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www.AggieMoms.org



Federation of Texas A&M University
Mothers' Clubs

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOWDY!

The Federation Board for 2014-2015 is so delighted to be able to work with all of you during this year as we seek to serve you in meeting the mission of the Federation... "by individual and united effort to contribute in every way to the comfort and welfare of the students and to cooperate with Texas A&M University in maintaining a high standard of moral conduct and intellectual attainment." If there is any way that we can be of assistance to you during the year, please don't hesitate to let us know. The officers' contact information is on the Federation website noted in this newsletter: www.aggie moms.org.

The Board has been busy this summer, meeting so many excited parents of freshmen and transfer students at the Parent Socials that are part of New Student Orientation at Texas A&M. The yearbook for 2014-2015 will be available for local club Presidents as a part of your packet at the Fall Federation meetings and workshops on August 30, 2014. Additional copies can be purchased at the workshop for \$5 each. The Board and Former Federation Presidents will be provided complimentary copies.

My theme for this year is "**Aggie Moms...Touch the Future**". Many individuals touch our children's life along the way and we, as Aggie Moms should continue to provide students with reassurance, encouragement and love, while supporting their initiatives. It is my hope that Aggie Moms will continue to **Touch the Future** by participating in the education of our students. I will place my emphasis and dedicate the year to supporting the Academic Success Center at Texas A&M because we as Aggie Moms are helping to shape and educate our young adults for life's challenges.

Please join us for the Fall Federation Dinner on August 29 at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. An electronic invitation will be sent to the Board, local Club Presidents, and Former Federation Presidents. Local Club Presidents are asked to complete the sign-up sheet noting the number attending with checks mailed to Katie McMordie Latham by August 22, 2014.

If you cannot come to dinner, please plan to join us for the Fall Federation program meeting on Saturday, August 30, 2014, in the Gates Ballroom, MSC 2400 at 9 AM, followed by a business meeting and an amazing variety of workshops organized and presented by Board members and other exceptional speakers. There's a Club President's "Meet & Greet" scheduled for 11:15-12:15; please plan to attend.

We appreciate your continuing support and encouragement as we seek to serve you, the wonderful students, and the University. What can compare with our amazing Aggie Family!! Thanks...and Gig 'em!

Linda Schmidt

FEDERATION & AGGIENETWORK OFFERS FREE AND EASY CLUB WEBSITES!

Howdy Aggie Moms!

Our Club Website program has been a big success with 55 Aggie Moms' Clubs using the websites offered through the Federation and hosted by AggieNetwork.com. If your club is interested in having a simple to create and easy to 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 CollinCountyMoms.AggieNetwork.com or HillCountyMoms.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 30th. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Kari Moore Roush '80

Electronic Information Officer

2015 AGGIE MOM BOUTIQUE – SAVE THE DATE!

Aggie Mom Boutique will be held during Parents' Weekend on April 17-19, 2015. During the Fall Federation meeting on Saturday August 30, 2014, there will be a Boutique Workshop with a speaker, Rosa Rodriguez, from the Office of Business Development. You may know her as the licensing expert at Texas A&M University. She will share up to date information that will assist you as you prepare for selling your clubs' creations. We will also have a member of the NWHC Aggie Moms Club to demonstrate how to use the credit card device that connects to your regular cell phone or tablet. This will enable your club to accept credit cards from customers. Please make plans to attend the workshop where we will be sharing details about Boutique 2015. If you have questions related to Boutique, please contact **Shannon Eberle, 5th Vice President for Boutique** at sgeberle@sbcglobal.net or 713-715-8350.

