

Abilene A&M University Mothers' Club

We have 40 members enrolled for 2015-2016.

This year we will award two \$1000 scholarships to students in our area as well as ten \$100 Barnes and Nobles bookstore scholarships. We will donate \$100 to five student organizations; these organizations will be picked by a general vote from the membership in April. Organizations that have been recipients on the past are: Fish Camp, Corp of Cadets General Scholarship, Carpool, Breakaway and Impact.

Graduating seniors are honored with a ring crest with his/her year of graduation. We provide "goodie bags" (restaurant gift cards) to students during finals of the fall and spring semesters.

In July we hosted the annual "Howdy" party, inviting prospective students and their moms to hear about our club and help answer questions. Each month we have former Aggies from our community come and speak about his/her A&M experiences as a student as well as the TAMU impact they continue to feel as a former student.

In December we had an annual Christmas ornament exchange in the home of current member.

Our biggest fundraiser each year is our boutique raffle for our "apartment set up". We sell \$1 tickets for a chance to win over \$750 of apartment necessities: dishes, towels, silverware, toaster, rugs just to mention a few- all with a Maroon and White flair!

Amarillo Aggie Moms' Club

Number of Members: 65

Donations to A&M: \$700

Scholarships Giving: 10 - \$100 book award to our students from Barnes & Noble

Successful fund Raisers: Camilla Pecans – Members ordered and sold to friends.

Special Events:

*We always host an ice cream social in a park at the end of July to welcome new freshmen and their parents and as a time of fellowship with all other Aggie students and parents.

* We always host a Christmas break Aggie dinner at a local restaurant for our Aggie students and their families. This year our guest speaker was Todd Pratt, class of 1998. Todd was born and raised in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School and Texas A&M. Upon graduation he went to work for the Green Bay Packers and Seattle Sea Hawks as an athletic trainer. Todd currently lives in Amarillo and is going through Denver Seminary at Hillside Christian Church.

Memorable Programs:

*Tim Loan, a former Aggie spoke to our moms at a meeting about Aggie traditions and their importance to Aggies.

*We played a fun Aggie Trivial Pursuit Game at a meeting, which was comprised of questions from several different A&M sites. Winners were rewarded with candy bars.

Angelina County A&M Mothers' Club

The Angelina County A&M Mothers' Club currently has 53 members.

Our annual dinner fundraiser event was held on February 2, 2016 with close to 400 people in attendance. Benjamin Knox Gallery donated a print, and local Aggies donated basketball tickets and a framed painting for silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit our scholarship program.

Our scholarship applications for the 2016-17 year are due on April 11, 2016 and will be awarded in May; last year we awarded 11 scholarships totaling \$9,350.00 to Angelina County students attending Texas A&M.

In August, we held our annual Back to School Party; new and returning A&M students from Angelina County were invited along with their parents, former students, and other family members. New students were given a 12th Man towel, and returning students were given an A&M spiral notebook. Dinner was served, and State

Representative Trent Ashby '96 was the guest speaker. Each student in attendance introduced themselves, and returning students gave information pertaining to any student organization they are affiliated with and answered questions for the new students.

Our club sent greeting cards to our students at Halloween and Valentine's Day with small gift cards and made goodie bags in November for fall finals. Goodie bags will also be made at our April meeting for spring finals.

In an attempt to enlighten new club members on the experiences and opportunities available to their A&M student(s), we highlighted one particular A&M tradition at each monthly meeting.

We look forward to gaining new club members for the 2016-17 school year, as there are several students from Angelina County high schools planning to attend A&M beginning in the fall of this year.

Fighting Texas Aggie Mothers Club of Arizona

We just completed our second full year as a club. We have grown from 12 members last year to 23 members for 2015-2016. Our club has almost doubled in a very short time. We aim to help the Arizona Aggies in whatever way we possibly can.

The AZ Aggie Mom's club has had social gatherings with our student both in December at Top Golf and May at Oregano's. The Arizona moms held a Christmas Ornament exchange, Football game viewings at our local Blue32 Sports Bar with other Aggie alumni, and paint parties at As You wish. It has been great getting to know our fellow Aggie families from Arizona.

Our club donated \$250 to The Big Event. We awarded 11 scholarships to Arizona students. We had 10 scholarships worth \$750 and 1 for \$250. We are very proud of our families' efforts.

The Arizona Aggies moms had very solid fundraising efforts for a new club. We held a golf tournament the end of April. Last year we raised \$5800.00. We also had a raffle for American Airline tickets. We sold tickets 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. We made \$1927 between presales and the Boutique Sale. The Arizona Aggie Moms were very fortunate to have a member donate a Suite to the Arizona Cardinals Game of choice. We also sold raffle tickets for this event. We made \$1535 on this raffle. Our last fundraising event of the year is a garage sale. This event brought in \$570. What a great year to be a Fighting Texas Arizona Aggie Mom!

Atascosa County TAMU Mother's Club

Atascosa County Aggie Moms currently has 11 members. We had one fundraiser this year. Our fall fundraiser consists of selling our Atascosa County Aggie Mom Pecans, 1 pound bags of pieces and halves. Through these fundraisers we were able to award 11, \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors accepted to A&M from the towns of Charlotte, Jourdanton, Lytle, Pleasanton, and Poteet. We also delivered goodie bag exam packs to the students in the fall and will be mailing gift cards to the students in the spring

Austin Aggie Moms

Our 2016 Membership is up to **204** counting all Members and Adopt-a Moms.

\$5,850 was given in 11 Austin Aggie Mom Merit Scholarships. (1 @\$850, 2@750, 4@\$500 at 3@\$250) The outstanding recipients were servant leaders and excellent students, all from the Austin area.

\$11,750 was given to the following Student Organizations: \$6,000 to Singing Cadets, \$1,000 to CARPOOL in Memory of Ian Pogue '16, \$1,000 to TAMU Wrestling Team in Memory of Benton Arnold '17, \$500 to Study Abroad Scholarships, \$500 to Veteran's Resource Center, \$500 to Aggie Belles, \$500 to Aggie Sweethearts, \$500 to Student Activities Leadership, \$500 Society of Flight Engineers, \$500 Corp of Cadets, Recruitment and Retention/JJ Sanchez Award, \$250 to the Cushing Library in honor of our Past Presidents.

Additionally, we gave **\$10,000** toward our new Endowed Scholarship for Transfer Students.

Total Giving in 2015: \$27,600 WHOOP!

*Our May meeting served as a preliminary Howdy with the invitation to new Aggie Moms to join us!

We had a great turn out of regular members and new Moms, too as we installed our Officers and had snacks and a time of Q&A for the new Moms.

*Our Howdy Social was July 26th and attended by 160 at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church. We had Representatives from the Corps of Cadets, Big Event, Car Pool, Study Abroad, New Student and Family Programs and Academic Affairs who gave a \$500 Scholarship!! We also had the Yell Leaders and a guest speaker, Dr. Kathleen Speed from the Academic Success Center.

*September we were off and running with all of our new members! Our Fish Mom Mentors took our program for new members to a new level with well-planned meetings prior to our club meetings, just for Fish Moms that really addressed important things for the new moms to know. This really helped keep our Fish Moms coming all year! Our regular meeting had 98 ladies in attendance and we presented information about important A&M resources and had several getting to know you games, Aggie Trivia Quiz and door prizes.

*Our awesome Fish Mom Leaders started a new 4th Tuesday Lunch Bunch Social in September at Waterloo Ice House on 360 and we had about 40 ladies who "did lunch" just for the fun and fellowship of it!!

*Our October 13th meeting we had 82 in attendance and the TAMU Police came and presented interesting and important campus safety news.

*Another very successful 4th Tuesday Lunch Bunch Social in October~ at the same time and place!!

*November 10th, our guest speaker was Paul Pausky of the Career Center and Dads were invited. We had a nice crowd of 93 and learned how our kids can really benefit from the Aggie Network!

*November "4th Tuesday" was a Dinner gathering at the Grove on Bee Cave and it drew a different group of about 40 ladies!! We had a wonderful dinner visit and a little wine for fun!!

*Our Moms purchased, prepared and delivered 131 Goody Bags filled with goodies and gift cards to College Station just before Finals in December.

*December 8th was our Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange, held at the VFW Mansion. We had over 100 of our club members there and everyone brought a desert or wine to share. A great time was had by all!!

*January meeting and month were mostly focused on our January 17th Singing Cadets Concert!! This year we grossed **\$32,468**; \$14,662 in Ticket Sales, \$9,150 in Sponsorships and \$8,657 on the Raffle. Our contribution to the Singing Cadets for the concert was **\$6,000**.

*January 4th Tuesday Lunch Bunch was at Red's Porch, a south location and a smaller group, but still great!

*February we had Dr. Richard Lester with Startup Aggieland. Dads were invited and had a great turn out!!

* 35 Moms enjoyed a fun night at Painting with a Twist and raised \$350 in scholarship donations in the process. The owner donated 10 % back for each participant.

*We started sending funny electronic singing Birthday "Jib Jab" Cards with an Aggie theme to all of our students.

*March 8th will be our Past Presidents Dinner and we will be having the Corps Commandant, Brigadier General Joe Ramirez at the County Line on the Hill. 22 of our Past Presidents were present along with 60 members.

*Our Boutique Booth did great this year selling our exclusive James Avery ATM clasp bracelet and other Campus ID Sterling Jewelry 12 of our Moms helped man our booth and raised ~ \$10,000.

*On April 2nd we will have our own version of the BIG EVENT in Austin by giving back to our community on the same day as our students do so in Aggieland!

* April 12th we had our Officer Elections and a fantastic presentation from students from Traditions Council.

* May meeting will be our officer installation and group picture. We will honor our Graduating Sr.'s in May at our "Aggie Grads and Brags" Dinner.

Austin County A & M University Mothers' Club

The Austin County Aggie Moms Club was founded in 1983 by four dedicated mothers wanting to support local Aggie students. Two of the mothers are no longer living but the remaining two LaVerne Lamp and Ruby Koehn are still active members. Our club has a current membership of 44 mothers. We meet the first Monday of every month during the school year at the Sens Community Center in Bellville Texas. Refreshments begin at 6:30 followed by our meeting or program at 7:00.

Because the first Monday in September falls on Labor Day we start our year with a Howdy party the last Monday in August. This is a covered dish supper & social to get to know the new moms. Each meeting begins with a pledge and prayer and we end each meeting with our Aggie Brags and Snags, letting members know about anyone that is sick or having surgery or going through a family crisis that might need a card or phone call. We also have a monthly door prize for one lucky mom and collect money for a money pot to be given to a student. Our current dues are \$15.00 per year.

At our October meeting we had Renee Sullins with Tapestry of Hope a nonprofit group that does mentoring for students trying to apply and getting into college as well as helping them stay in by choosing the right classes and then helps them prepare resumes and get that desired job or internship. At the end of October we took a club field trip to tour the newly remodeled Kyle Field and then had lunch at the R. C. Slocum Nutrition Center.

During our November meeting we assembled our Dead Week Kits for our current Aggie students. We usually prepare around 40 bags, which are usually in some sort of Aggie bag filled with healthy snacks and drinks along with various school supplies, which will come in handy during exams. We also had Sonny Presnal with Stevenson Companion Animal Life Care Center as our guest speaker.

In December we had our annual Christmas party with snack and enjoy an ornament exchange.

At the January meeting we had a chili supper and invited our 10 scholarship winners along with current students to come talk to us about how their year is going at Aggieland. This past spring we awarded \$500 to six college students and four to graduating high school seniors. We also give donations to several university organizations for a total of \$1,000.00.

This past February we had a Dinner/Dance fundraiser featuring the Aggieland Big Band Orchestra. The night began with a catered meal followed by a dessert auction and then listening to and dancing to the band. We had a silent auction and sold some of our crafts and tee shirts and cookbooks. We also had a photo booth where guest could take a picture with their special Valentine sweetheart.

In March we had a speaker from Texas Agrilife speak to us about soil and gardening. We are also planning another field trip to Pinots Palette in College Station for a fun girl's night out.

