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Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs



HOWDY AGGIE MOMS!

As we enter the year 2018, the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs will be entering our 90th year. The Federation was established in 1928 to serve as the parent organization for all the local Aggie Moms' Clubs across the state and nation. Our mission today is the same as it was at the beginning... "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 your Federation Board can be of assistance to you, please let us know. All contact information can be found on our website at www.aggiemoms.org by clicking on the "Federation" tab and then on the "Officers" tab.

As I work to promote the theme for this year, "Aggie Moms: Nurturing and Inspiring," I continue to highlight the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to whom this year is dedicated. I am happy to announce that \$2,285.00 from our Fall Aggie Mom Dinner was donated to The Gardens. If you will recall, we asked for a \$15 donation from everyone attending the Fall Dinner. Dr. Mark Hussey, Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences graciously hosted us for that dinner which allowed the entire \$15 per person to go to The Gardens. To find out about the progress being made on that very unique facility, follow this link https://gardens.tamu.edu/. The first phase of this project should be ready for visitors soon!! If your or your club would like to make a donation to The Gardens, you may do so by sending a check payable to: "Texas A&M Foundation" and mailing it to: The Gardens, Attn: Kelsey Christian; Texas A&M University; 2140 TAMU; College Station, TX 77843-2140. In the memo line write: The Gardens #05-73674. The next time you see Dr. Hussey be sure to thank him for all the support he and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences gives to Aggie Moms and to our students!!

You are encouraged to read this entire newsletter – it is filled with some very important information about our upcoming Winter Dinner, Meeting, and Workshops as well as information about Aggie Mom Camp. Several Federation Forms are due on February 1, 2018: Form A – Nomination for Federation Officer (for anyone interested in serving on the Federation Board in an elected position); Form B –Dues and Archive Fees; and Form T – IRS Group Exemption.

February 10, 2018 is the due date for Form F – Boutique Table Reservations. Please get these forms in on time. We will go over them at our Winter Meeting. District Meetings will be starting soon – watch for the date and location of your meeting. We would like each club to send one to several people; there is so much information that will be presented and shared. You will want to be there!

Your Federation Board appreciates all that you do for the moms in your local area. Your success in providing moms in your area an organization where they can connect with other mothers who share a common connection translates to more support for our Aggies and for Texas A&M University. Thanks...and Gig 'em!

Carolyn Fey Phelan '89 President 2017 – 2018

FEDERATION BOARD



PRESIDENT ELECT:

Form T – Due February 1, 2018

Each year we ask that you coordinate with your treasurer to provide information about your club that the Federation needs to keep our records up-to-date with the IRS. Most of our 108 Aggie Mom clubs have exemption from Federal income tax through the Federation's determination as a 501(c)(3) organization. As the parent tax-exempt organization, the Federation is required to furnish the IRS with a complete listing of subordinate groups – our local clubs – each year. We collect current information about each club through our Form T. The Form T is for Federation internal record keeping only. Form T is not filed with the IRS. Returning the Form T to the Federation does not exempt your club from filing a Form 990 each year with the IRS. See the Federation website, www.aggiemoms.org, for the current Form T and a cover letter regarding the Form T. To ensure that your club remains covered under the Federation exemption, please provide ALL of the information requested on Form T. The Federation's group exemption filing is due to the IRS by the end of March every year. In order for us to complete our required filing in a timely manner, please complete your Form T and remit it to Peggy Nolan, 3963 Goodfellow Dr., Dallas, TX 75229 no later than February 1, 2018. Form T information may also be scanned and emailed to Peggy Nolan at preselect@aggienetwork.com. Failure to return a Form T could result in your club's removal from the Federation group exemption. You may access Form T directly at: http://aggiemoms.aggienetwork.com/forms/formt. Contact Peggy Nolan with any questions 214-616-4851.

2ND VP – PROGRAMS:

Winter Federation Meeting Saturday, January 2018 MSC 2400 Gates Ballroom

Coffee and Pastries at 8:00 AM

Program and Introduction of Guests at 8:30 AM

Business Meeting to Follow

Workshops to Follow at 11:45 AM



If you have any questions, please contact Katie Latham'80, 2nd Vice President Programs at 2ndvpprograms@aggienetwork.com.

