



**Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs
2017-2018 Annual Report of Clubs**

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AMARILLO

Number of Members: 64

Donations to Texas A&M Organizations & Harvey Relief Fund: \$1607.31 Total - \$200 was given to the Mothers' Club Library Endowment, \$200 to Breakaway, \$200 to Young Life & \$200 to The Big Event. This fall, we sold umbrellas that had BTHO Harvey on them. The profit of \$807.31 went to the TAMU Harvey Disaster Relief Fund.

Scholarship Giving: We had drawings for six \$100 book awards to the Barnes & Noble at the MSC when we had our summer social. We had drawings to give away a total of twelve \$100 scholarships at our meetings and family dinner.

Successful Fund Raiser: We sold Toot 'N Totum Car Wash Tickets and Umbrellas that had BTHO Harvey on them.

Special Events:

- In May, we held a social to welcome incoming freshman and transfer students and their parents to the A&M family. We had a panel of students their to answer questions about the NSC, registration, dorms, parking, etc. (we contacted panhandle high school counselors to get our invitation to the incoming students)
- In January, we had a dinner at Abuelo's for our Aggie students home for Christmas break. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Kyle Sparkman, a former yell leader.

Memorable Programs:

- At our September meeting, we had a BBQ sandwich meal before the meeting to allow time for new and old members to get acquainted.
- At our November, we played the Aggie Mom Word Scramble.
- Dr. Bethany Schilling, a veterinarian at Swann Animal Clinic, spoke at our February meeting. She offered great words of wisdom we couldn't wait to pass on to our kids.
- We gathered Exam Pack gift items for our Aggies at our November and April meetings.
- We presented ring crests at our September and February meetings to our moms that had recent Aggie graduates.

ANGELINA COUNTY

The Angelina County Aggie Mothers' Club enjoyed a positive and productive year! Our membership, which reached 51 members was injected with many new moms that refreshed and revitalized our club. Our meeting days continued to be the second Monday of each month at the First Baptist Church in downtown Lufkin.

We kicked off the year with our annual kickoff party in August. All new Angelina County Aggies and their families were invited along with all current Aggie students. We enjoyed dinner and fellowship followed by our speaker, a local Aggie "legend", Garry Sorrell. Garry was a member of the 12th Man Kickoff Team while he played under Jackie Sherrill. The club distributed door prizes, 12th Man towels, and spirals to the students at this event to end the evening.

Around Halloween and Valentine's Day, members sent holiday cards to our Aggie students and included a small gift card to treat them.

Prior to both Fall and Spring finals, we all contributed items to create goodie bags for our students. This was a huge hit with the students who looked forward to receiving these packages from their Aggie Mom family!

Our main annual fundraiser was our Burgers and Bingo event. We hold this event at the Civic Center in Lufkin each year. This year, we enjoyed record growth, reaching around \$9000 in profit for the first time since the inception of the event. Along with a burger dinner and bingo games, attendees can bid on generously donated silent auction items. Proceeds from this fundraiser will provide scholarships for Angelina County Aggies for the 2018-2019 school year.

2017-2018 included important milestones for the club including an influx of new members and a record fundraising year. Our officers elected for next year will carry on the positive and productive work of the club!

ARIZONA

We completed our fourth year as a club. We had 17 members for the 2017-2018 year. Our club strives to support the needs of Arizona Aggies.

In June 2017, we awarded \$10,800 in scholarships (12 students received \$900). We also donated \$200 to the Big Event.

Our garage sale efforts this year yielded proceeds of \$1,026. We earned \$423.80 from a Kendra Scott event and \$153.02 from corporate donation matching from a third party. Our April 2018 golf tournament resulted in a profit of \$7,657.81. We look forward to being able to donate \$850 to 11 students for the 2018/2019 school year.

Socially, we gathered at a painting place and held our annual Christmas ornament exchange. When the students were home for winter break, we gathered at a local archery range where the moms and students learned how to shoot arrows. Fun was had by all as we held competitions and ate pizza. At the golf tournament, we recognized the moms of four graduating seniors with Aggie crest weights.

AUSTIN

The Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club

Year in Review 2017-2018

*187 Members as of March 6, 2018

May 2017

President Shelly Taylor led our meeting and installation of officers. Our speaker was from Texas A&M Student Health Services.

Our second annual Grads and Brags was held on May 23rd to recognize both our graduating seniors and scholarship recipients.

May 20th was our officer transition meeting at Denise Isenhour's home. We approved our budget, approved our two tax free days, reviewed our calendar, responsibilities, Howdy Social and our first meeting. A storage unit was rented to house our supplies to aid in keeping our club property in one place.

June 2017

June was an exciting month! We moved our meeting location to River Place Country Club. We had to move from Westlake Presbyterian and thankfully Todd Routh, one of our sponsors offered the country club space free to our club. Our first event to be held in our new location was our Howdy Social on June 24th from 1 pm to 3 pm. Our guest speaker was Dr. Kathleen Speed from the Academic Success Center. We had over 100 incoming Aggies in attendance and close to 250 with their parents. We gave a \$250 scholarship in memory of Loraine Bazan, our Past President from 2000-2001 as well as several others. We had many Texas A&M Representatives attend including The New Student and Family Program, Corps of Cadets, Office of the Dean of Students, The study Abroad Programs Office, Traditions, Council, The Big Event, Carpool and Student Bonfire. Our refreshments were sponsored by Aggieland Credit Union (cupcakes, cookies, chips, lemonade).

July 2017

On July 18th, we held our first New Mom Q&A meetings. We felt it would be a good idea to have our new moms meet and ask questions about what to bring, food plans, living arrangements, transportation, and Sport Passes. We had a little over 60 moms attend and our Fish Mom Mentors led the meeting after an introduction by the President, Denise Isenhour. Our new moms had a lot of great questions. Surprisingly many were about financial aid, loans, and scholarships.

August 2017

Our club started another new tradition aimed at welcoming our new moms: Aggie Mom 101. This meeting was attended by well over 65 moms on August 22nd. We planned this meeting to coincide with Howdy Week at Texas A&M. This is the first week many of our new moms would be without their Aggie. Three young ladies from Traditions Council spoke to our moms and shared what Traditions Council does and the Traditions held dear to Texas A&M. President, Denise Isenhour, shared the history of the Aggie Moms and of our club. She also discussed our mission and how we achieve it through raising funds for scholarships and University sanctioned organizations. In return for membership, volunteering, and help in raising funds, we offer our moms information and social opportunities! We found that the two new informational nights really helped us gain new members quickly.

Fall Federation was attended by Denise Isenhour, Daniela Knight, and Shileen Karnes. Sue Munns, our Federation 6th VP was in attendance as well. We had several other members that had planned on attending, but opted to stay home with the threat of Hurricane Harvey. It was a fabulous weekend with great speakers and dinner Friday night.

September 2017

We had a great start to our month with a Labor Day lake party! Past President Kathy Johnston graciously opened her home to our members and for a small fee, offered BBQ! The rain held off and a great time was held by all forming new friendships and rekindling old.

Our first meeting was September 12th at River Place Country Club and was packed with over 130 moms! Our "Fish Moms" met at 6:30 and discussed football and game day information and staying in College Station. Our general meeting started at 7:00. Knowing that this meeting usually has our guests backed up checking in and paying for membership, we opted to have two member presentations. Our first presentation was given by Jana Leeper who discussed all things graduation. President Denise Isenhour discussed Ring Day, the three dates offered, and how, when, and where to purchase a ring.

Our first social was organized by our VP of Socials, Jana Leeper. We had 28 Aggie Moms attend a lunch at Jack Allen's kitchen on 360.

October 2017

Our October meeting was held at River Place Country Club on October 10th. Our Fish Moms met at 6:30 and had guest speaker Paul Pausky from the TAMU Career Center. Our General Meeting is at 7:00 where invited Andy Duffie from the Century Tree Project to share his wonderful program that gives back to Texas A&M and allows Aggies to own a piece of Texas A&M history!

Our October Social was held at Treaty Oak Distillery. We had 25 members and their spouses present. We had a great time having dinner and roasting Smore's around a bonfire.

November 2017

Our meeting this month was held on November 8th at River Place Country Club. Our Fish Mom meeting began at 6:30 with the topic of off Campus Housing. Our general meeting began at 7:00 with guest speaker Jennifer Bohac with the Traveling Aggies. A lot of great information was shared with our members on trips offered to all Aggies, parents, and friends of Aggies.

Our social this month was a shopping trip to Salado and was attended by 18 moms. The "Sierna Shops" in Salado offered our group discounts, bites to eat, drinks and a special charm at each shop with a \$10 purchase. We had a nice lunch at The Stagecoach Inn to start the day.

December 2017

On December 1st, we delivered Goody Bags to our students in College Station. Our club was thrilled to begin a new program giving Goody Bags to our Veteran Students. Every mom had the opportunity to purchase an extra bag to donate. We also offered this opportunity to all Aggie Mom clubs in the state. Our club donated 50 bags! All together with other clubs, over 250 bags were donated! The outpouring of thankfulness from our Veterans was incredible. Many tears and hugs were shared.

Instead of a meeting this month, we held our annual Christmas party at River Place Country Club on December 5th. We had heavy hors d'oeuvres from River Place, a cash bar and our officers brought in dessert. We played two games, one where we passed gifts while a short "Frosty the Snowman" poem was read. Our 60 + guests had a great time!

January 2018

Our general meeting was held on January 9th. We did not have a guest speaker this meeting, but instead had a pizza party and Singing Cadet Concert preparation party for our members. The Singing Cadet Concert was held on Saturday, January 13th. We had over 1,000 guests in attendance and raised \$29,543.00 from raffle tickets, entrance tickets, cookie sales, donations, and sponsorships. We offered the opportunity for our District 5 sister clubs to sell tickets for 50% of the profit.

The Winter Federation meeting was held January 19-20th. We had more members in attendance at this meeting. We attended a nice dinner with astronaut and Texas A&M Galveston President, Michael Fossum. On Saturday we heard from more speakers, attended workshops and ended the evening with dinner at Café Eccell and a trip to Northgate.

Our January social was held at the County Line on the Lake on the 29th. We had 30 members in attendance and had a nice time.

February 2018

February did not find our club slowing down! On the 2 & 3 we had 8 moms attend the Federation's Aggie Mom Camp in College Station. We listened to great speakers, shopped, had photos with Miss Rev, and had dinner with our Aggies on Saturday night. Sunday ended with the ever popular skits!

Our February general meeting was on the 12th. Our Fish Mom Mentors brought in a panel of students to talk with our moms and answer questions. This was popular and I think will be used during one of our summer 2018 events. Our general meeting speaker was Adelle Hedleston from the Texas A&M University Libraries. After listening about the collections and spaces for our students, we were all ready to have a fieldtrip!

Our attendance is generally low for our spring meetings and we decided to try a few new things to entice our members to attend. First we offered wine, second we offered the opportunity for all of our moms to bring business cards and items to advertise their businesses, and we had a \$100 PF Chang card donated for a member drawing. Everyone's name that attends the meetings from Jan- May gets their name placed in a drawing. All of this has worked and our meetings have consistently remained around 60-70 attendees.

Our Social was held on February 23rd at Esther's Follies. We had 20 members and their spouses attend. Lots of laughs and fun!

It was time to update our bylaws. Four officers met and updated the bylaws with recommendations from Federation.

March 2018

With Spring Break occurring during the second week of the month, we held our General meeting on March 6th. Our Fish Mom Mentors had our new moms pair up talk to each other with different given topics. Our general meeting speaker was Colonel Ragsdale from the Cyber Security Center at Texas A&M. He shared some great information on classes and certification students can obtain. Our officers approved the new by-laws which will be

presented to our membership in our March newsletter, discussed in April and approved in May. We also decided to honor three special people as Honorary Members, for service to our club, at our May Grads and Brags celebration.

March was our philanthropy month to coincide with the Big Event. Our philanthropy offered no pressure donations to the following

- 1) Bring a gently used book or new book for a Kindergartener to for the Texas A&M MSC Hospitality Program. This will benefit the students of Bryan/College Station
- 2) Bring a pantry item (s) for our Texas A&M Veteran's Students.
- 3) Donate to Brazos brazosvalleycares.org for our Texas A&M student Veterans.

Our Ring of Honor/Past Presidents lunch was on March 24th at River Place Country Club from 12-2. Officers, Past Presidents, and Former Members were invited. Our guests were invited to participate in our March Philanthropy to bring pantry items for our Texas A&M Veteran students. A donation has been made in the honor of our Past Presidents, as well as a donation in the memory of Past Presidents Elaine Mullener (1972-1973) and Eleanor Walters (1970-1971), to the Cushing Library. Both families will be notified.

Our District 5 meeting was on March 20th. It was great sharing and meeting up with fellow Aggie Moms.

Our March social was held at High 5 Entertainment on the 27th. We will bowled from 7-10 PM. We had over 10 moms attend.

