

Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs Newsletter

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We're on the Web!

www.AggieMoms.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOWDY!

What a great privilege and exciting time it is for Aggie Moms to serve Texas A&M University. Whether you're a newly-minted Aggie Mom with a student just entering A&M or you're familiar with A&M's reputation for tradition and excellence, 2012-13 is shaping up to be a milestone year at Texas A&M.

If you've been on campus for New Student Conferences this summer, it's likely that you were able to visit the Memorial Student Center. After being closed for almost four years, the newly-remodeled MSC has reclaimed its rightful place of honor as the designated "living room of Texas A&M." Originally dedicated in 1951 as a memorial to Aggies who gave their lives in service to our country, the MSC has become the training ground for student leadership and the on-campus home for the arts and entertainment.

Much anticipation surrounds A&M's entrance into the premier collegiate football conference, the SEC. Make plans to experience Midnight Yell Practice, Step-Off and March In – my personal favorites - along with game day in Aggieland.

Texas A&M's well-deserved reputation for academic and research excellence will be significantly enhanced by two new endeavors: the acquisition of Texas Wesleyan Law School as part of the A&M system and the multi-million dollar project to fight bioterrorism, which was recently awarded to Texas A&M's Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing.

Something old.....something new! Our official kick-off of Aggie Mom activities for the year begins with the Board Dinner on Friday, August 24, 2012 at the University Club in Rudder Tower. ***The invitation is enclosed and dinner is open to all Aggie Moms.*** The University has been so gracious to allow us to return to the MSC in our original meeting space for the Fall Meetings and Workshops the following day on Saturday, August 25, 2012. October will find us "on the road" to El Paso, followed by a reprise of Aggie Mom Camp – our own version of Fish Camp - at the Best Western Atrea Hotel in Bryan.

As we look ahead to 2013, District Meeting plans are well underway for our fourth year to host the remainder of our District Meetings on campus. Then, Boutique will be just around the corner in the spring to help us close out the year.

Aggie Moms – Linking Tradition with Tomorrow! Join us as we continue our tradition of service to Texas A&M. We'll be looking for you on campus!

Smiles and Gig 'em—
Dawn Powell



2012-2013

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11:15 AM - 1:30 PM (After the General Meeting)

Calling all Aggie Moms to attend the workshops of your choice at the Fall Federation Meeting in College Station! Expert Training!

Presidents, gather up your members and officers, pack up the cars and get yourself prepared for the best year EVER!

We have added one NEW topic and will host TWO Sessions on several topics due to many requests. Light snacks and water will be available in each workshop, but you are welcome to bring a sack lunch. Any questions contact Ginger Morton at gingmort@aol.com

Registration forms are enclosed or go to the Federation website www.aggie moms.org
THERE IS ROOM FOR EVERYONE!

HELP WANTED FOR REGISTRATION

Melissa Faubion, 3rd Vice President-Registration, needs eight Aggie Moms to work the registration tables at the Fall Federation Meeting, Saturday, August 25, from 7:30 AM until the meeting starts at 8:30 AM. If you are interested in helping, please email Melissa at cliffmel@hotmail.com or call her at [325-365-5424](tel:325-365-5424).

AGGIE MOM CAMP '12

“Once an Aggie Mom, Always an Aggie Mom” is the theme of Aggie Mom Camp '12. Mark your calendars for October 26-28, 2012 for a fun and information filled weekend and the opportunity to meet other Aggie Moms and make new friends and memories. For more information, as well as the registration form, go to www.aggie moms.org, click on EVENTS.

A very big thank you to all the clubs at Boutique who donated their wares to be used as door prizes (69) and silent auction (12) items at Camp! We are asking the remaining clubs to donate two items each to be used in the same way. The items can be brought to the Fall Federation Meeting in August or contact either of us to make arrangements for pick up.

If any Aggie Moms' Club would like us to attend their Howdy social or a club meeting to speak about AMC '12, please contact us. We would really like to put you on our calendar!

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1ST VP MEMBERSHIP

HOWDY! I am Linda Schmidt, 2012-2013 1st VP - Membership. I'm here to assist you! Whether it involves reorganizing your club, establishing a new club, or just some help with membership within your club, I'd be very glad to help.

I would also like to encourage anyone from your local club to attend the Membership workshop following the Fall Federation meeting, scheduled for August 25, 2012. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, 361-772-4552 or lindas@hpfm.com.

FORMS E & G - PAST DUE

Reminder, Forms E & G were due June 1. These two forms provide us with information about your contributions to University Student Organizations and Scholarships that are being awarded for the upcoming school year. If you have not gotten these forms in please do so as soon as possible. The forms can be located on the aggie mom.org website. Even if your club does not do either of these the forms **must** be submitted. I appreciate your help in getting this done.