In April we will assemble new Dead Week Kits for the spring semester exams. We will also vote on officers for the New Year. We travel to Boutique every year during Parents Weekend to sell our tee shirts. One has a poem about receiving that special Aggie ring written by one of our Aggie dads. The other shirt reads JESUS...HE HAD TWELVE MEN TOO. We also have sell handmade wooden crosses and cookbooks. Our raffle item is a Yeti cooler two A & M lawn chairs various gift cards as well as a decorated cow skull. Our speaker is going to be from Wells Fargo. Giving advice on taking care of our finances while putting a student through college as well as looking ahead to our own retirement.

Our last meeting in May is a salad supper and we have installation of officers. We will also announce the new scholarship winners.

Bandera County Aggie Mom's Club

Bandera County Aggie Mom's Club is located in Bandera, the beautiful Texas Hill Country, also known as the, Cowboy Capital of the World! We currently have 25 active members from the following communities: Bandera, Pipe Creek, Lake Hills, Medina, Utopia, and Tarpley. The club meets the first Monday of each month,

September to May. This year started with our annual Howdy Party, to welcome any new members and recognize all returning members. Our main goal is to provide each Bandera County Aggie with book scholarships and deliver fall and spring goodie bags to support our Aggies as they study for finals. We have one fundraiser each year, which is Aggie Mom's Boutique. Our club usually donates to several student organizations while at the Boutique. We enjoy spreading the Aggie Spirit with Bandera County and we are proud to be part of Texas A&M University!

Baytown Aggie Moms

MEMBERSHIP: 46 members from the greater Baytown area

We have boosted membership and participation for the second year in a row through improved communications by email and Facebook and are working on our website.

FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

Pampered Chef sales

New t-Shirt design sales

Raffle of Kevin Sumlin autographed football (proceeds to go towards continuing education scholarships per NCAA regulations)

Local Craft Show (Sterling High School Bazaar) & Aggie Mom Boutique: Kitty Keller Christmas Ornaments, Kitty Keller Club exclusive silver charm, shopping bags, t-shirts, and other A&M items.

2015 Scholarships Disbursed: 4 incoming freshman @ \$500 each, 2 continuing education @ \$500 each for \$3000 total. We donated to several University organizations as well.

FUN THINGS:

We did a meet and greet (Howdy Party) at the end of the summer at a local coffee/wine bar to reconnect with past members and meet potential new members.

Painting with a Twist: A fun evening of laughter, wine, snacks, music and we each painted a very cute Aggie themed painting.

Annual Christmas Party at area restaurant and a spirited Christmas ornament exchange.

CHALLENGES:

Filling club officer positions, getting members more involved. Balancing fun meeting activities with all the business we need to complete.

Bee County Aggie Moms

We have 8 active members

We gave two \$300 scholarships last may to two freshmen for fall of 2015.

We had another successful year of fundraisers. We always do "Butter Braids". This allows us to give gift cards several times a year to our members' students and the two scholarships at the end of the school year. We a book grant to seasoned members' students to help with book expenses.

Bi-Stone Aggie Moms

Members: 31

Programs: Fall Tailgate, Fall Goody bags, Spring Goody bags

Scholarship Giving: One \$500 scholarship to incoming freshman

Fundraisers: Dues only

Brazoria County Aggie Moms' Club

- In September, we welcomed new moms to our club for a "Howdy Tailgate" hosted by our members.
- In October, TAMU Police Chief Ragan and Lt. Baron visited our club to speak about safety measures on campus. Of course, this varies with the schedules events that are on campus any given day. After the meeting, we made "Halloween treat bags" for our students and their roommates. Donation made to Carpool for \$300.
- In November, Sydney Van Wyk from the Academic Affairs was the guest speaker. She explained how to apply for our BCAMC scholarships for graduating high school seniors and that the application allows for students to be selected for other scholarships, as well. Sydney also detailed the process for a new

scholarship from our club that will be rewarded to a current student for the 2016-17 school year. Donation made to Aspire for \$300.

- In December, we held our annual auction to raise funds for scholarships. One of our favorite community leaders, even though he is a UT graduate, is our auctioneer. We also featured one of our local, but recently graduated students, Elissa Weaver, who has illustrated the book The Gift Giver, by Jacob Haslem and Nick Allen. One of our members has access to beautiful maroon poinsettias, which the club sells.
- In January, Casey Fattig, a BCAMC Scholarship Winner of 2012, shared a presentation about his semester in Qatar. Current students and interested future Aggies were invited. Donation made to Leadership, Learning, and Living Community, Dr. Craig Rotter, for \$300.
- In February, club members gathered to play Bunko. This was a new venture for our club. We will definitely repeat it again next year. Members enjoyed getting to visit with one another and get to know each other. We also brought candy to make “Valentine treat bags” for our students and their roommates.
- Due to conflicting local and TAMU schedules for Spring Break, we cancelled the March meeting.
- In April, we will welcome a guest speaker that will share the traditions of Aggie Muster. Our local Aggie Alumni will host a Muster celebration on April 21st. A slate of new officers will be presented and voted on by the club. Our guest will choose which TAMU organization will receive the donation.
- In May, we will induct new officers and award scholarships to four graduating high school students (\$500 each) and one current student (\$1,000). Members will join the families of scholarship winners, getting to know them, and answer any questions they might have about “what happens next!”
- Each guest speaker is paid gas mileage and chooses a TAMU organization to receive a \$150 donation from our club.

Brown County Aggie Mother's

We have 12 “active members”—those who have paid their dues. Attending members is more in the range of 8-9.

We gave out 7 -\$400 scholarships.

We made donations to the following organizations in the amount of \$100.00

Carpool

Breakaway Volunteers

Student Counseling Crisis Hotline

Big Event

We also gave a sign valued at \$100 to Impact for a camp fundraiser

We conduct a Howdy party in July for all incoming freshman in the Brown County area annually

Burleson County Aggie Moms Club

As of 2/28/16 we have 11 members

We have had 2 donations made to the club: \$125 and \$4400.

We have applied for a donation from the Chilifest organization and should hear by May 1st if we are recipients of their yearly award.

We have had several guest speakers at our meetings, including representatives from TAMU financial aid, The Academic Success Center, & Residence Life.

Coastal Bend Aggie Moms

This year our club has been extremely busy. We currently have 20 active members. We hosted the District 11 meeting, which we conducted as a two-day event with a wine social Friday night at the Texas Maritime Museum and a brunch and meeting on Saturday. We had 4 federation officers attend and 3 visiting clubs represented. We are conducting a raffle for boutique. The prizes are a guided fishing trip for 2 people and a night's stay at a local bed & breakfast. And 2 amazing quilts. We will use the money raised from the raffle to

fund our 2 local scholarships that will be given to 2 incoming freshman and presented at our Howdy Social in May. (May 19). Howdy will be conducted as an ice cream social this year with our current Aggies as guests to discuss different topics and concerns for our incoming freshmen. We have elections of officers coming up next month and will also be going over all of our end of year decisions such as our club donations to A&M and any events that we need to start planning for next year.

COLLIN COUNTY TEXAS A&M MOTHERS CLUB

We started out the year sharing a Howdy Party with the Dallas County A&M Mothers' Club. Our theme this year was *12th Man Tailgate@ 12:00!* Attendance was more than we expected. Over 150 participants (New Aggies and their families—approximately 100 Aggie families represented) enjoyed meeting the Yell Leaders and hearing from Nic Taunton '07. Nic is the former Student Body President and current Director of Development for the Association of Former Students. The Aggie Spirit was flowing throughout the room with 2 Boutiques, picture-taking area with the Yell Leaders, multiple sign-up areas, door prizes and an awesome tailgate lunch. Besides sharing the expense, the two Aggie Moms' clubs shared the planning and implementation of the plan, which strengthened the relationship between the groups.

Our club also hosted a New Moms' Tea in September and had 90 new moms attend. It was a lovely luncheon with finger sandwiches, and ornate décor to make the new moms feel welcome and right at home. We sent with each new mom a take-home favor, *CCAM's Pearls of Wisdom* that was filled with advice both serious and humorous in nature. Our total membership is 270 Moms, including 241 Regular members and 29 Associate members (as of January 20, 2016).

We pride ourselves in the following purposes of our club:

INFORMATION: We have streamlined our weekly emails to gear towards cellphone readers, and updated the look to our monthly newsletters; both are full of Collin County Aggie Moms Club information with some campus news. To extend our reach to new moms, we created a Facebook PAGE (public). We advertise our events, meetings, scholarship opportunities, graduate gifts, and fundraising activities. We continue to communicate privately to each other through our Facebook GROUP (private) with advice to one another. We continuously update our website, to give new moms a reason to want to join in the fun.

Twice a year, we sell student Goodie Bags, available to all Collin County students, which are filled with stress relief treats. We also offer a chance to win "Fun Money" for students to moms who attend our General meetings. At our General Meetings, we have a variety of speakers, many of whom are affiliated with Texas A&M. Most recently, at our January meeting, we enjoyed listening to Maggie Gartner, Executive Director of Student Counseling Services talk about a variety of services provided for our Aggies, which comforted our moms! In September, Chief Mike Ragan, Lieutenant Allan Baron, and former officer, D.J. Ohana of the Texas A&M University Police Department (UPD) were our guest speakers and spoke about ways they keep our Aggies safe. In October, our program featured student representatives, David Broussard '15 and Betsy Spurgin '18, from CARPOOL- "Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives". Our November speaker was Torii Kapavik '11, Director of Development for the Division of Student Affairs and shared insight that included student life, disability services, the counseling center, and residence life. February brings our very own CCAM member, Mary Whitaker, talk to us about women's health. At the September, January, and May meetings, we recognize all Collin County graduates with a ring paperweight. We advertise this on our website, through social media, and the local newspapers.

FELLOWSHIP: In addition to our General Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month, we have social activities too. Our "Aggie Moms Connecting" events this year have included many events for the Moms and some for the families to enjoy. One of our first AMC events was *Cheers, Tears, & Beers!* We met at a local brewery to celebrate or commiserate our kids leaving home. Later that month, we met at *Painting with a Twist* to paint our own versions of the Aggie Barn. The next month we joined up with moms from Dallas County Aggie Moms to tour the Bush Museum and eat lunch. In November, we welcomed in Aggie-style, a new Aggie Mom Ree Drummond at her book signing. In December, we enjoyed a wonderful cookie exchange get together. This spring, we have plans for the following: for a Cooking Demonstration at Whole Foods, a Dallas by Chocolate

tour with our significant other, Wine Tasting, and a Craft night. We also enjoy our bi-monthly Bunco nights. Through our Aggie Angel Programs, monthly dinners were introduced and have been extremely popular with the New Moms. Our Corps Moms also meet monthly for dinner and share common stories. Our Ring of Honor ladies, moms of Aggies who have all graduated, are gearing up for our 35th year anniversary of Collin County A&M Mothers Club to be celebrated in October 2016.

SERVICE: Last year, our club gave \$30,300 back to the University--\$12,000 in scholarships to Collin County students, another \$12,300 to campus organizations, and \$6,000 to second our endowed scholarship. The criteria for each endowed scholarship are slightly different, but both are for Collin County students. We are well on our way to achieving another year of giving back a significant amount to the University. Our fundraisers include an awesome yearlong Boutique that includes our personally handcrafted ornaments. Our Parents Weekend Raffle item is the gorgeous Ring Wrap. We also offer a legendary pecan sale in the fall that enjoys huge sales and sell gorgeous poinsettias (Aggie-grown by one of our members) as well as participate in the Dallas County Howdy Holiday Sale. We have adopted a new monthly program of selling SCRIP gift cards, which seems to be fairly successful. Our annual Spring Fundraiser Event including a Silent Auction will be held at a TAMU AgriLife Dallas Center to accommodate our growing space needs and simplify the organization of the event. We will have a great evening of entertainment with country western music, dancing, catered food, silent auction, incredible edibles, a wine & cork pull, and trying something new, a diamond dig. In April, we hold our very own "Big Event" by volunteering a morning of service to non-profit organizations in Collin County. In our experience, lasting friendships are created and fostered through our service projects. We look forward to another great year supporting Texas A&M University, the A&M Students and the Aggie Moms.