April 2018

Our April meeting was held on the 3rd. Our guest speaker was Cindy Quinn from the TAMU School of Public Health. She will spoke on aging and the studies being done at Texas A&M. We had 56 moms.

At this meeting we will discussed the update of our Bylaws and voted for our slate of our 2018-2019 officers!

On April 13 and 14th, our club participated in Boutique where we sold our James Avery signature bracelet and Campus ID jewelry. We were very excited to be selling several new items such as homemade kitchen towels, Spikes, aprons, headbands, and other "Mom made" items!

During "Parents Weekend", we presented the JJ Sanchez award and donated \$500 and presented the Singing Cadets with a donation from our concert proceeds.

April 19th we had a Kendra Scott fundraiser at the Domain from 7-9 PM and Daniela Knight organized a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen. We received 20% of all sales from Kendra Scott and 15% from CPK. This event was our April social too.

We are encouraged all of our club members to attend Muster either at the Texas Capital with Cap City Ags or in College Station at Reed Arena.

On April 27th we distributed Spring Goody Bags and delivered 50 Goody Bags to our Student Veterans.

May 2018

Our May meeting was held on May 1st. We did not have a guest speaker. We installed our officers, approved by-laws, and played BUNCO! It was a great way to wrap up the year and welcome our new incoming President, Daniela Knight! We had table snacks, brought dessert to share and had wine, tea, water and coffee. It was a hit and we had the largest spring attendance in four years – over 60 moms came to play!

On May 23rd we held our third annual Grads and Brags to celebrate our scholarship recipients and our graduates. We donated \$25 in the honor of each graduate to the Association of Former Students. We invited our largest donors to meet the recipients of their named scholarships. We also awarded to Honorary Member Awards to our sponsors Todd and Stephanie Routh and Rob and Pat Routh.

We started our fourth Endowed Scholarship of \$25,000 over five years. We started with our first payment of \$5000. Our officers chose the Veteran Honor Endowed Scholarship.

Side Notes

At most meetings we tried to play some sort of group game to help our members get to know one another. Some of these games included: Aggie Mom Four in a row, the M&M Game, Aggie Word Scramble, and How Aggie RU? Prizes were little pads of Aggie Mom note pads and sometimes there were no prizes.

We held an officer meeting before our general meetings. There was an agenda and board reports sent out prior to each meeting.

Every meeting day our Fish Moms met for 30 minutes before the general meeting. At our general meetings we have a power point, agenda with treasurer report on the back, snacks on the tables and a drink station with water, tea, coffee, and wine. We also have a table that has a steady stream of information brochures and freebies from the University or City of College Station. There is a table for jewelry sales and members to place their business information.

Also, this year we have asked each Past President to send in a form (we created) with their picture (and a picture or two from their year), their legacy, and memories from their year. We will have each out-going president upload this into a Google Drive and give to the Historian to share with Cushing Library. We have a ten year Gap we are trying to fill as well. As our Past Presidents pass, it is nice to know about them when speaking of them to their families.

This year we went to an online directory for our members with a password on our website. This will be an area where we can keep forms and other membership only information.

Our Adopt A Moms were sent monthly newsletters (these were sent to the club), our power points and meeting agenda as well as recording secretary minutes from the meetings. One of our moms made a point of emailing monthly to check on how their children were doing, too.

AUSTIN COUNTY

The Austin County Aggie Moms Club was founded in 1983 by four dedicated mothers wanting to support local Aggie students. Three of the mothers are no longer living but the remaining one, Ruby Koehn is still an active member. Our club has a current membership of 43 mothers. We meet the first Monday of every month during the school year at St. John's

Lutheran Church in Bellville, Texas. Refreshments begin at 5:30 followed by our meeting or program at 6:00.

We start our year with a Howdy party the last Monday in August. This is a covered dish supper & social to get to know the new moms. Our current dues are \$15.00 per year.

At our August "Meet and Greet" we had a slideshow of past Aggie Mom activities and had a "get to know each other" game.

In October, guest speaker, Zachary Miller from A&M Project BUILD talked about how they convert shipping containers into medical clinics.

During our November meeting we assembled our Dead Week Kits for our current Aggie students.

In December we had our annual Christmas party with snack and enjoyed an ornament exchange.

At the January meeting we had a chili supper and invited our scholarship winners along with current students to talk with us about how their year is going at Aggieland.

This past spring we awarded scholarships to our current college students, as well as, graduating high school seniors. We also give donations to several university organizations..

This past February we had a Dinner/Dance fundraiser featuring the Aggieland Big Band Orchestra. The night began with a catered meal followed by a dessert auction and listening and dancing to the band. We had a silent auction and sold our t-shirts. We also sold handmade wooden crosses and cookbooks. We had a raffle drawing of a custom handmade poker/game table at the fundraiser. And, had a photo booth where guests could take a picture with their special Valentine sweetheart.

In March we had a joint meeting with Washington County Aggie Mom's Club at a local restaurant. Our guest speakers were Amy and Matt Menefee, local landscapers.

In April we will assembled Dead Week Kits for the spring semester exams. We also voted on officers for the New Year.

Our last meeting in May was a salad supper and we had installation of officers. We also announced the new scholarship winners.

BASTROP COUNTY

We have 92 members. We gave 48 scholarships to Bastrop County Aggies. We have an annual Howdy Party to welcome incoming freshmen, 'ol Ags, and current Ags along with families. We make our mosque pots each Monday for our scholarship money. We do not usually have a very good turn-out for our meetings, so we have not invited any guest speakers. We typically have about a dozen members attend our meetings.

BEAUMONT

This year was our second year of holding our meetings at Rao's on Dowlen Rd, on the second Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 PM. Toward the end of the year, the owner, an Aggie, decided that we did not have to pay the rental fee! This is a great example of Aggies giving back throughout their life!

We had a bit of a challenge getting our meetings started, due to a rain event known as Hurricane Harvey. But, despite the mess and the life-changing impacts on some of our members, we decided that our Aggie families NEEDED US TO CONTINUE supporting them, and existing, as we had in the past, so we had our first meeting on Tue Sep 12. We had 33 moms attend that night, which was a great turnout! We used our connections at the Regional Recruiting office in Houston, Grace Collins, who also invited Moms of new students by email for us.

Soon after the Hurricane, we hosted a student group from A&M who came to help muck out houses in Vidor, one of the hardest hit areas in SE Texas. We brought them treats and goody bags, like good Moms do!

In October, we got started on our big fundraiser of the year, poinsettias and greenery. This year, we made \$2700 profit, which was \$900 more than the previous year. We didn't do anything specifically different to sell them, but people were just eager to have flowers to lighten their moods, and we benefited from that need.

After the hurricane, we had suspended our Gig 'Em Yard Sign project for a while until people were getting their homes cleaned up, and the area was getting back to normal. But in October, we started back up. This year, we made the same amount of money placing signs in yards, and selling the thumbs, as we did last year (\$1500 and \$500 respectively). This is the project in which we place a large sign, saying, "You've Been Gig'ed" in an Aggie Family yard, and then surround it with 8 thumb Gig 'Em signs. We then ask for a donation and the name of a family to 'Gig' next. We also ask them if they want to buy thumb signs! This fundraiser has been doing great for the last couple of years! In summer, we start by placing them in the yards of incoming Freshman, since they are so excited about the years to come! We also place them in alumni yards, per connections with the local A&M club. (So this brings us to \$4700 fundraising profit at this point of the year).

In March, we sent out our scholarship applications. We post their availability on Facebook and our website. We continued a tradition that we started last year: we are giving out \$1000 for a full year, and include 2 recipients for \$500 (these can be interns, Dec grads, or just the next 2 applicants in scoring). This year, we awarded a total of \$7500 in student scholarships. We have a list of scholarship winners that we maintain from year to year. Last year, we gave out \$5000 total.

We continued to publish a Graduate section in our newsletters but moved this to Jan and June so that we could get photos of the grads in regalia, with their families/moms too!

This year, we created two appointed positions. One was the A&M Club Liaison; this person stays connected to the local alumni club, attends their Board meetings, and attends their monthly social meetings. She informs of us their fundraising events, and likewise, informs them of ours. In addition, she sets up a table for us to meet new Moms at that meeting, handout membership forms, and sell our fundraisers.

The second new position was the Programs Chairperson. This person arranges for us to have guest speakers, some of whom attend our meeting in person, and some that we Facetime or Skype. We focused on having these guests be members/representatives of the school organizations that we wished to donate to. Then, after they spoke, we would vote and award them a donation. This year, we donated \$3870 to school organizations versus last year's \$2000.

In April, we attended TLC on a Thursday afternoon. This time, we passed out 100 bags versus our normal 75 goody bags (in December 2017 and for a few years previous). We concentrated on advertising the event through our website and facebook, as well as contacting past and present member students. We can easily support the creation of 100 bags, and I challenge our group to maintain or increase this number in the future. This time, we paid for the bags from our Treasury, since we advertised the event publicly (and have for years) but continued our tradition that the Moms donate the contents. We meet at the TLC Bag Chairperson's home, and set up the donations, and then walk around the tables, placing one or more of each item into the bags. We put more school supply type items in this time, and the students were very grateful!

In April, at our monthly meeting, we split up into Work Groups. We had numerous activities going on and wanted to utilize our wealth of attendees to help us get our tasks accomplished and get new ideas. One group was in charge of the New Mom meeting that we decided to hold in May; even though only 6 new Moms came, they were extremely enthusiastic, and we felt that they were going to be a great asset to our club! One group prepared our signs and Sunshades for travel to Boutique; we needed pricing signs, table covers, and volunteer lists.

In April, we attended Boutique to sell our Sunshades. Earlier in the calendar year, we had acquired a Square so we could accept credit card payments: this turned out to be a very useful tool that we will continue to use. We had not been to boutique for a few years, so we were happily surprised when it went smoothly and we sold out of our product! We sold foldable memory-wire Sunshades that protect our cars from the Texas heat and sun; they have the word 'Howdy' prominently displayed, above the words 'Texas A&M Fightin' Aggies.' We sold approx. 150 small ones for \$15 and 150 large ones (truck size) for \$20. We sold out before the close of Boutique on Sat. We profited \$2800. We will be back next year: we think more people need our Sunshades! (This brings our total from our top 3 fundraisers to \$7500).

Two new traditions that we started this year: (1) our Hospitality Chair created a list of Mentor Moms, so that we can be available for new Moms, if they have questions over the summer. (2) at each of our meetings, we gather everyone together and take a group photo! This is an enjoyable occasion and helps us make new friends amongst ourselves!

We started the year with \$7500 in our bank account and ended the year with approx. \$5500 in our account, to help next year's Board get started!

BEE COUNTY

We currently have eighteen active members in our club. We hosted a "Howdy" party in August to welcome the freshman and their mothers. We had another successful year selling "Butter Braids". Because of this, we were able to give three \$700 scholarships to local high school seniors attending Texas A&M University in the fall.

BLANCO COUNTY

In 2017 our focus was on increasing membership. We saw an increase of 114%! We helped fund (9) scholarships for all Aggie freshmen in Blanco County who applied, whoop! We hosted a Welcome Picnic in May for our new Aggies and their families, prepared and distributed 24 goody bags for fall semester with 4 moms making the trip! Also sent birthday and graduation cards to our Aggies! We look forward to an exciting year for 2018!

BOSQUE COUNTY

Bosque County Aggie Moms has 19 members. We prepare finals goody bags for our students in both fall and spring. We provide gifts to graduating students. We love to support our Aggie students!

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Brazoria County Aggie Mom's Club represents the cities of Lake Jackson, Clute, Danbury, Angleton, Brazoria, West Columbia, Freeport and Sweeny. We have 65 active members in our club.

For the 2017-18 year we worked through the summer months to plan our year of activities for all of our members. Hurricane Harvey changed our plans as we started off the year. Four of our members were going to attend the Fall Federation meeting but Harvey moved into the Texas coast the same weekend and we opted not to go as a group for fear we would not be able to return home. Our club persevered and had our Welcome Tailgate event in September to welcome both old and new members to the group for a great turn out. We learned about Aggie Traditions both old and new, had wonderful food and made new friends. October we had a speaker on Academic Resources for the student and November we had the One Can Foundation come to speak to the membership. With the theme of Thanksgiving, we had a food and funds drive for the Foundation. Our club donated \$900 and 75 pounds of food to the organization. December was our club fundraiser with Kendra Scott. This was the Christmas Party and Fundraiser combined to do shopping, socialize and raise funds for the club. It was our first time to do a fundraiser with Kendra Scott and everyone agreed that we need to do this next year. January we had the TAMU Police Department come speak and February we had the Aggie Wranglers come give a performance. They are spectacular!! March we relaxed to get in the mood for Spring Break by playing Bunco. April was Aggie Muster and finally May was our Scholarship Dinner End – of – the- Year Banquet where we recognize our scholarship recipients and wrap the year up.

