Dube at the new email: [3rdVPRegistration@aggienetwork.com](mailto:3rdVPRegistration@aggienetwork.com) or call her at 713-412-7759.

Thank you in advance for your help! I can't do it without you! :)

***Cindy Dube- 3rd Vice President for Registration***

**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**



## Save the Date

***January 22 -23, 2015***

### ***Dinner, Meetings, Workshops, Mini-Boutique, Networking, Fun and Miss Reveille in College Station!!!***

The fun kicks off with a dinner on Friday evening followed by an informative and exciting day on Saturday! Saturday begins with a coffee and pastry reception at 8:00 am in the Gates Ballroom on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center (MSC 2400). (***Please note earlier start time.***) Rumor has it

*Miss Reveille and her Handler plan to be there too!!*

The general meeting follows at 8:30 am and will feature special presentations, Mr. Michael Young, President of Texas A&M University; updates from student leaders, and a special interactive panel of students.

***This will be President Young's first time to speak to Aggie Moms, so you don't want to miss this opportunity!***

After a short break, the business meeting begins at 10:45 am and will include information about Federation forms and IRS 990 reporting.

By popular demand, there will be three optional workshops from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm covering state sales tax and IRS reporting, web management, and boutique. Anyone can attend.

*Please see workshop descriptions located in this newsletter and at [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org).*

Special treats include a Mini-Boutique from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm in the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Hall of the MSC and a social at the Benjamin Knox Art Gallery and Wine Bar from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

There will even be a photo booth!!

Optional prepaid box lunches will be available.

*Please see ordering information located in this newsletter and at [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org).*

More details coming soon!



**Winter Meeting Itinerary**  
Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs  
January 23, 2016

**Please note earlier start time.**

8:00 am – 8:30 am      Coffee and Pastry Reception  
                                 Gates Ballroom (MSC 2400)

8:30 am – 9:30 am      General Meeting  
                                 Gates Ballroom (MSC 2400)

9:30 am – 10:30 am    Interactive Student Panel  
                                 Gates Ballroom (MSC 2400)

10:30 am – 10:45 am   Break

10:45 am – 11:45 am   Business Meeting  
                                 Gates Ballroom (MSC 2400)

11:30 am – 1:15 pm    Mini-Boutique  
                                 12<sup>th</sup> Man Hall in the MSC

11:45 am – 12:45 pm   Optional Workshops  
                                 Rooms to be Determined

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm      Social  
                                 Benjamin Knox Art Gallery and Wine Bar  
                                 *Optional prepaid box lunches will available*



Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs  
 2016 Winter Meeting  
 Saturday, January 29, 2016

**Workshop Registration Form**

**\*Registration Deadline: January 18, 2016\***

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

All workshops will be held from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm

	<i><u>Number Attending</u></i>
Boutique – The Ins and Outs Vendor Guidelines	
Treasurers State Sales Tax and IRS Reporting	
Website Management Create and Maintain a Free Website	

\*  
Mail or email by January 18, 2016 to: Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs  
 Attn. Barbara Kasper '82  
 P.O. Box 1443  
 College Station, TX 77841-1443  
[bkasper82@AggieNetwork.com](mailto:bkasper82@AggieNetwork.com)

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**THE FEDERATION OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY MOTHERS' CLUB**

**Cordially invites ALL AGGIE MOMS to the**

***WINTER FEDERATION DINNER***

**Friday, January 22, 2016**

**6:30 – Registration**

**7:00 – Dinner**

**Texas A&M University**

**The Association of Former Students**

**Clayton W. Williams, Jr Alumni Center**

**505 George Bush Drive**

**College Station, TX 77840**

**MENU**

Traditional Caesar Salad with Parmesan Croutons

Basil Pesto Beef Lasagna

Chicken Scallopini Pasta

Green Beans ~ Wax Beans ~ Carrot Medley

Sliced French Bread ~ Butter

Dessert

Water ~ Ice Tea ~ Coffee

**\$31.00 per Person**

~ Please let us know if you have a special dietary need ~

**RSVP and payment must be sent and received by**

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948aeae2ba75-federation1>

Send your payment (checks payable to **Federation of TAMU Mothers' Club**) to:

**Katie McMordie Latham '80**

[kmlatham@keeva.net](mailto:kmlatham@keeva.net)

**Federation Corresponding Secretary**

**5 Lime Cove**

**Lucas, TX 75002**



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**Through the Lens**

I am really excited about all the good we're doing as Aggie Moms, and I want to be able to capture that for Troie and all those that come after us.....so please send your photos in! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (830) 385-8811. Please email your photos to [cathleen.inman@gmail.com](mailto:cathleen.inman@gmail.com) or you can mail them to me at 2249 Tejas Trail, Blanco, TX 78606.