Comal County TAMU Mothers Club

The Comal county Texas A&M University Mothers' Club was founded in 1953 with 19 members. This year marks our 62nd anniversary with 109 members. Our club is one of the oldest clubs in Texas and has a proud and strong tradition of service to Texas A&M and Aggies everywhere.

Our club began the 2015-2016 season with a Howdy Ice Cream Social in August where we hosted all local incoming freshman Aggies and their families. At this Social, we awarded 4 scholarships to current A&M seniors from Comal County valued at \$1,000 each. Spring scholarships recipients were recognized as we awarded 12 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each and 4 alternate scholarships at \$500 each in April of 2015. Our Spring Picnic hosted the TX A&M Traditions Counsel. They were a wealth of knowledge. Comal County Aggie Moms also have an endowed scholarship that provides a scholarship to a freshman each year.

In May of 2015, our club donated \$400 to each of the following TX A&M Organizations: 1. Aggie Shields 2. Evans Library 3. Parsons Mounted Cavalry 4. Carpool 5. Patriot Paws.

Comal County Aggie Mom members were represented as a delegation in attendance at the Fall Federation meeting, Aggie Moms Camp, Winter Federation meeting, and District 8 meeting.

Every year we take orders, mix, bake and package five kinds of German cookies to fund our scholarships. It is a monumental effort held the second weekend in December, and we use the entire commercial kitchen and cafeteria at a local high school. It takes approximately 48 hours to complete this undertaking. On that Sunday afternoon, more than 24,000 cookies were packed by our club members and picked up by the happy customers. This year marked the 61st anniversary of our Comal County Aggie Mom Cookie Bake.

We are in our 4th year of producing authentic German steins for our Boutique contribution. We have a new design each year making it a desirable item to build upon as a collection. The proceeds from the stein sales go for scholarships.

We held our annual February Family Dinner night at a local (owned by an Aggie Dad) Mexican Food restaurant, which was very well attended. This event gives Aggie Moms an opportunity to mingle with other Aggie Mom families in a non-business setting.

This spring we plan to offer our steins at Parents Weekend Boutique, and our club president will present the Commandant's Flag to the most involved corps outfit. This award signifies the outfit that gives the most back to the community.

In April we will participate in our local general TAMU Club's Muster event by providing all the desserts for the attendees. Also in April we will have our Scholarship Picnic where we will present scholarships to several deserving incoming Aggie Freshmen.

Dallas County

2015 – 2016 has been a great year for the Dallas County Aggie Moms' Club! We began in May with our Installation dinner at Aggie-owned Tupinamba Café with several brand new Club members in attendance. We were privileged to have Katie Latham, our District 2 Liaison, install the new officers. She conducted the ceremony in true Aggie fashion, reminding each officer of her duties and explaining each position using A&M terminology.

I chose "*All of Us Are Greater Than Any of Us*" as my theme to emphasize that the collective effort of a group can accomplish more than any single individual. I made an effort to meet with each officer in May and early June to review their plans of work for the upcoming year before a New Board Workshop in June. I compiled a new notebook for each officer and included a jump drive with scanned copies of all recent notebooks for that position along with electronic versions of all necessary forms and files. Each officer inherited a DCAM Gmail account corresponding to the office that she will pass on to her successor.

Our Howdy Party, a joint venture with Collin County, was a huge success with over 200 families participating. We were fortunate enough to have 'hometown' Yell Leaders and their attending family members added to the festivities. We also had a packed house at our New Moms Social.

We changed the location of our General Meetings this year, partially because the Texas A&M AgriLife Center's Pavilion was scheduled for demolitions and partially to see if we could garner more attendance (we did). My goal for the Programs at our General Meetings was to provide one school-oriented program, one non-school but still Aggie-oriented and one purely social theme for each semester. We encouraged Aggie Dads to attend the Aggie-oriented programs and Chili Cook-off (January), and in February we invited past Presidents to attend to celebrate Mrs. Peoples and all of the others who have continued the Aggie Mom legacy since we were established in 1922. We kicked off the year with New Student and Family Programs (Student Life) and will end with the A&M Recruitment Center and a Moms' Panel to address questions for incoming freshman and transfer moms. In between, we welcomed the 12th Man Foundation to talk about the new Kyle Field and planned sports venues, Rusty Burson to talk about Aggie Sports and the Traditions Council to remind of us of what makes A&M special. We also reintroduced the practice of inviting new graduates to the meeting following graduation so we can present them with gift and celebrate their accomplishment (January and May).

Our fundraising efforts included Boutique sales at selected meetings, Aggie Mom Camp and the Winter Federation meeting (and upcoming Parents' Weekend) in addition to our Howdy Holiday Sale where we invited participation by other surrounding Aggie Moms Clubs. We sold SCRIP all year and held several shopping evenings with Rally House and Kendra Scott. The highlight was hosting the Singing Cadets in Concert at the Dallas City Performance Hall.

We renewed focus in the social area with DCAM offering at least one "Aggie Moms Connecting" event every month beginning in June. The activities ranged from old favorites (bowling, Bunco, bingo, movies, happy hour and dinner) to new ventures (Bush Museum Tour, Pioneer Woman Book Signing, Holiday Sweet Swap, painting the Aggie Barn, wine bottling and Whole Foods tour). The Book Club that was formed last year continued to attract more interest holding a holiday dinner and book swap. We also held Craft Workshops (ornament making, painting, scrapbook assembly and sewing sessions) to build up our Boutique inventory. I'm proud to say that for the first time we will participate in The Big Event working with Hope Supply Co. assembling hygiene boxes for teens.

We tried a new approach to Goody Bags in the fall, making it a meeting activity. The cost of participation was one multi-pack item for each bag packed. We made reusable bags out of t-shirts and let the moms take them

for 'delivery' at Thanksgiving. We made over 40 bags, exceeding the total number sold in recent years. Our Aggies loved them! We will follow the same format for the spring with a couple of moms taking them to A&M for distribution.

The Club currently has a total membership of 144 including active, life and associate members. We will continue to provide two Endowed Scholarships and five additional scholarships to a freshman, sophomore, Junior, Senior and Corps member (any level). We will present one Corps award to the Outstanding Cadet Staff Officer. Additional donations totaling \$10,000 were made to 63 student organizations determined by our membership.

We had dedicated Officers, and many of them attended the fall and Winter Federation Meetings and Workshops with me. Additionally, I had the support of several of our recent past Presidents; I value their strong leadership and all of their advice and guidance. It was an honor to serve this year.

Deep East Texas A&M Mothers' Club

The Deep East Texas Aggie Moms' Club hosted the Singing Cadets in January 2015 and were given the opportunity through one of our associate members, Cathy Stringer, to have Gene Stallings, former "Junction Boy" from Texas A&M and coach of his alma mater before coaching for St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals and The University of Alabama to speak in April 2016. From these events, we were able to raise the money for our scholarships. We gave two \$500 scholarships to students from two local high schools entering as freshmen at Texas A&M in Fall 2015. In addition, we gave four \$500 scholarships to current upperclassmen at Texas A&M from our local area, including the annual Bobby Smith Engineering Scholarship, given to an upper division engineering major at Texas A&M. These were awarded at our annual scholarship and recognition dinner last May. We also started a new tradition at this event by creating an honorary member title. Our first honorary member is Iva Holyfield, an Aggie mom and former club officer who has been active in our club for many, many years. In addition, our club was happy to give back to Texas A&M by donating \$150 to Carpool, \$200 to 12th can Food Bank, and \$150 to the Big Event.

In June 2015, we had our annual Howdy Hullabaloo. We had an ice cream sundae bar and invited incoming students and their parents from our area as well as current students and their families. Our door prizes included five \$200 book scholarships to Barnes and Noble, as well as numerous other Aggie door prizes. We were delighted to have three of the current Yell Leaders at this kick-off event, and they entertained us with stories and led us in yells. It was a great event to welcome new students and their families into the Aggie family.

Our current year began in September with our annual salad supper to host and welcome new Aggie moms to our club. Our current membership is at 48 active members, 5 associate members, and 1 honorary member.

In October, our club participated in the mini-boutique at Aggie Moms Fish Camp and had lots of fun and raised enough money to fund one scholarship. Several of our moms attended the Fish Camp this year. On that note, one of our moms, Clair Balliet will be the Aggie Mom Fish Camp 2016 Co-Chair. We are honored that Clair also serves this year on the Federation Board as a member of the By-Laws committee and last year as a member of the Nominating Committee.

In November, we had a special speaker, Geracie Mack, mom of Aggie defensive tackle Daylon Mack, who is from Gladewater. She entertained us with stories of the Aggie football program, her experiences as the mom of a player, and she and her family's enthusiasm for and dedication to Texas A&M.

In December we had our own version of Aggies Give Back: Aggie Moms Give Back. We chose the Women's Center of East Texas, an organization that helps women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing safe haven and support services. We were able to donate \$600 in gift card donations for the moms to shop for Christmas presents for their children, as well as donating gifts for the moms. In addition, some of our Aggie moms and their Aggies home for Christmas break volunteered at the Center's Christmas party by helping the moms choose and wrap gifts for their children and doing crafts with the kids while their moms were "shopping".

Our members have otherwise been busy preparing and crafting items for the upcoming Aggie Moms Boutique next month at Parent's Weekend.

We also would like to note that this year marks the 40th anniversary of our club, which we will celebrate in April. We are thankful for the support of our moms and our community in service to Aggies and Texas A&M. We look forward to many more years of fun and service to come!

Fort Bend Aggie Moms

2015 Funds Awarded

\$2700 University Clubs and Organizations
\$417.68 Sterling Evans Library Mothers' Endowment
\$17,000 Scholarships to Fort Bend Students attending TAMU
\$7500 Payment to our Southerland Aggie Leaders Endowed Scholarship (Spring 2015)
\$1400 Additional payment to the Southerland Aggie Leaders Endowed Scholarship
(Fall 2015) Endowment is fully funded

Fort Bend Aggie moms are very excited to have our endowed scholarship paid and students were able to apply for our first scholarship, with the reward given Fall 2016.

As a board, committee, and general membership we have been very busy this year. We started the summer by attending Texas A&M night at the Sugar Land Skeeters baseball game as a group and we hope this will become an annual event. Our HOWDY party we welcomed new Aggie Moms and Students and began a new tradition in the club, ending our meetings with the War Hymn. Our membership has continued to grow and we receive new members each week. This year almost half of our membership is brand new moms and we have many who were members two years ago and have rejoined. We adopted six moms from Alaska, Michigan, Minnesota and Oklahoma. We send them our newsletter, welcome packages, personal notes, even Valentines cards. A cry for help came from a Minnesota mom in which her son (Freshman) waited too late to get a shuttle to a Houston airport. As Aggie moms do, we jumped into action and between our group and even moms in Atlanta, Georgia we found him a ride to the airport. He made it home and his mom was so thankful.

Tamales, poinsettias, and aggie bags were our big fundraisers for the fall. We broke records with the aggie bags and expect to do the same for the spring. We had over 20 moms show up to decorate and stuff our personalized bags.

As a first year president, I have tried to get moms out of their comfort zone. Introducing the War Hymn, Aggie Angels (Members sitting with new moms at meetings), throwing out the pass the paper to sign up, and using volunteer spot and event brite to buy tickets on line has been a challenge, but moms are coming around.

The year ended with our holiday party. The New Year was kicked off our Spring fundraiser, in which we are having a car raffle, spa visits, golf package and a timeshare. The drawing will take place parents weekend.

We have been trying, and I say trying to have a social once a month. We are working on it, turn out is slow, but we are going as group to Painting with a Twist in a few weeks and I think it will be a good bonding for us all.

This year our guest speakers have been fun and informative.

August	Galveston Yell Leaders
September	Traditions Council
October	Big Event
November	Car Pool
December	Holiday Party
January	Trivia/did you survive the first semester?
February	TAMU, Police Chief Ragan
March	Archives/Sterling Library
April	Traveling Aggies

Many of us will be helping with muster at Galveston/and attending muster in Fort Bend County April 21.

May will be our Senior night and scholarship awards.