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018

2018 Winter Workshops Saturday, January 20, 2018 ALL WORKSHOPS - 11:45 AM-1:00 PM		
Presidents and Presidents-Elect:	"Crucial Information for Success" Federation President Carolyn Phelan	
Applying for a Federation Office:	"Questions and Answers!" Former Fed. President Linda Schmidt	
Membership:	"New Information for Next Year!" Federation 1st VP Diane Eckols	
Boutique:	"All You Need to Know!" President - Elect Peggy Nolan	
<u>Treasurer</u> :	"Sales Tax Advice-More Information on Filling Out Your Form!" Federation Treasurer Cathleen Inman	
<u>Website</u> :	"Maintaining Your Club Website Using WordPress" Fed. Electronic Info Chair Karen Hunter	
Aggie Mom Camp:	"Counselors and Staff ONLY" Fed. AMC co-chair Linda Knapick	
<u>Parliamentarians</u> :	"Bylaws 101-The Down and Dirty on Getting Them Right" Fed. Parliamentarian Tara Kohlenberg	
City of College Station:	"How to Survive and Thrive in College Station" City of CS Marketing Mgr. Lacey Lively	

3RD VP – REGISTRATION:

Working registration for the Fall Federation meeting was quite an event! Just as we were setting up the tables to prepare for the meeting, a Hurricane Harvey tornado warning was called, and we were asked to move away from the windows where our registration tables were set up and seek shelter in an interior room. As we were released from the room, there were crowds of Aggie moms ready to register and we weren't prepared!! Thank you to all the women who stepped up to help take care of registration! I absolutely couldn't have done it without you!

We will need 8-10 volunteers to help with registration on Saturday, January 20th from 7:45 am until the meeting starts at 9:00 am. As a volunteer, you will greet moms and visitors, assist with the sign-in process, and provide nametags and agendas. If you are the only representative coming from your club, this is a great opportunity to meet and work with Aggie Moms from across the state. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at 325-725-4041 or 3rdvpregistration@aggienetwork.com. I am confident that registration for the Winter Federation meeting will go much smoother than it did in August. Come join the fun!

Thanks, and Gig 'em!

Risha Sanders '91 3rd VP – Registration

5th VP – BOUTIQUE:

AGGIE MOM BOUTIQUE 2018

Boutique 2018 is approaching fast and we hope your club is getting excited and working hard to prepare for it. We'll be at the Memorial Student Center again this year.







This amazing venue allows your clubs to reach out to arguably the largest gathering of Aggie families anywhere. Boutique will be held during Family Weekend, Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, 2018. Load-In will begin on Thursday evening.





The registration form (Form F) is available on the Federation website. The cost for each table is \$75 per table. Please note that parking vehicles is now the responsibility of each club. If you need parking permits for your vehicle or oversized vehicles, during the day or overnight (only in Fan Field lot), please contact A&M Transportation. You must:

- 1) Create an account for parking log-in for non-affiliates: https://goo.gl/CRr2vZ
- 2) Request and pay for a parking pass for one day: https://goo.gl/EQ8SQC

Don't forget there are now two parking garages available during the day for normal sized vehicles at Koldus and Cain Parking Garages. The Federation is no longer handling transportation needs for our Aggie Mom Clubs.

Form F will be due on February 10, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact: Colleen Holmes, 5th Vice President- Boutique

Cell phone: (979) 575-5969 or email: 5thVPBoutique@aggienetwork.com

Access Form F on our website -

https://aggiemoms.aggienetwork.com/drupal/forms/formf

6th VP – DISTRICTS:

DISTRICT 5

2018 FEDERATION DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE

DISTRICTS	ruesday, January 10 – Round Rock
DISTRICT 6	Tuesday, January 23 – Webster area
DISTRICT 7	Wednesday January 24 – Beaumont
DISTRICT 18	Tuesday, January 30 – Oak Ridge area
DISTRICT 8	Monday, February 5 – San Antonio
DISTRICT 21	Tuesday, February 6 – Boerne – if Kilt Night
DISTRICT 4	Sunday, February 11 – Brenham
DISTRICT 11	Saturday, February 24 – Alice
DISTRICT 19	Sunday, February 25 – Victoria
DISTRICT 20	Monday, February 26 – Uvalde
DISTRICT 3	Wednesday, February 28 – Nacogdoches
DISTRICT 17	Thursday, March 1 – Corsicana
DISTRICT 12	Friday, March 2 – Tyler
DISTRICT 1	Saturday, March 3 – Ft. Worth
DISTRICT 2	Sunday, March 4 – Richardson
DISTRICT 16	Tuesday, March 6 - Bowie
DISTRICT 10	Wednesday, March 7 – Lubbock
DISTRICT 9	Thursday, March 8 – Coleman Area
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Tuesday, January 16 – Round Rock



7th VP - DIRECTORY:

Howdy!