We gave four scholarships to two (2) current and three (3) incoming freshman TAMU students for a total of \$3,500. The current student scholarships were \$1000 each and the incoming freshman were \$500 each.

We have Fall and Spring Finals Gifts program our students which is very successful and all of our kids love. Our Finals Committee does a great job each semester with innovative, useful items for our students.

Our club had a very successful year with a winning combination of service and social functions as well as showcasing all that Texas A&M has to offer not only students but the support parents need as well. Our club is active and offers many functions for its members.

BRAZOS COUNTY

Brazos County Aggie Moms had a fun, busy year!

Our 1st VP for Membership reached out to all living former presidents of BCAMMC to get their current contact information and add them to our membership roll as Life Members. We ended the year with 184 members.

Our bylaws and standing rules were reviewed, amended, and approved.

Events:

September - Howdy Tea at the Press Box at Kyle Field – Surprised Dave South, Voice of the Aggies, with an honorary membership in Brazos County Aggie Moms' Club and a scholarship in his honor – successful silent auction at the event – President and Mrs. Young, four members of the Ross Volunteers, several student and university leaders, and Miss Rev and her handler were among those in attendance

October – Presentation by Jennifer Bohac '87, with the Traveling Aggies, at Wings 'N More Party Room

November – Presentation by Joseph Johnson Program Coordinator of The Gardens at Texas A&M University, along with a salad supper

December – Goody Bag Stuffing (180 bags), “walking tacos” for dinner, and Left Center Right Game Night, as well as a very generous collection of toys for donation to Toys for Tots

January – Dinner at Callaway House followed by a presentation by Amanda Childress, wife of Head Baseball Coach, Rob Childress, and a tour of Blue Bell Park

February – Dinner at J Cody's and a presentation by Andy Duffie '78, about the Aggie Century Tree Project

March – Presentation by Rachel Norris at Joy Pottery, followed by Wine and Chocolate Tasting across the street at Messina Hof

April – Boutique!

April – Year End Banquet and Celebration at Phillips Event Center in Bryan

May – Goody Bag Stuffing (180 bags) and Distribution

Donations were made to the following University-recognized student organizations:

Association of Latino Professional for America

Company A-1

Aggie Classics

The 12th Can

SCONA

Student Leaders of Tomorrow

TAM BUILD

Aggie Recovery Community (ARC)

Aggie Miracle

Tell Your Story

Squadron 11

Supported ALL Aggies, not just those from Brazos County's membership area, with our Aggies In Need program.

Supported one student with our Endowed Scholarship through the TAMU Foundation.

Supported 5 students with scholarships awarded through TAMU Scholarships and Financial Aid.

BRUSH COUNTRY

2017-2018 Brush Country Aggie Mother's Club grew from a group of 11 members and 2 associate members to a group of 27 members and 3 associates (2 of those members just recently joined). We have a lead on a new associate (grandmother of a very long line of Aggies) and two new moms. We will gain two new Aggies fresh out of high school as well, but their mothers are already members.

We adopted an Aggie that is in the corps. He is from Korea and has no family in the states. He is the roommate of one of our Aggies, so we just added him to our list. He has enjoyed the goodies and support for sure.

Scholarships Giving: our department had a scholarship deadline of application being due before our March meeting. We had three applicants. After reviewing, it was moved that we award each of the applicants with a \$500 scholarship, it was seconded and motion carried. Funds will be directed to TAMU for disbursement.

Special Events: In August we had a Kick Off Taco Toss at a restaurant in Kingsville. We had the majority of our members present, as well as their Aggies. Each Aggie left with a plant to nurture to bring home the President's motto for the year "Nurturing and Inspiring".

Being new to the organization, I have tried to just get my feet wet and learn about all of the different things that Aggie mother's clubs do. We reviewed and updated our bylaws, scholarship applications, created a rubric for judging applications, and reviewed how we raise money.

We plan to open a post office box to establish a permanent mailing address, as well as, establish an email address that can be handed down from president to president.

We donated \$100 to the Alice Muster and \$100 to the Kingsville Muster to help defray the costs of those events.

We filled bags for our Aggies in the fall and in the spring. Fall bags were reusable grocery bags imprinted with garden vegetables to bring home the theme of "Nurture and Inspire". Our spring bags were approved TAMU event bags, so our Aggies would have a clear event bag for school functions. These bags were donated by five of our members.

We did send our Aggies birthday cards and a fall card.

In December we had an Aggie Mom and Aggie dinner and played BUNCO for prizes. Our Aggies had so much fun and want to do it again soon.

In May, we hosted a hamburger fun night complete with games, so our Aggies could get together and get to know each other.

We joined our local Farmer's Market with plans to host bake sales, but they never came to fruition due to scheduling conflicts. We did have our raffle that we apparently have done annually. It was fairly successful, and we raised \$2,900 with our only expense being for the printing of the raffle tickets.

We have not had any official programs, but we are gearing up for next year with hostesses being assigned to each meeting, looking for programs we can have, and looking for ways to engage other moms and keep moms long after their Aggies graduate.

I have only been a member for almost two years. My daughter graduated last May, but she is doing her master's and will graduate again in December. I have learned much and have so much more to learn, but I do think we are well on our way to building a decent sized support group for local Aggies.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Central Texas A&M University Mothers' Club is comprised of 37 members and 7 Associate members as of February 1, 2018. We had 3 members to join at our March 2018 meeting. For the entire 2017-2018 club year, we have a total of 40 members and 7 associate members. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in either a club member's home or a local, designated restaurant.

Our most successful fundraiser is held in the fall season. One of our Aggie mom's goes and buys shelled, whole pecans, and brings them into her home and she sets up her own pecan factory. The pecans are weighed and placed in zip lock bags to equal 1 pound. We sell these pecans by the bag prior to the Thanksgiving holiday when baking is most prevalent. This year we had a VERY successful year with the pecan sales. The pecans are so tasty and fresh that they sell themselves basically. Many of us as Aggie Moms have our contacts that we make each year to sell these pecans and often times, we are contacted by our customers eager to know when the pecans will be ready. This year Hurricane Harvey set the pecan harvest back so we could only purchase pecans as they came into the pecan company in San Saba, Texas. Several trips were made to purchase the pecans.

We send greeting cards to our Aggies one time in the fall and one time in the spring. Our Aggies really enjoy receiving the mail since our world is so full of digital and electronic devices and communication. The cards and stamps are also donated by club members.

We also send finals baskets to our Aggies at the end of the fall semester and again at the end of spring semester. As Aggie moms, we individually donate the money towards the baskets and goodies, and two of our Aggie Moms buy the snack goodies and Aggies also receive an A&M item such as a cooler, lawn chair, hanging bag, etc.. This helps to boost their spirits during a strenuous and tiring time.

Our club participated in the Lampasas County Museum Christmas tree contest. We decorated our tree with Aggie décor. The theme this year was "A Storybook Christmas". Each Aggie Mom brought a book such as a Golden Book and the nametag on the book was a picture of our Central Texas Aggies. After the Christmas tree contest was complete, we gave our books to our local Lampasas Child Protective Services to be distributed to local children.

We give out book scholarships of \$250 each at our Howdy Social which is held in either July or August. We base the number of awards given out on our balance in our account. At our Howdy Social, we grill hamburgers for all of our Aggies and their families. This is the time when we invite the Freshman Aggies and transfer Aggies along with their families. This is a great time to meet the new and transfer students as well as their families. We offer membership into CTAM's Club at our Howdy Social as well.

We also give out book scholarships at our January meeting. When these book scholarships are given to the respective Aggie and family either at Howdy Social or the month of January, we require receipts for books, school supplies (i.e. paper, pens, pencils, folders, spirals, notebooks) as well as laptop computers, iPads, etc. as these are items that they will use for college.

We have also made it our club's policy that since we are asked for donations from so many Aggie organizations and groups, we solely donate to our club's Aggies upon request if they belong to an organization or have a certain passion for one group or organization.

We also honor our graduates by presenting them a ring crest from the club for their year of graduation. However, the crests are purchased by an anonymous donation and funds from the parents. The graduates are recognized and honored at our Howdy Social each year.

We do have memorable meetings. We eat together and fellowship and we attend to the business of the club. We have a time of sharing round the table about our Aggies. This is a favorite time of the Aggie Moms at each meeting.

In 2017-18, we have continued to go through the Federation by-laws very carefully. In this next school year, our club needs to address the possible set-up of a post office box for all club mail to be sent. Our local club's by-laws need to be reviewed to see what updates and changes need to be addressed.

CLEAR LAKE AREA

Number of Members: 78 (4 of which were associate members who paid partial dues)

Donations to A&M Organizations: 5-\$50 each (TAMUG Yell Leaders, TAMU Traditions Council, TAMU University Police, MSC Enrichment Fund, TAMU Academic Success Center). Each of the above organizations spoke or was featured at one of our meetings.

Scholarship Giving: Four scholarships were given to continuing Aggie Students (1@\$1000, 1@\$750, and 2@\$500)

Successful Fundraisers: Kendra Scott, Jack Rabbit Metal Arts (our vendor at Aggie Moms' Boutique)

Special Events and Memorable Programs:

August – Howdy Party with TAMUG Yell Leaders and TAMU Traditions Council as our featured speakers. We also enjoyed ice cream and cobbler, and this was a family event.

September – Meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Harvey.

October – TAMU Police Department spoke at our meeting.

November – Goodie bags were stuffed and delivered to both the College Station and Galveston locations.

December – Our own Amy Bacon from the Texas A&M Foundation presented information from her book, *Building Leader, Living Traditions The Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University*, and we had a fun 12 days of Christmas themed gift exchange. We also enjoyed snacks that our members brought.

January – Dr. Kathleen Speed from the TAMU Academic Success Center gave a presentation and we celebrated our December 2017 grads at Red River BBQ in League City. This was a family event.

February – We painted the Century Tree at Arbor House Courtyard in Houston (near NASA) for fun! We also had our Kendra Scott give back event.

March – No meeting due to Spring Break

April – Goodie bags were stuffed and delivered to both the College Station and Galveston locations. We also held elections for our new board positions next year. We worked the Aggie Mom Boutique where we paired with outside vendor Jack Rabbit Metal Arts.

May – We celebrated our May 2018 grads and announced our 4 scholarship winners for the next year at Fuddruckers on NASA Rd 1. This was a family event.

COASTAL BEND

The Coastal Bend Aggie Moms Club has had a very successful year. As a result of many students in our area choosing and being accepted to Texas A&M, we experienced a 64.7% growth in membership. We have 27 members and 1 lifetime member. As in years past, the Coastal Bend Aggie Moms Club continued the tradition of filling 5gallon buckets with goodies to help our students destress for fall final exams and filling handmade pillowcases with goodies for the spring final exams. Our December meeting was a couples Christmas Dinner at Back Street Café in Sinton, Texas. It was a fun time to get to visit with the Aggie Moms & Dads. The Coastal Bend Aggie Moms annual fundraiser was a raffle with the drawing being held during Family Weekend in April. This year the raffle consisted of ladies' jewelry, a yeti cooler, Golfing packages, a Vintage Airplane ride, and a cooler filled with Aggie merchandise. All the raffle items were generously donated by our members and local businesses. Since the raffle was such a success, the Coastal Bend Aggie Moms were able to award 22 scholarships to incoming Freshman as well as current students. Additionally, a donation was made to Texas A & M University. The Coastal Bend Aggie Moms ended the 2017-2018 year with an ice cream social Howdy. Current Aggies were paired up with incoming Freshman Aggies, where they answered questions, gave advice, and shared their experiences while at Texas A & M. Current Aggie Moms were paired with incoming Freshman parents. Approximately 25 people attend the Howdy. It was an exceptional year for the Coastal Bend Aggie Moms club serving San Patricio, Aransas, and Refugio counties.

COLEMAN COUNTY

We currently have 19 paid members in our club. Our club's projects all focus on raising money for scholarships. We accomplish this through an annual bake sale the Monday prior to Thanksgiving. This is a long time tradition and we have many repeat customers who place orders prior to the sale. We are also the organizers of the meal and decorations for Aggie Muster. In exchange for this help we receive the meal proceeds, along with the donation from the Coleman County Aggie Club. This last year we designated \$3000 for scholarships. This enabled us to give five \$600 scholarships.

COMAL COUNTY

The Comal County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club was founded in 1953 with 19 members. This year marks our 65th anniversary with 106 members. Our club is one of the oldest clubs in Texas and has a proud and strong tradition of service to Texas A&M and Aggies everywhere.

Our club began the 2017-2018 season with a Howdy Ice Cream Social in August where we hosted all local incoming freshman Aggies and their families. At this Social, we awarded 5 scholarships to current A&M seniors from Comal County valued at \$500 each.

In May of 2018, our club donated \$10,000 to the Mothers' Club Library Endowment.

Since 1954, we take orders, mix, bake and package five kinds of German cookies to fund our scholarships. It is a monumental effort held the second weekend in December, and we use

the entire commercial kitchen and cafeteria at a local high school. It takes approximately 48 hours to complete this undertaking. On that Sunday afternoon, more than 24,000 cookies were packed by our club members and picked up by the happy customers.