Thanks and Gig'em!

*Cathleen Inman*  
*Historian*

**HELP US TELL OUR STORY!**

Howdy Moms!

The phrase "a picture's worth a thousand words" rings true for a reason! Pictures make us smile, laugh, cry, and inspire a myriad of other emotions. Pictures help us tell a story....they are a snapshot of our lives at a specific time and place that lives on.



**THIS PICTURE MEANS SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO AN AGGIE MOM THAN IT DOES TO A SIMPLE OBSERVER...**

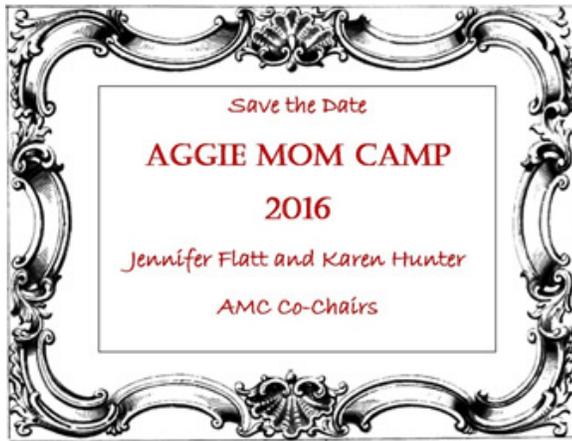


Just a note to remind everyone that I'm collecting pictures for Troie's President Scrapbook. We are looking for pictures from your events, your Game Day or anything that you'd like to share with us! Please help us document our year with lots of pictures for the Aggie Moms that come after us to enjoy. Please remember our President's Scrapbook and all the photos used to make it will be submitted to the Cushing Library for Aggie Moms to review for generations to come.



**OUR STORY DESERVES TO BE TOLD.....PLEASE HELP US TELL IT!**





Karen Hunter, Sharon Johnson, and Jennifer Flatt



### Boutique 2016



We are hoping all of your clubs are getting excited and working hard to prepare for Boutique 2016 to be held at the Memorial Student Center again this year! We couldn't be more pleased to offer this wonderful venue for

your clubs to reach out to arguably the largest gathering of Aggie families anywhere. Boutique will be held during Parents' Weekend, Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9, 2016. Load-In will begin on Thursday evening.

The registration form (Form F) will be available on the Federation website in November. The cost for each table will remain at \$85 per table.

**Form F will be due on February 7, 2016.**

If you have any questions please contact:

**Peggy Nolan, 5th Vice President - Boutique,**

cell phone: 214-616-4851 or email:

[5thVPBoutique@aggienetwork.com](mailto:5thVPBoutique@aggienetwork.com)

**Access Form F on our website -**

<https://aggie moms.aggienetwork.com/drupal/forms/formf>



### Dues, Archive Fees And Form B

**ATTENTION:** Please make note of important dates related to Federation dues, archive fees and the filing of your club's Form B. If your Club is part of the IRS exemption Group (umbrella), dues **must be postmarked** no later than **February 1, 2016**.

### REMINDER:

Form B is posted on the Federation website along with an instruction sheet. Please read the instructions carefully and send Form B and a check for your dues and archives fees made out to the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs. Form B and your club's check are sent to the Federation Treasurer. Remember:

- Your club's Form B and the check for dues and Archive fees must be **postmarked** by February 1, 2016
- If it is postmarked **after** February 1, 2016, there are late fees. See the Form B instruction sheet for details.
- Dues **not paid by May 31, 2015** will result in your club being considered **inactive**.

**Please send a copy of Form B and your club's Form T to Sharon Johnson, Federation President-Elect.**

During the Treasurers' Workshop in August 2015, there was a discussion on how to handle outside vendors sales during Boutique (Parents' Weekend). The final and updated policy will be included in Peggy Nolan's report (5<sup>th</sup> Vice President for Boutique) based on further discussion with the Texas Comptroller's Office. Please let your Treasurer know about it in addition to sharing the information with your Boutique Moms.