Prissy Urban
4th VP-Projects

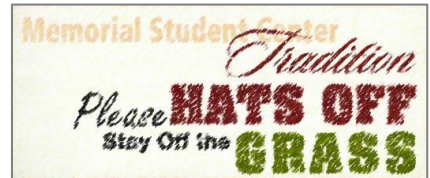
AGGIE MOM ROOM AT MSC

Thanks to all of the Aggie Moms who contributed to the Houston Aggie Moms Student Multi-Purpose Room in the Memorial Student Center. You are invited to an Open House in the room on Saturday, August 25, 2012. The room will be open after our Federation meetings are completed. More information will be distributed at the August meetings for times, directions and a map.

The Multi-Purpose Room celebrates the love that Aggie Moms have for our Aggies. The plaque with all of our Aggie Moms' Clubs that donated is scheduled to be finished and installed by that date. As of press time, over 40 clubs have contributed. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Marintsch at [713-201-1407](tel:713-201-1407) or at her e-mail: marintsf@peoplepc.com

8TH VP PARENT SOCIALS

Howdy! New Student and Family Conference Parent Socials have kept us busy in June! On behalf of the Federation, thanks to the Aggie Orientation Leaders Program for giving Aggie Moms this time as part of their program. I have visited with a lot of new Aggie Moms who are very interested in joining our organization. We have received over 500 Interest in Membership forms, including 20 out of state moms wanting to be a part of the Aggie Mom Family. These moms are from far and wide - Indonesia, California, Alaska, Mississippi, Colorado, Idaho, Florida, Missouri, Indiana, Tennessee, and Washington. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the ladies from Brazos County, Kingwood/Humble, Fort Bend County, Northwest Harris County, San Antonio, Clear Lake Area, Katy West Houston, Orange County - and to the Federation Officers who have assisted at the conferences. You are a wonderful representation of Aggie Moms! There are four more conferences in July, and one in August. If you could assist please, contact me at sljohnson47@att.net. Thank you and **Gig 'Em!** Sharon Johnson, 8th VP Parent Socials



2013 DISTRICT MEETINGS

Howdy Ladies!

Mark your calendar for January 18 and 19, 2013 for a weekend of informative meetings, great fellowship and Aggie Mom FUN!

The format will continue the combination of the Winter Federation Meeting and the annual District Meetings on Saturday, January 19, 2013 in College Station. The clubs in each district will meet together with their host club. The District meeting time is one of FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP. It is a great opportunity to share ideas and get to know each other.

We are excited to have you join us for the many activities planned for that weekend and the chance to make new Aggie Mom friends. Make plans now to join us to hear great speakers, to visit with your Aggie and to attend your District meeting. We have plans to have a Mini-Boutique again this year where you will have the chance to purchase many unique Aggie items.

More details will be coming soon in the next Federation newsletter and on our Federation website: www.aggie moms.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at marintsf@peoplepc.com or 713-201-1407.

We are looking forward to seeing you in January!

Thanks and Gig 'em,

Fran Marintsch

Federation 6th Vice President-District

2012-2013 District Liaisons



District 1

Kari Moore Roush '80

District 2

Troie Burch '77

District 3

Ginger Morton

District 4

Cindy Dube

District 5

Karen Allen

District 6

Fran Marintsch

District 7

Sharon Johnson

District 8

Carolyn Phelan '89

District 9

Melissa Faubion

District 10

Janet Graef

District 11

Linda Schmidt

District 12

Prissy Urban

District 14

Velda Schalk

District 15

Velda Schalk

Club Problems

Jeanne Harrell

DISTRICT	HOST CLUB	SCHEDULE
1	Rockwall County	<p>"AGGIE MOMS HONORING THE MSC: LINKING TRADITION WITH TOMORROW"</p> <p>College Station, Texas</p>  <p>Friday, January 18, 2013 Federation Dinner - 6:30 pm Everyone is invited!</p> <p>Saturday, January 19, 2013 8:30 am-Federation Meeting/District Meetings</p> <p>Mini-Boutique/Luncheon</p>
2	Combined with District 1	
3	Combined with District 7	
4	Brazos County	
5	Central Texas & West Bell County	
6	Friendswood Clear Creek Area	
7	Orange County	
8	San Antonio	
9	Abilene	
10	Lubbock	
11	Rio Grande Valley	
12	Lone Star	
14	El Paso - October TBD	
15	Combined with District 10	

2013 AGGIE MOM BOUTIQUE – SAVE THE DATE!

Aggie Mom Boutique will be held during Parents' Weekend which will be April 12 and 13, 2013. During the Fall Federation meeting on August 25th, there will be a Boutique Workshop with a speaker from the Office of Business Development at Texas A&M University (Rosa Rodriguez – you may know her as the “licensing expert at A&M) who will share up to date information that will assist you as you prepare for selling your clubs' creations at Boutique in the spring.