We held our annual February Family Dinner night at a local restaurant, which was well attended by over 30 members. This event gives Aggie Moms an opportunity to mingle with other Aggie Mom families in a non-business setting.

We have produced our 6th authentic German stein for our Boutique contribution. We have a new design each year making it a desirable item to build upon as a collection. We are excited that next year's stein will feature original artwork. The proceeds from the stein sales go for scholarships.

This spring we offered our steins at Parents Weekend Boutique, and our club president presented the Commandant's Flag to the most involved corps outfit. This award signifies the outfit that gives the most back to the community.

In April, we participated in our local general TAMU Club's Muster event by providing all the desserts for the attendees. Also in April, spring scholarships recipients were recognized as we awarded 12 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. Our Spring Picnic hosted the TX A&M Traditions Counsel. They were a wealth of knowledge. Comal County Aggie Moms also have an endowed scholarship that provides a scholarship to a freshman each year.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie Ferguson, Comal County TAMU Mothers' Club President 2017-2018

COPPELL

We had a wonderful year!

We have 80 members and an average attendance of 50 members.

We started the year with our Indoor Tailgate – Howdy Party. We had vendors set up with Aggie Mom bling, yummy tailgate sweets and treats, and our speaker was former Yell Leader, Ben Debayle '09. Ben was an incredible start to our year. He brought his old overalls and got one of the moms to put them on and help him lead yells. He explained the history of Aggie Yell Leaders and lead the very energized crowd in singing "The Spirit of Aggieland".

In October, we welcomed home town leaders of the Big Event. Trent Armstrong, Madeline Saiter and Stephanie Bilka, (all Big Event Staff Executives and CISD grads) shared with the Club the history of Big Event and their roles. It was great for new moms to see how successful local kids have been at A&M. We gave little Aggie Mom buttons to anyone who shared about a college meltdown. We explained that this was not to embarrass anyone, but to help other new moms recognize that adjusting to college is hard and everyone has a few bumps. The stories were sweet, and it bonded everyone together to support our kids and each other. We also started our Aggie Brag Bucket for moms to share good things going on with their students. Cash brag donations go to our fundraising team for disbursement at year end. Remember, "Aggies do not lie, steal or cheat, but we do brag!!!" We also skyped in our

first speaker of the year. We heard from Megan Ford and her work with The 12th Can and showed her all the food that had been donated that evening by the Club. We delivered 321 pounds of useable food later that week. We also began the tradition at each meeting of observing a moment of silence for Silver Taps families.

In November, we skyped in Jane Flaherty with TAMU's Study Abroad Program. Jane learned the next week that her program was the best program in the US. We were all so appreciative and proud! We began building enthusiasm for our upcoming Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, that evolved this year to our Gig 'Em Gathering. We also discussed the Bonfire Remembrance and had members share memories of Bonfire if they were former students. We ended the night with an awesome Exam Pack night. Each member brought 24 items and left with 24 items to mail or deliver to their student.

In addition to our fall meetings, we added monthly "Fish Ponds". These gatherings were after the regular meetings in different restaurants around the community. Just like tradition calls for a celebration after games by throwing the Yell Leaders into the Fish Pond on campus, we celebrated being moms of Aggies after each meeting by gathering together to fellowship... and drink a glass of wine with friends, old and new! These were optional and some were well attended and others were just two or three moms, but community was enhanced by adding this option for more socialization.

In December, we gathered in a member's home and shared holiday appetizers and cheer. Everyone brought a dish to share and an Aggie themed ornament or Christmas item and we played a fun pass the present game. (attached). It was a very fun evening and well attended. Everyone was excited about our recently announced new football coach, Jimbo Fisher! Jimbo was even a part of our gift pass game and the ladies loved it!

January's meeting was lower in attendance due to the National Championship Game. We hope that next year our Club will be hosting a game watching party for our Aggies in that big game!!! In the meantime, we enjoyed Lacey and Kathleen from the City of College Station. They were extremely informative for parents to hear about the measures that the City takes to keep students safe and rules and regulations to consider when moving off campus.

In February, we heard an update on Aggie Moms' Camp and the Winter Federation Meeting. Our fundraising team shared needs for volunteers and items that had been donated.

On March 1, we hosted 70 people for our Gig 'Em Gathering in a member's home. Tickets were \$25.00 each. We had a wine pull and over 50 bundled items up for auction that had been donated by local businesses as well as College Station area vendors. We grossed over \$7000 in one night!!! All the proceeds will go back to College Station to support "The Other Education". Last year we supported The Big Event, Breakaway, The Corps of Cadets, The 12th Can, The Federation's Endowment Drive and many other student organizations. We are small but mighty and we are just getting started!!!

This year, we were able to contribute to Big Event, The 12th Can, The Aggie Mom Federation Endowment, The Library Endowment, and we are excited to announce that we will use funds from the year to begin our very first Coppel Aggie Moms' Club Endowed Scholarship fund. It will take us five years, but this Club has a vision for supporting students at Texas A&M long after we are gone. Our Treasurer, Kris Keever-Smith has agreed to serve another year to set all of this up for our Club.

During our April meeting, we recognized and celebrated our graduates. We also had our Spring Exam Pack night. New officers for 2018-2019 were presented by our Nominating Committee and the Club voted to approve the slate. We are currently updating our Bylaws and expanding our Board positions to be more inclusive and give us a larger team so that the work is not too much for any one person. In addition, we will be kicking off an Aggie Ring of Honor to keep and re-engage moms of graduates. We believe this will be key to our Club's future. The momentum for next year is at an all-time high!

For the first time ever, we invited in new parents of the Class of '22 and matched them with another mom as a resource over the summer. We had tables set up to cover the following topics: Housing, NSC, Fish Camp, Impact, FLO's, Fraternity/Sorority Recruitment, Band and Corps Membership. We called this meeting, "May Day '22" and it was a bigger success than we could have imagined. The room was filled with tables, student representatives, recent Aggie graduates, veteran moms and approximately 30 brand new moms! The in-coming President, Dolores Kelly, initiated this event and got the word out to high schools in the area. The new moms were so appreciative! We had to take the tables down and pack up the room to get them to leave! They made new connections and everyone left feeling better about their "launching process" knowing they have resources. Dolores also created a Google Doc to share with families that have various questions on a variety of topics. Veteran moms can weigh in on different topics and it is a living document, so it will be updated throughout the summer as questions come up. We also invited the new moms to join us over the summer on our Facebook Page, Coppell Aggie Moms.

Two comments that really stuck out to me from the year came from a Board member and a long time Club member. The Board member shared that the two best improvements we made this year included using Power Point and Skype at our meetings to give members something to focus on during the meetings. In addition, she liked that our Board started meeting each month one hour before the general meeting. This allowed us to get business taken care of without lots of extra meetings. It also ensured that we were all there, on the same page, ready to welcome members at 7:00. That small thing really added to the energy each month and made the meetings so fun. Small adjustments, but big results!

The other comment came from a senior mom after our second meeting of the year. She walked in grinning from ear to ear and told me that she called her son on the way home from the first meeting and told him, "Thanks for making me an Aggie Mom, I have never had so much fun, or been so proud to be an Aggie Mom!" That comment was better than a paycheck! Watching new moms walk in timid and nervous and now seeing them happy and engaged with friends at our Gig 'Em Gathering this spring truly made me proud of the work our Club has done. It was also a joy and a blessing to see Board and committee members flourish in their leadership roles and stretch themselves. We help our students, we help TAMU, but at the end of the day, Aggie Moms' Clubs make our very own communities stronger and more connected.

Now that our May meeting has wrapped and we have already gotten a taste of next year's new members, our Club's future is incredibly bright. We just got a great head start for 2018-2019!

My own family was relocated after living in my hometown for 13 years just as I left for A&M in 1985. I often wonder if an Aggie Moms' Club had been available in this new town if my mom might have had a better adjustment to the move and empty nest life. It has been a true honor

to represent my own beloved Alma Mater this year, support EVERY AGGIE like they were my own, and inspire my community to continue in their strong tradition of digging deep for Texas A&M University!

I am forever grateful for this opportunity!
Thanks, and Gig 'Em,
Tamra Nelson Walker '89
Coppell Aggie Moms' Club President 2017-2018

CORPUS CHRISTI

Tuition Assistance Winners – Fiscal Year 6/1/17-5/31/18 \$500 each unless noted

Yell Practice on the Coast – June 4, 2017 Event

Rush Hoelscher
Matthew Crawford
Haleigh Belcher
Layton Hart

New Mom Orientation – October 2, 2017 Event

Conor Marek
Dustin Saenz
Karlie Wilkinson
Stephanie Bynum

Howdy Social – October 19, 2017 Event

Nick LaStrapes
Reaghan Ramsey

Box Event – December 3, 2017 Event

Avery Tugman
Katelyn Stout

Box Event- April 29, 2018

Spring Howdy Social March 22, 2018

Valentine Box Event February 11, 2018

DALLAS COUNTY

Dallas County Aggie Moms EOY wrap up May 3, 2018

May 18, 2018-Installation of officers and recognition of Aggie Graduate at Tupinambas.

Over the summer the board and committee chairs met to plan for the year. After one of our meetings husbands joined the group for a cookout to share their Aggie Mom stories.

We had our Howdy Social on Saturday, July 15 at the Meadow's Conference Center over coffee at the come and go event. Speakers from the university shared information while parents visited their tables and met them one on one. The event was well attended.

At the DAMC Coaches Night on July 19 we set up an information table One of our goals this year has been to form a better relationship with the Dallas A&M Club.

August was a busy month. We had the first of six different profit shares at Rally House, started working on our scrap books, planned our new mom teas, took 7 moms to the Federation meeting, and had a mixer at Starbucks.

In September we had our first DCAM Tailgate and enjoyed BBQ. At our general meeting we had a very successful Aggie Mom Open House. We also had the first of two DCAM New Mom Teas in North Dallas. Our second profit share, Kendra Scott, was held in October followed by our second new mom social in Sunnyvale. The Traditions Council came to our General Meeting and judged our fabulous Chili Cook-off with 13 entries!

At our meetings we collected items to give to the community; diaper & wipes for Harvey refugees, socks for the homeless, canned goods for the 12thCan, mittens & gloves, hygiene products and items for children's Easter baskets for our Big Event activity at Hope Supply. Community Outreach was very successful!

In November we participated in the Belk Charity day. We also had two Profit share events in November. One was at EVOO & Vin and the other at Grub. We prepared for TAMU President Young to visit and speak at our General Meeting. We served breakfast for dinner and had a very well attended meeting.

Our annual Howdy Holiday Gift Market, Bake sale and Tamale pick up was held at the UPUMC again this year in December and we had 4 other Aggie Moms clubs join us for the event. Our Tamale sales were spectacular! We had our profit share at Swoozies and a DCAM holiday party to end 2017.

In January we had a great Aggie Mom Connecting event at the Board & Brush. Our General meeting speaker, Dr. Jane Flaherty from the Study Abroad Program put moms at ease about our Aggies going far away. Then we were back to BCS for the Winter Federation meeting.

In February, several of us attended and or worked at Aggie Mom Camp. Each month the Fundraising committee worked toward the main event, the Singing Cadet Concert. After a wonderful Founders Day meeting with Andy Duffie '78, of the Century Tree Foundation as our speaker we turned around a day and half later and set up for our Concert and Silent Auction at the LLUMC on Feb. 17. It was very successful and attended by over 400 people.

Our March meeting was used as a work event so that all moms in attendance could help prepare for the April Boutique. Several moms attended the Federation District 2 meeting. We participated in our own Big Event activity with Hope Supply Company where we created the Easter baskets, Hygiene boxes and wrapped Birthday boxes.

Texas A&M Family weekend our club was well represented. We had a great group of workers to set up, man the boutique, and tear down at the end. Across the street our own Peggy Nolan was elected President of the Federation and Karen Hunter, Liz Potter and Robin McMahan were all appointed to board positions for 2018-2019. Our club received an award for significant growth in Membership, 26.9% and we are now at 190 members. At the April meeting our speaker from the TAMU Office of Admissions was well received. We held a Silent Auction to raise funds for Operations, filled goodie bags and held our club election. Several members attended various Muster ceremonies on April 21. And our Book Club met to determine the new slot of reads for the next year.

Our Goodie Bags were delivered in November and April to students at the College Station Campus. We also delivered 23 bags to students in the TAMU engineering program on the El Centro Campus in Dallas.

The current board met one more time on May 26 after the wonderful installation dinner on May 3 at Bread Winners to finalize our year. We funded five \$1,000 scholarships, sent \$6,825 in donations to TAMU clubs and organizations and an additional \$500 award to a Corps member. We also started a fund to create a new endowed scholarship in the future.

Together we did achieve a great deal. Loyalty to TAMU, our club and to each other helped to make this year successful.