Questions: Please contact Fran Marintsch at [marintsf@peoplepc.com](mailto:marintsf@peoplepc.com) or call her at 713-201-1407

**Fran Marintsch**  
**Treasurer**



### Form T - Due February 1, 2016

Each year we ask that you coordinate with your treasurer to provide information about your club that the Federation needs to keep our records up-to-date with the IRS. Most of our 114 Aggie Mom clubs have exemption from Federal income tax through the Federation's determination as a 501 (c) (3) organization. As the parent tax-exempt organization, the Federation is required to furnish the IRS with a complete listing of subordinate groups - our local clubs - each year. We collect current information about each club through our FORM T. The FORM T is for Federation internal record keeping only. This year there will be additional questions to answer to ensure that appropriate procedures are being followed to maintain 501(c) (3) status. FORM T is not filed with the IRS. Returning the FORM T to the Federation does not exempt your club from filing a Form 990 return with the IRS. See the Federation website, [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org), for the current FORM T, or print the attached form provided for your convenience.

To ensure that your club remains covered under the Federation exemption, please provide the following information on FORM T:

- ❖ EIN (Employer Identification Number)
- ❖ Current Club address and contact information
- ❖ A brief summary statement of your purpose and activities
- ❖ Sources of financial support – describe three fund raising projects
- ❖ Description of your expenditures – describe three ways that your fund raising money is spent
- ❖ Confirmation that your club is current with its Form 990 return
- ❖ Confirmation that your club's Federation Dues for the current year have been paid – along with a **copy** of FORM B (dues payment)
- ❖ Copy of your Bylaws - **ONLY** if your Bylaws have been revised since **February 2015**
- ❖ Does your club prepare an annual Budget and have it approved by your Board?

- ❖ Does your club share your Budget and a Treasurer's Report with your club members?
- ❖ Does your club have the financial records audited at the end of the fiscal year?
- ❖ Does your club only give scholarships to club members' students?
- ❖ Does your club make a mom's club membership a criteria for the scholarship application?
- ❖ Does your club publicize in several ways and distribute your scholarship applications across the zip codes that your club represents?

The Federation's group exemption filing is due to the IRS by the end of March every year. In order for us to complete our required filing in a timely manner, please complete the attached FORM T and return it to Sharon Johnson, 5856 Moss Ln., Orange, TX 77632, **no later** than **February 1, 2016**. FORM T information may also be scanned and emailed to Sharon Johnson, [sjohnson47@att.net](mailto:sjohnson47@att.net). Failure to return a FORM T report could result in your club's removal from the Federation group exemption.

**Access Form T on our website -**

<http://aggie moms.aggienetwork.com/forms/formt>

**Sharon Johnson**  
**President- Elect**

### Board Activity and Special Committees

You may wonder what the Board does between our formal meetings. Each officer has duties that they perform throughout the year. At the discretion of the President, special committees may be appointed to work on specific projects or long range plans. Some ideas for committees come from Board or club members. All this is done in an effort to involve more Aggie Moms in Federation activities with a broad scale influence.

Following are the Special Committees that have been appointed this year. Some are continuances of previously appointed committees with a few different members. Non-Board members are asked based on their individual expertise, club size, geographical location, or previous interest or involvement. A balance of various sized clubs and geographical locations was taken into consideration for certain committees such as the Bylaws Review Committee.

In addition, other Committee type activity takes

place for Aggie Mom Camp and Boutique at the discretion of the Officer(s) in charge.

### Special Committees - 2015/2016

**Ways and Means Committee** - to explore long range sponsorships and to coordinate efforts among various offices in support of Aggie Moms in order to prevent further increase in fees for Boutique, meeting rooms, and expenses that benefit Federation as a whole.

**Bylaws Review Committee** - to review Bylaws and make recommendations for consistency, flexibility, and operations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Insurance Review Committee** - to review recommendations for Federation and clubs for liability and Officers' and Directors' coverage.

**Technology Review Committee** - with the increase in long distance clubs, explore options for long distance communication - skyping, You Tube videos, standardized email addresses, database.

