

**Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs**  
**2011-2012 Annual Report of Clubs**

**Abilene A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President, Sheryl Kendrick**

Our club has 63 members. We were able once again this past fiscal year (2010-11) to award three \$500 scholarships to deserving students. We also awarded ten \$100 MSC Bookstore scholarships. We supported 10 student organizations, selected by our membership, with financial donations. To help support our members' students during Finals Week, we assembled goody bags consisting of gift cards from restaurants in College Station. Our members deliver to their own student for the fall semester and we distribute to the kids at our Boutique booth in the spring. Our fundraiser for Boutique is our Apartment Starter Kit Raffle. Our members sell raffle tickets here in Abilene and also donate to our Apartment set-up through a gift registry at Target. Our maroon Fiesta Ware, which is included in the raffle, is always a big hit.

In March, we hosted the Singing Cadets here in Abilene. We had a great turnout from the community for this wonderful concert. Since the admission is free, we sold program ads and collected donations by "Passing the Boot" at the end of the concert to help offset our expenses. The Club was responsible for providing them supper and a sack lunch for their bus trip to their next stop. Several of our members volunteered to house the Cadets overnight and send them off with a delicious breakfast. We tried a new approach to our New Student Picnic to welcome our newest Aggies. At the end of July, we held an ice cream social and featured our Yell leaders. Two of the Yell leaders are from our hometown of Abilene and we loved having them kick off our new year. The Abilene A&M Club (Former Students) joined with us financially to help make this possible. We had a wonderful response and hope to continue this June.

To help reach more Aggie Moms who haven't joined us yet and incoming students' moms, we highlighted our facebook page. We encourage members to upload pictures of their students and "brag" online about activities. Every month we have a few more join! We continue to use email to send requests from members for travel, meeting and activity times, delivery of forgotten items, etc. to help each other.

Over the summer, the Board worked on revising our By-Laws. We updated our schedule, dues, and Duties of the Officers. We also moved our meeting night from Monday to the third Tuesday and to a new location. The building we meet in now is more "cozy" and has really increased the visiting and conversation going on prior to our meetings. We have moved our food table to the front and our members help themselves to treats and conversation before moving into the conference room for our meeting. We try to keep everything FUN!

**Angelina County Aggie Moms' club**  
**President, Stephanie Cook**

We kicked off our year in August with Annual Back to School party for our new students, current students, former students and family members. We had approximately 200 people in attendance with about 50 current students. We were entertained for the evening by two of our very own TAMU Yell Leaders. To say the least, it was an evening to remember and really got our incoming

freshmen excited about beginning their adventure at TAMU. Each table was decorated with memorabilia to represent a tradition, group or club associated with TAMU. We had a yell practice and ended the evening with Aggie War Hymn.

We held our first meeting in September to welcome new moms and catch up with our returning moms. We are now approximately 40 members strong. We had 2 freshmen and 1 sophomore join the corps of Cadets. In October we sent Halloween cards with gift cards to our Aggies. In November we participated in College Night at LHS to promote TAMU and Aggie Moms. We stuffed finals goodie bags for our students. December included securing donations from local businesses for our bingo fundraiser and working with a local church and the Angelina county Aggies to promote the singing Cadets trip to Lufkin in January. We helped host the singing Cadets and several members opened their homes to these students for the evening. The show was fabulous and enjoyed by all who attended. We just hosted our second annual Burgers and Bingo. We sold approximately 350 tickets. The funds raised will go toward our scholarship fund. We are excited about the Aggie Mom Room in the MSC and our club will be contributing to the fund. We are excited to have one of our very own students, Hunter cook, represent the 12<sup>th</sup> man in 2012-2013 as Junior Yell Leader. WHOOP!

**Atascosa County TAMU Mothers' Club**  
**President, Ruth Ann Schultz**

Atascosa County Aggie Moms' Club currently has 9 members. We have 2 fundraisers each year. The fall fundraiser consists of selling our Atascosa County Aggie Moms' Club pecans, 1 pound bags of pieces and halves. Our spring fundraiser is the selling of our original wooden birdhouses, decorated with rusty items and written Aggie traditions. This year we sold most of them at the Castroville Christmas Event. We sell various sizes plus our version of the Dixie Chicken. Through these fundraisers we are able to award scholarships to graduating seniors accepted to A&M from the towns of Charlotte, Poteet, Pleasanton, Jourdanton and Lytle. This year we will be awarding existing A&M students as well. We are also able to donate \$100 to 10 different campus organizations.

**Bandera County Aggie Mothers' Club**  
**President, Annette Nowell**

This year we have 16 members. Our club started off the year with a Howdy Party for the new and old members of the club. We continue supporting our Aggies by making sure they have an exam bag for the fall and spring. Our only fundraiser this year will be Boutique.

**Beaumont Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Sherrie Gaddis**

Beaumont Aggie Moms' Club has a current membership of 65 members. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month at St. John's Lutheran Church on Major Drive in Beaumont, Texas. We start at 6:30 pm with a light meal or snack provided by members.

Our current Board members are:

Sherrie Gaddis-President  
Lori Anderson-President-elect  
Laura Rice-1<sup>st</sup> VP/Membership  
Sharon Boldt-5<sup>th</sup> VP/Hospitality  
Cindy Busch-Treasurer  
Barbara Kearns-Scholarship  
Johnnie Broussard-TLC Bags

Christina McCaslin-Boutique  
Ellen Zimmerman-2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Elizabeth Irving-3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Newsletter  
Kelly McClelland-Secretary  
Eileen Slater-Chaplain  
Gay Moncla-Senior Gifts

This year we provided four \$500 scholarships to:  
Erin Fluke, Jacob Rice, Sarah Irving, Laura Stoma

We also awarded ring scholarships to:  
Jacob Pallone, Matthew Hitt, Christine Kiker/

We have had speakers from the Career and Placement Center, the Student Foreign Exchange Program and Sharon Johnson, District 7 Representative. We had game night, which included learning Aggie Trivia. In December we had a Christmas party at the home of Johnnie Broussard.

We provided TLC bags in December to 75 students from our area and plan to do so in May.

We created a cookbook this year and have been making scarves to sell at Boutique. Our proceeds go to fund scholarships and TLC bags. We hope to increase the number of scholarships this year.

**Bi-Stone Texas A&M Mothers' Club**  
**President, Johanna Speights**

This year our club has 25 members. We will present a \$500 scholarship I may to an area senior attending Texas A&M/College Station in Fall, 2012. We had a large tailgate party in the fall for all Limestone/Freestone Aggie students, as well as provided fall and spring goodie bags during finals. We also sent Valentine cards to our students containing gift card and picture.

**Blanco County A&M Mothers' Club**  
**President, Rebecca Guler**

Our year started with our September Howdy meeting at the Redbud Café on the Blanco town square. We are excited to have 23 Aggie Mom members with 28 students at the College Station campus and 2 at Galveston.

Something new this year has been our presentation of Aggie Traditions by our own Aggie alum and club treasurer, Mary Walker. Mary has educated us on many Aggie traditions like The Big Event, Elephant Walk and Aggie Muster, each with her own special Aggie enthusiasm.

Our club was happy to donate to the MSC by purchasing a brick and we are working again this year to raise funds to contribute to the Blanco County Association of Former Students for annual A&M scholarships. Our annual garage sale has raised \$1400 and \$2100 for scholarships the last two years and we hope to increase that this year at our April 21<sup>st</sup> sale.

As a group, our passion is to provide our Aggie sons and daughters with goodie bags to show our love and support during final exams. Our moms have been very generous in this effort and we count it as a highlight of our year!

### **Bosque County Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Mary Werlinger**

The Bosque County Aggie Moms' Club became active this year after a year of dormancy. We struggled to learn the ropes of the organization and to resurrect an interest in the organization. At present we have 15 paid members supporting 22 area Aggies. We sent out two separate mailings to parents, and placed announcements in the newspaper in an attempt to get the word out regarding BCAM. We remain with 15 members. Several are returning members (4), and the remainder are new members. We gathered to support our local Aggies by preparing and delivering goody bags this fall. We have had no fundraisers. Our group of working mothers, some of whom have small children at home, prefer to supplement the needs of the organization with personal donations to maintain our local Aggies. As we grow in membership and in interest in BCAM, we hope to be able to branch out with fundraisers and contribute to scholarships. We also make ourselves available to help Bosque County A&M Club during Muster. We are a work in progress at this time.

### **Brown County Texas A&M Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Julia Taylor**

Howdy and Greetings from Brown County! We currently have 20 members representing 22 Aggies at Texas A&M University. We have started off 2011-2012 with a bang! We had the Singing Cadets visit Brownwood in February 2011 and we served as host families and served the gentlemen lunches for their trip to San Angelo the next day. We raised over \$250 for our scholarship fund that night with the passing of the Senior Boot for our club. At our April club meeting we stuffed goodie bags consisting of \$5 gift cards in CD cases for our students. Our 2011 Boutique was quite successful at Aggie Moms' Boutique. We raised over \$2200 for our club and had a great time doing it. In May we volunteered at the Brown County Former Students Golf Tournament earning \$887.50 by catering the lunch, selling mulligans and tips throughout the afternoon. In July we hosted our Howdy Party and Ice Cream Social to welcome our 3 incoming freshmen students from the area. We had a local Former Student, Dean Mill '71 and our local 3M plant manager, speak. Great fun was had by all and we had several former and current students there to share their stories with the Aggies too. In September-December we raised funds with the Former Students Association to co-sponsor ads for Aggie Moms and Former Students on the local radio broadcasts of the Fightin' Texas Aggies football games. At our November meeting we stuffed goodie bags. One of our members made felt "Gig Em" bags that we placed our gift cards in for our students. Throughout the year we had 7 students graduate with bachelor's degrees and one student with a master's degree. We presented our undergrads with paperweights with their class year and our grad student received an A&M pen set. We have given away 6 \$100 scholarships for the Fall 2011 semester and have already done our drawing for 8 scholarships for the Spring 2012 semester. Finally we had a Christmas party and Ornament Exchange on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of our president. We all had a great time just having a relaxing evening together.

### **Central Oklahoma A&M Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Debbie Carson**

Central Oklahoma Aggie Moms is a very small club with 7 dues paying members. This year our typical meeting has about 3-4 members in attendance. We raise money through dues and occasionally passing the hat at meetings. We are too small and live in a rather unfriendly environment to attempt fundraisers. Our money is used to make donations to various student organizations such as the Corps of Cadets and Big Event. This year we chose to not make any donations, but to wait until next year so that we could make more substantial donations. Each year we try to have a family gathering so all our Aggies can get to know each other, however, this year, due to scheduling conflicts, we were unable to meet. This year we also decided to have a meeting before the beginning of school to help answer questions for new moms.