Galveston County A&M Mothers' Club

The Galveston County Mothers' Club is unique in that we have a Branch Campus in our backyard. That means that we not only serve the College Station Campus but the Texas A&M University Galveston Campus on Pelican Island as well. Proudly, this Branch Campus is home to one of five Maritime Academy's in the Country, Texas A&M Maritime Academy. With that, our club holds over 300 members spread all over the world from Singapore to the British Isles and represent 24 states in the United States. As the Galveston Campus nears 3000 students, our club growth continues steadily upwards while they enjoy a 90% student retention.

Approximately 70 members live within an hours drive and under 35 within a half hour. 16 of our club members have a student at both the TAMU and TAMUG Campuses. Nine club members live in the College Station area with a student on the Galveston Campus and 7 live in the Galveston area with a student on the College Station Campus.

Our Executive Board has been engaging and aggressive in our fundraising and club growth efforts. We financially support student groups and provide scholarships on BOTH campuses giving approximately \$6000.00. We have been able to draw attention to the existing Endowment by getting it properly advertised and have met goals of paying it down, above what was expected; it will be paid off early using funds from our raffled golf cart this and next year. Additionally, we were successful in becoming a Certified Dealer for Orca products, selling A&M chaser cups and coolers as fast as we get them. We are now members of our local Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce and continue networking for local support.

We now have an interactive website with a GCAM Store along with parent and student resources in which one does not have to be a club member to utilize. We proudly added a Ring of Honor to our club and continue exploring ways to enhance the Aggie pride after parents no longer have Aggie students. This is an honored group within our organization and we hold the gals in the highest esteem. We have reached out to other clubs within our District 6 inviting them to participate at the on-campus events via service and or to financially adopt a student organization.

Good relations with the University Staff have enhanced the effectiveness and level of our support to them and the students here locally. We now call the Galveston Campus 'our home' for monthly meetings. Due to our faithful service orientated group, we are blessed with using the campus for storage and preparations. The TAMUG Police Department blesses us with 'anytime' parking privileges with specially issued Aggie Mom dash-passes.

Since we are such a hands-on club, physically serving on campus, there are numerous special events and memorable programs worth mentioning.

- The summer of 2015, our clubs New Student Conference Committee yielded the largest number of membership applications ever; we are a part of the NSC program and offering our own power point presentation.
- We started our year with a Tail-gate Howdy Party on campus and followed with a tour of the brand new Research Vessel, The R/V Trident.
- Our Club President sat on the University's Family Weekend Planning Committee, which, in turn, led to more invitations of participation with other University events.
- Fuddruckers blessed our groups Christmas Brunch by providing a 2nd floor view of the harbor in The Strand's Wharf District in their newly restored historical building.
- Texas Maritime Academy allowed us our Chamber Ribbon-cutting on the Signal Deck of the brand new Academy Hall; Company Commanders, Yell Leaders and Maroon Delegate's received us and guests as dignitaries.

- For a second year, our club was represented at the Texas A&M Maritime Mardi Gras Gala held at The Tremont.
- For our incoming officer installation, we used the same model from the Winter Federation meeting, honoring the core values with students.
- We added a segment to our monthly meeting program called “Student Recognitions”. One gal and one fella are selected from different student org. groups to speak on their work with that particular organization; a donation is made to each student org. group.

Our local club members have the unique opportunity to love and support the University staff and students with the same traditions as the College Station campus 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 & Reviews.

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, 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, Texas Maritime Academy - March on the Bay and the TMA Olympics.

To say that we stay busy is an understatement; special thanks to the local parents who pull this off. Our reward comes from the appreciative parents that live far away, the students wanting us involved in their daily lives and activities, as well as being valued by the University Staff; we are truly a family at TAMUG!

SAME RING, SAME NETWORK, SAME SPIRIT: Aggieland does not stop at the waters-edge!! Check out your Branch Campus commercial at: <https://youtu.be/RrttU94q0s4>

Greater New Orleans Aggie Moms Club

The Greater New Orleans Aggie Moms Club is made up of moms mainly from the New Orleans and Baton Rouge area. Officers include President, Secretary/Gift Card Chair, Membership Chair and Treasurer. We currently have 24 paid members. We average 10-12 members at each meeting. Our club meetings have been held in September 2015, December 2015, March 2016 and one is scheduled in June 2016. We hosted an Aggie Ornament exchange during our December meeting. We normally meet in member homes or at a local restaurant that supports TAMU events.

We currently have 18 College Station students and 5 Galveston students. We normally send the students of paid members a restaurant gift card in the Fall and the Spring. This year we are also sending a gift card for the student’s birthday. Graduating students receive a free Benjamin Knox print.

Our only current fundraiser is selling Benjamin Knox prints at the Boutique during Parent’s Weekend. We were able to fund three (3) \$500 student scholarships for the Spring semester. We are considering publishing a 2nd Greater New Orleans Aggie Moms Cookbook and possibly developing a cookbook APP. We are fortunate to have the New Orleans A&M Club (former students) to financially support us in other areas than scholarships, e.g., birthday gift cards.

During Spring Break this year, a group from TAMU came to the New Orleans to serve at a local no-kill animal shelter. Our club will hosted a dinner one night for the students. Our club collects Mardi Gras beads for the Orange County Aggie Moms Club to use during their annual dinner for the Ross Volunteers.

Due to limited financial resources, we have not made any recent donations to TAMU student organizations. We are trying to organize social events for the students called “Round-Up.” Our attempt over the Winter break was unsuccessful and will try again during Parent’s Weekend. This is an opportunity for the students from our area to meet each other.

Our normal means of communication is email to our moms. We also have a Facebook page to post upcoming meetings, events, etc.

Guadalupe County Aggie Moms

During the summer, our officers met to plan for the coming year, setting goals and calendaring events. Our first meeting was in August and we publicized it by putting in in our local papers' community calendar and on radio community calendar, as well as emailing our membership and putting it on our facebook page. We also sent personal invitations to all the new Aggie Moms in our area that we could identify.

Our August meeting turned out great and we had more new moms show up than ever before at an August meeting. Our September meeting was similarly large! At this time, we have 52 dues paid members, which is the highest number we have had in recent memory.

At all or most of our meetings we have a "brag" and/or introduction time where we go around the room and have each mom introduce herself and tell a little about her Aggie student(s). Sometime we skip this if we are short on time, but we try to at least introduce ourselves each meeting.

We also have a meal at each meeting at no cost to the members. Our first meeting, the meal was provided by the officers, and then we have a sign up with 4-5 volunteers to bring a light meal for each meeting. It works wonderfully and there is always more than enough food. We have meals like soups and cornbread with tea, water and dessert, or various salads, or lasagna, salad, bread and desserts. The club provides the paper goods and tea and water each meeting.

At our initial meetings in Aug and Sept, we have sign-up sheets go around for moms to sign up for meals, as well as other events or responsibilities that we need help with throughout the year, such as sending holiday and birthday cards to our students, helping organize our fundraisers, etc.

In August we had a panel discussion, sort of, where certain moms were designated to discuss or take questions re. a particular item of interest for moms of college students or things about our club—such as tutoring, meal plans, football tickets, our food committees, our Howdy Dinner fundraiser, scholarships, parking tickets in College Station, etc. This was our first time to do this and it seemed to work well and encourage discussion between the new and seasoned moms about things that we do or that concern us related to our students.

In September we really just had a business/planning meeting for the year. The last two years we have also participated in a local adult spelling bee by having a team from our Aggie Moms club; this event is usually in the fall. In October, each year, we paint wooden ornaments that we use to decorate a Christmas tree in our town square in Seguin. We have maroon fish for freshman, maroon gig'em hands for sophomores, gold ring crest ovals for juniors and elephants for seniors, as well as a Texas flag design for grad students. The moms pay \$5 for these and often order more than one. One goes on the tree downtown during the holiday season and is later returned to the mom who made it. The downtown square has trees encircling it decorated by various groups and organizations in the area, such as 4-H, churches, schools, businesses etc.

At our November meeting, we all bring items to go in goody bags for the students. We sign up ahead of time, often at the Oct. meeting for the items we will bring as well as for a bag for the students. When we arrive at the Nov. meeting, the bags or buckets are usually lined up and we go down the line and fill them; each mom takes home the bags she has ordered for her student/s. Usually the bags are filled to overflowing, and our students are delighted with them. In order to take a bag home, the Mom must bring items for the bags. If she signs up for 2 bags, she brings at least two items for all the bags, etc.

In December, we don't have a regular meeting, but on the appointed night, those who would like to, meet at the town square to decorate the club's Christmas tree, and then often go out for dinner at a local restaurant.

In January and February, we spend a lot of our meeting time, planning and preparing for our annual HOWDY dinner fundraiser. Our Howdy Dinner and Dance (new this year) was held on March 5, 2016. It was a fajita dinner with much of the food prepared by members, and some purchased as well. We had a live and silent auction with items donated by members or area businesses. We recognize the oldest Aggie among us with a small gift and were gifted with a donation by the area Texas A&M Club, who we help with Muster as well. After

dinner, there was a band and country western dancing was enjoyed by many. We had 200-300 attendees at the event. Tickets are sold ahead of time by members and at a few local businesses.

Last year and this year we have/will participated in Boutique at Parents' Weekend. We began selling Aggie Tote Bags purchased from Double D Ranchwear's collegiate division, Reds Rabbit, and we will sell those again this year along with some complementary items. We will add Snap Jewelry to our sales inventory this year, which is something new; we hope it will be well received. In April we also select our scholarship recipients and hold a dinner in their honor.

We give approximately 20 \$500 scholarships to area students that we receive applications for locally. We also have an endowed scholarship at Texas A&M for a junior or above student, and we participate in the selection process for that individual as well.

In May we honor our senior students at an ice cream social that our students are invited to attend with us, if they are home.

Hays County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

- 1) 43 Members
- 2) We meet at a Community Neighborhood Club House on the second Thursday Sept. – May 6:45-8:30
- 3) We provided \$2,500 in scholarships to in-coming freshman and a current A&M student
- 4) We donated \$100 to the Big Event
- 5) We conduct 2 fundraisers: a) Sept. Pet Vaccination Clinic b) Feb. Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Casino Night, cork pull, raffle
- 6) Some of our programs: Sept, Dessert Social to welcome new moms; Oct. Traditions Council speakers; Nov. Painting With a Twist outing; Dec. Ornament Exchange Christmas Party; Jan. Annual Student Appreciation Dinner for moms, dads & Aggie students; Feb. Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Casino Night & raffle; March Bunko Night; May Salad Bar Dinner & Board Induction
- 7) We have a Ring of Honor Club for moms whose student has graduated
- 8) We have raised \$20,000 towards a \$25,000 scholarship endowment fund

Henderson County A&M University Mothers Club

We are a very special group of Aggie Moms. Although we are named Henderson County Aggie Moms, we really consist of surrounding counties as well. We have 31 members. We strive to support our Aggies and the University in everything we do. We meet monthly at a local church; there we discuss future plans, work toward our annual goals, fellowship and brag about our Ags!

The Moms give monthly to the "Fun Money" donation can, an Aggies name is drawn from the can each meeting for the prize! We gave four \$500 scholarships and sent donations for \$100 each to Aggie Sisters for Christ, CarPool, The Big Event and Corp of Cadets Band. We are proud to be Aggie Moms.

We started our year off with an officers meeting in July to plan out and organize our 2015-2016 year. There were 9 of our 10 officers present. The meeting was very productive.

Our "Howdy Party" was held on August 8, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, food and fun. Too top off the entertainment a game called Family Feud was played between our new Aggie students and their parents. Aggie traditions were the questions used in the game. We had 22 in attendance. Our new Aggie Moms were given a welcome packet from our Club with all kinds of useful information. So delighted to see our season starting off with a "Bang"!

Maroon Out T-shirt orders were taken during August and handed out at our September meeting. One of our New Moms attended Aggie Mom Fish Camp in October, she had a blast! Whoop!

In November we filled our "Goody Bags" back packs with lots of treats to help our Ags study hard for their finals! Three of our new Moms traveled to Aggieland in December to hand out the bags. This new adventure for them was very enjoyable!

In December we tried a new fundraiser; we had a Christmas Poinsettia Sale. All was successful and the poinsettias were beautiful. An Aggie Mom opened up her business boardroom as a venue to hold our Christmas party. A fund time of food, fellowship and a gift game exchange was enjoyed by all!