**Library Endowment Committee** - to educate clubs on the purpose and mission of the endowment and to pursue the completion of the Federation's commitment for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Mission Statement Review Committee** - to explore the necessity of updating the Federation Mission Statement in current terms while maintaining the original Purpose in keeping with 501(c)(3) requirements. (Not currently active)

**Service Project Committee** - to explore the opportunity to spearhead an overall Federation service project that benefits students of the University that may not otherwise be served by Aggie Moms. (New as of November 2015)

### Membership Update

Submitted by Jannine Bolton - President

Pikes Peak Aggie Mothers' Club was chartered on 24 September at the Garden of the Gods Club in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Officers include:

Jannine Bolton - President  
 Kathleen Miller - Vice President  
 Mary Beth Clark - Treasurer  
 Robin Anderson - Secretary

Current membership is 11 members. Many of our Aggie moms are new to Texas A&M.

Hannah Bolton, daughter of Jannine Bolton received her Aggie Ring on November 20th. Our first project was to assemble goody bags which were delivered to our Aggies last week while Jannine was on

campus for Ring Day. It was so nice to see the excitement on each of their faces. We missed them so! Gig 'Em!



### Minnesota and Western Wisconsin Charter New Aggie Moms' Club

Submitted by Lora Peterson - President

When my son announced that he was heading across the country to attend Texas A&M, I was excited for him and sad for me. I started searching for information about Texas and the university he had chosen. I came across the Aggie Moms' Clubs and knew I wanted to join. I was very disappointed to find there was no club anywhere near Minnesota. God was with me though because within the next few weeks, I had two different friends tell me they each had a neighbor with a child heading to TAMU in the fall.

We three moms met for the first time and enjoyed each other so much that we decided to investigate starting our own club up here so help and support others who may be around us. It took us a whole year to reach official status, but we held our charter meeting with 9 moms this fall on September 27th 2015. There were a few who couldn't make that event in person but sent in paperwork for a total of 12 moms signed up and two more moms who will be sending their forms for a total of 14 members.



Getting together with almost 6 months of never knowing what the roads will be like can be difficult so we only have two official meetings scheduled each year but plan to have more informal get-togethers and fun getting to know each other through our Facebook group. Our spring meeting will be held an hour prior to the Aggie Muster in April that the Minnesota and Western Wisconsin Association of Former Students has invited us to attend.

Officers are President Lora Peterson, Vice President Selinda Thackston, Secretary Michele Dunn, and Treasurer Judy Pohlen.



### Yearbook Message

Howdy from South Texas and a proud home with much Aggie Spirit.

A big "Thank You" to all club presidents who sent me your club information update. The New and Improved Club Cross Reference is just about finished. Now all the new moms at New Student Conference can find the town closest to them with the clubs that serve their area. Have a Blessed Holiday Season,

*Denise Fisher*  
*7th VP Yearbook*

### Legacy Corner- Memories from the Formers

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS

**Linda Hill, Federation President, 2003-04**

When I first came on the board in 1995 as Library Endowment Chair, Peggy Erickson was the Federation President. I hardly knew what to expect! At the first board meeting that I attended in the fall of 1995, everyone was talking and making plans to attend District Meetings across the state. The only thing that I knew about District Meetings was that I had been the chairman of the District #5 meeting that the Waco-McLennan County Club, my home club, had hosted the year before. The first District meeting that I attended was in Houston. My husband went with me and we stayed with Jerry's sister. She took me and dropped me off - to pick me up later in the day - District 4 was held in the morning and District 6 in the afternoon. With day's end, I was hooked!

In 1996-97, I applied and was elected to serve on Susie Powell's board as Recording Secretary. Since I had not attended the Officer Workshop the year before, I knew nothing about the El Paso meeting. As the other board members began discussing going to El Paso, they were talking about flying! As a young girl, growing up in Lufkin, Texas, my dad had been an airport manager and

had his small aircraft license. However, I had never flown on a big airline. My husband and I drove everywhere we went and there had never been a need for me to fly anywhere. As the discussion went at the workshop, I said, "You all fly to El Paso". Sue Anderson said, "Yes, unless you want to leave right now"! It was June and the District 14 meeting was held in October! So, I purchased an airline ticket and awaited the "Big" adventure. The day arrived. After spending the night with Pat Johnston in Dallas, we went to Love Field and met Bebe Combs from Wichita Falls. Bebe took me "under her wing" and told me everything that was going to happen - take off, landing, etc. The biggest adventure of my life was off and going. If the word "fly" comes up today, I ask "where, when"!