### **Clear Lake Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Bernadette Bennett**

Under the leadership of Debbie Maha, President, last February 2011, we heard from Randy Lemmon, and Aggie and Houston's absolute expert on lawns and gardening. He offers weekly help to radio listeners. Randy is a Texas Aggie who truly KNOWS plants and flowers. In March 2011 we joined Friendswood Aggie Moms in hosting the Century Singers. We provided a meal and housing for the night before the concert. In April we stuffed a record setting 103 goodie bags! This past May 2011 our club handed out six \$500 scholarships and twenty-six \$150 book awards, And honored each graduate with a ring crest paperweight. Our membership last year totaled 99. The new board and president took the Oath of Office at the May Family Event.

After much summer planning for budgets, events, speakers, and goals, our new president, Bernadette Bennett, kicked off the year in August with our Howdy Pizza and Potluck Dessert Party. Our motto for the year is BEE INFORMED. BE CONNECTED. BE WITH BEST FRIENDS! Our walls were decorated with welcome banners and balloons decorated the tables. We had tables for membership, goody bags, t-shirts, and visual displays of all the activities we are involved in, and meetings planned for the year. We asked our Federation liaison, Fran Marintsch, to help welcome all our new families and invited a group of Aggie Dancers to lead us in Aggie yells and to dance for us. They definitely enhanced the excitement and enthusiasm for the 150 people there! After the Federation meeting in August, we gathered for our Second Annual Locker Room Tour. Corpus Christi Aggie Moms joined us as we toured the entire Bright Athletic Complex, the indoor facilities, Players Lounge, weightlifting and medical/rehabilitation rooms.

In September we kicked off a family tailgate party for the first football game, Labor Day Holiday weekend. About 80 students and parents got to meet and visit before the game. Our September monthly meeting featured Jane Flaherty from Study Abroad Program. She brought a world of information for those interested in studying abroad. We also started many interest groups including an additional Bunco group, 2 Zumba classes, and a walking group. They share the responsibility of getting the group together and meet independently at various times. Our fundraising began with sales of putt-putt fun cards. Each card sold brings 50% back to the club (\$5.00).

In October we held our first restaurant fundraising event at Fuddruckers (20% goes back to the club), for the Southwest Classic Football Game on October 1. All Aggies were invited to join in on the event at the Fuddruckers across from NASA. A drawing was held for those present. We earned \$260 from the event. Our October monthly meeting featured Ron Klinger of Motivational

Transitions to speak on transitioning and letting our children grow, and Kathy Supak, Athletic Trainer for Clear Creek ISD, to speak on health related concerns for Aggie students. For Parents' Weekend, we held another tailgate party for the Baylor game. Our Aggie Mom families enjoyed the beautiful weather! At least 100 were served. Our interest groups continued to meet throughout the month. We began another fundraising venture with TAMU Video, sharing \$5.00 of the proceeds for every video sold called, "Aggies, The True Story of Texas A&M University."

In November we met to stuff 111 goodie bags, the most we have ever stuffed! Our bags are made solely for non-profit and range from backpacks to duffel bags to coolers and are embellished with various Aggie symbols. They were stuffed with many snacks and gift cards. The Executive Board was honored for their service with gifts of thanks as we began the Thanksgiving season. We also invited our Zumba instructor to teach our whole group. Aggie Moms got up and danced to the Latin Rhythms and worked off a few calories! We announced the formation of 2 more interest groups; the Gardening Group and the Quilting Group. We are cultivating friendships through common interests.

In December 140 of us packed Bay oaks country Club for our Holiday Christmas Dinner and silent auction. Our guest speaker was none other than Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President of TAMU! The facility was festively decorated for Christmas with an entire room set aside for the 38 silent auction items, all donated and many autographed. We kicked off our quilt raffle as well, selling \$280 worth of tickets. The dinner was excellent and everyone got individual photo ops and time to visit personally with Dr. Loftin. While some were visiting, the bidding for all the silent auction items really heated up in the adjacent room! Everyone had so much fun and went home with smiles on their faces! Our club grossed over \$3000.00 from the silent auction.

In January we hosted another Family Night/Fundraiser at the NASA Fuddruckers, raising \$308. We also sold t-shirts and quilt raffle tickets. Our guest speakers were members of the Traditions Council. We honored our December graduates with a ring crest paperweight and had many gift card drawings for students, dads and moms. A special drawing was held by Frank Urbanio, the exclusive Aggie Class of '55 designer of the Aggie Rain Shade. Frank discussed how his design came about, and how he hopes it will become popular around game day in Aggieland. We requested the formation of an Aggie Handy Man Dad group to be available when Aggie Moms need help with home repairs. Dads signed up to help serve for a meaningful cause. At the end of the month, a group of four of us will attend the Federation meeting and have fun sharing time together.

In February we will host the Dean of Liberal Arts, Dean Jose Luis Bermudez. He will discuss the growing interest in the Liberal Arts Department at A&M and the expansion of the department. Our club interest groups will be in full swing and friendships will flourish. The month of March will be a perfect time to have Luke J. Altendorf, Director of the MSC, show us a preview of the New MSC. Amy Bacon, author of **Building Leaders, Living Traditions: The Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University**, will also speak and hold a book signing for anyone buying one of her books. For Parents' Weekend, March 30-April 1, we will have a booth at the Boutique, where a drawing for the quilt, a bonfire picture and autographed jerseys will take place. We will also sell the remaining t-shirts. We hope to make at least \$5500. In April we will again stuff goodie bags for our Aggie students and host our guest speaker from Maroon Bikes, a new company serving Aggies with durable bicycles to rent or own. We will raffle off a one month free rental for those in

attendance. Fuddruckers will again host our May, End-of-the-Year Family Event/Fundraiser. Our graduates will be honored and our new Executive Board will be installed. Pre-registration for returning Aggie Moms will begin so our club will get off to a great start in the fall. Our interest groups will run throughout the summer months, but the club will be in recess for the months of June and July, except for the Executive Committee.

Our membership has increased by 30% this year, with 133 registered members. We have a great group of moms in Clear Lake Aggie Moms' Club! We enjoy each other's company and surround ourselves with fun, informative events. We are hopeful this enthusiasm will continue to grow our membership and boost our fundraising potential for future scholarships and donations to university organizations. We truly aspire to keep our Aggie Moms in touch, connected and with lifelong Best Friends!

**Coleman County TAMU Mothers' Club**  
**President, Trish Lofton**

We are a tiny, but mighty club. We currently sponsor 12 current Aggies with nine paid members strong. Our annual bake sale the Monday prior to Thanksgiving is well known throughout the county, making over \$1,000 this year. This is also the day we organize our goodie bags to current students. Coleman County TAMU former student group plays a big part in our organization's success. Our moms help with steak dinner on the evening of Muster and the former students then donate the ticket money to our organization. This year we awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding Aggies. This scholarship is the most competitive in the county. Our club also makes a donation annually to several campus organizations that our local students have taken an interest in. Our club works hard to keep the Aggie Network working strong through former students, mothers, fathers, and current students. Our goal is to keep the rural young student so four county convinced Texas A&M University is the best!

**Collin County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Karen Bundren**

This year has been a huge success for CCAM with 210 members to date. We started the year out with a well attended Howdy Welcome Breakfast for freshman and new transfer students. Shortly following the breakfast we had over 70 attend a new mom's tea. There was so much excitement and interest from the tea that we knew we were in for a great year. Our first general meeting we were honored to hear from Amy Bacon '91 who shared stories from her newly released book about the history of the MSC. In October Dr. Guy Sheppard '77 spoke to us about the veterinary school and the vision of its exciting new transformations and expansions in the classroom. We also held our annual pecan sales. We were thrilled to bring in profits of over \$12,000 which will go towards scholarships. At our November general meeting, Dr. Joe Chase '85 educated on ways for our pets to have a stress free holiday. In December we were pleased with our poinsettia and scrip sales, adding another \$1500 to scholarship funds. We wrapped up 2011 with a wonderful evening, our traditional Christmas dinner celebration with the board.

In January we kicked off the year hearing from student body president, Jeff Pickering '12. February was a very special meeting. Brad Blauser '92, one of "CNN Heroes" top 10 finalists and who founded Wheelchairs for Iraqi Kids, spoke to our Aggie Moms' club. His stories and photos of children in Iraq were very moving. In March we enjoyed our Big Event volunteering opportunity in the morning, serving at three different locations. We ended the day with our annual Chili cookoff

and auction. We are thrilled to have made close to \$5000 that evening. It was a beautiful event. The decorations were outstanding and the auction items were desired by all! Many "boot scooted" around the dance floor, and all those in attendance enjoyed the live country music. We are looking forward to finalizing our fundraising efforts March 30 and 31 at Parents' Weekend. Our ladies who lead boutique sales have worked tirelessly this year. Their numbers are up from last year. Also, our raffle should be a big success this year. We will have 2 items to raffle off. First, our quilting club has once again made a gorgeous queen size quilt. With the quilt, a second drawing will be held for a ring wrap donated by Lyles DeGrazier company. The wrap has two custom made diamond bands that fit next to the ladies' Aggie ring. It has a retail value of \$1900. Already sale of raffle tickets have exceeded \$1400. In April we will wind down the year with our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which will include a very special visit by Dr. Eddie Joe Davis '67. May will be a time of celebration for May graduates and the incoming board. CCAM has been so blessed to be the recipient of many amazing board members and countless outstanding volunteers.

We have received many applications for student scholarships. We hope to give 10 \$1000 scholarships. Along with student scholarships, we plan to give \$4000 to our endowment fund. CCAM was excited to donate \$500 to the MSC alongside the Houston Aggie Moms' Club to go towards their room in the new student center. The profits that remain will go to student organizations that will be determined by votes from our membership. Our communication process has continued to be outstanding with weekly emails and monthly e-newsletters. These emails and newsletters keep our membership informed on all that is happening in CCAM and also things that are going on in College Station. We again this year have continued to strive to break previous records in fundraising in order to give back to our Aggie students and TAMU.

**Comal County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President, Elaine Quinn**

The Comal County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club was found in 1953 with 19 members. In 2011 we celebrated our 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary with 119 members. Our club is one of the oldest clubs in Texas, having a proud and strong tradition of service to Texas A&M and Aggies everywhere.

