

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

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***“Alone we can do  
little, together  
we can do much”  
Helen Keller***

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**Future Parents  
Weekend Dates**

2013 ~ April 12-14  
2014 ~ April 11-13  
2015 ~ April 17-19  
2016 ~ April 8-10

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## President's Message

Wow! Where did the year go? My year as Federation President will be coming to an end during Parent's Weekend, the last weekend of March. I appreciate all of the support that your clubs have shown me, and anticipate the same for the upcoming Board for 2012-2013.

It certainly has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Federation President. Being able to meet and visit with many of you is what makes this job so rewarding. Thank you ladies for these cherished memories that I will forever remember.

I am immensely proud of the longstanding, ethical approach used by this organization for assisting prospective and currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University. I consider it an honor to be affiliated with an organization that continues to remain focused on the students', the University and Moms welfare.

There's no doubt, Aggie Moms will continue to prosper and continue the vital mission of supporting students and the University of Texas A&M; because of each you, the quality people that make up this organization. That's what sets this organization apart from any other, the dedication and unwavering commitment that I experienced from each of you. I thank you for that.

So as we turn the page on this year, I and the 2011-2012 Federation Board wish each of you a prosperous upcoming year and much continued success. Remember, the Federation Board is here to support you and your club. So, don't hesitate to call on a Board member if you have any questions or require assistance.

Thanks so much for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Federation President. There are so many wonderful memories that I will take with me. I wish each of you the best and look forward to seeing you at Parents Weekend.

In Aggie Mom Love and Friendship

Melinda Weiblen

## In Memory of Karon Haas, Federation President 1997-1998

The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs, mourns the death of Mrs. Karon Haas. Mrs. Haas passed away January 22, 2012 in New Branufels, Texas. Karon was a member of the Comal County Aggie Moms' Club and held several different offices, including President. She continued her support of her beloved Aggies by serving as President of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs in 1997-1998. Our sympathy is extended to Karon's husband, Harvey, along with her three daughters, Cheryl, Susan and Liesel. If you would like to send the Haas family a card, you should send it to Harvey Haas, 2406 Northwoods Drive, New Braunfels, Texas 78132. Karon will certainly be missed by all her friends and family. She was a special lady

## Federation Business Meeting, Election & Installation of Officers for 2012-2013, Yearbook Dedication, and 2012-2013 Board Reception

Please join us for the Spring Federation Business Meeting, Election of 2012-2013 Officers and yearbook dedication on Friday, March 30. The Business Meeting will be at Koldus in Room 110-111 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. On Saturday, March 31, the Spring Meeting and Installation of Officers will also be held at Koldus in Room 110-111. Registration is from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. followed by the Business Meeting and Installation of Officers beginning at 8:30 a.m., concluding at 11:00 a.m with a reception in honor of the Federation Board. The meetings and the reception are open to all Aggie Moms, their friends and family. Hope to see you in Aggieland!

**2011-2012****Federation Officers****President:***Melinda Weiblen***Honorary President:***Dr. Karin Loftin***Vice President @ Large:***Mary Hodges***President Elect:***Dawn Powell***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:***Sharon Johnson***2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:***Troie Burch '77***3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:***Carolyn Phelan '89***4<sup>th</sup> Vice President:***Janet Graef***5<sup>th</sup> Vice President:***Jeanne Harrell***6<sup>th</sup> Vice President***Kay Pontious '79***7<sup>th</sup> Vice President***Sharon Jones '79***8<sup>th</sup> Vice President***Karen Allen***Recording Secretary:***Fran Marintsch***Treasurer:***Linda Schmidt***Historian:***Kari Moore Roush '80***Electronic Information:***Ginger Morton***Parliamentarian:***Aidé House***Corresponding Secretary:***Sue Griffin***Aggie Mom Camp Directors:***Valerie Sheppard '76***Hospitality Directors:***Prissy Urban**Mary Ann Montero**Cindy Herrera***Hood Area – Newly Chartered Club:**

HOWDY! Please join me in welcoming Hood Area TAMU Mothers' Club! On Tuesday, February 21, 2012 the Hood Area Texas A&M Mothers' Club was officially chartered and their officers were installed by Sharon Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

The officers for 2012 are as follows: Sherri Hammond (President), Patty Eberhart (Secretary) and Tammy Smith (Treasurer).

The installation was held at the Mi Familla, Mexican Restaurant in Granbury, Texas. The officers, several charter members, and several Federation officers enjoyed a delicious dinner. The Hood Area Texas A&M Mothers Club will be part of District 1.

Congratulations to Hood Area Aggie Mothers' Club. If you would like to send a congratulatory note, please e-mail the Club President Sherri Hammond, [sheri@hammondassoc.com](mailto:sheri@hammondassoc.com).