As officers, we all attended District Meetings. The 14 Districts started their meetings usually the first Saturday after the Winter Federation meeting and continued until Parents' Weekend. District 14, El Paso, was always held on a Fall Weekend that did not conflict with Aggie Football or Aggie Mom Fish Camp.

We usually stayed in hotels - 4 to a room - or at each other's homes. Sometimes we had 8 or more in our homes. It was like a family reunion. Since we all worked, we would get on the road as soon as we got off work on Friday, and return to our homes either late on Saturday or early on Sunday, depending on how far we had to travel.

During my 10 years on the Federation Board, I attended approximately 130 District meetings - as did most officers on the board. I will share some of my fondest memories.

Because Districts 4 and 6 were held on the same days, we'd make one in the morning and one in the afternoon. If we flew into Houston, because there were so many of us, we would rent a van. One time we attended District 4 in the morning, got in our van and headed to District 6. As we got down the road a ways, we decided it might be a good idea to count heads, only to discover we had left Delores McAllister back at the restaurant! With heads tucked between our tails, we made a U-turn and, sure enough, Delores was standing on the steps, with hand on hip, sending us target bullet looks! Remember, this was before cell phones!

One time, we left Dallas and Houston in balmy 80 degree temperature, only to arrive in Amarillo, with temperatures in the 40's and a stiff north wind blowing. None of us had bothered to check the weather!

Pictures! Patsy Armbruster's favorite saying was "Boob to Back"! It was always fun to have the Former Federation Presidents attend the District meetings. We would know how many attended by the pictures.

Shopping! Always! Norma Millsap and Helen

Halliburton were the shopping queens! They, sometimes, would take a day off at work, leaving on Thursday, so they could shop all day Friday before the rest of us arrived on Friday night. Sometimes they could be found at Walmart in the wee hours of the morning!

We would all manage to take Friday off at work and fly to El Paso early on Friday, pick up our rental car, and head to Mesilla, New Mexico. Mesilla is about 45 minutes from El Paso. Not only does the small town have the best Mexican Food restaurant ever, it is built on a square and the square is nothing but shops and a church. Not only did we get to shop, we usually got to witness a newlywed couple leave the church. We brought everything back – including strings of red peppers! One year, knowing our love of Elvis Presley, the El Paso Aggie Moms had an Elvis Impersonator. What fun!

The year that I was president, my theme was “Aggie Moms and Old Lace”. Lots of lace, pearls, and Teapots! That year, every district gave me a Teapot – and I cherish each and every one! District 8 had 2 German Ladies as the guest speakers and they demonstrated the art of making a lace teapot – actually making the lace!

Door prizes! We all loved winning door prizes – especially Sue Anderson! One time in Beaumont, I won a beautiful decorated cake – and I took it home on the airline. It was really lucky for me – my son and his fiancée were having a bridal shower in Waco on Sunday afternoon. Brent's future mother-in-law was coming to our home for lunch on Sunday and I had dessert! I carefully held that cake on my lap during the flight home!

We all tried to dress in a way that would set us apart from the other moms and each year was different. We had several different vests, scarfs, and maroon overalls. Dianne Mayfield made us all wear hats since her theme was “The many hats of Aggie Moms”.

Those of us that had fur coats loved any excuse to wear them. Now we might leave Houston or Dallas, lugging them on our arms, but by the time we reached Amarillo, Lubbock, or other points west, we were gladly wearing them. Kathy Steffen named hers “Kozie”!

We stayed in so many hotels that Norma Millsap and I started taking our own light bulbs! We would switch the light bulbs in the lamps from their 40 watt bulbs to our 100 watt bulbs!

One time, Diane Gray and I were traveling together. I was driving and missed my turn. I decided I could make a U-turn in the middle of the road. Now, picture this – two Aggie Moms wearing fur coats standing by their car that was almost standing straight up in a ditch! Lucky for us, a man on a tractor came and pulled my car out of the ditch! As we left, thankful to be on our way, he was seen

in the rearview mirror scratching his head!

We traveled so much that most of us just left our travel suitcases packed. One time, Bebe Combs, who was retired, had been to a District meeting, driven to her son's, and on to another District Meeting the next weekend. She showed up at Dianne Mayfield's, and having been home just long enough to wash clothes, had spread her underwear out in her car to dry!