It's been a great year.

Together Aggie Moms can do so much more!

Thanks and Gig'em!
Robin McMahan,
DCAM President 2017-2018

DEEP EAST TEXAS

The Deep Texas Aggie Mom's started the school year off with a bang! A salad supper was held to welcome the incoming moms, whether they were Fish or transfers. Club members showed off their salad style by bringing their favorite while the Board furnished desserts. The October meeting consisted of Aggie Mom Bunko and information gathering. In November we did our own version of Bingo (no cash prizes-just fun Aggie stuff). Several moms traveled to College Station to distribute finals goody bags in December which consisted of A&M umbrellas and healthy snacks. Our Associate Member Historian was pregnant with twins and began having problems about this time. We were to have our Christmas Aggie Mom gift exchange at her house but due to her health we moved it back to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Unfortunately, she delivered prematurely and eventually lost both of her sweet babies.

The afternoon before the Singing Cadets were coming for our fund raising concert in January the son of our President died in a freak accident. The concert went on with a special prayer for our hurting moms. Several moms attended Aggie Mom Camp in February. One member was staff for the camp. Special handmade Valentine's were created at the February meeting. Col (retired) John Ball '78 was our special guest speaker in March. We opened this meeting up to the community so that they could hear his special story of walking across the nation to raise money for his endowed Aggie Ring Scholarship. Our District meeting was held in Tyler and four members attended the evening meeting. The day before Boutique our Co-Chair's son was hospitalized with major breathing issues but as usual, Aggie Moms came to the rescue. We had a very successful Boutique with the help of Andy Duffie and his Century Tree seedlings! He was on hand to tell his story of how the project started, what it supports and how the seedlings are to be handled. Our April meeting was a brainstorming session as to how to "hook" new moms. It was an eye-opening meeting which will help the Board create effective meetings for next year. Finals goody bags were distributed again at the end of April. A car wash bucket emblazoned with a block TAM was filled with a sponge, soap and tons of snacks. Scholarships were awarded to five recipients at a local Mexican food restaurant

(which was a huge supporter of the Singing Cadet concert). Senior moms were recognized at this meeting also.

Deep East Texas Aggie Moms have a strong core group of women. They support one another, our Aggies and Texas A&M. We are struggling to increase our numbers and participation. This year was a very emotionally draining year but our hopes are that next year will shine bright!

DEL RIO

Number of Members 10
Scholarships Giving None
Special Events / Howdy Party
Donations to A&M Aggie Moms' Endowment #04-57152
Successful Fundraisers / Hamburger Sale
Memorable Programs None

Our club has some truly dedicated Aggie Moms. We meet once a month. Sometime we have a quorum and sometime we don't, but we are always anxious to hear about our Aggie students and what & how they're doing and how the family was holding up with the first time Aggie going away to Aggieland. Del Rio is far from Collage Station therefore it's difficult to see our freshman students leave home. Our support Mom's group is quite strong and we are very proud of the support we are able to provide for one another.

We have not been able to make the District meetings mainly because our Aggie Moms work and the distance and time make it difficult. We do share with our membership the correspondence we receive from the Federation and we thank you for all the communication that comes our way.

I do want to share something with you that I found in a way disappointing. Because I had a senior graduate from San Antonio I decided to view the Northside schools valedictorians and salutatorians and to my surprise, only one student will be attending Texas A&M. I don't know how close the Aggie Moms' clubs work with the Aggie recruiters, but we do. We reach out to them several times during the year especially during "College Night" and in preparation for some of our activities. I always like to keep on top on the number of possible students applying to Texas A&M. Our STEM program at the high school is very popular and successful and it definitely has generated a lot of interest in the Engineering field for our student.

I have a niece attending a Magnet school in El Paso and she let me know that she had received correspondence from Baylor so of course I asked if the Aggie recruiter has visited her school and her reply was "no". Knowing that her dream is to attend Texas A&M, I reached out to the recruiter in her area and asked if he would please add the Magnet school to his list of contacts. So he did and yes he now communicates with them.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern.

Jessie

DENVER

The Denver Aggie Moms' had a busy year in 2017-2018. Our membership grew to 31 members. Because of the distance from the Denver area to College Station, our new moms don't always have the chance to visit College Station and experience the Aggie traditions. Because of this we utilized the Federation videos before each of our meetings and concentrated the videos on traditions. Our club is small but we serve an important purpose of supporting both our students and one another while our students are away at school. Members who are former students or whose children have already graduated are an invaluable resource.

In late July, we hosted our annual "Howdy Picnic" to welcome new members, their students and family members to our Denver Aggie Moms group. It was an opportunity for moms, dads, and graduates, current and new students to get together and visit.

Each meeting, we featured some type of activity. This could be a craft, stuffing Goodie Bags in preparation of the Fall and Spring semester final exams week, or our traditional holiday ornament exchange where we exchanged TAMU holiday ornaments. In January, before our students returned to College Station, we once again invited all the family members to go line dancing at the Grizzly Rose. In addition we send Birthday cards to our students for their birthdays. In April, we join with the A&M club of Denver for their Muster ceremony. This year we donated a gift basket of everything Aggie, filled with items from the Aggie Mom boutique, to help with their fundraiser silent auction.

Our final meeting of the year is in May where we celebrate our Aggie graduates and it is also our officer installation. While the graduates are still busy taking their exams and preparing for graduation their parents receive a gift from the Club on their behalf. The graduating students also provide some information to our VP of Membership and another Club member about their experiences in College Station and their best memory of their time at TAMU. This information is printed in our program and then shared with the Club members as each graduate is recognized.

At this time our club does not offer scholarships. We have chosen to provide donations to TAMU organizations instead. This year 10 \$250 donations were made to various TAMU organizations. The funds used to make these donations were generated from our King Soopers/Kroger gift card fundraiser. Members receive an entry into the donation drawing for every \$250 that has been loaded onto their King Soopers/Kroger gift card. Immediately prior to the May meeting, our Club Treasurer compiles a donation report to determine the number of entries each member will receive. During the May meeting 8 members' names are drawn (we voted to donate the other 2 during the school) and these members select an organization at TAMU from the listing of organizations provided by the Federation and Student Affairs. We donated \$250 to each of the following organizations.

Library Endowment Fund – done during the school year
Hurricane Harvey Relief – done at the beginning of the school year
St. Mary's Catholic Church – 3 moms picked to donate to St Mary's
Treehouse (Aggie Lutherans)
Fish Camp
Corps of Cadets Company D 2
Corps of Cadets Squadron 11
Ross Volunteers

ELLIS COUNTY

We had a great year! The club had 32 members this past year. We raised \$2,230 after expenses.

We gave 3 scholarships to students:

- 2 - \$1,000 scholarships to returning A&M students
- 1 - \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior planning to attend A&M

We gave donations to the following organizations:

- \$500 – Pi Sigma Epsilon PSE (the national sales & marketing business fraternity)
- \$500 – Tell Your Story Leadership Forum
- \$500 – The 12th Can
- \$200 – Aggie Moms' Library Endowment in honor of Barbara Bush

In October, Lt. Bobby Richardson with the Department of Security & Police with Texas A&M University was our guest speaker. He presented information about campus security.

In December, we held our annual Christmas party & Aggie ornament exchange.

In January, we held our Chili Cook-off & Bingo party.

We hosted two fun craft events for our members:

- Crafty Cork Activity – November 14
- Painting with a Twist – April 17

We had another successful year and made new Aggie Mom friends along the way.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Number of Members: 120 The Ft Bend Aggie Moms' Club had an outstanding 2017 – 2018 year. We were 120 members strong due to the joint efforts of the Federation at the New Student Conferences and our local Membership Committee (Lisa Gray and Angela Harris).

Memorable Programs: Galveston Yell Leaders, BUILD, A&M Career Center, Memorial Student Center, Student Health Services- A.P Beutel Health Center, BUNCO Night

Special Events: Kendra Scott Social, Painting with a Twist, Beat 'Bama Bash at the Braman Winery and Brewery, Gig 'em Aggie Wreath making, Christmas Holiday Dinner with Ornament Exchange

Community Outreach: Food Drive for Harvey victims benefitting the Ft. Bend County Outreach

Celebrating Little Victories Along the Way:

Many of our Aggie Moms stepped out of their comfort zone to volunteer on committees, bake cookies, attend socials, stuff bags, sell poinsettias, make gift baskets, sell Aggie road signs, sell raffle tickets, and work at Boutique during Family Weekend.

At each board and general meeting, we celebrated little victories as our fundraising efforts began to show results in our bottom line. To quote our Treasurer, Melinda Ransome, as she

presented the final financial report for our year, “this has been one of our most financially successful years during our fifty-year history.”

In total, we allocated \$29,400 in donations for student scholarships and student organizations.

At our final May Scholarship Awards and Senior Recognition celebration, we awarded 19 student scholarships and gifted 25 graduating seniors with Aggie ring crest paperweights. Aggie Moms chose eleven deserving student organizations to receive donations. Our endowed scholarship, named for our founding member, Patsy Armbruster, will soon be awarded to another deserving Ft. Bend County student.

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms left the May 2018 meeting feeling a multitude of emotions-proud, happy, honored, humbled, and relieved.

Successful Fundraisers:

Each of our fundraisers contributed to our scholarship fund.

- Poinsettias – Aggie Moms sold lovely poinsettias for the Christmas holiday season to friends and local businesses.
- Raffle – Grand Prize trip for 2 to the Big Island of Hawaii plus 4 other fabulous prizes.
- Boutique & Aggie Signs (www.aggiesigns.org) – Aggie Moms make or buy Aggie-themed merchandise for sale at local general meetings and Family Weekend.
- Christmas Holiday Silent Auction and Gift Basket Raffle – Aggie Moms created 8 themed baskets for the raffle. A private company, Diamonds in the Rough, brought sports memorabilia for the silent auction.
- Aggie Bags- Aggie students received goodies from Aggie Moms in the Fall and Spring Semesters.
- DECA judging – Aggie Moms judged Fort Bend Deca student presentations.
- Yankee Candles – a % of online purchases were designated for Ft Bend Aggie Moms Club
- Benevolent Fund Donations (not a fundraiser) – Aggie Moms donated loose change throughout the year towards the Benevolent Fund which is designated to honor deceased loved ones through donations to the Sterling C. Evans Library Endowment.

We did not raffle an automobile this year as we had the past four years. Instead, we chose a grand prize trip to Hawaii. The grand prize winner won a trip for 2 to Hawaii (The Big Island) for 6 days and 5 nights at the Fairmont Orchid. We had a record-breaking year selling 773 of 800 tickets at \$20/ticket. The lower cost of the tickets combined with a lower cost for the trip as compared to the automobile helped us to exceed our fundraising goals for the raffle.

We also advertised pre-sale saving opportunities for our Aggie Signs on Facebook prior to April’s Family Weekend. Customers who ordered pre-sale signs for pickup at Family Weekend saved on shipping and sales taxes. This strategy proved to be very successful! Our online sign store at www.aggiesigns.org continues to grow in popularity.

Donations to A&M:

In April of each year, we ask our membership to nominate student organizations to receive donations from the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms' Club. Eleven (11) A&M Organizations were designated to receive donations totaling \$4,447.

Each of these organizations received a \$400 donation from the Ft. Bend Aggie Mom's Club.

- Galveston Yell Leaders – Head Yell Leader, Grant Lincecum is the son of our Aggie Mom, Kim Lincecum. Whoop!
- BUILD Command Team
- Corps of Cadets E-2 Mascot Company
- MSC Fish
- IMPACT Ministries
- Carpool
- SCONA- Student Conference on National Affairs
- Aggie Guide Dogs and Service Dogs
- Family Weekend Committee
- Career Closet
- Sterling C. Evans Library Mothers' Club Endowment * (Library will receive \$400 from General Fund plus \$227 Benevolent Fund donations. The Benevolent Fund money is sent to the library in honor of members who have lost a loved one during the year. A list of deceased family members and a contact address is sent to the library as well.)

* The Ft. Bend Aggie Moms donated \$627 towards the Library Endowment at the recommendation of the Federation of Aggie Moms to complete the funding of the endowment for undergraduate studies.

Scholarships and Giving:

Nineteen (19) Ft. Bend County Aggie Students will receive scholarships for the 2018 – 2019 academic school year. The scholarships totaled \$25,000. Twenty-five (25) seniors were gifted Aggie ring crest paperweights with their 2018 graduating year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol A. Gaas '85

President, Ft. Bend Aggie Moms' Club

June 2017 – May 2019

FORT WORTH / TARRANT COUNTY

The Fort Worth Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club has been honoring traditions and Aggies for over 95 years! This year provided outstanding programs and opportunities to continue that legacy together.