As the Federation 7th VP I have worked on completing the 2017-18 directory from May to August. Federation Club President, Carolyn Phelan, has dedicated this year's directory to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The directories were provided in each club president's packet and handed out at the August Federation meeting. There is a limited quantity of remaining directories and they can be purchased for \$6.00 each. If you wish to purchase a directory the form is located on the Federation website https://aggiemoms.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Directory-Order-Form-2017-2018.pdf. I hope that the directory will provide some valuable information that can be shared within your local clubs. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Federation board and to meet such inspirational Aggie Mom's along the way. If your club has any board member changes, please communicate that to Carolyn Phelan and myself so we can update the Form C.

Thanks, and Gig 'Em!

Kristi King

7th VP Directory

Treasurer's Corner

Howdy Moms! I can't believe half the year has gone by. Time flies when you're having fun. I'm happy to serve as your Treasurer for 2017-2018. Coming up is our **Treasurer's Workshop** at the Winter Federation Meeting. I hope you'll make plans to attend there's lots of great info.

We're having one session:

Session 1:

Sales Tax Advice

More information in filling out your form! We're planning on having the Comptroller's Office there so this is an excellent opportunity to ask questions about anything related to Sales Tax.

DUES, ARCHIVE FEES AND FORM B

ATTENTION: Please make note of important dates related to Federation dues, archive fees and the filing of your club's Form B. If your Club is part of the IRS exemption Group (umbrella), dues must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2018.

REMINDER: Form B is posted on the Federation website along with an instruction sheet. Please read the instructions carefully and send Form B and a check for your dues and archives fees made out to the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs.

Form B and your club's check are sent to the Federation Treasurer, Cathleen Inman.

Remember: Your club's Form B and the check for dues and Archive fees must be postmarked by February 1, 2018. If it is postmarked after February 1, 2018, there are late fees. See the Form B instruction sheet for details. Dues not paid by May 31, 2018 will result in your club being considered inactive.

Please send a copy of Form B and your club's original Form T to Federation President-Elect, Peggy Nolan, preselect@aggienetwork.com.

Access these forms directly at: https://aggiemoms.org/forms/

If you have any questions about anything Treasurer related, please feel free to contact me:

Cathleen Inman at treasurer@aggienetwork.com or call (830) 385-8811.

I look forward to hearing from you. Whoop!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: WINTER DINNER INFORMATION AND INVITATION

Howdy Aggie Moms, I am excited that we will see you all for the Winter Federation Aggie Mom Dinner. This time, barring any hurricanes, floods, ice storms, etc. we will be dining at the Association of Former Students Building - Zachary Family Rooms at Texas A&M University on Friday, January 19, 2018. Registration and Social Time is at 6:00 P.M., an Italian Buffet will be served at Dinner 6:30 P.M. We are honored to have Colonel Michael Fossum, '80, a Former Astronaut and currently Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Texas A&M University - Galveston as our Speaker. RSVP's must be received by Friday, January 12, 2018 and the cost is \$30.00 per person. The invitation is attached to this Newsletter. If you have any questions: corrsec@Aggienetwork.com or 830-226-5504. Please send your payment (checks payable to Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs) with a notation of your club to me:

Lynda Jackson, Corresponding Secretary 423 Brookhollow New Braunfels, Texas 78132

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Howdy Aggie Moms:

You have survived the Fall Semester and it will soon feel like you are about to slam into Summer again. By Winter Meeting, most of you have some idea of what your club does and what your officer position duties are. It is a great time to ask questions and ask for help...and then ask more questions.

My Parliamentarian Project for this year is to obtain a digital copy of current Club Bylaws & Standing Rules for EVERY club. Federation maintains copies of every set of bylaws in their files (and paper files can get a little cumbersome). I'm trying to digitize everything for convenience sake. You may send them to me at parl@aggienetwork.com. I have received about 25% at this point. Initial review of those bylaws has shown that reviews and updates are definitely needed to be brought into compliance with Federation Bylaws. I also have found that many clubs do not even know where their bylaws documents are...and cannot consult them. Never fear! I do have hard copies of them, so please ask if you need them. My Winter Workshop, "Bylaws 101: The Down & Dirty of Getting Them Right" will offer the format that your club bylaws must follow and why (forms will be posted on-line). So, please come to the workshop on the "Down & Dirty" to get your club back on track. It really isn't as daunting as you may think.