2014-2015

Federation Officers**President:**

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Aggie Mom Camp Directors:

Debi Fincher

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FEDERATION WORKSHOPS – SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2014

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

CLUB PRESIDENTS

- Please complete the **REGISTRATION FORM** and return it by **Wednesday, August 20, 2014** 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. We do encourage club officers to attend. 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 and some will have qualified speakers in special areas, 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 the past few years, so be sure and sign up for both sessions!! Wherever it is possible, sign up for two different workshops at different sessions—more information to take back to your club members and officers!
- Pitchers with water will be available in the rooms, so if you would prefer something else, please bring your own beverage; you may also bring snacks or a sack lunch since we will not be finished with the last session until 1:30!!
- Room assignments at Rudder Tower will be provided at the Fall Federation meeting on Saturday, August 30, 2014.
- All materials for the workshops will be available on the Federation website, www.aggie moms.org prior to the meeting. We ask that all attendees print the materials prior to going to College Station. Sometimes it is easier if the club president prints all of the materials and then gives them to the ladies from the club attending each session.

AGGIE MOM FISH CAMP XXI

Our Aggies have Fish Camp or T-Camp to aid in their transition from home to college life and to introduce them to the traditions of Texas A&M University. Aggie Moms also have CAMP!

Every year since 1994, the Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs has held Aggie Mom Camp in Aggieland. The goal of the event is similar to that of the camps for our Aggies. The Federation hopes to have experienced Aggie Moms help new Aggie Moms with the transition as their child leaves home to attend Texas A&M University and to introduce them to the wonderful traditions of A&M. Aggie Mom Camp is also a great weekend for the experienced Aggie Mom.

In addition, we have loads of fun!! There are campus tours, group sessions, skits, shopping, and lots of bonding with both "seasoned" and "new" Aggie Moms. Join us for Aggie Mom Camp to meet other Aggie Moms and have a wonderful weekend in Aggieland!

Who: All Aggie Moms!**What:** 2014 Aggie Mom Camp XXI**When:** October 24 -26, 2014**Where:** Best Western Premier, 1920 Austins Colony Parkway, Bryan, Texas**This Year's Theme:** "Aggie Moms...Inspire"

For more information, contact **Aggie Mom Camp Directors:** Debi Fincher, 979-324-3232, dsfincher@wildblue.net
Kim Kovar, 979-249-7407 Kovar7407@yahoo.com

1ST VP MEMBERSHIP

HOWDY! I am **Cindy Dube'91, 2014-2015 1st VP- Membership**. I am here to assist you with any club questions! 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 am very excited to say that there are many Aggie Moms willing to start up new clubs already!

I would also like to encourage anyone from your local club to attend the Membership workshop following the Fall Federation meeting scheduled for Aug. 30, 2014. Check the website for handouts you need to print in advance to bring to the workshop or that you can use for ideas for increasing membership.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 713-412-7759 or at cdube34@gmail.com

AGGIE MOM CLUB PRESIDENTS

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 our website, www.aggie moms.org. Even if your club does not do either of these, the forms **must** be submitted. I appreciate your help in getting this done. As of June 30, 2014 Aggie Moms Clubs have contributed \$449,590! I know there's more to come so please get those forms filled out and returned via email at peggy.nolan.1029@gmail.com or postal service.

Peggy Nolan**4th VP-Projects****HELP WANTED FOR REGISTRATION**

Cathy Haegelin, 3rd Vice President-Registration, needs eight Aggie Moms to work the registration tables at the Fall Federation Meeting on Saturday, August 30th from 7:45 A.M. until the meeting starts at 9:00 A.M. This is an opportunity to greet our Aggie Moms and University guests. If you or any of your club members can help, please contact Cathy at Cathy.Haegelin@STOH.com or call her at 830 931-5643.

8TH VP PARENT SOCIALS

Howdy! Participation in the New Student Conference Family Tracts have kept me very busy in June as a record number of freshman and transfer students are entering Texas A&M this year. Thank you to the Aggie Orientation Leaders Program (AOLP) for allowing Aggie Moms to tell our story during their program again this year. I have visited with a lot of new Aggie Moms who are very interested in joining our organization. I have received about 700 member interest forms during June, including 31 out of state moms interested in being a part of the Aggie Mom family by being adopted. These moms are from far and wide - Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Germany, Illinois, India, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

My thanks to the ladies who have assisted me at the conferences in June and to those who plan to assist in July and August. By the end of the summer, I will have had helpers from the following clubs: Brazos County, Kendall County, NW Harris County, and Walker County. Also thanks to the Federation officers who have helped. There are several conferences that I still need help with in July and August - July 15 (Tuesday at noon), August 19 (Tuesday at noon), and August 25 (Monday at 6:15). If you can help, please contact me at ripatrolia@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks and Gig'em!