Our club's tradition of announcing our freshman scholarships occurs in April at our annual spring picnic held in Landa Park in New Braunfels. We were able to present nine students from our Comal County high schools scholarships of \$500 each. During the year we were also able to present three Texas A&M seniors from Comal County with a scholarship of \$500 each. In May we also voted to award contributions to several campus organizations and continue in contributing toward our goal of establishing an endowment at the University.

In August we celebrated our annual Howdy Night in Landa Park with hot dogs and great fellowship with fellow Aggie Moms and their families as we welcomed new Aggie Moms and the new Aggies. A team from the Freshman Fish Camp came and gave all of us an insight as to what each of them do to welcome new Aggies to orient them to life in Aggieland. The evening ended with Fred Fey, the dad of Federation Officer, Carolyn Phelan, playing the Aggie War Hymn on his Wurlitzer organ as we all joined arms in song and sawing.

Our regular monthly meetings began in September, 2011 where we have enjoyed many opportunities to get to know each other as well as having great programs informing us of topics from financial aid to what the local Comal County A&M Club does and their desire to support us

where they are able. Goodie bags were assembled and delivered before finals to our student with a warm Aggie Mom hug. Our biggest project each year is our annual Comal county Aggie Mom Cookie Bake. Every year we take orders, mix and bake 5 kinds of German cookies to fund our scholarships. It is held the second weekend in December where we use the commercial kitchen and cafeteria at a local high school for 48 hours. By Sunday afternoon, more than 2000 dozen cookies have been mixed, chilled, rolled, scooped, boxed and picked up. Each year our President-Elect is the Chairmom of Cookie Bake – what a way to get some experience and appreciation of this monumental undertaking and the knowledge needed to continue to make our club a success. The whole experience is a wonder to observe and be a participant.

We just observed our annual Dad's Dinner in February. We met at T Bar M Tennis Ranch and Resort for a warm and cozy evening. Our guest speaker was artist Benjamin Knox. After a wonderful meal, Ben told us of his experience of becoming an Aggie and how his time at Texas A&M shaped his life. He very graciously donated his newly released print "Home of the 12<sup>th</sup> Man" to our club to be used as a fundraiser in order to continue his legacy and the purpose of Aggie Mom's – supporting present and future Aggies and Texas A&M University.

With Parents Weekend approaching, as well as the Federation Meeting, we are always excited. Each year our club is privileged to present the Commandant's Flag to the most involved outfit on campus. This year, Kim Muschalek, President-Elect, will have the honors of presenting the flag.

Our club will once again provide deserts at the Comal County Aggie Club's Muster. This often turns out to be a fundraiser as many of the attendees give us donations for the desserts. The time of this event coincides with our Spring Picnic where we take any of the leftover desserts.

Comal County Aggie Moms are a great group of ladies from a variety of backgrounds with one major bond – our Aggie sons and daughters. It matters not whether they are current or former students as we firmly live by the motto "Once an Aggie Mom, Always an Aggie Mom"!

**Cooke County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Gerri Eckart**

Our Cooke County Aggie Moms' Club now has 20 (Yes! 20!) members. Our club is young, having been formed about 6 years ago, and we usually have about ten members; so we are very happy with the increase in membership.

One of our favorite projects has been supporting our Cooke county Alumni by providing desserts and helping to serve at our "Feed the Aggie Band" meal as the band returns from OK. We figure this was the last year for this tradition with the change in conference.

Another project, Ag Bags, has changed dramatically. We have begun sending Ag boxes as a not-for-profit method of supporting our Cooke County Aggies during the fall finals. The parents are offered the opportunity to purchase a box for about \$35, which we fill to the brim with appropriate goodies. This year we included a custom TAMU pillowcase. The boxes are mailed to the student's College Station address just before finals. They seem pleased not to have to pick up at a certain time or place, and this method cuts our personal delivery expenses.

Finally, our favorite project is our scholarship program, in its third year. Funded by a big yard sale each spring, we offer one graduating high school senior from our county a scholarship for \$500 plus two scholarships in the fall and two in the spring for \$500 each for current and continuing Aggies. These 5 scholarships provide a total of \$2500 a year, which, at least, helps with books. Applications are solicited from all Cooke County Aggies and require varying essays judged by an impartial committee (Aggie Moms with no applicants).

**Coppell Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Terri Welty**

The club exists to raise money for donations to various organizations at Texas A&M and also scholarship funds. We also support and encourage our students who attend A&M. We provide education to our members with programs at our monthly meetings about A&M. Our top 3 sources of financial support are Boutique, a garage sale where our moms donate items and Holiday House held at Coppell High School. We donated \$2500 to Student Services, \$500 to Carpool, \$350 to Fish Camp, and \$350 to T Camp.

**Corpus Christi A&M Mothers' club**  
**President, Sandra V. Allison**

Number of members: 101 plus 4 Lifetime members with 94 students attending TAMU. The new slate of officers were installed at the March banquet in 2011. The June Welcome Social (Yell Practice on the Coast) was held for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time at the home of one of the club members. Welcome bags were given to the new freshmen. Aggie Dads grilled burgers. The Yell Leaders taught the freshman wildcat and how to 'dougie'. \$1200 was given out in tuition assistance to freshmen and \$600 to current students plus door prizes were given out to the remaining freshmen. The Fall Howdy Social was held in September at the Solomon Ortiz Center with President Loftin as the special guest speaker. Two local Aggie supporters sponsored 40 students to attend and custom made bowties were made as centerpieces at each table. At the end of the event, President Loftin autographed each bowtie and they were then sold to eager Aggies in the audience. Recent graduates were awarded with a commemorative Silver Dollar and tuition assistance awards totaling \$600 were given to two students. The December Box Event was held on the Sunday before 'dead week'. Goodie boxes are stuffed, taped and decorated. They are then packed and driven to A&M the next day in vehicles identified by magnetic car door signs that read "Thanks Mom" or "BTHO Finals". Students' pictures are taken with these signs when picking up their boxes, which are then put on the club's facebook page. \$600 was given out as tuition assistance to two students. A Valentines goodie box is also given to the students before midterm exams. A winter social is held for the students who are home during the Christmas break. A bowl watching party will be held at a local restaurant with ten percent of the food and drink order receipts being returned to the club. \$500 in tuition assistance awards was given to two students at the end of the game. The spring social is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> at a local restaurant with featured speaker, Aggie Astronaut, Mike Fossum '80. We have secured outside revenue sources to help with travel and miscellaneous expenses. Tuition assistance totaling \$600 will be given to two local students who are currently attending A&M. Our club hosted the District Meeting held in College Station in January. We had a fabulous turnout.

Vince Denais, a local owner of Rugged Cycles, Inc., introduced Maroon Bikes and donated one of the bike to our club and will be raffled off at Boutique in March. We also continued to sell our poinsettias to the community. Boutique sales are meager and amount to \$500 for the year. Last

year, a new source of funds came by way of the solicitation of underwriters to cover a major part of the expenses at our events that had major speakers or guests.

Awards totaling \$4800 have been distributed to current students. At each club meeting or social, two awards of \$250 or \$300 each are given as tuition assistance. \$500 in door prize gifts have been given to various students. We have given six \$100 donations to different student organizations. Our goal is to award \$1000 in donations to student clubs by the end of the 2011-12 school year.

### **Dallas County Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Peggy Nolan**

The Dallas County Aggie Mothers' Club- The Pride of Aggieland –is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this school year. As the founding club we are very proud of this accomplishment and the legacy that Mrs. Peoples entrusted us with. The club currently has a total membership of 166 including active, life and associate members. We will continue to provide 2 endowed scholarships and 5 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 were made to 52 student organizations determined by our membership.

Fundraisers include our boutique sales held at each general meeting, the Howdy Party, Seasons of Aggieland, Howdy Holiday Sale, Arlington Convention Center, district meeting, boots N Whoops (our silent auction and chili cookoff featuring a band and the Aggie Wranglers). Parents' Weekend Boutique is still to come and we expect it to be bigger than ever! This year we added the Shop with Scrip gift card program. We hope to grow this into a signature element of our fundraising campaign.

Our Howdy Party was hosted with Collin county again in July with nearly 200 parents and students in attendance. We will continue this new tradition. Our programs this year have included: J. Michael Gould with the Texas A&M Agrilife and Research Center, Aggie author Payne Harrison, Thomas Hatfield, author of the biography of Earl Rudder, and Dr. Martha Dannenbaum from TAMU Health Services. Mary Manning from Cushing Library will speak at our Founders Day dinner honoring past presidents and celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Additional activities include: Corps Moms' monthly dinners, New Aggie Moms Brunch, crafting sessions and attendance at the TAMHSC Women's Health Luncheon with Dr. Nancy Dickey.

Our theme this year – the Pride of Aggieland exemplifies our members, board and those that came before us. We are a support group, great friends and a top notch service organization.

### **Davy Crockett A&M Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Dawn Coward**

The Davy Crockett A&M Mothers' Club supports the Houston County Texas A&M students. We have nine members in our club. This year our club had one fundraiser. We held an Aggie Christmas Basket raffle at Crockett's Christmas-on-the-Square. The majority of our fundraiser will

go towards scholarships for Houston County Aggies currently enrolled at Texas A&M. At the end of May we award our graduating seniors with an engraved clock.

### **Deep East Texas A&M Mothers' club**

#### **President, Sandra Skoog**

The Deep East Texas A&M Mothers' club, with 61 members, kicked off another successful year in August by hosting a Howdy Send-Off for incoming Aggies, current students and their families. Guests enjoyed hot dogs, fellowship and a motivational speech by Mr. Ridley Briggs '54. September brought our Fall Salad and Dessert Supper at our new meeting place at St. Mary's Catholic church. New members were treated to an elegant dinner hosted by our current membership. In October Mud Hut Fun Night was the theme as we crafted, painted, decorated, talked and giggled in our attempts at making early Christmas gifts for our Aggies. We gathered in November for Aggie Care Package assembly, packing ice chests decorated with TAMU with a large assortment of savory and sweet treats. We also held our annual silent auction which made over \$1000 for our scholarship fund. In December we enjoyed a relaxing wine and cheese reception at the home of one of members who had a tree decorated strictly in Texas A&M fashion.