As you make plans to visit Aggieland for Winter Meetings, please review how our Business Meetings work.

- Only designated voting delegates will be eligible to vote.
- Each club has at least 3 Delegates (the Club President, or designee, and two active-paid members) to represent their first 100 members. For those clubs with more than 100 members, the club receives 1 additional delegate for every 50 members. The List of Voting Delegate Numbers for the year, as well as the Delegate Submission Form are posted on the website under Federation Documents for your convenience.
- Confirm the number of delegates for your club.
- **Submit delegate names to Risha Sanders** at 3rdVPRegistration@AggieNetwork.com by **January** 15. As we did with past meetings, there will be designated seating for the voting delegates. All other members and guests will be asked to sit in the unmarked sections of the room.

I look forward to visiting with you at the Winter Aggie Mom Dinner, Meeting and Workshops.

Tara Kohlenberg Parliamentarian 2017-18

From the Historian:

Thank you to everyone who has been sending photos to me for Carolyn Phelan's scrapbook. It has been so much fun seeing all of the amazing Aggie Mom events from across the state this year.

Please continue to send photos to me. Remember to tell me the *who, what, when, where, and why.* You can email them to: historian@aggienetwork.com or scdferguson@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 830-708-7374.

Stephanie Ferguson







AGGIE MOM CAMP!

Howdy Ladies!

We have been working very hard to get everything together for Aggie Mom Camp 2018...... Don't forget to bring your "SMILE" and be ready to have "FUN"!

WHO: All Aggie Moms!

WHAT: 2018 Aggie Mom Camp XXIV

WHEN: February 2-4, 2018

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

"NURTURING AND INSPIRING"

For more information, contact...

Aggie Mom Camp Directors:
Connie Pritchard '81, 281-785-5209,
amcchair@aggienetwork.com
Linda Knapick, 210-219-2659,
comalcoaggiemoms@gmail.com

LOOK FOR THE AMC REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER..... DEADLINE IS JANUARY 8, 2018! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!!

Carrying on the Tradition ... Federation Tailgating!

Thanks to the Division of Student Affairs and the fabulous University Center and Special Events Staff, the Federation was able to hold its *1st Annual Tailgating* for the home games of the 2017 Football Season! Set up in front of the Koldus Building, we were in the perfect location to reach out to Aggie Moms and their families. Our main goals were:



To help Aggie Moms get connected with their local Aggie Moms Club.





To highlight our upcoming Aggie Mom Camp which will be held February 2-4, 2018. Host a Free Drawing for 2 Aggie Mom Camp Registrations, which included 2 nights of Camp at the Hilton Hotel College Station, meals, wonderful speakers, field trips, entertainment, a t-shirt and bag and lots of good fun and fellowship!

The winner of the AMC Drawing was Leslie Moore '87. She and her best friend will be joining us for a Free Weekend at Aggie Mom Camp!

Congratulations, Leslie!



To highlight our upcoming Raffle of the original oil painting of the "Aggie Mom Quilt" by Benjamin Knox.







We had a wonderful time meeting Aggie Moms from all over the world and getting to interact with lots of Aggie Students as they passed by our Tailgate. We were even able to use our "Mom Skills" by providing basic first aid for blisters caused by those "treasured cute shoes", safety pins for emergency clothing repairs and of course, treats such as chocolate and cold bottles of water!

Proof that the legacy of Aggie Moms lives on! Whoop!

Rachel R. Gonzales Endowed Memorial Fund benefiting The Federation of Texas A & M University Mothers' Clubs



We are so pleased to announce the Rachel R. Gonzales Endowed Memorial Fund, generously established by COL (R) Robert F. Gonzales '68 on August 25, 2017, in loving memory of his mother. Mrs. Gonzales proudly served as President of the Federation during 1983-1984, in addition to giving her time, talent and support to many lacets of her beloved Texas ASM University.



Colonel Robert Gonzales '68 has been a tremendous friend and longtime supporter of the Federation, for which we are deeply grateful. Please join us in extending our heartfelt thanks to Colonel Gonzales for this wonderful gift that will allow the legacy of Aggie Moms to continue for generations to come.