Highland Lakes A & M Mother's Club

This year the HL A & M Mother's Club membership was 29. We met every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce Building. President, Glenda Brady prepares an agenda one week before every meeting to let members know what is coming up and to remind them of the meeting. Vice-President, Garnette Klingsporn keeps our club informed of happenings throughout the year with her emails. Secretary, Dani Hodge gives a timely A & M tradition each meeting to let moms be familiar of the many traditions surrounding A & M. Treasurer; Kim Parten has done a good job keeping our financial records for the year. Barbara Walker, Hospitality Chair is collecting photos of our Aggies to place in our yearly Scrapbook. Kelly Henry, Goody Bag Chair has coordinated both the fall and spring Goody Bags that each member has contributed to. Nita Winslett, Fund Raiser Chair, coordinated our yearly fundraiser at the Walkway of Lights in Marble Falls, this past December.

In October Dani Hodge arranged for our guest speaker: J. David McMahon'69, from the A & M Career Center to come and talk to us. Mr. McMahon gave a very informative talk and answered many of the questions our moms had about their Aggie's future career plans. In January, we held our annual "Meet the Senior Night". We invite the seniors from three area high schools (Burnet, Marble Falls, and Faith Academy) who have been admitted or plan to attend A & M in the fall to our meeting as well as their moms. Our special guests are our Aggies. Our A & M students give a brief description of student life and then answer questions the senior students and their moms have. It is followed with a potluck dinner. It is a fun evening for all.

Our local Aggies have made their moms very proud this year. Several have made the Dean's and Distinguish Students List. They are involved in many student activities on campus: to name a few the: Corp of Cadets (one is the second handler to Reveille), Singing Cadets, and Women's Chorus. Several of our Aggies will be graduating with their bachelors in Medical (Dentistry), and Engineering this spring. In the fall we had one of our Aggies earn a Master's Degree in Engineering. In the spring we will have one of our Aggies earn a Master Degree from the Bush School in Public Administration.

As Aggie Moms we are very proud of all our local Aggies for the hard work, school spirit, and dedication. It is very rewarding being an Aggie Mom.

Houston A&M University Mothers' Club

Our year began in June with three very well-attended Fish Socials for our new moms. We currently have 332 paid members. The Houston Aggie Moms supported the Houston A&M club in July by donating an auction item and buying 2 tables for Coaches' Night. Several of our members attended the Fall Federation dinner and meetings in College Station in August.

Our first general meeting in September was a huge success. As has become our tradition, we introduce all board members and committee chairs to the new members, and have fun games to play describing A&M traditions. In lieu of a speaker, we get our new members actively involved in volunteer opportunities, buying care packages, visiting our boutique, and meeting other moms. This year the Galveston yell leaders helped excite our crowd!

At our October meeting, we welcomed members of the Academic Success Center. Ray Childress '85 spoke at our November meeting. Our December meeting is always replaced by our annual Christmas luncheon. This year, it was held at the Junior League of Houston, and was attended by over 150 ladies. Vendors were present to sell various goods, and they all donated a portion of their proceeds back to the club for scholarships. We also delivered over 150 care packages to our students before finals.

Bob Harvey 77 spoke at our January meeting. Several moms attended the Winter Federation meeting in College Station. Our February meeting is replaced with our annual Crazy Auction, which was held at the Julia

Ideon Public Library. It was a sold-out function, and raised over \$27,000 (final numbers are not available as of this writing) to fund our scholarships and other donations to the University such as Carpool, Big Event, Veterans Resource Center, and various libraries.

Alyssa Michalke '16, Corps Commander, will be our speaker in March. Several moms will attend the District 6 meeting in March as well. There is no meeting in April due to Parents' Weekend, and we will once again distribute finals care packages in April. At our last meeting in May, we will install our new Board.

We work hard at Parents' Weekend to make our Boutique successful, and receive support from many of our moms as volunteers. We will also participate in the Spring Federation meetings and events, as well as the opportunity to meet our scholars at the PES events. Our club will once again sponsor and present the Jouine Award to the Corps of Cadets outfit with the best GPA.

The Houston Aggie Moms continue to support each other, our students, and the University through fellowship and scholarships. We have had a most successful year, and are looking forward to growing in the future. It has been my privilege and honor to serve these ladies and this club during this past year. Thanks & Gig 'em!

Kaufman County Aggie Mom Club

Our club purposes is to have fun, laugh, cry, support one another and celebrate the lives of our kids and to make new Aggie friends.

We started our year in August with our kick-off party with 34 members by having a taco bar. It was a big success. Our club meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Forney Sub Courthouse at 6:30 PM. Our club has continued to grow successfully over the last three years and we could not be more excited about that opportunity. We start our meetings with introductions and Aggie brags followed by our business reports and it is ended by taking an Aggie love offering. Each mom can participate by placing a dollar in our infamous A&M bucket and placing their student's name with it. A name is drawn at the end of the meeting and that student wins the love offering! We work throughout the year on our crafts for boutique. In November we had CarPool as our guest speaker and we also made a monetary contribution to the group as well. We also put together goodie bags for the students for finals week. We attended the Dallas County Holiday Howdy Sale on December 5 and had an excellent outcome on our Christmas sale items making over \$2,000 during the 5 hour sale. We also had a family Christmas dinner in place of our monthly meeting to celebrate the end of finals and fellowship together. Each of our students was asked to brag on their accomplishments for the semester. In January, I attended the Federation Winter dinner and meeting to sponsor the club. We submitted all of our Federation forms on time. We elected our new board for the 2016-2017 school year in February. We submitted one club member for consideration for a Federation position as well. We also are gearing up by finishing up some last minute craft items for boutique by having craft days. At the beginning of March, we released our Aggie Mom Scholarship Application and held our monthly meeting. We will be putting goodie bags together at our April meeting so the students will have them for finals in May. Also, in April our club will be assisting the Kaufman County Aggie Club by decorating tables for Muster. Kristi King (I) will be speaking at Muster on behalf of our club. Our scholarship committee will be reviewing the scholarship applications that we receive during May. We will be announcing our scholarship recipients in June and they will be recognized at the Kaufman County Aggie Club annual silent and live auction held in Kaufman in July. It has been a very successful year!

Kendall County Aggie Mothers' Club

Kendall County Aggie Mothers' Club currently has 51 members this year. Our main fundraiser is our annual golf tournament that is held in conjunction with the Hill Country Aggies, usually held in May. As our secondary fundraiser we make burlap A&M wreaths, along with many other style wreaths, to sell locally and at the Annual Aggie Moms Club Boutique at the MSC in April. Last year we were fortunate enough to be able to award \$20,000 in scholarships to our Kendall County Aggies. In addition to our scholarship efforts, we support our students with finals goodie bags for fall and spring finals. As a special event, we host the Yell Leaders for Howdy Night to welcome our incoming freshman.

Kingwood Humble Area Aggie Moms' Club

Membership: The membership of the Kingwood Humble Area Aggie Moms' Club currently stands at 158 members, which is a few members more than last year. New this year we have a couple of Dads attending regularly. We are an active group and our focus is to bring together our members in FELLOWSHIP through activities and fundraising, INFORM them of student services of the university that will make them feel comfortable that their Aggies have important safety nets while on campus and INVOLVE them in serving our wonderful students with Goody Bag preparation and distribution and through scholarships.

Meetings: We host speakers throughout our monthly programs. Our meetings typically starts with a 30 minute social time to just visit with light snacks provided by our members. Then we have a 15-20 minute program for speakers followed with our business meeting and conclude with a fun activity and door prizes. We have been blessed with Paul Pausky from the Career Center of Academic Affairs Offices; representatives from TAMU Class Council talking about class specific activities such as their class gift to the university and how they fundraise for their class gift and non-specific events like Maroon Out and 11-11 day; and Dick Ghiselin, Muster Chair from the Lake Houston Aggie Club for the Spring semester months. Then our 2015-16 year kicks off with an annual Howdy Party in July where all new and returning Aggies and their families meet and greet. This year, Alyssa Michalke, Corps of Cadets Commander helped welcome new families to the Aggie Spirit speaking about what being an Aggie means to her. We also had representatives from Fish Camp there to lead the crowd in yells, the Fight song and the Spirit of Aggieland. Our Fall semester meetings we varied our program style to have Q&A panels which have included a panel of Lt. Allan Baron from the Campus Police Dept., Dr. Carol Binzer from Residential Life, Dr. Martha Dannenbaum MD from Student Health Services and Dr. Maggie Gartner from Student Counseling Services and a panel of representatives from The Big Event, CARPOOL, and Maroon Coats. We also had Dr. Donna Lang, VP Academic Operations, Galveston Campus speak on graduation success.

Student Support: Our club funded 10 scholarships for the Fall 2015 semester totaling \$10,000 with an additional \$4,100 in donations to student organizations. These amounts vary yearly based on results of our fundraising efforts and scholarship applicants. In addition, 17 students' awards are given throughout the year for a total of \$3,400 each club year. Each student in attendance at our Howdy Party received a Howdy Backpack, which included a 12th Man Towel, fun and useful items and resource handouts. We also handed out student and Mom door prizes. Our club offers Goody Bags, which includes a keepsake gift, snacks, a local eatery gift card, and homemade goodies each Fall and Spring semester. Spring Goody Bags were delivered to 185 of our area students in both College Station and Galveston and 160 Fall Goody Bags in December.

Fundraising and Projects: Our major fundraiser of the year continued to be our annual Traditions Banquet. This year was our 5th annual banquet, themed Boots and Whoops in November. The event included dinner for 125 guests at The Overlook event center, a live band, Fall boutique for shopping, silent auction, raffle drawings, and door prizes. Thanks to the generosity of the community and the hard work of our members we will meet our fundraising expectation for the year. Our Boutique is another source of our fundraising having participated in the Winter Federation Mini Boutique, Parents' Weekend Boutique and boutique sales during our meetings.

Liberty County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

The Liberty County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club currently has 27 members. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Dayton ISD Administration Building Boardroom. We start each meeting with a light meal. Our first meeting of the year was held in September and we had some absolutely wonderful new Aggie Moms join our organization. At our October meeting, we hand-painted a bucket for our fall Goodie Bags. We held our annual tailgate party on October 31, 2016 and had nearly 200 people attended our tailgate. At our November meeting we stuffed our Goodie Buckets full of comfort things. Such as snacks, drinks, bubbles, and a note from mom and dad. In December, we held our annual Christmas party. At this event we invite our "Vintage Moms" (former active Liberty County Aggie Moms) to attend. We had a great turnout and a wonderful time.

We just completed our first of two annual scholarship fundraisers. On Friday, February 19th, we hosted our fourth annual Bunco Tournament and Silent Auction. We had about 125 ladies playing Bunco. Each year has been bigger and better, and we are already looking forward to hosting our 4th Annual Bunco Tournament next spring! Our second fundraiser for 2015-2016 is a Gift Card Raffle. The drawing for \$1,000 of gift cards from state / national retailers will be held at Liberty County A&M muster in April. We hope that these two fundraisers will make nearly \$5,000 for our scholarships. All profit we make goes to scholarships.

Our January and February meetings were devoted to finalizing plans for these two fundraisers. In March, we will select our officers for next year and at our April meeting we will select our 2016 scholarship recipients. In May, we will install new officers, provide a reception for our scholarship recipients and honor our 2016 graduates.

The Liberty County Aggie Moms are a small but very busy and active group. We have a great time together and love supporting each other and our AGGIES!

Lone Star A&M University Mothers' Club

The Lone Star Aggie Mom's Club has 21 active members. We meet at 6:00 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at Texarkana College.

So far this year we have had one fundraiser, which was the sale of poinsettia plants at Christmas. We currently are selling raffle tickets for a 35-quart Yeti Cooler and the drawing will be held April 21 at our local Muster. 150 tickets were printed and they are selling like hotcakes! Between the poinsettias and the Yeti Cooler fundraisers we plan to give out four \$500.00 scholarships.