In January we hosted "The Voice of Aggieland" – The Texas A&M Singing Cadets, held at the First Methodist Church in Longview with 600 spectators in attendance. In February we held our annual chili supper. Frank Cox '65 regaled us with stories of his days at A&M. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Aggie Moms' Alumnae Reception" was held in March. All former members of the Deep East Texas A&M Mothers' Club were invited to peruse old scrapbooks and walk down memory lane as they sipped punch and nibbled on delectable treats. April will be our spring Care Package Assembly meeting, We will wrap up our year with our Scholarship Banquet by awarding the Bobby Smith Memorial Scholarship worth \$750 to a current TAMU engineering student. Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to local high school students and current Aggie students. Moms of students who are graduating in May or August will be recognized with signed Benjamin Knox prints as priceless treasurers of their days in the Deep East Texas A&M Mothers' Club.

### **Denver Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **Co-Presidents: Brenda Salinas '81 and Marsha Shaffer**

This is the Denver Aggie Moms' Club third year in existence. We have 27 registered members. Club has doubled in just 2 years! Individual Denver Aggie Moms' Club members donated a total of \$800 to MSC Aggie Moms' room. Tripled our efforts on our Denver Aggie Moms' Club historical scrapbook. Enhanced the Denver Aggie Moms' Club Facebook group page. Four scholarships are planned to be awarded in May. Awarded ring crest paperweights gifts to our graduating seniors. Whoop! (3 in 2011; 8 in 2012). Mailed 2 separate finals goodie bags to our students. Two family socials: Winter (36 attendees) and Summer (42 attendees). Introduced crafts at meetings: Aggie luggage tags, howdy cards, Aggie Mom jewelry. First Aggie Moms night out painting pottery.

### **East Harris County Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Lee Anne Cherry**

EHC has 10 active members. We have given out \$6,000 for scholarships. This is a total amount given to high school graduates (2011), Aggies currently enrolled, plus book scholarships to our students (random drawing). We hold a garage sale during the year, plus our local Rodeo and Fairgrounds allow us to park cars one night during our rodeo and receive half of their proceeds.

We have participated in community events selling raffle tickets and the goods we have made. Our memorable program was having Federation officers, Fran Marintsch and Sharon Johnson, visit us, sharing their ideas and suggestions on how to increase our membership.

### **Ellis County Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Darlene Odom**

We started off with a wonderful Howdy party where the yell leaders welcomed incoming freshman. In September we had a salad supper for our new Aggie Moms. October we packed a scary bagful of Halloween goodies and sent them to our Aggie students. As November came rolling in, we wanted to say an extra thank you for the blessing we have received, so we gathered can goods for a local food pantry. In December we had our annual Christmas party where we exchanged Aggie Christmas ornaments. Our annual chili cookoff was held in January where our Aggie Dads forgot that there were supposed to cook the chili and had their wives do it for them. We honored the graduating seniors and gave away 10 scholarships. February was an exciting month for the Ellis County Aggie Moms' Club as we had the honor of having the Singing Cadets bless our hearts with such a sweet sound. What a blessing Whoop Whoop. In March we were featured in the "Waxahachie Now" magazine. What an honor for the club. Next we will be attending Parents' Weekend where we will sell our wares at the Boutique. In April we will elect our new officers and will have Dawn Powell install them in May. We will also honor our graduating Seniors by presenting them with traditional Aggie paperweights and then give 10 more scholarships. We also send our Aggies who study soooooo hard, an exam bag twice a year full of goodies. These are just a few of the things we do in the Ellis county Aggie Moms' Club.

### **Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President: Stephanie Rammrath**

At the end of the 2011 school year we awarded \$19,200 in scholarships and \$2900 to student organizations. Our club has 113 committed Aggie Moms for the 2011-12 school year. We have a very active board and committee chairs.

In July we had an ice cream social and invited new and current Aggie students. In September the Study Abroad Program came and gave us some information about the different opportunities offered to students. In October the renowned painter Benjamin Knox came and shared wonderful stories about the history of the University and his experience in the Corps. Afterwards he was nice enough to sign some of his prints for holiday gifts. In November we did bunco with a Tastefully Simple fundraiser. This was a good mixer for new moms to get to know other members. Starting in October we were also selling Aggie bags and poinsettias. We ended the 2011 year with a holiday party. As we came into the 2012 year we have kicked off our major fundraiser with a raffle for a new car and several other prizes. Greek Life attended the January meeting. In the spring we planned for someone from the campus police department to come and speak along with another Bunco night. Parents' Weekend will set the stage for the big fundraiser raffle for a Chevy Malibu, guided fishing trip and mini season tickets to the Sugar Land Skeeters. As we come to the end of the school year we will have a Howdy party to welcome our new Aggies and recognition of our graduating seniors and scholarship recipients.

## **Friendswood-Clear Creek Aggie Moms' Club**

### **President, Patricia Dillon**

Howdy was the theme to start off the year for Friendswood/Clear Creek Aggie Moms' Club. A mashed potato bar, salad and desserts were on the menu as we briefly introduced the new Aggie Moms to our club's activities. The following meeting they were filled in on what it means to be an Aggie Mom at our Aggie Mom 101 meeting. Reassuring hugs were freely given to new moms and "experienced" moms reconnected with others, excited to jump into our first fundraiser. Outback Steakhouse assisted in preparing a delicious dinner with our moms providing the drinks and desserts. Our Student Recognition Awards were generously funded with the sale of over 340 dinner tickets. Our fall meetings concluded with a great speaker, Ron Klinger '98, who spoke on "supporting your Aggie academically". His motivational speech included ways to empower our children to take responsibility for their education, and as parents, ways to support our children without being 'helicopter' parents. A fun time was had by all at our annual tailgate in College Station. Families joined their Aggies in good food, great friends and a whole lot of yelling to BTHO Missouri. We even had a visit by some of our out of state adopted students. It was nice to be able to welcome them with a hug and a hot kolache. Bunco was the name of the game at our November meeting followed by a Crazy Christmas ornament exchange in December. January included a potluck dinner with our students. David Walker, a former A&M quarterback, gave us a glimpse of his glory days and the students played "Aggie Words of Fortune" for gift cards. A couples meeting is scheduled for February with the Travelin' Aggies, salad sampling and Aggie Bingo in March, followed by our spring fundraiser. The Fine China Luncheon is a wonderful showcase of our creative moms and the love they have for each other and Texas A&M. Supported by our Aggie Dads and students, this day is sure to be a success! Finals kits will be delivered in May and recognizing our student in the class of 2012 will be the main event at a pizza party to wrap up our year. We are enthusiastic about supporting each other and our Aggie students with finals kits, Student Recognition Awards and generous funds to various campus organizations. The 68 members of Friendswood/Clear Creek Aggie Moms' club are proud to be a part of such a great organization!

## **Greater New Orleans Texas A&M Mothers' Club**

### **President, Clara Lee Pickering**

Our membership is made up of moms who live all over the state of Louisiana and even some who live outside of the state. Our current membership as of today is 33. Due to our vast geographic area, our meetings rotate between members' homes and they are always held on the weekend. Our meetings have been held in Slidell and Mandeville this year. We generally try to meet 6-7 times per year and keep our faraway members up to date via email.

We generally have a kickoff meeting for new members, a fall meeting and at Christmastime, we have an ornament exchange and lunch. In January we attended a Painting Party and created Texas A&M fleur-de-lis paintings. February/March's meeting was to help us plan for Boutique and our April meeting will be held to wrap up the year and elect our new officers.

Our chief fundraiser is selling Benjamin Knox prints at Boutique. This has allowed us to give out four \$500 scholarships this year, along with a \$100 donation to a student organization at Texas A&M. We hope to be able to give out some more donations depending upon our success at Boutique. We usually greet the Ross Volunteers with beads each year when they arrive in town for Mardi Gras to escort the Rex Parade, but were unable to do it this year. We also donate Mardi

Gras beads to the Orange County Moms' Club, who makes breakfast for the Ross Volunteers on their way to Mardi Gras. Our own Aggies receive a "care package" from our organization for both semester finals and a remembrance on Valentine's Day.

### **Grayson County Aggie Moms**

#### **President, Nancy Dechaud**

Grayson County Aggie Moms Club has 38 members this year. We have had numerous fun meetings but our primary focus is taking care of our Aggies. Last year we awarded three \$500 scholarships and this year we are planning to award one \$500 scholarship and make some donations to Aggie student organizations.

We welcomed many new families to our Aggie Moms' Club at our Howdy Rowdy in August. Our September meeting was a getting-to-know-you meeting. In October, we had a great time playing bunco. Our December finals goodie bags were maroon and white Christmas stockings. We've had a quiet spring, but plan to sell and deliver goodie bags as usual this semester.

### **Guadalupe County Aggie Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Karen Patterson**

The Aggie Moms of Guadalupe County have 50 members. We are giving \$25 gift/book cards to 4 Aggies each month. Our club made Christmas Aggie ornaments for each of our Aggies to decorate in Seguin Central Park for Christmas. We put together goodie bags in November for our Aggies to have during finals. In February 2011 at our scholarship dinner we made \$10,152 and had 255 people attend. We gave 14 scholarships to students for \$500- each with a home cooked dinner. Aggie Seniors were given a ring crest and talked about their Aggie experience and plans for the future at an ice cream social. We have stated a Guadalupe County Endowed Scholarship and prepared the guidelines for selection of a recipient. We continue to sell our very own "Century Tree" Cloisonne Christmas ornaments at the Aggie Moms' Boutique and other handmade items of notecards and trivets. Guadalupe County Aggie Moms have had an awesome year and not only supported our Aggies but each other as well.

### **Harrison County A&M Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Patti Agnor**

The Harrison County A&M Mothers' Club consists of 25 members for the year 2011-2012, from the cities of Marshall, Lallsville, Jefferson, and Harleton, Texas. We have met in members' homes this year with our Hospitality chairman serving a light supper before each regular meeting. Our December meeting was a casual Christmas party and our final meeting for the year will be in May. We will honor our current A&M graduates, as well as our high school senior scholarship recipients, by hosing a hamburger supper at the President's home.

The Boutique is our only annual fundraiser and has been quite successful in regards to raising money, which we use for scholarships to area high school seniors. This year we also were able to gift a small cash award to our senior A&M students, awarded in their final semesters in recognition of the hard work and determination they have shown in the past 4 years. In total we awarded seven \$250 scholarships in August 2011 to incoming A&M freshmen and eight \$500 award in January 2012 to our A&M graduating seniors.

### **Heart of Texas Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Laurie Allen**

The Heart of Texas Aggie Moms' Club is a combined group of moms from Brady, Mason, Menard and Junction. We have a membership of 24 plus 3 associate members. Our club meets from August through May. We support our students with birthday cards and finals goodie bags. Our small club is proud to donate to 3 clubs on campus: Saddle and Sirloin, The Big Event and Car Pool. We love our students and we love Texas A&M University!