We started the year with Aggie Mom 101 – a night to learn Aggie traditions, yells, history, and meet new moms. In the fall, we welcomed the Academic Success Center, the Veteran Resource and Support Center, and celebrated with a holiday party and scarf exchange. The new year included a visit from Andy Duffy and the Aggie Century Tree Project as well as several Ring of Honor outings for fun and friendship. Everyone enjoyed our annual Chili Cookoff and silent auction with families in attendance and the best chili recipes ever! Two groups of moms continued our partnership serving lunch to the families at Ronald McDonald House. Our Big Event luncheon was a great success with new and long-time friends

enjoying a lunch catered by Brookdale Senior Living, a silent auction, and our featured speaker, artist and Aggie Mom Jane Metz. With 126 members this year, attendance declined, but our fund-raising improved.

This year, our fundraising committee focused on unique, hand crafted items for sale at our meetings, numerous local craft fairs, and Family Weekend Boutique. Thanks to the creativity of our moms and our hard-working committee, the new products were amazing! We raised our highest total ever at Boutique which enabled our club to award over \$19,000; we awarded ten \$1000 scholarships, paid another \$5,000 for our second Endowed Scholarship, and donated \$4,014 to student organizations.

I want to thank the 2017-2018 Board and Committee Chairs who worked tirelessly to serve the club members this year. It takes all of us to make our club a success for our moms and Aggie students, and these women have amazing passion for selfless service. I am proud to be a part of Fort Worth Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club; I am looking forward to the next 95 years to come.

GUADALUPE COUNTY

Our club has 62 paid members. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Fund-raisers include annual Howdy Dinner & Auction and Boutique.

We gave 20 \$500 scholarships to incoming & existing TX A&M Students.

Recipients were honored during our Howdy Dinner Fund-raiser.

Finals Goody bags were purchased by moms and distributed to over 80 students prior to end of fall semester.

Guadalupe Co. Aggie moms participated in local Christmas tree decorating contest, ceramics painting party, and other social events throughout the year.

HAYS COUNTY

One of my first jobs as President was to sign the official paper work for our \$25,000 Endowed Scholarship with the University. After 5 years of fundraising we were able to accumulate the funds to procure our Endowment. Our first recipient will benefit from this scholarship for current students from Hays County in fall of 2018.

We continued to meet the second Thursday of the month at the Plum Creek Clubhouse in Kyle @ 6:45 pm. Some of our speakers this year included Bobby Richardson from the TAMU Police Department, the Traditions Council & we had the pleasure of being the very first Aggie Moms' Club to have students from the Aggie Miracle to speak. We also assembled & distributed Goody Bags both semesters & had an ornament exchange before Christmas.

We participated in a Pet Clinic in September where the funds raised were used to honor our students at a family get together over the holiday break in January 2018. Once again we held our 7th Annual "Dollars for Scholars" Casino Night on March 31st at City Park in San Marcos. The profit from this fundraiser allowed us to offer 5 incoming freshmen from our local high schools scholarships totaling \$2400 for the start this fall.

This year we had 55 registered members & were recognized by the Federation for attaining a 51% increase in our membership. We are hoping to continue to grow in order to support our students & TAMU. In May we also inducted 3 new mothers into our Ring of Honor.

Besides our Scholarship Endowment & scholarships given to new students, we also donated to The Aggie Miracle, a new student organization. We also tried to institute "Ask an Aggie Mom" at our meetings. This will be a way for moms to anonymously ask for advice for themselves or for their students. We continue to strive to care for our Moms & our students.

Julie House '85

HILL COUNTRY

The Hill Country Aggie Moms' Club had 49 members this year. To kick off our club year, we hosted the new moms with a pop luck salad supper followed by an introduction to our Aggie traditions. We continue to hold our meetings at various venues and member's homes giving our club a more laidback, inviting vibe.

Our scholarship fundraising event this year consisted of a raffle draw. We sold 300 tickets and gave away four Visa gift cards. As a small pick-me-up treat, this year we sent our students encouraging cards that included motherly "wisdom" as well as a gift card to Mad Taco. Of course, exam packs continue to be a high point for our students. Along with a bag full of tasty treats, our students were pleased to receive an A&M logoed waterproof tote and laundry bag as special gifts.

Along with supporting our membership students with exam packs, this year we had the honor of providing additional exam packs (approximately 30) for Aggies who are veterans or gold star students. We shared treats with these deserving individuals through our TAMU Veteran Services Office located on campus. Hill Country Moms wishes to express deep gratitude for the sacrifices that they made as well as the time and effort they spent serving our country.

In April, we proudly hosted the Texas A&M Women's Chorus. The talented 50-member chorus performed their Spring 2018 tour line-up entitled "Our Journey Home" to a full house at Fredericksburg's Holy Ghost Lutheran Fellowship Hall. This upstanding group of ladies performed musical selections including Alleluia, Battle of Jericho, Jubilate Deo, Let Me Fly, No Time, Psalm 23 and Spiritus Sanctus as well as their signature songs, The Spirit of Aggiland and I Believe. It was a pleasure and a treat to host these talented young women.

Hill Country Aggie Moms hosted a Soda Float Social at the Courthouse Gazebo on May 16, 2018. The social was attended by approximately 50 individuals who enjoyed ice cream topped with their choice of soda. Scholarships, drawn at random, were the focus of the event. We awarded six scholarships to incoming freshmen and fourteen scholarships to returning students.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Howdy! The Johnson County Aggie Moms' Club has had a wonderful year!

We have 15 faithful members and we are thankful for the work they do and the support they give.

It was our pleasure to fill approximately 75 goody bags in November and April. Our local moms are generous and careful to take care of our local students and even their roommates.

Our local A&M alumni club hosted the Singing Cadets in February, and many of our Aggie Moms hosted and help feed the cadets. What a wonderful experience and such talent!

Aggie Mom Boutique was a complete success for us. We took 3 car loads full of items and came home with a small box. We sold 98% of the items we had which made for a very successful Boutique.

Due to the success of Boutique, we are able to fund FIVE \$500 scholarships for 2018-2019! This is the most our club has ever done in its history!

We are also making donations to CARPOOL and 12th CAN organizations!

As we met in May to wrap things up, we have several new officers who enthusiastically stepped up to lead for the 2018-2019 school year. We also had 2 new incoming-freshman mothers attend our May meeting. What a great way to connect to other mothers as they navigate Fish Camp and NSC!

Johnson County Aggie Moms' Club may be small, but we are mighty!

KATY/WEST HOUSTON

The Katy/West Houston Aggie Moms' Club had 118 members this year. Of this number, we are pleased that 64 of these moms were new members. This was an unusual year for our club with Hurricane Harvey and a large amount of flooding hitting our area in August. Many of our members suffered significant damage to their homes. But, in true Aggie spirit, we pulled together and got our year started.

Meetings: We have a variety of activities at our monthly meetings. We start with a Howdy Social in September to greet our new moms and welcome back our returning ones. This year's football theme included food, games and shopping. As the fall progressed, we had meetings that included playing Bunko, making Christmas ornaments, and having an ornament exchange. In November, Connie Pritchard, Aggie Moms Camp Co-Chair, spoke to us about Aggie Moms Camp. In addition, we had a social night at Pinot's Palette where we painted pictures of the Aggie Barn. In January, we had our annual Family Chili night. This is always fun because the students are still home so they can attend with their parents. In the spring, former yell leader Chris Buckner '07 and Student Government VP of Fundraising Kyle Meurer '18 spoke to our club. We also had a BIG EVENT night in which we made fleece blankets that we donated to Texas Children's Hospital. We finished the year with a presentation on essential oils by one of our Aggie moms and a night that honored our graduates and scholarship recipients.

Fundraising: Due to Hurricane Harvey's impact on Katy and the surrounding areas, we had to modify our fundraising events this year. We partnered with a local shop, The Round Top Collection, to do a fundraising event where a portion of sales were donated to our club. In March, we held a garage sale that did very well. Our major fundraiser is our Ring Crest sales. Many clubs order these for their graduates each year. And finally, thanks to several talented Aggie moms, we were able to raffle a beautiful quilt at Boutique, in addition to selling other items.

Student Support & Scholarships: Our club has funded 3 Endowed Scholarships since it was formed in 1993. This year we were able to award six \$1000 scholarships. We also donated \$500 to the Aggie Moms' Library Endowment and \$500 to Student Government. To support our students throughout the year, we offer care packages for finals week each fall and spring. The packages are filled with a variety of food and study items.

KAUFMAN COUNTY

The Kaufman County Aggie Moms' Club meets the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM at the Forney High School Café. We currently have 31 members and of that 31 we have two adopt-a-moms. We attended the Aggie Mom A&M Club dinner/auction in July 2017 to award the 2017-2018 scholarships as well as having our Aggie Mom table available to welcome all mom's that were interested in becoming members. We auctioned two items that dedicated to our scholarship funds. We have worked on several projects the entire school year to prepare for Aggie Mom Boutique. We have held several craft days at member's homes as well as preparing wherever we could. Our Howdy party was held in August 2017 to welcome new and returning Mom's as well as inviting students and families to attend. We provided goody bags to the students both in the fall and spring semester before finals. The club invited the 12th Man Can student organization to come and speak to our club in January and also held our own food can drive. We donated all the proceeds to the organization. Our club participated in the District 2 meetings in March. We attended Aggie Mom Boutique in April and sold out of just about everything we brought to it. It was a huge success as all proceeds going to our scholarship funds. We will be awarding 21 scholarships and will be announcing that to the students the first week of June which totaled to \$6,300.00. The students awarded will receive \$300.00 each. The students will be recognized at the Kaufman County A&M club dinner/auction in July 2018. The club voted to donate \$75.00 to the 12th Man Can organization. We will start our 2018-2019 meetings in August.

KENDALL COUNTY

Kendall County Aggie Mothers' Club currently has 42 members this year. Our main fundraiser is our annual golf tournament and raffle that is held in conjunction with the Hill Country Aggies in May. This year was our 25th Annual tournament we earned over \$25,000. In addition, we were the fortunate recipients of the beautiful allegorical Traditions bronze donated by artist James Muir and the Texas Treasures Fine Art Gallery here in Boerne. A generous donation of \$5,800 was received for this lovely statue that is a smaller representation of the original design of the statue constructed outside of the Hall of Champions at Kyle Field. A tremendous blessing to our scholarship fund. As our secondary fundraiser a couple of ladies formerly with our group make and sell highly sought-after items under the name Thanks & Gig Em' at the Annual Aggie Moms Club Boutique at the MSC in April. We collect a percentage of their profits in exchange for booth space. This past school year we were fortunate enough to be able to award \$22,500 in scholarships to our Kendall County Aggies. In addition to our scholarship efforts, we support our students with finals goody bags for fall and spring semesters. As a special event, we host the Yell Leaders for Howdy Night in the summer to welcome our incoming freshman and socialize with community Aggies. We had an awesome spring meeting this year where we met at the Maker's Place and each painted our very own canvas of the much loved "Aggie Barn".

LAREDO

Well, 2017-2018 was a growing year for the Laredo A&M Mothers' Club. This happened to it's full extend. Our club changed directions as far as fundraising activities and with only four brand new Aggie Moms as officers. This year, we hosted an AGGIE DAY at Texas Roadhouse and for the second year on the road, we hosted a Golf Tournament in the Fall. It was so much fun, additionally one of our sponsors offered a 2018 F-150 Truck as a hole in one prize, making our event a lot more exciting and challenging.

Our priority is our Aggies so we covered postage for a total of (74) care packages sent to Aggieland, between Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. We also had a Bowling Event during the Winter Break as a mix and mingle activity for them and offered prizes to all students from a bike to t-shirts and gift cards just to name a few. In January, we held our traditional J.J. Memorial Mass which is offered so the students are blessed before they go back for the Spring Semester.

The Laredo club helps the sons and/or daughters of our active moms when the student orders the Senior Ring and this year (4) students were awarded this. Also \$4,000.00 was given as scholarships to incoming freshmen on Fall 2017.

All these were possible thanks to our MOMS working as a team and loving our club. Our club received a Certificate of Merit from the federation as our club grew 47.8% this year and we for see a better 2018-2019.

LIBERTY COUNTY

We currently have 23 members and meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Dayton ISD Administration Building Boardroom. We start each meeting with a light meal. Our first meeting of the year was held in September and we had some absolutely wonderful new Aggie Moms join our organization. In December, we held our annual Christmas party. At this event we invite our "Vintage Moms" (former active Liberty County Aggie Moms) to attend. We had a great turnout and a wonderful time.

On Friday, February 23, 2018 we hosted our sixth annual Bunco Tournament and Silent Auction. We had about 125 ladies playing Bunco. Our second fundraiser for 2017-2018 was a Gift Card Raffle. The drawing of \$500 of gift cards from state / national retailers was held the same night as our Bunco Tournament.

Our January and February meetings were devoted to finalizing plans for these two fundraisers. In May, we installed new officers, provided a reception for our scholarship recipients and honor our 2018 graduates.