SWA loved us! We would sing the “Aggie War Hymn” and get loud applause! Word got around – “there is no telling what these Aggie Moms will bring back”. However, Strings of Red Peppers, a whole decorated cake, and a cute little Mexican Made chair brought really funny looks!

What fun we had! We bonded and made lifelong friends, not only with each other as board members, but as friends with Aggie Moms from all over the state. We made memories to last a lifetime and to this day, we can still mention something and have a good laugh.

**Federation 2015 – 2016 Special Committees**

Troie Burch	2	Collin County	President	All Committees - Ex-Officio
	<b>District</b>	<b>Club</b>		
<b>Ways and Means</b> - long range support				
Janet Davis - Chair	2	Collin County		
Peggy Nolan	2	Dallas County		
Shannon Eberle	4	NW Harris County		
Sharon Johnson	7	Orange County		
Barbara Kasper	4	Brazos County		
Fran Marintsch	6	Houston		
<b>Bylaws Review</b>			<b>Area</b>	<b>Club size</b>
Carolyn Phelan - Chair	8	Comal County	San Antonio area	large
Helen Howell	3	Henderson County	Central East	small
Melinda Weiblen	8	Randolph Area	San Antonio area	small
Mary Hodges	9	Abilene	NW TX	large
Lisa McMillan	1	Ft. Worth Tarrant County	DFW	large
Stephanie Latimer	9	Sandstorm	West Texas	small
Clair Balliet	12	Deep East Texas	East Texas	small
Lisa Lawrence	4	Kingwood/Humble	Houston	large
Shirley Tingley	6	Houston	Houston	large
Sharon Johnson	7	Orange County	East Texas	Ex-Officio
<b>Library Endowment</b>				
Kathy Steffan	4	Washington		
Jeanne Harrell	4	Brazos		
Dawn Powell	2	Grayson		
Linda Schmidt	11	Dewitt/Lavaca		
Shirley Neal	4	Houston		
Lynda Jackson	4 / 8	NW Harris/Comal		
<b>Insurance</b> - Liability and D&O - Federation and Clubs - make recommendations				
Fran Marintsch - Chair	6	Houston		
Charlotte Strouse	2	Collin County		
Barbara Kasper	4	Brazos County		
Sharon Johnson	7	Orange County		
Linda Schmidt	11	Dewitt-Lavaca		
<b>Technology</b>				
Kari Roush - Chair	1	Hill County		
Cathleen Inman	8	Blanco County		
Cindy Dube	6	Friendswood/Clear Creek		
<b>Mission Statement Update - no activity to date</b>				
Peggy Nolan - Chair	2			
Cathleen Inman	8	Blanco County		
Cindy Dube	6	Friendswood/Clear Creek		
Shannon Eberle	4	NW Harris County		
<b>Service Committee</b>			<b>New</b>	
Cindy Dube - Chair	6	Friendswood/Clear Creek		
Janet Davis	2	Collin County		
Cathleen Inman	8	Blanco County		

## Mini-Boutique at the Winter Federation Meeting

Once again this year we are planning to have our Mini-Boutique in conjunction with our Winter Federation Meeting on Saturday, January 23. We will have only ten tables available to the first ten clubs to mail their reservation form (no forms returned by email will be accepted). The form is attached to this newsletter. Again this year these tables will be located in the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Hall of the MSC; there will not be a charge for a table. One table will be provided to each club; tables are 6' x 18". Due to the limited number of clubs that can be accommodated, no outside vendors will be allowed on this date. All other rules and guidelines that are in effect for the "big" Boutique on Parents' Weekend will be enforced on this date as well. Shopping time will be approximately two hours at the conclusion of our morning Federation meeting. Once the ten clubs are confirmed, you will be sent details for unloading times and location. If you have any questions, please contact me at [carolynfeyphelan@gmail.com](mailto:carolynfeyphelan@gmail.com) or 830-237-0450.

Thanks and Gig 'em!