Pictured: Carolyn Fey Phelan'89, Federation President 2017-2018, Col. Robert Gonzales, Jeanne Harrell, Federation President 2013-2014

At the Fall Federation General Meeting, the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs presented a Memorial Resolution in honor of Shirley Neal, Federation President from 1987-1988. Shirley was a member and former President of the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club for many years, later moving to Dallas and participating in Dallas Aggie Moms' Club activities. Shirley passed away at the age of 81 in March 2017. Shirley's husband and two of her daughters were in attendance to receive the Memorial Resolution in her honor.

Two additional Memorial Resolutions will be presented at our upcoming Winter Federation meeting on Saturday, January 20, 2018, the first in honor of Eleanor Walters, Federation President from 1978-1979 and President of the Austin Aggie Moms' Club from 1970-1971, and the second honoring Alma Miller, former First Lady of Texas A&M University and Honorary Federation President from 1977 to 1980, as well as a member of the Brazos County Aggie Moms' Club, both of whom passed away in 2017. Please plan to attend our Winter Federation Meeting in January to honor these Former Federation leaders and great Aggie Moms.

The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs would like to extend our grateful thanks to the many individuals, organizations and businesses who have helped to support our mission and organization during our Second Annual Campaign. Because of their generosity.... The Legacy lives on!

Endowment - \$25,000

Rachel R. Gonzales Endowed Memorial Fund

Established by COL (R) Robert F. Gonzales '68 In loving memory of his mother.

Silver Level - \$15,000

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Excellence - \$10,000

Benjamin Knox Gallery New Student & Family Programs **Integrity - \$5,000**

City of College Station

Leadership - \$2,500

Wells Fargo

Association of Former Students

Loyalty - \$1000

Dawn Powell – Federation President 2012-2013 **CC** Creations **Aggieland Outfitters Professional Sports Publications**

Respect - \$500

Ring Wraps

Coppell Texas A&M University Mothers' Club Carolyn Fey Phelan '89 - Federation President 2017-2018

Sharon Johnson – Federation President 2016-2017 Jana Sprayberry '88 & Laurie Owens

Selfless Service - \$250

Janet Davis – in Honor of JoAnn M. Hodges Jeanne Harrell – Federation President 2013-2014 Carol Poiner – in Memory of Alma Miller Debbie K. Schneider

Peggy Nolan - Federation President Elect 2018-2019

Friends of the Federation - \$100

Jeffrey & Kimberly Chapman – in Memory of Alma Miller

Connie Pritchard '81

Lisa McMillan '84

Lynda Jackson – In Memory of Clifton Jackson Clair Balliett – in Honor of Blaine Balliett

Karen M. Hunter '85

Mark Millihorn – in Memory of Alma Miller

Laura Miller – In Honor of Joan Magers

Mandy Schubert Scott '87 – in Honor of Lisa

McMillan '84

Bill Thompson '68 – in Memory of Margaret L. Thompson

Aggie Mom Angels - \$25 to \$99

Shileen Karnes Debra Fincher Sue Munns '80 Stephanie Ferguson

Katie McMordie Latham '80

Kristi King

Colleen Holmes '76

Kim Kovar

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Nora Robinson – in honor of John Wenmohs '31 Joe Monteleone State Farm Insurance

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FEDERATION OF TEXAS A&M UNVERSITY MOTHERS' CLUBS

Raffle Tickets Available!



"Aggie Mom Quilt" Original Oil Painting (size: 43.26" x 31.25")

Renowned Aggie Artist, **Benjamin Knox** generously donated the original oil painting, "Aggie Mom Quilt",

to the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs.

Raffle Tickets are \$10 each

Grand Prize: Original Oil Painting of "Aggie Mom Quilt" (Value: \$10,000)

(10) additional Prize Drawings:

for Special Edition, numbered and signed prints of "Aggie Mom Quilt" (Value: \$100 each)

Raffle Tickets** can be purchased by mail by contacting Janet Davis at

Developmentchair@AggieNetwork.com

** Please note: Winners are responsible for all applicable taxes.

Raffle Tickets are available for sale only in the state of Texas.

"Aggie Mom Quilt" Notecards Available!



"Aggie Mom Quilt" Notecards

"Aggie Mom Quilt" Notecards Available!
Package of five (5) 5 x 7 Notecards and Envelopes
\$10 per package

Perfect for sending:

- Special Note of Thanks
- Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations
- Thinking of You
- Also, perfect for framing as a special gift!

Contact Janet Davis by email at **Developmentchair@AggieNetwork.com**

*Shipping charges are additional and vary by weight delivery location.