### **Henderson County Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Ginger Morton**

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 30 members and one Adopt-a-Mom. We meet monthly at a local church and have planned meetings where we discuss, work and brag about our Ags. We give monthly Fun Money to an Aggie whose name is drawn from our donation can.

We try to support our Aggies and the University in everything we do. During the year we gave 10 individual \$500 scholarships.

Our main fundraiser is the Boutique at TAMU. We have also sold Pampered Chef as a fundraiser.

In January we sponsored the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets. They performed at a local church and the performance was free to the public. A love offering was given at the event that will be used to fund scholarships.

In November we filled our goodie bags with lots of treats to help our Ags study hard for their finals. We passed out our goodie bags in December.

### **Hill County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Kari Moore Roush**

The twenty dedicated Hill County Aggie Moms have had an exciting year taking care of our Aggies while networking and having fun ourselves. We created a beautiful Texas A&M themed handmade quilt and sold raffle tickets for the quilt all year. With the money we raised, we gave scholarships to incoming Aggie Freshmen students. We have a great time putting together fabulous goodie bags for our Aggies to help them through finals during both fall and spring semesters. Our club co-sponsored a football game tailgate party with the Hill County Aggie Club and students, parents and former students all had a wonderful time. We hosted a Howdy Supper in September, a Christmas Party in December and an All Aggie Mexican food Dinner in January. We are thrilled to have lots of enthusiastic, energetic moms who are making a difference for our Hill County Aggies

### **Houston A&M University Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Vicki Brown-Sobecki, '78**

We had three Fish Socials during the summer of 2011 and recruited 92 new Aggie Moms for a total membership of 326 Houston Aggie Moms. Our first meeting in September had the theme: Howdy! And Welcome! President, Vicki Brown-Sobecki '78, chose "Once an Aggie Mom, Always an Aggie Mom" as her theme for the year. Each mom received a card to get stamped at each station which

included: **Student Activity Table** featured representatives from the College Station and the Galveston campuses. The spoke about how our Aggies can stay connected to A&M and fellow Aggies after graduation, **Life after Texas A&M Table** featured members of the Reveille Club, Houston Aggie Women and Howdy Clubs who spoke about how our Aggies can stay connected to A&M and fellow Aggies after graduation. **Traditions Table** featured former Houston Aggie Moms' Presidents who shared information about Texas A&M and the rich history of the 84-year-old Houston Aggie Moms' Club, **Houston Aggie Moms' Table** featured moms who were in charge of our Finals Care Packages, Boutique, Social Events, Christmas Luncheon and our major fundraiser, "Crazy Auction". They shared information, recruited volunteers, discussed activities and speakers for upcoming meetings, **Houston A&M Club** members spoke about getting involved in charitable efforts in the community, and **Memorial Student Center and Texas A&M University Foundation** featured representatives who presented a mock walkthrough of the renovated MSC, provided information and pledge cards for contributions toward the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club Multi-Purpose Room. After the moms visited each table and had the table number stamped, their cards were entered for door prizes.

In October, Jose Luis Bermudez, Texas A&M University Academic Dean, College of Liberal Arts, was our speaker. In November, Heather Smith, '01, Special Events Manager, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) spoke about dangers of underage drinking, drunk driving, and information about their support groups. In December, 86 Aggie Moms attended the Winter wonderland Christmas Luncheon. We recognized our newly established "Ring of Honor" members, retired members, former club and Federation presidents. Vicki presented a power point presentation showing the construction progress of the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club Multi-Purpose Room. In January, Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, '71, was our guest speaker. On February 10<sup>th</sup> over 200 attended our major fundraising event "Jeans and Jewels Crazy Auction" at the H.E.S.S. Club. We have moms who attended Federation Aggie Mom camp, Bunco events, prepared and distributed Finals Care Packages.

We continue our fundraising efforts for the MSC and our student multi-purpose room located on the lower level of West Wing of the MSC. This room is 1,143 square feet and will have tables, sofas, chairs, a refrigerator, microwave and sink. There will be a divider curtain that can split the room in half if needed. The room can be used for meetings, dinners, retreats, Aggie Mom meetings, and will be available for students to study and relax when the room is not reserved. The room can hold over 100 students and will be used on a constant basis. Aggie Moms gave some of the first contributions to the original MSC construction and we think of this room as a continuation of that tradition. This room will represent the spirit of all Aggie Moms and our dedication to all of our Aggies. With the proceeds of the Crazy Auction and our pledges (including a \$10,000 anonymous gift), we are closer to paying off our obligation of \$50,000 for the student meeting room.

In addition to the MSC, we will give funds to the Cushing, Barclay and Evans Libraries in College Station, the Williams Library in Galveston, and Carpool. This year we will award club directed scholarships and donate a scholarship to TAMU-G for a student attending the Galveston campus. Both campuses will award the money through their Student Financial Aid Departments. Our club will award and sponsor the George P. F. Jouine Award given to the Corps Unit with the highest GPA during Parents' Weekend. Our commitment to Texas A&M University and our Aggie totaled over \$90,000 this past year. We are thankful for our hard working and dedicate Houston Aggie Moms.

**Johnson County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Jill (Robinson) House, '83**

Our Johnson County Aggie Moms' club was established in 2002. our current membership is 24 and we are excited that we again welcomed several new moms to our club this year. We meet the second Tuesday of each month in Joshua and typically have a brief business meeting, share Aggie brags and other information, and work on items to sell at Boutique. In December, in lieu of our regular meeting, we met for dinner and had a Christmas ornament exchange to celebrate the holiday season – it is becoming a tradition.

Last spring, we had a successful year at Boutique and awarded four \$500 scholarships to incoming and current Aggies from our County. We are fortunate to be able to join the Johnson County A&M club at their Muster ceremony to award our scholarships each year. In addition to the scholarships, we made a \$200 donation to the Carpool organization.

One of the highlights each year for our Aggies is goodie bags. At the November and April Club meetings moms bring an assortment of treats and cool goodies to contribute to goodie bags for our students. This year we adopted an out of state Aggie Mom and provided a goodie bag to Kate from Maryland.

We are currently busy working on our upcoming Singing Cadet concert. We are partnering with the Johnson County A&M Club to host the concert on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and we have flyers ready to go.

After the concert, our focus will switch to Boutique. Last year we narrowed our items for sell and had a good year so we are continuing with those items – earrings, memory boards, ring cleaner, car air fresheners and Scentsy items. We hope to see you all at Boutique!

Our financial position is sound and we are looking forward to a successful Singing Cadet concert and Boutique. We plan to again award a total of \$2000 in scholarships and donate \$200 to campus organizations to maintain our purpose of supporting Aggies.

**Katy/West Houston Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Tondi Martin-Branch**

During the past year the Katy/West Houston Aggie Moms' Club has maintained the tradition of celebrating being an Aggie Mom and creating lasting friendships. This year our organization includes approximately 125 members. At our monthly general meetings, we enjoy lively conversations, networking with other moms, eating tasty treats, sharing Aggie Brags and learning about the accomplishments, activities and traditions of Texas A&M University. Guest speakers at the monthly meetings give our members the opportunity to learn more about Texas A&M and how we, as Aggie Moms, can support the university and our students.

In addition to our monthly meetings, we have lots of fun: watching movies with the Friday Movie Moms, rolling the dice at our Annual Couples' Bunco Night in February and sampling the local cuisine at our Happy Hour/Dinner Socials

Each March the Katy Aggie Moms participate in our own version of the Big Event – our moms and community supporters gather to tie fleece blankets which are donated to local charities.

Each semester our moms always have a great time assembling and delivering Care Packages to our Aggies!

In June the Katy/West Houston Aggie Moms welcomed new Aggies and their parents at our annual Howdy Social. During this event we heard from the 2011-12 Student Body President, members of the Corp of Cadets and we were entertained and led in a Yell Practice by two former Texas A&M Yell Leaders from Katy. We honored our 2011 Texas A&M graduates with a gift and were very excited to present five Aggies with \$1,000 scholarships.

The KWHAMC was able to fund scholarships and donations to multiple student organizations through ways and means sales at our general meetings and at Aggie Moms' Boutiques during the Federation's Winter District Meetings and during Parents' Weekend. We also sold tickets for our Howdy Raffle and we received funds from our grocery rebate programs. Last year our club proudly supported nine student organizations with \$100 donations to: Carpool, Big Event, Impact, The Wells Project, MSC Lead/Aggies Reaching Out, Fish Camp, Aggie Relay for Life, Gilbert Leadership Conference, and Alternate Spring Break.

We enjoy sharing the Aggie Spirit with the moms in Katy; we are proud to support our Aggie students and Texas A&M University.

**Kendall County**  
**President, Karen Worth**

Kendall County Aggie Mothers' Club is a small club with usually about 15 dues-paying members. One of our main focuses this year is to raise our membership number and also to increase the participation of our members. Currently (and for the past 4 years) we do not have a president so the treasurer duties have been increased to include the president duties of forms submission and contact with the Federation. Our membership chairman usually handles our correspondence with regards to meeting announcements.

Our small group does, however, stay active. Our biggest event each year is our fundraiser golf tournament that is held with the Hill Country Aggie Club. It is a wonderful working relationship with the group. We generally handle all of the finance and auction duties, as well as registration and logistics of the tournament. The men handle the recruitment of golfers. We split the proceeds equally between the two groups.

We also have held our annual Howdy night in August, where we had the Aggie Yell leaders attend and welcome our incoming freshmen. David Benac, head Yell Leader, is from Boerne and was happy to support his local club.

The boutique brought in more money for our scholarship fund. This year we awarded \$2500 for incoming freshmen scholarships and \$3500 in 90 hour scholarships. We also awarded 2 continuing student scholarships that go to students who are accepted into a graduate or doctoral studies program after completing their undergraduate degree at A&M.

**Kerrville Area Texas A&M Mothers' Club**  
**President, Regina McConal**

The Kerrville Area Aggie Moms is 32 members strong this year. Our primary objective is supporting our local Aggie students. We send birthday cards to our students, as well as exam goodie bags twice a year. We also host a Howdy Party in August to welcome new members and students.

We host a golf tournament in the fall as our major fundraiser. This was our second year and we were able to double our sponsorships. We also hold two raffles a year, one is held during Aggie Moms' Boutique.

We hope to award four or more \$500 scholarships this year for the 2012-2013 school year. We did award book money scholarships fall and spring of the current school year to all of our students.