*Carolyn Phelan, Federation  
6<sup>th</sup> Vice-President for Districts*

### Mini-Boutique Table Reservation Form Winter Federation Meeting – January 23, 2016

Club Name:

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Club Contact Person:

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Contact Person email:

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Contact Person phone  
number:

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Description of items your  
club plans to sell:

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NOTE: Due to limited number of tables, no outside vendors will be allowed at this Mini-Boutique. All other rules and guidelines that are in effect for the "big" Boutique on Parents' Weekend will be enforced on this date as well. There are 10 tables available in the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Hall; tables will be 6' x 18" long. Tables will be given in order that this form is received by regular mail (will use postmark date as needed). Please print and fill out this form and mail to:

Carolyn Phelan '89  
6<sup>th</sup> VP for Districts  
1712 Oak Path  
New Braunfels, TX 78132

If you have any questions, please call Carolyn at 830-237-0450. Once you are confirmed with a table you will be sent details regarding unloading and set-up. Likely time for shopping will be about 2 hours after our morning Federation meeting.

## Federation Forms Due 2015-16

This year the forms are available online at [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org) beginning January 1. 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.

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*

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<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Form</b>
<b>February 1, 2016</b>		<b>Form B - Payment of Dues and Archives Fees</b> You also need to mail a copy of this form to the Federation President-elect with Form T if you are under the group IRS exemption umbrella.
<b>February 1, 2016</b>		<b>Form T - IRS Group Exemption</b> Please read forms carefully. All clubs do not fill out all Form T's. If your club is under the group umbrella, the information must be in by February 1, 2015 accompanied by a copy of Form B. If this is not received by the deadline your club could forfeit its tax exempt status.
<b>February 13, 2016</b>		<b>Form F - Reservation for Boutique Tables</b> If your club wishes to sell items, have a raffle or a table to pass out goodie boxes it is necessary to make reservations.
<b>February 15, 2016</b>		<b>Form A - Nomination for Federation Officer 2015-2016</b> If your club chooses not to nominate someone you <i>do not</i> need to submit Form A.
<b>March 8, 2016</b>		<b>Form D - Annual Report of Clubs</b>
<b>May 15, 2016</b>		<b>Form C - Local Club Officers Elected for 2015-2016</b>
<b>June 1, 2016</b>		<b>Form E - Donations to TAMU Organizations</b>
<b>June 1, 2016</b>		<b>Form G - Scholarship Award Form</b>

## Yearbook Changes as of November 30, 2015

### FORMER PRESIDENTS

Fort Bend County	Patsy Armbruster, <a href="mailto:memomtexas@comcast.net">memomtexas@comcast.net</a>
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### CURRENT CLUBS