For the fall semester during one of our meetings we "stuffed the goody bags" for our Aggies and they were given to the students prior to fall final exams. Our next meeting is March 28 and we will have another "stuff the goody bags" and the parents attending Parents' Weekend will be delivering those bags for Spring finals.

Overall we have had a good year and are enjoying each other's stories on the progress of our Aggies and some of the funny things that have happened to them in Aggieland!

Lubbock Area Texas A & M Mothers club

The Lubbock Area Aggie Moms Club had 46 members this year. We have an active social media account where we post events, pictures, and information to keep our members informed. We have regularly scheduled monthly business meetings, as well as, social gatherings where we join with our Lubbock A & M Club for fellowship and club support.

This year our activities included a well-attended Howdy Picnic, our Cactus Night Theater and fundraiser with Silent Auction, and a Change Jar, that is passed around weekly. We have been able to successfully fund 5 scholarships for our local Aggie students.

During the course of our year, we arrange for Class Brag nights at our meetings, pack survival tins for our students during finals, and support two Lubbock Area Aggie Moms, whose students have passed away during the 2014-2016 school years. Our Final Program of the year will be an April Dinner to recognize Senior moms, induct our new officers, introduce scholarship winners, and announce the donations to the student organizations selected.

Matagorda County Aggie Moms' Club

Our Matagorda County Aggie Moms' Club consists of 23 members dedicated to supporting and encouraging our local Aggie students.

Our fundraisers during the 2015-2016 year have been successful. In the fall we held a fundraiser selling Scentsy products. This spring we had our 3rd Annual "Beauty and the Feast" fundraiser. Beauty and the Feast raffle tickets were sold at \$20 each. The winner received:

Copy of our most recent cookbook

Home-cooked meal for 6, chosen by the winner from the cookbook and prepared & delivered by our club

Floral arrangement by Bay City Floral

Consultation, haircut, & blowout by Nicasio

Moroccan Oil product from Nicasio Salon & Spa

We continue trying to find different ways of selling our cookbooks & also have an account with a local re-sale shop for members to donate goods. I am proud to state that we were able to award 21 - \$200 scholarships this year. Whoop!!

In June we will host a Howdy Party for incoming freshmen. We hope to continue our Howdy Party tradition of inviting the Yell Leaders to our event. They always make the event memorable!

Midland Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

Members – 64 Moms (70 Students)

Fundraising: Dues

Our first event of the year was our annual Howdy Meet and Greet on August 10, 2015. We welcomed 11 new Aggie families who were able to attend.

At our first regular meeting, we welcomed David and Misty Baker, both Aggies, who shared about their favorite Aggie Traditions.

Our annual Goody Bags for our Aggies was held in October. We loaded and delivered 96 Goody Bags to our Aggies and their friends. We had a huge turnout for loading day and many moms brought homemade goodies to add to the bags of snacks, school supplies, toiletries, and for an added treat, our Aggies received embroidered hand towels and handmade pot holders. The potholders were made by one of our Aggie Moms and her friend embroidered the towels. Our Goody Bags is usually considered a fundraiser, however this year we broke even.

In November, we had a Painting Party and painted an Aggie Christmas tree canvas while enjoying a potluck dinner. It was really fun!

In January, we had 4 of our Aggies share about 3 campus organizations they are involved with: Autism Speaks, Aggies Reaching Out, and Cornerstone. We were able to donate \$300.00 to each of these organizations and also donated \$100.00 to The Big Event.

Throughout the Fall, we updated our club Bylaws to better describe how our club functions and to update some of the language and descriptions. In January, we voted to approve these updated Bylaws.

In February, we made Valentine's for each of our Aggies and enclosed a \$10.00 Fuego's gift card and mailed them in time for Valentine's Day.

At our April meeting, we will vote on new Officers for next year and enjoy some time to get to know each other better. We are also working on connecting with our local Midland A&M Club to help with their events, participate in Muster, and other ways to connect our clubs.

We will wrap up our year with a Family Dinner on May 16 and will install our new Officers at that time.

Montgomery County Aggie Mothers Club

Number of Members: 129

Donations to A&M: Fightin' Texas Aggie Band \$250, Breakaway \$250, Carpool \$250, 12th Can \$250.

Scholarships given to Montgomery County Aggie Students: \$6,000

Donation to Grace Crossing Church—our host \$100

Successful Fund Raisers:

--We hosted the Singing Cadets & due to sponsorships and ticket sales, we were able to raise a significant amount of money for giving back!

--Despite not being able to bring in Kendra Scott to the boutique this year, we also partnered with them for a Kendra Scott night at their store in The Woodlands receiving a portion of the proceeds for our scholarship fund.

--We had speakers from the TAMU Career Center & TAMU Police Dept to name a few.

--Our BIG EVENT philanthropy this year was ---*A Dress for Barbara*. At a club meeting our members helped by bagging jewelry and organizing prom dresses for girls with special needs & in foster care. We also supported the 12th Can with a can food drive.

Navarro County Aggie Moms Club

Last spring we provided \$800.00 in scholarships, divided evenly between Four students. The fundraising was done through our raffle at Aggie Boutique during Parents weekend. We also gifted each graduate with an A&M paperweight.

In September, we hosted our annual Welcome Tea. We have 22 members this year. We provided exam bags for all 22 of our Aggies in December and are in planning for the spring exam bags. We are gearing up for Aggie Boutique and are planning on having another great raffle.

NETC Aggie Moms' Club

The Northeast Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club has 125 members.

The Howdy Party was June 20th with Yell Leaders and Reveille from A&M. The Club had several fundraisers: "Football Squares", Kendra Scott, Lilly Pulitzer, and Vineyard Vines shopping in December, and Benefit Dinner and Casino Night with Silent Auction in February. We will give out scholarships and grants in May 2016. Last May 2015 NETC gave out \$100 to 8 organizations and 9 students received scholarships of varied amounts
Club Events - September - Messina Hof - wine & chocolate pairings, October - Football Watching Party, November - 2nd Annual Paint 'N Sip December - Kendra Scott, Lilly Pulitzer, & Vineyard Vines, shopping Bits & Bites, February - Casino Night Benefit Dinner, April - local Big Event, then lunch, May - Family Picnic

Programs for the year: staff from Carpooling, General Ramirez, Military Care Packages, Christmas Dinner with Ornament Exchange, Start Up Aggieland, Silver Taps & Muster, Rec Center, Academic Success Center, and Officer Induction with Troie Burch. Also we took Goody Bags down to College Station twice a year with homemade bake goods.

Northwest Harris County Texas A&M Mothers' Club

The Northwest Harris County Texas A&M Mothers' Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Houston Distributing Company. We have a social time from 6:30-7:00 and our meeting starts at 7:00. Our club has 315 members and raises funds to support Texas A&M student organizations and student scholarships through two fundraising events, boutique sales of our Tradition line of crafts, cookbooks, pillows and beads, and care packages. All activities are publicized in local newspapers, magazines and neighborhood newsletters

Summer Mixers were held in the summer at several club members' homes prior to the Howdy party. New Aggie Moms were invited and asked to join the club. The Galveston Yell Leaders led our club in a yell practice at the Howdy party and we had a drawing for an Aggie ring that had been donated in the spring by the Association of Former Students. We were proud to host the following speakers at our general meetings this year: J. Michael Ragan, Director & Chief of TAMU Police Department, Dr. Kathy Banks, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Dwight Look College of Engineering, LT. Col. Jay Brewer, Sr. Associate Director of Aggie Bands, Cheryl Lyn Walker, Welch Chair and Director of Biosciences and Technology, Porter S. Garner III, President and CEO of the Association of Former Students, Taekwondo student organization, Women's Chorus student organization, Delta Sigma Pi student organization.

Other activities that were held during our general meetings included book awards, a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange, Scholarship Award presentation and Induction of new board members. Care Packages were sold for the fall and spring semesters and members travelled to College Station and Galveston for the distribution, giving each student the opportunity to go through our "Hug Line" before they received their care package. We also took pictures of each student with their care package and emailed the photo to their Mom.

We held two fundraising events this year. The Hullabaloo Huddle, a watch party and live auction was held in the fall at a local sports bar. 68 members/family members/friends of the Club attended. The China Luncheon and style show was held in the spring with a mother/daughter style show from a local boutique. Table hostesses decorated tables in different themes and fathers/husband/sons participated as servers for the luncheon. 175 attendees participated in a silent auction and were able to buy items from the club's boutique during the luncheon.

Ring of Honor Moms who participated on the Scholarship selection committee awarded 13 student scholarships for the Fall of 2017-Spring 2018. Our seniors were recognized in May with a gift of a ring crest from the club.

Parker County Aggie Moms' Club

Parker County Aggie Moms' Club has a current membership of 68 members. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month at Antonio's Restaurant, Weatherford, TX. We start our meeting at 6:30 pm. Our Aggie moms' like the idea of having our meeting at a restaurant. It gives them a night out to not to have to make dinner. Our members have increased since last year and we are still getting Aggie Moms that what to join.

In July we hold our annual "Howdy Party", with all processed going toward Scholarships. Last year at our "Howdy Party", we were able to give one \$1,000.00 Scholarship to an incoming freshman and 3 \$1,000.00 to returning students. We were able to have a Silent Auction and a Live Auction, with all items being donated. We raised over \$7,000.00. We could not have been able to do this event without our Aggie Parents, Alumni, and the Public.

Study Packs are very important to our Aggies. They look forward to them during the fall before Finals we when deliver them and in the spring before Finals. We will have approximately up to 100 study packs given out. We are very happy that not only our Aggies want one, but also their roommates.

This is our first year with the Adopt-a-Aggie Mom from out of state. It took me 3 weeks to call each one and introduce myself, and what a turnout! Out of State Aggie Moms' were so thankful to be a part of a club in Texas. They are always emailed the minutes from our monthly meeting, get involved with the study packs, and this April, 2016 at Parents Weekend, there will be about 8 out of state Aggie Moms' helping at our Boot Booth.

As for our Boots, we have been selling a lot of our Aggie Mom Boots and also the A&M Boots. This is one of our fundraising Traditions that has been going strong for years. All proceeds go toward our Scholarships.

To reach more Aggie Moms who are members or haven't joined us yet and incoming students' moms, we highlight our face book page. We encourage members to upload pictures, brags anything that their Aggie is during or has to our face book page.

Parker County Aggie Moms' is a great club with a wonderful group of Aggie Moms' that care deeply about all of our Aggies!

Randolph Area Federation Texas A&M Mothers' Club

The Randolph Area Aggie Moms' Club currently has 39 members. We are a well-mixed group of veteran and new aggie moms. Our Officers have also welcomed many new officers starting their two-year term. Our club meets the second Tuesday of every month except in July. Our meeting place is Boysville Inc. in Converse, Texas.

Some of our activities to date have included a Howdy Night in June, welcoming our new aggie moms and their students, and awarding student scholarships. During Howdy Night we recognized our \$500 scholarship recipients which included two incoming freshman, 1 soph0more, 1 junior and 1 senior. In addition to the

scholarships, our club also provides two monthly book awards of \$100 each. During our monthly potluck meetings, we have offered speakers, fellowship and information for our club members, Speakers so far have included Provost Dr. J. Kracht of the Academic Success Center, student speakers from our club highlighting their Aggie experiences, and representatives from the Prospective Student Center in San Antonio. Almost all of our club officers plus a few club members also attended the Fall and Spring Federation Meeting. We managed to attend the fall business meeting, workshops and scheduled time to socialize both before and after the meeting, which has a started new tradition among our club.

Our fundraisers have included a pie sale, and we are very excited about the upcoming Boutique 2016, which we will work in partnership with third party vendor, Irresistible You Beauty. This year we have also decided to include a raffle drawing in June. Our boutique chair has also reached out to local places including a local grill and weekend craft shows that have enabled the club to sale our Aggie crafts to a broader market. Our club gives back to our community through individual donations to the Boysville campus, which is also our meeting place. The club adopts the Ridgeway Cottage on the campus and provides Christmas stockings and gifts to the girls living in the home. We attend their Christmas Pageant and then have dinner and spend time with the girls in their home. In addition to the new gifts, we also donated several slightly used, almost new clothing items that the girls just absolutely loved.