**Kingwood/Humble A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President, Joyce Briscoe**

Our group of 143 members had a busy, but productive and fun year from June, 2011 to June 2012.

Our meetings have included some wonderful programs such as speakers from the Big Event, the Career Center, the memorial Student Center, the University Health Service, Traveling Aggies, and the Association of Former Students. To help encourage attendance, we also gave away from 3 to 6 door prizes at each of our meetings. Our end of year meeting was a special occasion with a dinner at Tin Roof BBQ, a local Aggie owned restaurant, followed by the installation of the new incoming officers.

Our student activities included our annual howdy party and we were honored to have Dr. Bowen Loftin as our special speaker at that event. We distributed bags of goodies to students in attendance and awarded door prizes to many of those lucky students. Goodie Bags containing lots of snacks for our students were delivered to around 180 of our students in May and December. At our January meetings, we invite the students still home for the holidays to hear speakers discussing career strategies including advice on writing resumes, seeking out internships and using the internet to aid in job searches. Student awards were distributed to from 2 to 4 students at each of our meetings, and we awarded six \$500 scholarships to freshmen students from the Kingwood/Humble area. Additionally, we donated over \$5,000 to campus organizations including the Aggie Mom room at the renovated Memorial Student Center.

For fundraising we sold crafted, purchased and laser graphics items at each of our meetings and at the Parents' Weekend Boutique. We also held the first ever Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms' Club "Black & White Night" Banquet at Kingwood Country Club which included a fashion show, a raffle, a silent auction, and many door prizes. The Banquet was fun for all and the attendees had many wonderful things to say about the event. The Banquet raised more money than any event in our club history, but many hundreds of man hours were required to hold an event of this scope.

**Laredo A&M Mothers' club**  
**President, Gloria A. Villarreal**

We are a non-profit organization that has been active in the Laredo community since the early 1950's. Our club has 40 active members including lifetime members. Our club's sole purpose is to

provide support for our students who are enrolled or have been accepted to Texas A&M University in College Station.

We sponsor two fundraisers per year in order to offer financial assistance through scholarships for tuition and books. This year we will be awarding eight scholarships to our local high school seniors in the amount of \$1,000 each. We will also award the JJ Sanchez, '93 memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 which is rotated annually amount the local high schools. The JJ Sanchez, '93 Memorial Scholarship is in memory of our Treasurer Juanita Sanchez' late son.

There are two annual fundraisers. The first is the Super Bowl Sunday Steak Plate and Raffle Sale. The club sells 2,000 tickets for a steak plate that volunteers cook and distribute on Super Bowl Sunday. Each plate ticket has a chance to win a raffle prize. We also have a Las Vegas trip raffle in July during our annual membership drive.

Our special events are the participation in three of the Annual George Washington Celebration Events which are held in late January and early February. The Jamboozie is a downtown street festival where food and beverages are sold to the community. Our volunteers man a booth and get a donation in exchange for our work. The jalapeno Festival is another event where our volunteers sell tickets at the entrance and man several booths and are compensated for their work with donations. Our volunteers also sell discounted tickets to the public for the annual carnival and get a contribution from the carnival promoter. (The sale of these tickets is done as a group.) The monies collected from these special events are used for our Gig 'Em Scholarship which is an additional award given to a student enrolled at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Our memorable event is the annual JJ Sanchez, 93 memorial mass held in January. The purpose of this mass is to bless all students returning to Texas A&M University. This mass was started by JJ Sanchez in 1993 for all Aggie students returning to College Station for their upcoming semester.

**Liberty County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President, Julie Chachere**

The Liberty County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club currently has a membership of 31 active members. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, September to May, at the Will O. Moore, Jr. Administration Building in Dayton. Each meeting begins at 6:30 with a light meal prepared by members. Every year one of our members provides a tailgate party for our Aggies during the fall football season. We distribute care packages in the fall and spring semesters prior to finals. This is something all of our students look forward to receiving. Each year we have our annual ornament exchange Christmas party. At this party we invite all current members plus our "vintage mothers" – these are mothers that are no longer active. In January we are hosting the Singing Cadets. This was used as a fundraiser for our Memorial Scholarships. At Parents' Weekend we participate in the Aggie Mom Raffle. Our raffle has been a tailgate package for the last several years. Our final meeting in May is Family Night for our members, current Aggies, and family members. We honor and recognize graduates and scholarship recipients.

**Lubbock Area Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs**  
**Co-Presidents, Kim Barnes and Laurel Jones**

The Lubbock Area Aggie Moms' club has had a wonderful year. Our second annual fundraiser at the Cactus Theater proved to be successful and a lot of fun. We sell tickets to a Nostalgia Nite

concert to raise scholarship funds. We enjoyed, Kay Pontious, Janet Graef and Melinda Weiblen, Federation officers, joining us for this event!

This is also our second year to have a booth at the Parents' Weekend. Last year was a tremendous success and we look forward to this year's boutique in just a few weeks.

Our club is 71 members strong! Future plans include adding socials in the months that we do not have meetings. We feel that one of our purposes is to build and strengthen relationships with other Aggie Moms, as well as support our children who are going to school in Aggieland.

We are excited that we were able to up our scholarships that will be awarded this spring. Many thanks to our club members and hard working officers!

**Medina County TAMU Mothers' Club**  
**President, Ronna Gilliam**

We are getting ready to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament on May 26, 2012. The event will be the team of 4 player Florida scramble with BBQ meal, shot drinks at golf hole, hole sponsorship donations and silent auction. This is our annual big event fundraiser. We continue to have book awards, lucky bucks and college scholarships for all the Medina County schools. We have door prizes at all the meetings. We have guest speakers, Freshmen Kick-Off ice Cream Social, pot luck supper and exam bags for fall and spring semesters each year.

**Mid-Jefferson County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Laurie Flurry**

The Mid-Jefferson County A&M mothers' Club has a large membership. We represent the Aggies, along with their moms from the towns of Port Arthur, Groves, Port Neches and Nederland. We also have several Adopt-a-Moms in California and Florida.

We are an active club as you can see by the list below:

- a) Meet monthly, second Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Wesley Methodist Church, Nederland.
- b) Our club provided five \$500 scholarships and one \$250 scholarship to Aggies attending A&M/College Station or Galveston who are junior, seniors or graduate students.
- c) The fall and spring semesters during dead week, our club provides our students with a care package of edible goodies and miscellaneous study items.
- d) Our club participates in the A&M Mothers' Boutique during Parents' Weekend.
- e) Our club purchases graduation gifts for qualifying seniors.

Our club hosts a "Howdy Tea" each year as the main kick-off event to welcome Aggie Fish from the area and also to kick off our membership drive for new moms.

**Milam County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Theresa Burgess**

Members – 31

Donations - \$200 to A&M organizations

Scholarships – Two high school seniors

33 book scholarships to Milam County Aggie students

Fund Raisers – Cameron bake sale

Rockdale bake Sale  
Raffle  
Cater Aggie Muster in Milam County  
Sale of cookbooks  
T-shirt sales

**Montgomery County A&M Mothers' Club**  
**President, Leslie Carpenter**

123 members  
\$2000 in scholarships  
\$2400 in donations to campus organizations  
Big Event Bar-B-Q at a senior resident facility  
Gifts for graduating seniors

**Navarro County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Robin Stevens**

Number of members: 19. Memorable programs: kick-off salad supper in September 2011 to welcome all the new moms, put together exam bags in November 2011. Scholarships: plan to give out two in May 2012. Currently working on mails outs to Aggie graduates in our area asking for donations for the scholarships we plan to give in May 2012. Special Events: several members going to college Station on April 28 to distribute exam bags.

**Northeast Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Theresa Stuteville '81**

The NETC Aggie Moms have been very busy this year. We started off the year with our annual Howdy Party on July 30 at White's Chapel United Methodist church in Southlake. There were over 100 attendees including new and returning students and their parents. We were entertained by the Yell Leaders, a student run panel and gave away lots of aggie free gifts. We currently have 16 members.

Our fundraisers consisted of Howdy Party raffle, Buffalo Wild Wings game watching party and our annual golf scramble. This year's scramble took place on October 24 at Timarron Country club in Southlake. Through green fees, supper ticket sales, sponsors, raffle tickets and silent auction items we raised just shy of \$14,000. Last year's golf scramble raised just over \$8,500 and allowed us to award two \$1,200 and 8 \$900 scholarships to students along with donations to student organizations including: Aggie Wranglers, Aggie Orientation Leader Program, carpool and TAMU Navigators. We are currently in the process of awarding scholarships and donations from the proceeds of our current year scramble and are so excited about having raised the bar and increased our funds by 65%. In addition to scholarships, we gave approximately 100 goodie bags to students in October and will do the same in April of this year. We gave graduation gifts to 3 December grads and have so far identified 10 may graduates who will be receiving gifts next month.

Our meetings have been interesting, informative and fun. We packed boxes for our troops in Afghanistan, were entertained by former students Brent lane of Storyline Biographies, Paul Pausky '78, from Career Services and Jenny Jenkins from MaroonBikes. We also had a festive Aggie Christmas ornament exchange at our December meeting. Our February meeting was a catered

dinner with our significant others. Always a well attended meeting! In addition to our meetings the club held several enjoyable socials throughout the year including a movie night, Brahmas game, cosmic bowling, pottery painting and an Arkansas game watching party.

Any other information about our club can be found on our website at [www.netcaggiemoms.com](http://www.netcaggiemoms.com).

### **Orange County Aggie Mothers' Club**

#### **President, Cay Melancon**

Orange County Aggie Mothers' club meets once a month for a business meeting in which we plan our activities and fundraisers, have wonderful fellowship, share our Aggie mom brags and, when needed, provided support to each other. We currently have over 70 paid members. We begin our new year with our annual Howdy tea in which we give all incoming Aggie moms a goodie bag, a folder with helpful information and provide a meal for them. In December we have a Christmas party and we exchange gifts. We also announce our fall book award winners at our party. We help the Salvation Army annually with ringing the bell for a Saturday and we help with the Angel Tree. In February we have a social where we include our Aggie Dads and we feed the Ross Volunteers breakfast on their way to Mardi Gras. May is our annual spring banquet when we honor our scholarship recipients, our current and former Aggie students and install our new officers for the next year.

Our biggest event and fundraiser is the annual Aggie Moms' Boutique held on campus during Parents' Weekend. Most of our money goes for scholarships and to various university recognized student organizations. We also give out 12 book awards each semester to Orange County Aggies to help with their book expenses. Our main purpose is to help each other, our students and the university.