We will also have a member of the Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club to share with you how their club uses the credit card device that connects to a regular cell phone and enables your club to accept credit cards from customers. Please make plans to attend and we will be sharing details about Boutique 2013.

If you have questions related to Boutique, please contact Carolyn Phelan, 5th Vice President for Boutique, at carolynfeyphelan@gmail.com or call her at 830-626-0803.

FEDERATION & AGGIENETWORK OFFERS FREE AND EASY CLUB WEBSITES!

Howdy Aggie Moms!

Our Club Website program has been a big success with 45 Aggie Moms' Clubs using the Websites offered through the Federation and hosted by AggieNetwork.com. If your club is interested in having an easy to create and update website that is free of charge to your club, please contact me and I will get you started. No club is too small or too large to take advantage of this program. You do not need to have a lot of technical knowledge to have a website as the kind folks at The Association of Former Students AggieNetwork.com have done most of the work for you.

To see what your website might look like, go to <http://collincountymoms.aggienetwork.com> or <http://hayscountymoms.aggienetwork.com>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at kmroush@sbcglobal.net and plan to attend the Website Creation and Management Workshop after the Fall Federation Meeting on Saturday, August 25th. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks and Gig 'em,
Kari Moore Roush '80
Electronic Information Chair

SPECIAL THANKS!

Many thanks to Abby Howell and the Department of Student Activities for the beautiful all-University calendars!

**THANK YOU FROM MELINDA WEIBLEN**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for submitting the beautiful quilt squares from your clubs. The patriotic Aggie quilt, comprised of quilt squares that were all personalized by each of the clubs was absolutely beautiful! Thank you for this one of a kind treasured quilt...I will cherish this quilt forever.

In Aggie Mom Love and Friendship,
Melinda Weiblen
Federation President 2011-2012

SPECIAL REMINDER – CLUB PRESIDENTS

Please make sure to pick up your President's information packet during Registration for the Fall Meeting.

If you are unable to pick up the packet, please ask another office to do so for you. Otherwise, there will be a charge of \$8.50 to mail the packet to your club.

Thank you!

In humble reverence this building is dedicated to those men of A&M who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Here is enshrined in spirit and in bronze enduring tribute to their valor and to their deep devotion.

Here their memory shall remain forever fresh – their sacrifices shall not be forgotten.

**MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER
DEDICATION PLAQUE
1950**



2012 FEDERATION WORKSHOPS

11:15 AM – 1:30 PM August 25, 2012 – Rudder Tower Rooms

Please return by **Thursday, August 16, 2012** to:
Ginger Morton, PO Box 1044, Athens, TX 75751 903-681-4470
Or email information to gingmort@aol.com

CLUB PRESIDENTS

Please complete the REGISTRATION FORM and return it by **Thursday, August 16, 2012** so that workshops can be scheduled appropriately. You can email the workshop titles and number of attendees from your club. Your email will be confirmed.

Anyone may attend any of the workshops. Being a club officer is not a requirement. If you are interested, then we look forward to your attendance! Try to have a representative at each workshop!

The Workshop Leaders will be sharing from their experience, but the BEST part is SHARING IDEAS with each other, so please bring anything you would like to share or talk about.

We are offering two sessions due to increased demand, so be sure and sign up for both sessions!! Snacks and water will be provided, but feel free to bring a sack lunch for the second session!!

Room assignments at Rudder Tower will be provided at the Fall Federation meeting on Saturday, August 25, 2012.

All materials for the workshops will be available on the Federation website – www.aggie moms.org by Friday, August 17, 2012.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE MATERIALS AND BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE WORKSHOPS.

NO COPIES OF THE MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE WORKSHOPS.

FALL BOARD DINNER - FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012 - 7:00 PM

The University Club, 11th Floor Rudder Tower
Registration - 6:30 PM Dinner - 7:00 PM

FALL FEDERATION MEETING - SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012

Coffee 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Memorial Student Center 02-03 (2400)
Meeting 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Workshops 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM Rudder Tower (Room Assignments TBA)

WINTER BOARD DINNER - FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2013 - 6:30 PM

Location TBA

WINTER FEDERATION MEETING - SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013

Coffee 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Memorial Student Center 02-03 (2400)
Meeting 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

District Meetings and Mini Boutique - 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM Rudder Tower (Room Assignments TBA)
LUNCHEON 12 Noon - Location TBA

SPRING FEDERATION MEETING - PARENTS' WEEKEND 2013

April 12th and 13th

SEE OUR NEXT FEDERATION NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2013

NOTE: TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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