Other opportunities our club offers is a Financial Aid and Admissions night at our February meeting where local High School Seniors who have been accepted into A&M and their parents are invited to come hear our guest speakers and hopefully join our club. Additionally, our club delivers goodie boxes that our members purchase for their aggie students. The boxes are personalized and decorated by our moms and included everything from pictures to quotes, lace and buttons. The boxes are packed full of nutritious treats, stress busters and some study break puzzles. Student feedback on our goodie boxes have been positively overwhelming, which gives reason consider this opportunity a club tradition.

Currently, our goals for this year and coming years include us adding more fundraiser events to allow more scholarship recipients. Our club is experiencing a lot of changes and traditional fundraisers such as poinsettias and pie sales may no longer be available to our club. We are hoping to have a successful raffle and boutique sales as we are also searching for other means that enable us to provide scholarships and services to the students of Texas A&M University.

It has been a rewarding experience leading this awesome group of talented women. I am certainly looking forward to my second-term.

Rio Grande Valley Aggie Moms' Club

The Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Aggie Moms' Club encompasses four counties in Deep South Texas. They are Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties. For the 2015-16 year, membership grew to ninety members. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, September through May, except December. At any given meeting, one third to half of the membership is present.

The RGV Aggie Moms' Club started off the year with a Howdy Party on August 1st at the Weslaco Business, Visitor and Event Center. This is also home to our monthly meetings. There was a great turnout of new members and Valley Aggies in attendance. Current students presented organizations they are involved with at A&M and encouraged the freshmen to get involved in at least one group while at A&M.

RGV Aggie Moms worked on the handcrafted stepping-stones that are sold at Boutique. We also returned to Boutique with our airbrush coated Aggie themed trailer hitch covers.

After a three-year absence, a raffle was reinstated. Two Southwest Airline tickets to fly round trip anywhere in the continental United States was our prize. The winner was drawn at Boutique.

Our 4th Annual Gig 'Em Scholarship Golf Tournament took place April 30th at Los Lagos Golf Course in Edinburg, Texas. It was another success because of the help of our membership hustling to get sponsors and prizes, and because of our great contributors who graciously support our endeavors.

The proceeds from Boutique, the raffle and golf tournament funds our RGV scholarships. We have capped the amount at \$1,200 per recipient. Number of awarded scholarships depends on funds raised. The previous year fourteen scholarships were awarded. We also donate to various organizations at A&M.

Moms purchased goodie bags for the fall semester final exams. They were distributed at our November meeting so that Moms could give to their Aggies over the Thanksgiving break. Halloween, Valentine and birthday cards were also mailed to our Aggies. Moms provided their own gift cards to insert as an extra treat for their Aggie(s).

A bylaws committee was formed to update our bylaws. The committee presented the updates and they were approved at our last meeting of the year.

Over all, the Rio Grande Valley Aggie Moms' Club is thriving well. We have wonderful mothers who give of their time and talent to serve our Valley Aggies.

Rockwall County Aggie Moms

During my first year of Aggie Mom President, we were able to maintain an equal level of membership with the graduating seniors and the incoming freshman.

I brought in several good speakers:

1. Academic Success Center, Texas A&M University
2. Ryan Montgomery, Director of Development, Carpool (and current Aggie)
3. Students involved in Traditions Council 2015-2016
4. Commander (ret) Scot Sanders, Fighting Texas Aggie Corp of Cadets, Varsity Letterman, 12th Man kick-off Team

We have given out returning students scholarships in the amount of: \$4950.00

We will be offering New Student scholarships at the end of this school year in the amount of: \$8000.00

Our club participated in the Annual Aggie Mom Tailgate event, semester goodie bag assembly and delivery and annual Aggie Mom Boutique coming up. Along with the Boutique, we also have done our annual garage sale, which we sold about \$1,000.00 worth of item in about 4 hours. And, we sold Pecans, which raised over \$2,300.00

We are working on our annual Welcome meeting/dinner for incoming freshman that we do in May of each year and have lined up some of the yell-leader crew for this....very excited.

San Angelo Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

Our club has 95 members supporting 63 students. This past fiscal year (2015-2016), our club awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding students from our area. We also supported 10 student organizations, selected by our membership, with a \$100 donation to each organization. Each semester, we support our members' students by assembling Goody Bags, providing tutorial "Study Bucks" (up to \$100 in vouchers for tutorials), and mailing \$5 gift cards to support our students during Finals Week. We assemble the Goody Bags (consisting of school supplies and treats) during our November/March meetings. Our members deliver the Goody Bags to their students, while our club mails the gift cards directly to the students.

Over the summer, the Board planned the calendar year and discussed creating a new membership kick-off meeting, "Aggie Moms 101". The Board members adopted new moms and provided mini "12-item" Goody Bags to incoming freshmen. We also presented potential members with a "Howdy packet" explaining the benefits and privileges of being a club member.

We were encouraged by the high turnout of our first membership meeting in August, the "Aggie Moms 101" program targeted for new members to learn about the Aggie Traditions and the benefits of being part of our club. During the year, we also host a membership meeting each month (August-November and January-April). Our program officers provide a meal, time of fellowship, and program of interest to our members. We continue to use email to communicate with our members concerning upcoming events and meetings.

On October 10, 2016, our club hosted our annual Scholarship Luncheon. This year was our ten-year anniversary for the luncheon. Roses were presented to attending Past Presidents of our club. Past President, Suzy Mears (one of the founders of the luncheon), presented the history of the establishment of our Scholarship Luncheon. We held our annual raffle of donated items as well as the selling of various items. This year our Scholarship Luncheon total income was \$6,638.53. We were so pleased with the turnout of club and

community members supporting our Aggie students. We are already preparing for and looking forward to our major spring fundraiser, "Spring Boutique", held during Parents' weekend, April 8-10, 2016.

We are currently making preparations for our 2016-2017 year by enlisting new board members. We desire to continue to provide our membership with the "Spirit of Aggieland" right here in San Angelo along with fun and fellowship as we help them support their students at Texas A&M University.

Sandstorm A&M University Mothers' Club

The Sandstorm Aggie Mom's Club in Odessa, TX meets once per month on the first Monday of the Month from September through May, however we meet on the last Monday in August instead of on Labor Day. We meet to network with each other, support each other, and support our students. We try to find the families of new student to provide support to them. We are continually looking for more and better ways to put out the word to our community that Texas A&M is the university to attend.

We start our year by hosting a summer social for the new A&M students and their families. Last June we had a hamburger cookout and swim party and over 40 people attended. We also have a family dinner night in January while the students are still home on winter break, this year it was at Mi Piaci's and the students enjoyed sharing about life at A&M with each other and meeting other family members.

This year our chapter has 18 members, one mother has two students currently at A&M and one of our mother's student is a SeaAG at the Galveston campus. We have already identified 8-9 high school seniors that will be attending A&M in the Fall of 2016 and we hope to identify several more by May. All of these potential families will be invited to our social this coming June.

Twice a year we send out Goodie Boxes to our students; we mail them for Halloween and Valentine's Day, and then our Fall & Spring finals are cards of encouragement filled with gift cards to local eating establishments around A&M so students can get something to eat when taking a break from studying. It has been well received by the students and it saves the club a bunch of money on postage that can be put towards the amounts on the gift cards.

At the end of each semester we draw a name of one of the students whose mother has been active with our Chapter to receive \$250 to spend for school needs: rent, books, food, auto expenses, etc. We also give a \$50 gift to each graduating senior upon graduation as a token from our club for their accomplishment.

Our annual fundraiser has been a raffle of an autographed A&M football by Coach Sumlin and a Spa gift certificate. We draw for the prizes at the February meeting. The proceeds allow us to make donations to various campus organizations. Every spring we decide which Campus Organizations to support and we try to support any of the clubs of which members' students participate. This past year we donated money to A-Line Aggies, CARPOOL, The Big Event, Aggie Yacht, Aggie Investment, Breakaway ministries and Theta Run.

We are a small chapter that is a long way from College Station but enjoy getting together to support our Aggies, share & explain traditions to new Aggie Moms about Texas A&M University.

Aggie Moms of Shelby County

We currently have 22 members.

In 2015, we had a small gun raffle in the spring of 2015 and on March 12, 2016 we are having our Spectacular Event that is our fundraiser for Aggie book gifts that we give in the fall.

We provided goody bags for all of our Aggies in the fall and treated them to dinner at B.J.'s in College Station. We give the students gift cards in the spring during finals.

We donated to the CARPOOL organization –an A&M club that helps students with rides after a night of drinking.

Southwest Dallas County Aggie Moms

The Southwest Dallas County Aggie Moms' Club currently has 41 members and one Adopt-a-Mom. This year marks the 27th year of our club, which was organized in 1988. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month from September through May. After the Howdy Party in July to welcome our new and returning Aggies, the SWDC Aggie Moms began a full calendar of events. Monthly programs this year were geared more toward welcoming

new moms (half our club are freshman moms this year) and providing them with information on life as an Aggie. The fundraisers this year include Pampered Chef, Avon, Chili's Gives Back and Parents' Weekend Boutique. All proceeds from our fundraisers go to the Scholarship Fund. We award incoming freshman book scholarships and continuing student scholarships. We also donate to a TAMU campus organization as determined by the Executive Board in April.

We support our student Aggies through Exam Packs at the end of each semester, Halloween goodie bags, Valentine goodies and Aggie Brags at each meeting. Graduating seniors are recognized at the May meeting with a ring crest paperweight.

Fort Worth/Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club

As of February 2016, the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Aggie Moms Club has 183 members. Established in 1922, we celebrated our 93rd^d year as a club this past October. Each year the club President chooses the club's logo and motto for the year with T-shirts made reflect that logo – this year's logo is shown above with the motto "Deep in the Heart of Aggies", because as moms we all hope to hold a special place deep in the heart of our young Aggie students.

Scholarships and Donations

For the 2015-16 school year, our Aggie Moms' Club raised funds to provide \$10,000 in scholarships and \$3,000 in donations to Texas A&M student organizations. With 127 scholarship applications received, our Scholarship Committee had a tough job choosing just 10 scholarship recipients. Scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each, with six (6) awarded to current Texas A&M undergraduate students, and four (4) awarded to incoming freshmen students. Donations were made to eight (8) campus student organizations this year, in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1000. These donations were made to: CARPOOL; Big Event, Fish Camp, Traditions Council, Corps of Cadets, Be the Match, Legacies, and Alpha Chi Omega (specified for domestic violence project).

Fundraising

Funds for scholarships and donations to student organizations are mainly derived from our boutique sales during Parents Weekend at Texas A&M. During this time we sell both craft items and merchandise. Throughout the year we also sell boutique items at Coach's Night, Howdy Party, general meetings, and special events. Other fundraisers this year include our annual Silent Auction & Chili Cook-off in February, and two Kendra Scott Gives Back nights, one held in November in Fort Worth location, and a second to be held in April in Southlake, where 20% of sales for a 2-3 hour period are donated by Kendra Scott.

Welcome for New Students & Parents

We began the new club year with the annual Howdy Party to welcome incoming freshmen and their families, held this year on July 12, 2015 at the Texas A&M School of Law. We had over 160 students and parents in attendance to hear from our own Aggie Moms and current students, the Yell Leaders, representatives from CARPOOL, Student Services and Texas AgriLife Extension. As an added bonus, in August we coordinated with Texas AgriLife Extension for a money management seminar for college students, entitled #Outof\$\$\$PleaseSentMore!, with approximately 20 students attending.

Meetings and Events

The FW/TC Aggie Moms' club meets monthly from September to May, and offers a variety of special events throughout the year. We kicked off our programs in September with a presentation from Texas A&M's Office of Student Life, in October we learned about the Veterans Resource and Support Center, November provided information on the Study Abroad program, and December found us back at the Law School for a fun Holiday Mixer and ornament exchange. In January we welcomed Alyssa Michalke, first female Commander of the Corps of Cadets, and in March we will meet at the Texas A&M Law School and have the Law School's Dean Andrew Morris as our speaker. At each general meeting we have a themed potluck dinner at the start and offer boutique items for sale. Our February meeting is our annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction. This scholarship fundraiser has become a favorite for our moms, spouses and Aggie friends to attend, raising over \$5,000 this year through silent auction bidding, 50/50 Cash raffle and a Heads or Tails game for a television. We were also pleased to have Federation President Troie Burch as one of our Chili-Cook-off judges this year!