Aggie Mothers' Club Activities for 2011-2012: Fall Federation Meeting, Howdy Tea, Fall TLC Goodie Bags, Ring the Bell for Salvation Army, Angel Tree for Salvation Army, Christmas Party, Ross Volunteer Breakfast, Fall Book Awards (12), Donate to Organizations on Campus, February Dad Social, Aggie Moms' Boutique, Spring TLC Goodie Bags, Spring Scholarship Banquet, Spring Book Awards (12).

### **Panola County Aggie Mothers' club**

#### **President, Joyce Tilley**

Panola County Aggie Mothers' Club has currently 22 members.

Our club has made a \$100 donation to Texas A&M Foundation for the Aggie Moms' room at the MSC. We are currently accepting applications for scholarships, our deadline is april 10, 2012.

Our poinsettias' sale in October was very successful as we sold over 4000 poinsettias.

We recently had 3000 raffle tickets printed for our annual drawing to be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at The Cottage" restaurant. Gifts include an antique dresser loaded with gifts and a gift card/certificate giveaway notebook.

Special guest speaker, David McMahan, will be here Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6pm at The Cottage to speak to our Aggie Moms and their guests. Mr. McMahan will present a power point presentation on the Texas A&M Career Center sharing how Aggies can get connected to be hired.

Joyce Tilley, President and Sjonneke Baker, Treasurer, were recent guests on the local radio station, KGAS. The public was informed about the Panola County Aggie Mothers' Club meetings, scholarships and fundraisers, and to introduce the upcoming speaker, David McMahan on how to get your Aggie connected and hired to the outside world.

We send birthday cards, Halloween and Valentine cards with \$5.00 Sonic cards to all our current 32 Panola County Aggies. The Aggie Moms wrapped 32 boxes with items such as drinks, snacks, pens, paper, sticky notes, etc., then again in April will send them their exam goodie items in a recyclable Aggie tote bag. These goodies help bring a little home to the Aggies through the grueling hours of studying and being away from home.

**Pearland Aggie Mothers' club**  
**President, Beth Watson**

The purpose of our club is to support Texas A&M University, our Aggie students and to provide a support network for the parents. As a club, our 25 or so members meet monthly for administrative and informative meetings and then weekly for crafts, September through May. We endeavor each year to earn funds so that we can provide to the students book reimbursements. In 2011 we were able to provide support to 22 students. Our fundraisers include a raffle (the item/s change annually), the sale of our crosses, handmade by the club moms with tile we chip and set, and occasionally some other fundraiser we have found. The crosses are time intensive, but creative and allow us time to socialize while working. This year, we have added some artistic flair to our crosses as well as creating our first "house divided" crosses to fulfill requests we have gotten for the last couple of years. This year, we also partnered with a restaurant; we sold their gift cards (perfect for Christmas presents) and will receive a 10% donation on Boutique Day. We plan to repeat this next year, starting even earlier so that we can collect more funds.

Since we are a very small club with a big heart, we have extended our membership to California, with our first out of state member. The mom has already contacted us about how happy she is to have a more local contact and I've met with her Aggie to bring him a final's kit. This is a great group of moms, sharing their time and their children.

**Randolph Area Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Mary Ann Montero**

The Randolph Area Aggie Moms' club started the year with approximately 20 members. We relocated our meeting from Boysville to Church of the Good Shepherd Community, 1065 East Live Oak Road, Schertz, Texas;

We have a pie and poinsettia sales, an annual raffle and participate in Boutique to raise money for our scholarships. Throughout the year we give out 13 book awards worth \$250 to the members present at our monthly meetings. In May we give two Freshmen scholarships, one scholarship for each upper class worth \$500 each.

We make donations to the church for allowing us to use their facilities.

**Rio Grande Valley Aggie Mothers' Club**  
**President, Carmela Petraitis**

The Rio Grande Valley Aggie Mothers' club has 76 members. Our area includes Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties. Our year started with the Howdy party on the evening of August 5, 2011 at a local restaurant. We included a mixer so that everyone had the opportunity to meet other Aggies and Aggie parents. In addition there was an informational presentation to learn about what Aggie Moms do and we also had door prizes that were given out. We had a great Aggie time!!

Our club was thrilled to have two guest speakers at our first meeting in September. Melinda Weiblen, President of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs, and Mr. Jody Ford, Director of Development Scholarship Programs spoke to our club with great enthusiasm and information about proper Aggie Club operations. We were also honored to have been listed on the A&M Legacy Society Honor Roll for the significant amount of money donated to this foundation.

In October our club passed out Halloween cards to our moms who in turn send them to our Aggie Students with a gift card purchased by their moms.

In November, Aggie moms met to assemble goodie bags for our students that were distributed during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Our club is known for creating the unique and original Aggie stepping stones sold at Boutique. This time consuming project is a project that begins at the beginning of the school year and is completed by Boutique weekend. We are extremely fortunate to have amazing Aggie parents, Martha and Harry Lee Jones who have donated countless hours of time and expertise in completing these one-of-a-kind stepping stones. They have spear headed this committee for two years from their home on many weekends with organization and knowledge.

In January we have established a first time ever budget for the following school year. Our club also was able to address and send Valentine cards to our Aggie students with a gift card similar to what is done for Halloween.

Our RGV Aggie Mothers' Club has two fundraisers each year. One fundraiser is selling the stepping stones and street signs at Boutique and the second fundraiser is a raffle that is held in the spring. This allows the club to select students for scholarships, grant seniors a small gift, and donate to several clubs at Texas A&M University.

Our club is blessed to have extremely supportive moms who volunteer for refreshments and donate raffle gifts for each meeting. With their involvement to our club, we are able to help students accomplish their goals for a bright future.

**Rockwall County Texas A&M Mothers' Club**  
**President, Sarah Lawshe**

The Rockwall County Texas A&M Mothers' Club is 45 members strong!

The Rockwall County Aggie Moms have had a spectacular year so far! We have had our annual Howdy BarBQue, garage sale and hosted the Singing Cadets. In addition to the above, we have

sold pecans and will be participating in Boutique 2012 during Parents' Weekend. We are making ALL of the items we will be selling at Boutique and plan on a very profitable event for current and future Rockwall County Aggies. Our scholarship giving to date has been over \$7,000.

**Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club**  
**Co-Presidents, Denise Strong and Connie Weeks**

The Round Rock Aggie Moms' Club has close to 100 members this year. We meet each month on the third Monday at 7:00 from August to April at the Fern Bluff Community Center in Round Rock. Each month, from September thru march, our program highlights a group or speaker from Texas A&M. Some of the organizations we have hosted at our meetings include the Big Event, MSC and the Traditions Council. In August we began our yearly meeting with a salad and dessert supper, as well as welcoming our new moms with a goodie bag of needed items for a first time college mom. We had a large number of new moms this year! The month of November brought another salad supper and the recognition of our fall graduates. In April we will end the year with a salad supper and recognize our spring and summer graduates.

In July we hosted our annual Howdy Hullabaloo for incoming students and their families to inform them about Texas A&M, as well as give the mothers a chance to join our club. We had several current students and their moms available to welcome the guests and to answer questions. We had a wonderful turnout of new parents and new Aggies and enjoyed delicious food donated by club members.

In October we hosted our annual tailgate party at Spence Park. We enjoyed bar-b-que with all the fixings, along with home baked goodies from our moms and served over 150 Aggies, their moms and dads, and guests before the A&M/Missouri game. All of us had a wonderful time. In November, we had a successful booth selling crafts at the Aggie Mom Camp in College Station.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our club's 15<sup>th</sup> year at our annual Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser. We are excited to have Apotheosis from Texas A&M as our entertainment for the evening. There will also be a catered dinner for our membership and invited guests, along with some fun items to bid on. The fundraiser helps to pay for incoming Texas A&M student scholarships.

In March we will participate in the Parents' Weekend Aggie Moms' Boutique. The Boutique, along with our Silent Auction provides the remainder of our scholarship funds.

We continue to support each other in our club by sending cards and congratulations through our cares and concerns committee, honoring our graduates, bringing excellent speakers to help our moms have a better understanding of Texas A&M University, and providing a website as an information resource.

Our Ag Bag sales continue to be very successful. Our Aggies look forward to getting them and discovering what is inside. We are hoping our Spring Ag Bag sale to be just as good, if not better. This activity supports our Recognition Award program. This program allows us to reward the students of moms who have participated in our club.

This fall, for the first time, we had a poinsettia fundraiser. It was very successful and we had a profit close to \$1000 that will be used for student related activities and scholarships.

Since our last report we have funded:

7 scholarships to incoming freshmen chosen from area high schools,

Ten \$100 book grants in the fall of 2011,

Student recognition awards in the fall and spring that are paid directly to students' TAMU accounts, Approximately 30 \$10 Fun Buck winners for the fall semester, for which we send a ten dollar bill to the recipient with the stipulation that they write back to us and tell us something fun they did with the money.

It has been a fun and very rewarding year!

**San Angelo A&M Mothers' Club**  
**President, Debbie Busker**

We currently have 109 members. We provide a yearly endowed scholarship, 5 \$1000 club scholarships and tutorial scholarships each semester to any student who requests them from our area. We provide goodie bags and gift cards each semester to our students. Each fall we host a luncheon and in the spring we participate in Boutique and have a wine tasting event. These are our three major fundraisers and continue to grow each year. Since our area is so large we take our meetings on the road twice a year. We go to Ballinger in the fall and Sonora in the spring. These ladies are terrific hosts and the programs always enjoyable. We had a team building program where we embossed note cards to sell at boutique. We had a blast working together as always. This year we donated to the University by sending money to support the Aggie Mom room in the new MSC.

Our year started off with our club hosting our District Meeting here in College Station. We were very excited to have Reveille and her handler, Cody Guffey, who is from San Angelo visit our meeting. February brought us an ice storm the day of our annual scholarship luncheon. Our luncheon was still a success raising approximately \$3500. March included our Wine Tasting Event where we raffled two basketballs signed by the men's basketball team and the coaching staff. That event raised almost \$1000. March is also Goodie Bag Month for our club and bags were filled for 70 students. April Boutique was a success with the sale of our wool rugs, cookbooks, t-shirts and note cards, raising \$6000. We ended the month with installation of officers for the new Aggie Mom year. In July we hosted our annual Howdy party for Old Ags, current students, new students and their families. In October we returned our annual luncheon to the fall. The weather was fabulous and the food was delicious. Ticket sales and raffle sales raised \$4500. November was once again Goodie Bag Month for our club. We filled bags for 65 students. In December we hosted our annual Christmas party for our Aggies and our families.