Jana Patrolia '85, 8th VP Parent Socials

2015 DISTRICT MEETINGS

Howdy, Ladies!

Mark your calendar for January 23 and 24, 2015 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 24, 2015 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.aggieomoms.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at mommagraef@yahoo.com or 512/365-6352.

We are looking forward to seeing you in January!


Thanks and Gig 'em!

Janet Graef

Federation 6th Vice President-District

SPECIAL THANKS

We appreciate the Department of Student Activities for the wonderful 2014-15 All-University calendar posters!

DISTRICT	HOST CLUB	SCHEDULE
1	Ellis & Hunt County	<p>"Aggie Moms...Touch the Future"</p> <p>College Station, Texas</p>  <p>Friday, January 22, 2015</p> <p>Federation Dinner at Pebble Creek Country Club - 6:30 pm</p> <p>Everyone is invited!</p> <p>Saturday, January 23, 2015</p> <p>8:30 am-Federation Meeting/District Meetings</p> <p>Mini-Boutique</p>
2	Combined with District 1	
3	Rusk County	
4	Katy West Houston	
5	Bastrop County	
6	Galveston County	
7	Orange County	
8	TBA	
9	Heart of Texas	
10	Amarillo	
11	DeWitt-Lavaca County	
12	Harrison County	
14	El Paso	
15	Combined with District 10	

2014-2015 District Liaisons



District 1:

Peggy Nolan

District 2:

Katie McMordie Latham '80

District 3:

Ginger Morton

District 4:

Debi Fincher

District 5:

Janet Graef

District 6:

Fran Marintsch

District 7:

Sharon Johnson

District 8:

Carolyn Fey Phelan '89

District 9:

Cathy Haegelin

District 10:

Shannon Eberle

District 11:

Amy Machicek

District 12:

Jana Tate

District 14 & 15

Cindy Dube '91

Club Problems:

Troie Pruett Burch '77

Former Federation Presidents:

Jeanne Harrell

Club Presidents:

Please send at least one photo of your year's club activities to our Federation Historian for inclusion in the Federation President's Scrapbook. Please identify the event and the names of the members in the photo. We will be collecting photos between now and May so pick a fun event to include. Send the information by text or e-mail to Fran Marintsch at marintsf@peoplepc.com or 713-201-1407. Thanks and Gig 'em!

FALL BOARD DINNER – FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2014 – 6:30 PM

Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center
505 George Bush Drive College Station, TX 77840
Registration – 6:30 PM Dinner – 7:00 PM
Electronic Reservation Form (www.Signupgenius.com/go/9040948AEAE2BA75-fall)

FALL FEDERATION MEETING – SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2014

Coffee 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Memorial Student Center (2400) Gates Ballroom
General Meeting 9:00 AM – 11:00AM Memorial Student Center (2400) Gates Ballroom
Workshops 11:15 AM – 1:30 PM Rudder Tower (Room Assignments TBA)

WINTER BOARD DINNER – FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015 – 6:30 PM

Pebble Creek Country Club, College Station
Registration – 6:30 PM Dinner – 7:00 PM Board Meeting- Following dinner
Electronic Reservation Form TBA

WINTER FEDERATION MEETING – SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015

Coffee 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Memorial Student Center (2400) Gates Ballroom
Meeting 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
District Meetings and Mini Boutique – 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM Rudder Tower (Room Assignments TBA)

SPRING FEDERATION MEETING – PARENTS' WEEKEND 2015

April 17th and 18th
Spring Meeting and Installation of Officers for 2015-2016 Koldus, Room, 110-111
Aggie Mom Boutique at MSC

SEE OUR NEXT FEDERATION NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2015

NOTE: TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Note to Club

Presidents

Please plan to pick up your
President's information
packet at Fall Registration.
There is a mailing charge
to your club if the
packet is mailed.
Thanks!



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