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you need any assistance: Sharon Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Membership, [sjohnson47@att.net](mailto:sjohnson47@att.net), 409-882-1393.

**Help the Historian:**

Howdy Aggie Moms! I am working on the Federation Scrapbooks for President Weiblen. I would love to include items from your club's celebrations, meetings, activities, and special events. I would really appreciate any invitations, newsletters and/or photographs, etc. your Club President, Historian or Photographer could send me. I also appreciate pictures from each of the District Meetings held on campus. Please send items to: Kari Roush, Federation Historian, 415 Corsicana Street, Hillsboro, Texas 76645 or to: [kmroush@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmroush@sbcglobal.net). Please email me if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you! Kari Moore Roush '80

**Nominating Committee:**

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on March 3, 2012. The Committee consists of five members and one alternate that are appointed by Melinda Weiblen, President, Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs. Nominations for Federation officers will be presented at the Spring Federation Meeting. Thank you to the present and past Nominating Committee members for serving on this very important committee.

**Congratulations! Dallas County, East Bell County and San Angelo TAMU Mothers' Clubs:**

HOWDY! Congratulations to Dallas County for celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, East Bell County and San Angelo Clubs for celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you would like to send a congratulatory note, please refer to the 2011-2012 Federation Yearbook or Federation website at [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org) to locate the clubs information.

**2012 Aggie Mom Boutique at Duncan Dining Hall (Parents' Week-end!!)**

It is time to get excited and begin the final preparations for Boutique 2012 at Texas A&M University. The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs will host its annual Aggie Moms' Boutique during Parents' Week-end.

Boutique will be open for sales at Duncan Dining Hall from 10 AM until 5 PM on Friday, March 30, and 9 AM until 5 PM on Saturday, March 31. Boutique will be in Duncan Dining Hall again this year. Since Boutique is open during the Saturday morning Federation meeting in Koldus room 110-111, please encourage your Aggies and Aggie Dads to assist your club sales people so you and members of your club can attend the Federation meeting.

Details about Boutique regarding unloading of materials, set up of displays and Boutique hours of operation are available on the Federation website: [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeanne Harrell, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Boutique, phone – 979-255-5647 or E-mail – [Jeanne.harrell@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanne.harrell@gmail.com)

**Message from 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Help Wanted with Registration at Koldus, Room 110-111:**

Don't forget two very important Federation Meetings: Business Meeting, Election of 2012-2013 Officers and Yearbook dedication on Friday and the Spring Federation Meeting and Installation of Officers on Saturday.

Carolyn Phelan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Registration, needs eight Aggie Moms to work the Registration tables at the Spring Federation Business Meeting on Friday, March 30 and again on Saturday, March 31 for the Spring Meeting and Installation of Officers. On Friday, Carolyn will require help from about 4:45 PM until the meeting starts at 5:30 PM to register moms and to pass out voting delegate cards; and on Saturday she will need help from about 7:15 AM until the meeting starts at 8:00 AM for registration. Both Meetings will be in Koldus, Room 110-111.

Please consider helping with these very important Federation events. If you are interested in helping, please email Carolyn at [carolynfevphelan@gmail.com](mailto:carolynfevphelan@gmail.com) or call her at 830-237-0450.

**Reminder to Club Presidents**

For those clubs whose packets were not picked up at the Fall Meeting, please remember to forward your Invoice payment for the mailing of your President's Packet in the amount of \$7.00 to Sue Griffin, Corresponding Secretary, 3701 Forsyth Park, Schertz, Texas 78154.

**District Meetings, Kay Pontious, 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President, "Stars & Stripes and Aggie Moms Forever":**

The District and Winter Federation Meetings kicked off on Friday evening with a delicious dinner at the Sanders Corp Museum. Special guests included: Commandant of the Corps, Brig. Gen. Joe Ramirez, President Dr. Bowen Loftin's charming wife, Dr. Karin Loftin, and Former Head Yell Leader Frank Cox and his lovely wife, Cheryl. Mr. Cox '65 entertained, and inspired, the group with his stories of the Aggie Spirit and the rich traditions of Texas A&M. He has authored "I Bleed Maroon", a must read book for those who love the Aggies. The Sanders Corp Museum depicts the history of the Corp of Cadets from 1876 to the present. The exhibits honor Texas A&M traditions such as Silver Taps, the 12<sup>th</sup> Man and Muster as well as many Corp Traditions including the Aggie Band, Parson's Mounted Calvary and the Ross Volunteers.