During 2011 we awarded five \$1000 scholarships, in addition to our endowed scholarship. We also supplied over \$1000 in tutorial scholarships. Our club celebrated the graduation of 15 of our students this past year.

**San Antonio Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President, Annette Mollere**

The San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club, with a membership of 320 ladies, has an active agenda of informative speakers and fun social events. This year our club had many notable speakers; among them were TAMU's president, Dr. Loftin, Brigadier General Ramirez, and General Webber. At our monthly meetings we seek to inform our members of current TAMU events and services, as well as create fellowship among members through social exchange and events.

We started the year welcoming over 250 Freshmen with Howdy Night. We ate Bevo burgers and the Yell Leaders lead us in yell practice after representatives from the Corps of Cadets and Financial Aid spoke and answered questions. We passed out numerous door prizes and TAMU financial aid awarded two \$500 scholarships.

Our first social event and fundraiser was a Silver Starts event. Our Aggies watched Danielle Adams win a game while experiencing the VIP suite and had a meet and greet with her afterwards. Great fun for all who attended; and especially those who won autographed TAMU National Champion Lady Ag t-shirts. It was great to see 250 12-man towels on the seats at the AT&T center. For our second social event we met for dinner at Joe's Crab Shack. Ten percent of the total bill benefited our scholarship fund and we were able to get to know many of our members' Aggie students. In February the club hosted a theater presentation of Oklahoma at the San Pedro Playhouse. Attendees ate and drank before the show, enjoyed a wonderful production and, again, the door prizes were a big hit.

In September our members were busy handing out AT&T golf tickets. We were the top fourth charity to participate and were awarded with \$700 for our efforts to add to our scholarship fund. Last, but not least, members are working to sell raffle tickets and items at our Parents' Weekend Aggie Moms' Boutique. We are offering an electronics package including an Apple Ipad and clock docking station.

Each year we typically raise \$20-25,000 towards our Bexar County Aggie scholarship fund. This year, though, we had had successful events, our funds are lacking. We are pushing hard on our final raffle and hope to finish endowing our current scholarship.

This year's executive board has done an outstanding job of bringing our members together. We made a commitment to have events where members could get to know each other and become an active part of the club. As always, I am proud to have been the 2010-12 President of San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club. These are truly some of the finest women I have every met. Whoop!

**Sandstorm A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President, Tana Dixon**

The Sandstorm Aggie Moms' Club in Odessa, Texas meets once a month on the first Monday. We meet to network with each other, support each other, and support our students. We are looking for more and better ways to put out the word to our community that Texas A&M is THE university to attend! Whoop!

We start our year by hosting a summer social. We especially welcome new Aggie and their parents to this event. This past June, we had a great ice cream party at "Aggie alley" in downtown

Odessa. We would like to thank Mr. John Landgraf, a proud Aggie, for his generous support and hospitality in hosting our event. Over 40 people attended, including current Aggies and their parents, new Aggies, prospective Aggies, and former Aggies. The students enjoy getting to meet each other and comparing notes about the university. Everyone had a great time.

This year our club has 17 members. Our numbers are down from last year because we had quite a few students who graduated. However, we have several new moms who are contributing a lot of interest and enthusiasm to our meetings and we are so glad that they are with us!

Twice a semester we send out goodie boxes to our students. We mail them out for Halloween, fall finals, Valentine's Day and spring finals. We enjoy the camaraderie of putting together the boxes after a general meeting and the kids enjoy getting goodies from home. At the end of each semester, we have a drawing for two Scholar Dollar awards of \$250. The recipients can use the award for any need that they have. We also award \$50 to every graduating senior whether in December or May as a small token from our club for their accomplishment.

Our annual fundraiser for the past several years has been a raffle for some great prizes and we conducted the raffle again this year. Our prizes were a \$100 spa gift certificate, a football signed by Coach Sherman and a basketball signed by Coach Kennedy. All proceeds support our Scholar Dollar awards and our club donations to campus organizations. Our profit this year was over \$1050! Our drawing for prizes was held at the February meeting. This fundraiser works very well for us and raises a good amount of funds without large expense.

Every spring our March and April meetings, we consider which campus organizations we want to support. We especially enjoy supporting activities in which our students are actively involved. However, we also consider carefully all correspondence that we receive from campus organizations asking for support. Last year we sent a large donation in honor of all of our members of the Corps of Cadets to the March to the Brazos March of Dimes effort. We also supported Carpool, the Biomedical Society, Kappa Delta, Town Hall, Navigators, Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club and Rotoract.

We are a small club, but we are looking for ways to expand our presence in the community and we enjoy getting together throughout the year to support our Aggies and Texas A&M University.

**Aggie Moms' Club of Shelby County**  
**President, Cindy Bush**

We currently have 8 members with Aggie students – 1 grandmother with an Aggie student, 3 members with former students and 2 members who have students accepted for next year.

Our club has a Bingo Night every other year – partnering with a local volunteer fire department to raise money for Aggie book gifts. We fix goodie bags and boxes for our Aggies and treat them to dinner. This fall we raffled a pink pistol – just right for a mom for Christmas!

### **Southwest Dallas County Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Kathy Lynch**

The Southwest Dallas County Aggie Moms' Club currently has 21 members. This year marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> year for our club. We meet 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. Special programs for the year include: Aggie Traditions and Campus Landmarks, Dr. Karen Matthews from TAMU Student learning Center, Dr. Brent lane from Storyline Biographies, How to Make a T-Shirt Quilt, Family Potluck Supper and Family chili Supper. The fundraisers this year include Pampered Chef, Avon, paper bag raffles, Chili's Gives Back and AfterHours Improv show with silent auction. All proceeds from our fundraisers go to the Scholarship Fund. We will be awarding two incoming freshmen book scholarships and, hopefully, three continuing student scholarships. We will also be donating 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, encouragement cards with fast food gift cards and Aggie Brags at each meeting. Graduating seniors are recognized at the May meeting with a ring crest paperweight.

### **Stephenville Area Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Sylvia Smith**

We are a very small club but have a great group of Aggie Moms who enjoy getting together to talk about our Aggies and provide support to them and other students at A&M. So far we have had two fundraisers. We did a chili's Day and a Pampered chef party. The Pampered Chef party was a great success for us. We always enjoy preparing and delivering goodie bags prior to finals week. We donate funds to different organizations at the end of the school year.

### **Tyler County Aggie Moms' Club**

#### **President, Cindi Cooley**

The Tyler County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club serves the communities of Chester, Colmesneil, Spurger, Warren and Woodville. The club currently has 7 active members. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at Woodville High School. We meet September-May. We enjoy dinner meetings in December and May.

Our club's primary focus is awarding scholarships to graduating seniors from Tyler county who will be attending Texas A&M. last year our club was able to award a \$500 scholarship to all 5 of the students who applied for our scholarships. We try to support our current Aggies by taking them out to lunch and giving them goodie bags before finals. This gives our Aggies a chance to meet and spend time with each other.

We have several fundraisers throughout the year. Our club is well known for selling Tyler County Aggie Moms' pecans each November and we have a raffle at Parents' Weekend. We also earn funds by working in the concession stand at a local high school's basketball and volleyball games. We earn 1/3 of the proceeds made at the concession stand that night in return for our work. We also help with a ragball tournament to earn money for our club.

We hope to increase membership and look for new ways to support each other and our Aggies!

**Uvalde Area Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Debra Machen**

Our club membership is 24 members.

Our sole purpose is supporting our students with notes of encouragement and goodie bags.

**West Texas Oilpatch Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Beate Johnson**

Bought care packages from dues for finals for each student.

**Williamson County Aggie Mothers' Club**  
**President, Patty Curry**

The Williamson County Aggie Moms hail from Williamson County, Texas. Williamson County is located north of Austin and the county is split by IH35. The western most part of the county is 120 miles west of College Station. Our club is over 52 years young. It is part of the Austin metropolitan area with a population of roughly 500,000. Its count seat is Georgetown. Williamson County is home to the largest number of active Texas A&M former students. Our current membership represents the towns: Bertram, Cedar Park, Coupland, Florence, Georgetown, Granger, Hutto, Harrell, Leander, Liberty Hill, Taylor, Thrall. We currently have 59 members.

Our one major fundraising event is a turkey supper held annually on the first Thursday in November. We prepare the foods ourselves and serve as man as 1200 meals in 4 hours. The profit provides funding for \$500 scholarships to both incoming freshmen and continuing students at TAMU/College Station. This year we awarded 17 scholarships and donated to several organizations on campus, including Carpool, Aggie Women's Chorus, Aggie Pre-med Society, Aggie Pre-Vet Society, Traditions Council and more.

Check us out at: [www.williamsoncountyaggiemoms.org](http://www.williamsoncountyaggiemoms.org)

**Wilson County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President, Sandra Kilgore**

We have 15 members. Our only fundraiser is Boutique at Parents' Weekend. This past December our members' children 'rang the bell' for the Salvation Army. That evening we had a get together with all the members' families..

**Wood County Aggie Moms' Club**  
**President, Kristi Bridges**

The Wood county Aggie Moms' Club's main goal is to provide scholarships for our local students and support them through goodie bags during finals week, birthday cards and encouragement through various get togethers. We were able to increase our scholarships and amounts this year to three \$300 academic scholarships per semester and three \$100 book scholarships per semester, plus our one \$500 scholarship to an incoming freshman at our local high school graduation.

Our club consists of 27 members from the surrounding towns of Quitman, Mineola, Winnsboro, Alba and Golden. We meet monthly where we discuss upcoming events and enjoy food and fellowship with other Aggie Moms.

We began our year with our annual Howdy party where we enjoyed “Bevo” burgers and homemade ice cream. It was a chance for our new Aggies and their families to get acquainted with our club and fellow Aggie students. We also hosted an annual tailgate party at A&M before the Baylor game in October.

Our newest fundraiser for the year was a “Gold Exchange” party where our members and invited friends sold their unwanted gold and silver to a gold buyer that hosted our party. It was quite successful and allowed us to increase our scholarships for the year. Our club will also participate in the Aggie Moms’ Boutique held during Parents’ Weekend where we sell various items such as Aggie Mom t-shirts and Aggie Bunco. We also raised funds by selling drinks at a local car show.

As for us Aggie Moms, we are a support to each other through encouragement, advice to new moms and we are developing life long friendships through our time together.