Abilene	Co-President - Shelly Hughes, <a href="mailto:ramhuges@hotmail.com">ramhuges@hotmail.com</a>
Bosque County	President - Debbie Smith, P.O. Box 143, Clifton, TX 76634, (214) 868-5582, <a href="mailto:debbeesmith11@yahoo.com">debbeesmith11@yahoo.com</a>
Cooke County	Correct Area Towns - CALLISBURG, GAINESVILLE, LAKE KIOWA, LINDSAY, MUENSTER, MYRA, VALLEY VIEW, WHITESBORO
Corpus Christi	Treasurer - Diana Bost <a href="mailto:Diana@bostcpa.com">Diana@bostcpa.com</a>
Deep East Texas	President Marcy Fotopoulos; Co-President - Lisa Herterich
Denton County	President - Heather Frey, phone (915) 494-2182; Treasurer - Laura Dutt, <a href="mailto:dutt4@verizon.net">dutt4@verizon.net</a>
Fort Worth/Tarrant County	President - Lisa McMillan, <a href="mailto:lsmcmillan2@yahoo.com">lsmcmillan2@yahoo.com</a>
Galveston County	Treasurer - Cindy Scott, <a href="mailto:ckscott01@gmail.com">ckscott01@gmail.com</a> ; Boutique - Michelle Goswick, phone: (281) 808-2429
Greater New Orleans	President - Sharon Brubaker, 2136 La Salle Ave, Gretna, LA 70056; (504) 427-4881, <a href="mailto:sharon.brubaker@cox.net">sharon.brubaker@cox.net</a> ; Membership - Katherine Crosby, 5535 N. Pointers Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 252-4756, <a href="mailto:Katherine.Crosby@bcbsla.com">Katherine.Crosby@bcbsla.com</a>
Henderson County	President - Karen Newsom, <a href="mailto:newsomekaren5@gmail.com">newsomekaren5@gmail.com</a> ; Treasurer - Mary Lick, <a href="mailto:mslick@etmc.org">mslick@etmc.org</a>
Hill County	Treasurer - Angelia Orr, (817) 437-3197
Hopkins County	President - Juli Woolley, <a href="mailto:jah4925@gmail.com">jah4925@gmail.com</a>
Katy/West Houston	Treasurer - Lena Koriath, 2330 Princess Deanna Lane, Katy, TX 77493, (281) 844-2682, <a href="mailto:lkoriath@gmail.com">lkoriath@gmail.com</a> ; Membership - Kenda Dressen, <a href="mailto:kenda@thedressens.com">kenda@thedressens.com</a>
Kaufman County	Treasurer - Leslie Coburn, <a href="mailto:ldcoburn@garlandisd.net">ldcoburn@garlandisd.net</a>
Kendall County	President - Laurie Owens, <a href="mailto:laurieowens93@yahoo.com">laurieowens93@yahoo.com</a> ; Treasurer - Kim Barton, correction of misspelled name
Minnesota and Western Wisconsin	EDEN PRAIRIE, MAHTOMEDI, St MICHAEL, MAPLE GROVE, LAKEVILLE, BLOOMINGTON, SAVAGE, St LOUIS PARK, ZUMBROTA; President - Lora Peterson, 17764 Inverness Curve, Eden Prairie, MN 55347, (952) 906-1170, Cell: (612) 834-2877, <a href="mailto:petermail@comcast.net">petermail@comcast.net</a>
Pasadena Area	President - Michelle Shea, 4594 Dutton Lake, Baytown, TX 77523
Rio Grande Valley	Meetings - Weslaco Business, Visitor and Event Center, 275 W. Kansas, Weslaco, TX 78596, 6:30p.m. 3rd Monday of month
Round Rock Area	President - Beth Perry, <a href="mailto:rraamc@aggienetwork.com">rraamc@aggienetwork.com</a>
San Angelo	Meetings - Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Parish Hall), 6:15 p.m. 3rd Thursday of month
Stephenville Area	President - Danell Picha, <a href="mailto:SVilleAggieMoms@gmail.com">SVilleAggieMoms@gmail.com</a>
Tri-County	Treasurer - Phyllis Sternadel, <a href="mailto:psternadel@jbfoods.com">psternadel@jbfoods.com</a>
Tyler	President - Amy Cummins, <a href="mailto:tyleraggiemoms@gmail.com">tyleraggiemoms@gmail.com</a>
Wichita County Area	Treasurer - Tammy Reece, 4103 Candlewood Circle, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, (940) 257-4941, <a href="mailto:tammyreece@gmail.com">tammyreece@gmail.com</a>

## Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs Library Endowment

Submitted by Jeanne Harrell- Former President 2013-14 and Kathy Steffen-Former President 2007-08

When your clubs are considering their donations this year, please consider a donation to the Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs Library Endowment. The endowment was set up in 1991 with a goal of \$500,000 to support undergraduate study. At this point, there is \$423,400 in the endowment so the goal is becoming more attainable every year. Interest from the endowment pays for student textbooks that have a band acknowledging that they were purchased with funds from Aggie Moms. In 2009, it also provided a student lounge in Evans Library where students can study, relax, watch television, or grab a quick nap. There is a plaque outside the room noting that it is provided by Aggie Moms. The funds have also been used for equipment, services, and furniture for students using the Libraries. Funds have been used to help with outreach events including the fall Open House. Interest from the endowment will help purchase state-of-the-art teaching facilities as part of the upcoming ReImagine the Libraries renovation. Thank you for your gifts to the endowment over the past years. You are truly having an impact on Aggies every day with your donations.



### WINTER FEDERATION DINNER - FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

ALL AGGIE MOMS WELCOME!

Clayton Williams Alumni Center  
College Station, TX

Registration & Social Time - 6:30 PM    Dinner - 7:00 PM    Board Meeting: following dinner  
Electronic Reservation Form <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948aeae2ba75-federation1>

### WINTER FEDERATION MEETING - SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER - Gates Ball Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Coffee & Pastries: 8:00 AM

Meeting: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Workshops and Mini Boutique: 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM

Aggie Mom Social-Benjamin Knox Art Gallery and Wine Bar: 1:00 to 3:00 PM

### SPRING FEDERATION MEETING - PARENTS' WEEKEND 2016

April 8-9, 2016

Spring Meeting and Installation of Officers for 2014-2015 Koldus Room 110-111  
Aggie Mom Boutique at MSC

Details in the Spring Newsletter