Aside from our monthly meetings, we hold several other activities and event opportunities for our members - in June we painted wine glasses at Blue Mesa in Fort Worth, in October we tasted wine and chocolates at Messina Hof in Grapevine, in November, in conjunction with the FW/TC A&M Club, we hosted a Game Watching Party at Fox & Hound in Fort Worth, and in February we painted the Aggie Barn at "Paint & Sip with Friends" in Colleyville. April 2nd will bring us our Big Event Luncheon, which honors our club's Past Presidents and helps out our community just like our students are doing the same Saturday in College Station at Texas A&M's Big Event. The luncheon features individual themed tables hosted by club members, and attendees at each table are asked to donate different items of need (such as shampoo, detergent, snack bars, etc.) in support of the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth – our own Big Event! In May, we will hold our end-of-the-year installation dinner and Senior Brag night, where moms and dads can brag on their graduating student, and we recognize board and committee members for their year of service to the club, and we install the new officers for next year.

Our Ring of Honor group for moms of graduated Aggies also has held several fun events this year, including a drive in movie, the horse races in Grand Prairie, watching the Parade of Lights in Fort Worth, and a visit to a brewery, with more fun to come in the Spring for this group.

Service and Donations for Community and Students

Besides meetings and events, our club also "does" a lot of things for our students and community. We provide study kits for our Aggies twice a year before finals – our Fall study kits are picked up by moms at our November meeting, and Spring kits are taken to A&M for pick up by the students at the MSC. Our study kits are always full of snacks and other goodies and packaged in different types of containers each time – this year a reusable logo tote and a cute A&M bucket. We also hold several weekend "craft days" to paint and put together some of the items we sell at Parents' Weekend Aggie Moms Boutique. In September, we provided water and a snack to 2,000+ members of the Corps of Cadets after the March In in Downtown Fort Worth, and in October and January we prepared and served a lunch meal to 50+ people staying at the Ronald McDonald House, Fort Worth. We also supported several Texas A&M organizations, collecting funds for MSC LEAD's Whoop For Troops boxes, collecting and delivering canned goods donations for 12thCan campus food pantry, and facilitating drop off of member's donations to the new Career Closet at A&M.

Participation in Federation Activities

Our club has participated in many Federation activities this year, including having 13 members attend the 2015 Aggie Moms' Camp, with several serving as Camp staff and counselors. We had many moms attend the Fall and Winter dinner, workshops and meetings, and had all of 5 of our delegates present to vote at both business meetings. We have 5 Board members signed up to attend our upcoming District 1 meeting at the end of February.

The Fort Worth/Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club continues to carry on the traditions and purpose that began 93 years ago - to foster and support fellow Aggie moms in the Tarrant County area, help out our students in Aggieland, enrich the Tarrant County community with our scholarships and donations, and represent the selfless service and support that is the true spirit of all Aggie Moms. It has been a pleasure to serve as the 2015-16 President of this great group of women! Gig'em Aggie Moms!

Tri-County Texas A&M Mother's Club

Our Tri-County Aggie Mom's Club is 18 years old and we have a membership of 98 ladies for the 2015-16 year. Our meetings are held in LaGrange, TX at the First United Methodist Church on the third Monday of each month. We share a meal, have fantastic guest speakers, share prayers, brag about our Aggies and have door prizes. Some of the speakers we have had this year include the Treasurer of Maroon Out, Members of the Maroon Coats, including the Student Body President, Dr. Musoma from the Mays Business School, and the voice of the Aggies, Dave South (who will be coming in April).

To kick off the year in August, we had a Howdy Party at the Texas Czech Heritage Center with a meal supplied by the club officers. New moms and returning moms played a Bingo game to get to know each other and to win small prizes. In December, we held our Christmas celebration at the Czech Center as well. Our moms

and their spouses shared appetizers and our favorite libations. This year we played a fun ornament exchange game and each of the moms went home with a new ornament for her tree. In March, we have a social at an officer's home. We invite our spouses and enjoy time to visit and share drinks and snacks.

We hold two fundraisers each year. In October, we sold about 1300 plates of BBQ chicken with all the trimmings and hosted a bake sale in conjunction with the meal. In April, we will have a raffle for several very nice prizes donated by our members. Our successful fundraising efforts allowed us to give \$13,000 in scholarships to our Aggies who are seniors this year and to area high school students who are now freshmen at Texas A&M. We also gave \$200 donations to each campus organization that came and spoke at our meetings last year.

In May, we will wrap up our year with a nice catered meal, which will include our moms and our Aggie students. Graduating seniors will be congratulated with the gift of a ring crest paper weight. We have a great group of moms who love supporting our Aggie students with our time, money and prayers.

Tyler County Aggie Moms

Tyler County Aggie Moms Club is a small club with approximately 6 active members. Our main focus is to raise funds to provide scholarships and academic recognition gifts for all Tyler County graduating seniors who have been accepted and have committed to Texas A&M.

Our primary fundraising effort is our pecan sale in the fall. We sell 1 pound bags of pecan halves and pieces for a small profit. This is a great fundraiser because we choose high quality pecans from San Saba Pecan Company that arrive just in time for the holiday baking season. This goes a long way toward our scholarship funds.

We also have discussed and are working on different raffle scenarios including a romantic getaway weekend and a sponsored "Hunters Weekend" at a ranch in west Texas. These raffles will add more funds to our scholarships for seniors.

We planned a "Tyler County Aggie Family Gathering" for an upcoming weekend in Trinity, Texas. We have a location there that was donated to us for the day so that our Aggies could join us and we could better get to know everyone as a group. We feel that it is important for our Aggies to know that there are other Tyler County Aggie students in College Station with them that they can get to know as they all did not go to the same Tyler County schools. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts we have had to postpone that gathering. We hope to pick it back up soon given availability

Uvalde Area Texas A&M Mothers Club

The Uvalde Texas A&M Mothers Club has 26 members. Our activities consisted of preparing goody bags for our students, and delivering them to the students at A&M during finals time each semester. We enjoyed supporting and encouraging our local students in this way.

Walker County Aggie Moms' Club

Members - 34

Donations - \$25/Carpool

Programs - None

Scholarships Giving - 3/\$1500.00

Successful Fund Raisers - Boutique

Special Events - Howdy Party 8/2015; Christmas Party/Ornament Exchange 12/2015

Memorable - Finals Bags Delivery (Spring/2015 & Fall/2015)

WEST BELL COUNTY AGGIE MOMS

The WBC Aggie Moms has 26 members. We have awarded three Barnes & Noble book stipends; two went to returning students and one to an incoming freshman. We host a HOWDY meeting near the end of July to welcome and recruit new mothers along with information for new students about our club. We encourage students and parents to rely on each other in times of need whether it is a serious issue or just delivery of items to and from school when the family can't get it there.

We are working toward being a closer-knit group and getting to know each other better so we can provide better support to our Aggies and each other. The group had two mixers this year, following our normal meetings to facilitate the social aspect of our club.

The club donated to two organizations on campus this year. A drawing was held to decide which organizations would receive our support because there are so many deserving organizations. We sent donations to the Aggie Blossoms and the Dance Arts Society to help support students.

One of our biggest joys is to provide students with goodie bags before fall and spring finals week. We provide snacks, school supplies, etc. We also add a small gift each time. This year we did a picture frame with an Aggie message on the bottom, such as Howdy or Gig'em. In the spring we are providing a drink tumbler with A&M along with the student's name. Students love to receive this small surprise.

We invited a panel of former Aggies to speak to our club in March. They gave information about graduation, living off campus, transportation and family support. Very informative about matters that mothers want to know about but are not published. An example would be, Do students decorate the top of their caps at graduation. We feel we have had a successful year and can't wait to do it all over again, next year.

Williamson County Aggie Moms Club

The Williamson County Aggie Moms socialized, fund raised, learned about A&M, provided scholarships, and delivered hugs and goody bags to Aggieworld during a memorable year!

Wilco Aggie Moms kicked off the year with our Howdy Social on September 1. We welcomed new fish Moms and introduced them to the upcoming activities of our club. Libby Dagers, an assistant coordinator in the TAMU Office of New Student & Family Programs, was our guest speaker at the Howdy Social, and she shared great information about what's going on at A&M and ways to keep in touch with campus activities.

In October, we met at the Texas A&M Health Science Center in Round Rock and learned about medical education opportunities for Aggies in Central Texas. Dr. Lawrence Donovan, the vice dean of the Round Rock campus, and Vanessa Breslin senior academic advisor for the college of nursing spoke to our Aggie Moms and guests.

At the end of October, Traditions Council members came to Circleville to share great information on A&M's many traditions, and Aggie Moms picked up more than 50 turkeys in preparation for our once-a-year fundraiser.

In November, Williamson County Aggie Moms Club held its 62nd annual Turkey Supper to raise money for scholarships and to support student organizations at A&M. Our ticket sales totaled more than \$13,000, with more than 1,300 tickets sold for the dinner that is held in Taylor, Texas, on the first Thursday each November. WHOOP! It takes an army of Aggie Moms, Aggie Dads, Aggie Grandmothers and Aggie Friends to make the event happen each year.

Thanks to our generous volunteers, donors and ticket buyers, we will give 21 scholarships to incoming freshmen and current students for the 2016-17 school year. The scholarships will be awarded in April at our scholarship reception in Georgetown, Texas. Each scholarship is for \$500. Williamson County Aggie Moms will also donate \$1,000 to Aggie organizations. Each of the 10 clubs will receive a \$100 donation. At our January meeting, Aggie Moms voted to donate to Riveters, Society of Flight Test Engineers, Career Closet, A&M

Cycling Team, Wildlife Society, Pre-Law Society, Healthy Gardens, Aggie Wranglers, Run for the Ring and the Wind Chimes Project.

In December, Aggie Moms gathered at Uptown Social in Georgetown for an Aggie themed ornament exchange. Using a story centered on Coach Sumlin and the Corps of Cadets, ornaments were passed to the left or right when those words were read. Each Aggie Mom ended up with a random ornament.

At our March social, Aggie Moms got in touch with their creative sides at a painting party with Paint With Me Kimberly Keller. Keller helped Aggie Moms paint the iconic Aggie Barn and said she was impressed with the Aggie Moms' talent on a difficult painting.

Twice a year, the Williamson County Aggie Moms deliver Finals Survival Kits to our Aggies. The goody bags are not a fundraiser for the club, and the entire \$20 purchase price is put into stuffing a reusable grocery bag with food, toys and love. A group of volunteers shops for the items, assembles the bags and delivers the bags to the MSC. Each Finals Survival Kit comes with an Aggie Mom hug and a wish for the Aggie recipient to BTHO finals! It's always fun to meet the Aggies and hear about their semester and future plans.

For the 2015-2016 year, Williamson County Aggie Moms had 65 paid members. The newly elected 2016-17 Williamson County Aggie Moms executive team is: President Andrea Daniell, VP At Large Jennifer Hancock, VP Membership Sarah Sheldon, VP Turkey Supper Lori Ford, VP Projects/ Scholarships Donna Harmon, VP Communications Debra Sannwaldt, VP Event Coordinator Melissa Thome, Secretary Stacy Stork and Treasurer Rosemary Kostoff. Thanks and Gig'em!

Wood County Aggie Mom's

Our club consists of 21 members from the small east Texas towns in Wood County. Those include Quitman, Winnsboro, Alba, Hawkins, and Mineola. We meet monthly at the Winnsboro Church of Christ or a local establishment, or in someone's home. We enjoy our time together planning our events and supporting our students and each other.

Our main purpose is to help support our local Aggies through scholarships, goody bags during Finals, birthday gift cards, and basic encouragement. We give two \$500 scholarships to incoming Freshmen, one \$300 academic scholarship and one \$100 scholarship per semester.

Our biggest fundraiser is the Aggie Mom Boutique held during Parent's weekend in April. This year we will be raffling an Apple Smart Watch. We also sell drinks every fall at a large local car show in Mineola, TX.