LONE STAR

Lone Star Texas A&M University Mother's Club is a small club of about 20 members located in Texarkana, Texas. We meet at our local Texarkana College on the 3rd Monday of each month starting in September. Our April meeting is held at Muster on April 21. Our final meeting of the school year will be May 21, 2018. We have members from various towns in close proximity to Texarkana.

We email to all high schools in Bowie County and Cass County, Texas as well as Miller County, Arkansas. Our club plans to award (4) \$500.00 scholarships this year to incoming 2018 Freshmen from these schools.

Our successful fundraiser this year was stainless steel discs that could no longer be used at one of our member's business. She graciously donated these discs and the "Howdy" engraving with a maroon heart right where College Station is located. She also had her company drill a hole so a piece of ribbon could fit through to make it an ornament. The back of the ornament can be engraved with the Aggie's name and year of graduation. They were a big hit and we plan to sell the rest in the fall.

LUBBOCK AREA

The Lubbock Area Aggie Moms Club had 36 members this year. We continued to update our social media outlets by adding new information to Facebook often and remodeling our website to include more current information. During the 2017-2018 year, we had regularly scheduled meetings, social events specifically geared to Aggie Moms, as well as, social gatherings with our Aggie Dads and our Aggie students.

Our activities this year have included a well-attended Howdy Picnic, a fundraiser at the Cactus theater that included a silent auction and a live auction, and an opportunity to be a part of the District 10 Federation meeting.

Throughout the year, we have arranged for Class Brag Nights at our meetings, packed Survival Tins for our Aggies, donated money to 6 different student organizations, and provided scholarships to 5 students that are currently attending Texas A&M. In April, we wrapped up the year as we recognized our senior moms with a ring crest paperweight and inducted our officers for 2018-2019. In the coming year, our new board will strive to continue with the previously listed events as well as to work to incorporate more social events for Aggie families in the Lubbock area and to organize various opportunities for Aggie Moms to volunteer in our community.

MATAGORDA COUNTY

Our Matagorda County Aggie Moms' Club consists of 23 members dedicated to supporting and encouraging our local Aggie students.

We have had two fundraisers during the 2017 – 2018 school year. In the fall, we held a fundraiser selling Scentsy products. A current member is a Scentsy consultant and she worked hard to help our club achieve the highest amount of funds possible. In the spring, we held a tamale and salsa fundraiser via Ramirez Tamales. We plan to contact them next school year, as it was an easy sell that produced great benefits. All fundraiser monies go toward scholarships.

We continue to make strides to offer our Aggie students the best possible support to help them achieve their goals at Texas A&M University. We are proud to have awarded 18 scholarships of \$200 each to our students this past 2017 – 2018 year.

On Saturday, June 2, our club will host the Howdy Party for incoming students and their parents. It is a highlight of this past year and kickoff to the upcoming year, depending how it's looked upon. We love the tradition of having the Yell Leaders at this event. They make our Howdy Party memorable for everyone.

MILAM COUNTY

Milam County Aggie Moms club has 26 members. Monthly meetings from September through May are held in the various towns in the county, including Cameron, Milano and Rockdale.

During the 2017-2018 club year, we had special guests at two meetings. Presentation by Officer Bobby Richardson and Officer Jon Boller from the Texas A&M University Police Department. The slide show and information presented by the two officers was very informational. This would be good program to have presented to current students.

The Traditions Council gave the Aggie Moms a presentation about the tradition of Texas A&M University. Our December and May meetings are always a treat for our moms, we fill the students goodie bags for delivery during finals. The December meeting, we have a fun Christmas party and ornament exchange that is always an entertaining time for all. During the February meeting the Traditions Council gave the Aggie Moms a presentation about the traditions of Texas A&M University.

Milam County Aggie Moms have one large fundraiser during the school year, a golf tournament to raise scholarship money for our current and future aggies. The tournament was held April 7th, and we had many golfers and non-golfers come out and support our Aggies by playing in the cold and rain, as well as contribute to the silent auction.

Milam County Aggie Moms also assist with the Muster held at a local venue in the county, 44-Farms. During this event the Moms provide a Fajita meal to the guest and have a live auction with baked goodies donated by our moms. This year we had a special item donated by the Cameron High School Ag Department, Texas A&M metal art piece. for the scholarship fund.

The 2017-2018 year was a great success for the Milam County Aggie current and future students, we could give out over \$12k to the local students as well as a donation to the Barbara Bush Library foundation.

NORTHEAST TARRANT

The Northeast Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club grew in membership this year and reported a total of 137 members! We held a Howdy Party in July to welcome new students and their families. The Aggie Yell Leaders attended and we hosted a student panel which was the highlight of the event.

We held one large and several smaller fundraisers. This was the second year that we held a Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction for our main fundraiser. It was well received and plans are already under way to grow the event next year. We also hosted some "give back" nights at Kendra Scott and Rally House.

We gave out 14 \$500 scholarships to students. This was the first year we gave out same amount scholarships. In the past the amount of the scholarships varied from \$1,500 to \$300 and this year we made the decision to grant as many scholarships as possible and made the decision that all scholarships would be \$500. We also gave \$200 to a student organization and \$1,000 to the Federation Mother's Club Library Foundation in memory of Barbara Bush.

We delivered over 100 Goody Bags both in the Fall and Spring. The home baked goodies we bring along seem to be the biggest hit with the students!

Our favorite social this year was Cookie Decorating. We asked a local baker to come and show us how to decorate beautiful cookies. We made footballs, Texas shaped and Aggie themed cookies that both looked great and tasted good! We have had many requests to offer it again!

We also enjoyed several informative programs. Topics included Tailgate Tips/Aggieland 101, Student Health Services, Texas A&M Career Center (our students joined us for this one since it was in January when they were still on break), Corp Commandant and MSC Student Programs. We also held our own Big Event and donated and pack boxes for soldiers in March. In December we had a catered dinner and ornament exchange to celebrate the holidays.

Something new that we started this year was a Newsletter each month. We would have notices about events, programs, socials, fundraisers, etc. and highlight a different Aggie Mom each month. It was nice to read the articles about our Aggie Moms and how each family became part of the Aggie family.

We also were able to get our Ring of Honor members together a few times this year. They participated in a Board and Brush event before the holidays and then a "Make Your Own Scrub" event in the spring. They already have a dinner planned for June to welcome the brand new Ring of Honor members. We hope to keep expanding this group of Aggie Moms.

One of our biggest highlights this year at meetings were our Chaplain and Traditions leaders. They both have wonderful personalities and their positions fit them perfectly. Our Chaplain was always on point and started each meeting in such a positive way and our Traditions leader was so enthusiastic about sharing traditions with us and many times had visual aids to help tell the story. I cannot express enough how opening and closing our meetings with these two Aggie Moms created such a warm and friendly atmosphere for all. When you have the right people in the right positions great things happen.

NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY

Club Name: Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms
2017-18 Club President: Stephanie Collums
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Navasota, TX 77868
Phone Number: 817-944-9004
Email Address: sdcollums@att.net
Number of Members: 232
Scholarships: 5 endowed scholarships for \$6,250
7 academic scholarships for \$8,750
Total scholarship giving \$15,000

Special Events: Club members helped the College of Education and Human Development with their back to school pizza party. We also hosted 3 summer mixers to meet new moms and invite them to join our Club. We also welcomed the Galveston Yell Leaders to our second meeting to conduct a yell practice for us. Our December meeting was a Christmas party and ornament exchange. For our February meeting we invited husbands to attend and hosted Paul and Merrill Bonariggo. They did a wine and chocolate pairing for our members.

Donations to A&M: Club members voted \$7,815.15 in donations to be dispersed to various clubs and organizations at Texas A&M.

Successful Fundraisers: Hullabaloo Huddle, China Luncheon, Round Top Collection Gallery Give Back events, Kendra Scott Give Back Night, and Boutique events.

Memorable Programs: This year we began two new club programs – Spirit of Service (SOS) and our Social committee. The SOS team partnered with Boys and Girls Country, Shirley Acres, Messiah Lutheran Preschool, Revived Glory Awards and Cy-Fair Helping Hands to provide for their needs. Each organization provided a list of items needed and these were included in our Club newsletter each month. Members brought donations to the meetings and the committee transported the items to the community partner. It was an awesome feeling to be able to help with community needs.

The social committee provided opportunities for our Club members to interact with one another outside of our general meetings. Some of the events included VINO Artino, an Old West Melodrama at Puffabelly's, Potter's Wheel and a Messina Hof tour and tasting.

PANOLA COUNTY

For the 2017-2018 year we had an average of 27 students and 21 mothers. Our fundraising efforts enabled us to award 8 scholarships totaling \$2,950.

Our new fundraiser for this year was a baked potato luncheon. It was a lot of work but a lot of fun!

We participated in our local community festival "Potlatch" and raffles a basket full of Aggie items. We enjoyed spending this time with our community.

For the 2018-2019 school year we anticipate 30 students and hopefully 30 mothers!!

Howdy Burger will be in August

PEARLAND

The Pearland Aggie Mothers' Club currently has 35 members which is a 25% increase in membership over last year.

The chapter will be awarding \$2,500 in scholarships. This will be the first year that the chapter will be awarding scholarships. The scholarship fund is supported by local businesses (Fish City, Painting with a Twist, Kendra Scott) that give back to the community by donating a percentage of their profits to the PAMC. A Mistletoe Market was also held to raise money.

The social events included making Aggie wreaths, attending Rustic Brush, making Goody Bags for Finals.

A donation was made to the Federation Endowment in Honor of Barbara Bush.

RANDOLPH AREA

The Randolph Area Aggie Mothers' Club has, once again, completed another successful year. We have grown our membership to 38 members now. We have given several \$75 donations to organizations of Texas A&M such as the Academic Success Center, Corp Band, Intramural Sports, and Traditions Council. We also offer several opportunities for scholarships through our fundraising efforts. Fundraisers this year included our annual Kick Off Raffle which includes hundreds of items both large and small donated from local businesses, Ben E Keith frozen pies are sold during the Thanksgiving season, our Campus Store sells our custom glassware and wood and jewelry crafts at our monthly meetings and of course we participated in the annual Boutique and Raffle during Parents Weekend. Proceeds from the above activities have enabled us to provide just over \$10,000 in scholarships to A&M students from the Randolph Area. Our scholarship opportunities include annual Fall and Spring scholarships as well as monthly scholarships. In addition to scholarships we also provide the transportation of Goodie Boxes to students during finals week. Boxes are sold to mothers who wish to participate. Boxes are distributed to moms who decorate them and the club organizes to fill, drive and deliver them to students. Finally, our Ring of Honor moms also gather a few times throughout the year to socialize through events such as lunches and group painting.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

The Rio Grande Valley Aggie Moms' Club started the 2017-18 fiscal year welcoming the first TAMU – McAllen students and their families to The Aggie Family network. The New Student Conference was held in July and RGV Aggie Moms were present at the two-day function. We helped with round table discussions and had an Aggie Moms' club presentation. Q &A sessions were done in both English and Spanish.

Our Howdy Party was held in early August in the mid-Valley town of Mercedes, Texas. Former student and "Med" High School principal Dr. Heater was a most gracious host in allowing us to use the cafetorium for our function. It was a well-received party where freshmen students and new parents had their questions answered by Valley Aggies that had just completed their first year at A&M.

Club membership was a total of eighty-seven members. Seventy-seven registered as active members, nine as associates, and one as a non-paying adopt-a-mom. Of the active

members, two were adopt-a-moms from Missouri. This was our first year as an Adopt-A-Mom club. One of our Missouri Aggie Moms attended the last home football game on Veterans Day and she also attended Family Weekend. Final exam goody bags were handed out at these two meetings for her Aggie son. The other Aggie Mom from Missouri happened to be in Texas one November weekend when a stepping stone workshop was being held. She made a one-day round trip from San Antonio to Edinburg and back so that she could make one of our "famous" stepping stones. She left The Valley after hand-picking grapefruit to take home to Missouri.

We returned to Family Weekend in April to sell our beautiful stepping stones, all hand-made by RGV Aggie Moms. We also sold mugs, frames and trailer hitch covers. While at Boutique we raffled a two-night stay for up to six persons at a condo on South Padre Island. We returned home and held our Sixth Annual RGV AMC Gig 'Em Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Our fundraising efforts allowed us to award fourteen, twelve hundred dollars scholarships and twelve, one hundred dollars donations to Aggie clubs and organizations. We also donated Corps Boot trailer hitch covers to the Corps of Cadets and we awarded ten, two hundred dollars scholarships as door prizes at our Howdy Party.

We did not attend the fall Federation meeting in August for fear of not being able to return home because of Hurricane Harvey. However, the winter and spring Federation meetings and our district meeting were attended by Valley Aggie Moms. Federation workshops were very helpful in explaining guidelines. To improve our club, Federation and club suggestions will be implemented next year.