Saturday morning opened with over 200 Aggie Moms, and approximately 30 guests, who attended the Winter Federation Meeting. The ladies then broke into their nine District Meetings held in various rooms in Rudder Tower. Following is a list of the meetings and their host club: District 1 and 2 (Parker County) - Boot Scootin' Boogie with the Aggie Wranglers; District 3 and 12 (Nacogdoches County) - Tribute to Aggie Moms Are the Heart of A&M; District 6 (Fort Bend County) - SEC Change with Head Yell Leader David Benac; District 9 (Midland) - Howdy from Aggie Athletics with 12<sup>th</sup> Man Productions' Clay Taylor and District 11 (Corpus Christi) Aggie Moms' Stars Shine with Vince Denais, Owner/Founder Maroon Bikes. Thanks to each of the District Hostesses, and their club members, for these creative, informative and fun meetings!

After the District Meetings, the ladies enjoyed shopping at the Mini-Boutique. The District Luncheon was served at the University Club, which is located at the top of Rudder Tower. Aggie Moms enjoyed a spectacular view and another wonderful meal provided by University Dining Services. The ladies enjoyed socializing with each other, and with the Former Federation Presidents, who joined the group for lunch. This organization is blessed with 31 living Former Presidents and we were honored that 20 of these ladies were able to join us during the weekend. What a legacy our Aggie Moms owe to these former leaders.

Thank you to Stephen Senkel and Jason Muchow, and to the University Center staff, for their help arranging for room set-up, AV equipment, and unloading/loading for our meetings and Mini-Boutique. A special thanks to our cadet volunteers for their help transporting many boxes up and down the elevators at 7 AM on Saturday morning!

The District Meeting Evaluation was distributed to attendees at the meetings and afterwards, by e-mail, to club presidents for distribution to their members. We are interested in hearing from moms who could not attend as well as those who were able to attend the District Meetings. Thank you to everyone who completed evaluations and submitted their comments. While not all suggestions can be accommodated, our goal to serve you as Aggie Moms, our Aggies, and the University will be considered in all decision making. Evolving communication, socialization, and Aggie Mom bonding patterns, as well as personal budgets and time constraints will all be considered in the design of future District meetings.

Each club will be asked to host their District's Meeting based on the historic rotation order, so please be ready to say "Yes" when you club is called upon to host the next meeting. The 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President of Districts, and the entire Federation Board, stands ready to support your club during the planning process.

With Aggie Moms Hugs and Thanks, Kay Pontious '79, 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President of Districts



**2011-2012 District Liaisons**

- District 1:**  
Kari Moore Roush '80
- District 2:**  
Troie Burch '77
- District 3:**  
Ginger Morton
- District 4:**  
Jeanne Harrell
- District 5:**  
Karen Allen
- District 6:**  
Fran Marintsch
- District 7:**  
Sharon Johnson
- District 8:**  
Carolyn Phelan '89
- District 9:**  
Mary Hodges
- District 10:**  
Janet Graef
- District 11:**  
Linda Schmidt
- District 12:**  
Prissy Urban
- District 14:**  
Sharon Jones '79
- District 15:**  
Kay Pontious '79
- Club Problems:**  
Dawn Powell



**Schedule of Events**

Friday	March 30, 2012	Location
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Aggie Moms' Boutique	Duncan Dinning Hall
All Day	Aggie Ring Day	Clayton Williams, Alumni Center
5:30 PM	Federation Meeting	Koldus, Room 110-111
Midnight	Midnight Yell	Kyle Field
Saturday	March 31, 2012	Location
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Aggie Moms' Boutique	Duncan Dinning Hall
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Taste of Aggieland	Kyle Field Fan Zone
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Open House-Dr. Loftin	President's Residence
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Open House-General Weber '72	Vice President's Residence
1:00 PM	Maroon & White Game	Kyle Field
7:30 PM	Singing Cadets Concert	Rudder Auditorium
Sunday	April 1, 2012	Location
9:30 a.m.	All-University Awards	Rudder Auditorium

For complete details of all events please refer to the official website: <http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/>

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And  
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**God Bless our Soldiers  
and their families!**

**Melinda Weiblen  
Federation President  
2011-2012**

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**Federation Meeting Calendar 2011 -2012**

**Spring Federation Meeting - Parents' Weekend 2012**

**Yearbook Dedication and Election of 2012-2013 Officers**

Friday, March 30, 2012      5:30 - 6:30 p.m.      Koldus, Room 110-111

**Meeting and Installation of Officers for 2012-2013**

Saturday, March 31, 2012      8:00 - 10:00 a.m.      Koldus, Room 110-111

**Reception Honoring 2011-2012 Federation Board**

Saturday, March 31, 2012      10:00 - 11:00 a.m.      Koldus, Room 110-111

**Stars & Stripes and Aggie Moms Forever!**



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