ROCKWALL COUNTY

Howdy! We've had a great 2017-2018 year with our Aggie Mom club! We had over 30% increase in membership this year (63 members) and we were able to give \$10,500 in scholarships to our local Aggies! Our biggest fundraiser was our Casino Night which had almost 130 people in attendance! It was great to have involvement from so many more members and their families than we have in the past with our Boutique efforts, while raising a little more money with less effort as well. We still had our Parents' Weekend Raffle and sold pecans which help us raise money for our club. Our largest-attended event every year is our tailgate! We probably feed around 150 students and their friends and families and hope to continue that tradition!

We hope to continue growing the attendance in our club and at our Casino Night so we can do more for our Aggies in the future!

ROUND ROCK AREA

Number of Members: 81

Scholarships Given:

In May 2018, we awarded seven \$500 scholarships. The number of scholarships each May is dependent on the success of our fundraising through Silent Auction and sales at the Aggie Mom Boutique.

Donations to A&M:

Small donations to organizations that speak to our club at our monthly meetings. This year we also did a fundraiser and food drive to support 12th Can.

Special Events:

Annual Tailgate – We select one football game a year to have a free tailgate hosted for our students and their friends.

Annual Event and Silent Auction – An annual dinner for friend and families, to honor past presidents, entertainment and a silent auction fundraiser for scholarships for incoming freshman.

Memorable Programs – We have Traditions Council present each year which is a great educational opportunity for our members, particularly those that are not Aggies. This year, we also had the TAMU Police Department speak to our members. This program was well received.

SAN ANTONIO

All San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club General Meetings are held at Aggie Club Park located at 6205 West Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78213 ** Traditional the General Membership Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month (January –NO meeting) doors open at 6:00 p.m.(for membership resgistration, mingle, shopping at our boutique) the program starts at 6:30 p.m.(Pledge, prayer, dinner is served, then our guest speaker presents and club announcements) *** ALWAYS check the club website for any changes to dates/times

** our Ring of Honor Moms (ROH) not only support our club by volunteering wherever needed they also host several events throughout the year filled with fun and fellowship(see our website ROH Liaison)

The San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club currently has 222 members (which includes Ring of Honor Moms and Honorary Club Members and zero Adopted moms) Membership Cost is \$50 dollars

Our top three financial support for our club consist of Gala (being our biggest fundraiser drew over 200 guest), Boutique and Membership

Both Fall (Nov. and Spring (Apr.) Semesters our Club distribute 200 goody bags prior to finals for our Bexar County Aggies (with several of those bags taken to our Galveston kiddos the number varies and the majority taken to CS)

At our General Meetings we have drawings for door prizes and one monthly scholarship drawing of \$250 , our guest speakers vary each month check out our face book and website for updates

In May our incoming 2017-2018 San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club Executive Board assumed the duties ; in June we called our first Board Meeting and commenced our planning for our July Howdy Social

In July, we hosted our first daytime Howdy Ice Cream Social (changed from Howdy Night) and welcomed over 150 incoming Bexar County Freshman and Transfer Students TAMU CS & Galveston we had the Galveston Yell Leaders present, guest from both CS and Galveston Student Organizations, and various local, CS, and Galveston business sponsors present and some presenting Scholarships'

In August, we hosted our first General Meeting, were we welcomed Bexar County freshman/transfer/ and returning Aggie Moms'; attended Coaches Night at Valero hosted by SA Aggie Club

In September and October (attended the SA Student Prospective CTR Aggie Day SA , we host our General Meetings with guest speakers and had an amazing time

In November 12th Can from CS joined us for meeting and collecting lots of donations from our wonderful Aggie Moms; Assemble and Deliver Goody Bags (lots of moms bake homemade goodies the kiddos love !!)

In December we celebrated Aggie Moms of Dec grads, recognized former Presidents, and had a great holiday gift exchange

Jan. no meeting;

February we handed out nomination forms for 2018-2019 board, guest speaker

March we host our annual Gala (Boots and Bling) which is our largest Scholarship Fundraiser and we present the slate officers for next year board at our General Meeting; support the SA Women Club Fundraiser; support the Singing Cadets through Aggie Moms helping to host them when they're here in SA at Aggie Park for their Concert

April General Meeting; attended Parent Weekend where we had a boutique table and a Raffle Table (tickets \$5.00 each for drawing Apple Watch or Visa Gift Card \$500); attended our scholarship recipients dinner at CS; Assemble and Deliver Goody Bags (lots of moms bake homemade goodies the kiddos love!!; Commence turnover between incoming and outgoing boards

May we celebrated graduate Aggie Moms, installation of officers; recognized outgoing and incoming Executive Board; May 31st close and audit financial books; submitted Form C, D and additional Financial forms to Federation

Our \$25,000 endowment goal for this year was met at (\$17,000 we will work hard to completely fund it)

Our club donated (a total of \$800) to various organizations : Military (Corp) \$100; Spirit and Tradition \$400 and Student Government \$300

Our incoming President is Melissa Gonzalez, (210)831-4433; creativecounseling@yahoo.com

Our fiscal year ends May 31st and begins June 1st

*San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club are blessed to have had another great year. We have had many moms and dads use their many gifts and talents to make this year successful. We've seen our Aggies complete their first year and we've shared tears with those families of graduates. It's been a great journey thanks to all the Aggie Moms with hearts of "GOLD"

SANDSTORM

The Sandstorm Aggie Mom's Club in Odessa, TX meets once per month on the first Monday of each month from September through May, however we meet on the last Monday in August instead of on Labor Day. We meet to network with each other and support our Moms and their students. We try to find the families of new students to provide support to them since A&M is a long way from West Texas.

We start our year by hosting a summer social for the new A&M students and their families. Last June we had a hamburger cookout and swim party and around 40 people attended. We had plans to have a family dinner night in January but due to the way the local school calendar winter break fell this year many were out of town and we cancelled the event this year.

This year our chapter has 19 members, one mother has two students currently at A&M. We have already identified 4-5 high school seniors that will be attending A&M in the fall of 2018 and we hope to identify several more by May. All of these potential families will be invited to our social in May. We have to move the event to around graduation time because once the students graduate they are hard to get to a social due to New Student Conferences and Fish Camps taking up all the rest of the summer.

Twice a year we send out Goody Boxes to our students at Halloween & Valentine's Day, then our Fall & Spring finals are cards of encouragement filled with gift cards to local eating establishments around A&M so students can get something to eat when taking a break from studying for finals. It has been well received by the students and it saves the club a bunch of money on postage that can be put towards the amounts on the gift cards.

At the end of each semester we draw 2 names of students whose mother has been active with our Chapter to receive \$250 to spend for school needs: rent, books, food, auto expenses, etc. We also give a \$50 cash gift to each graduating senior upon graduation as a token from our club for their accomplishment.

Our annual fundraiser was a raffle of an autographed A&M soccer ball by the Coach & team, a Spa gift certificate, and a Rebecca Mincoff maroon leather purse. We have the drawing for the raffle at the February meeting. The proceeds allow us to make donations to various campus organizations that our students participate in and also our Scholar Dollars drawing at the end of each semester. Every spring we decide which Campus Organizations to support and we try to support any of the clubs of which members' students participate plus two organizations that benefit all the students at A&M – The Big Event and CARPOOL. In addition to these we will be donating to Theta Run, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, March on the Brazos Squadron 17, Project Sunshine, Mothers' Club Library Endowment to name a few.

We are a small chapter that is a long way from College Station but enjoy getting together to support our Aggies, share & explain tradition to new Aggie Moms about Texas A&M University. I have served as President of this club for 4 years, my daughter has now graduated with her BS in Marketing and MS in HR Management from Mays Business School,

so I am officially retiring from Aggie Moms and handing the reins over to one of our newer Moms who is excited to continue on our traditions.

Stephanie Latimer
President 2017-18

SHELBY COUNTY

Shelby County Aggie Moms currently has 24 members. During the 2017-18 year, our club gave out scholarships totaling \$19,250. We also donated \$100 to the CARPOOL organization at Texas A&M. Moms purchased gift cards for their students, and we sent them with encouraging notes to all our Aggies during the Fall semester. Moms also bought lots of goodies and treats, and we made goodie bags for our Aggies that were delivered during the Spring semester. Our Aggie fundraiser was held on October 14, 2017. It was a fun-filled night of food, live auction, and raffles. Our Aggie Moms and Aggie Students worked the event. We had a very busy, but successful, year!

TYLER

The Tyler Aggie Moms Club welcomes members from the Tyler area, including many smaller towns near us. We were blessed to have 2 adopted moms - one from Wisconsin and one from Pennsylvania. Our average attendance for our general meetings was between 20 - 30. Our club consists of 103 members, 3 Life Members, 2 Honorary Members and 4 Associate members.

Our Howdy event in the summer of 2017 featured Ian Moss and Conner Joseph, 2 of the 2017-18 Yell Leaders. We welcomed 19 new fish students and their moms. This event had over 100 in attendance and we had a great time! We gave the students a clear back pack and sent them moms home with a 12th Mom towel.

We enjoyed programs with Andy Duffie of The Century Tree Project (throughout the year we were able to "sell" 14 seedlings for Andy!), Dee Murph & Kristie Hosea with TAMU Police Department for a self defense class, and a lesson on how to play 42. We also hosted a Grub Gives Back night at our local Grub Burger and kicked off the year with a welcome back ice cream social where we tried to unlock the mysteries of Aggieland and answered many questions from new moms.

We had a very successful Scholarship Dinner and Silent Auction held at our local country club in March. Congressman Louie Gohmert '72 was our guest speaker who shared with us the values he learned as a Cadet at A&M have followed him throughout his career. We had silent auction items donated from the community and our members that valued \$7400. We invited community members and were fortunate to have the Association of Former Students assist us with getting the information out to Aggies in our area. During our event, we honored Mrs. Kathy Gohmert as our newest Honorary Aggie Mom.

While we opted not to participate in Boutique this year, we did have a raffle table. Our raffle was a gift card raffle to area restaurants and businesses that could decorate your Aggie's apartment or dorm room. It was very successful for us! We also have a fall raffle with a choice of a t-shirt quilt or lap quilt. Members donate old Aggie shirts and one of our generous members puts the finishing touch on them to make a quilt. The lap quilt was made of Aggie

fabric and donated by a friend of one of our members. The raffle drawing is always the highlight of our Christmas dinner party.

Our club's tradition is to give 6 campus organizations \$50 each year. This year our six organizations were: TAMU BUILD; TAMU Teach; The Aggie Anglers Fishing Club; Ratio Christi; Carpool; and The Federation Library Endowment in memory of Barbara Bush.

We had 30 wonderful applicants for our scholarship. Because of the success of our fundraisers, we will be able to provide them with \$500 each.

Our final event is always held in May and is our Installation Dinner. This year we celebrated the success of our club and look forward to another great year as Aggie Moms!

WACO-McLENNAN COUNTY

We began the 2017-2018 year with great membership drive beginning at our annual Howdy Party that was held in June at the Cameron Park Zoo. Here we awarded 12 scholarships, heard from the Yell Leaders and had a great meal. In attendance were over 125 people. Upon the completion of the membership drive we had a total membership of 97 members.

We had speakers for each of the monthly meetings to inform us of various activities that are ongoing through the year as well as some speakers that spoke to time specific events such as Muster. Some of the speakers that we had were Traditions Council, Muster Committee, 12th Can and Andy Duffie. All of which presented very informative speeches. For the meeting in which 12th Can spoke, we requested that the moms bring foods that were listed on the web site as high demand items, this meeting was very well attended and we gladly helped load the trunk of the speaker's car full of donated foods, additionally the club voted to donate monetarily to the organization as well.

We handed out a record amount of exam packs for both Fall and Spring semesters, being 100 and 91 respectively. This is a tremendous accomplishment as in the past we have been sending between 70-80. We did not raise the cost of our bags and made sure to let the moms know that these were NOT a fundraiser and simply a breakeven even, this revived interest as we do a lot of talking about fundraisers, they were happy to learn that we also do things that are not related to raising money. Taking the exam packs down and delivering them is great fun, not to mention taking their pictures.

For our special events, in addition to the howdy party we held a Membership Banquet and silent auction in September and had a Moms Only night at the local Painting With A Twist.

One thing that we started this year and was of benefit two fold is we started doing the dining give back nights around town. Once a month we coordinated with local restaurants to do fundraisers there in which a portion of the meal cost would come back to the club for scholarship funds. We were able to bring our family and friends, these were not a moms only and it gave us all the opportunity to meet many of the dads, some grand parents and friends all while the club was able to earn enough to supply a scholarship and all while simply eating dinner. This was a neat fundraiser that we hope will continue, it let us meet outside of meetings and enjoy getting to know one another.

We also sold pies for a fundraiser, this one was very successful. We have a member who works in a local cafeteria and is able to order restaurant quality pies at a deeply discounted price. We were able to sell these pies and all of the profit went.

Our last meeting of the year we voted in the new officers and also voted to make donations to Fish Camp for a scholarship and to Aggie Transition Camp also for a scholarship.

Overall 2017-2018 was a successful year and we hope to continue to grow in size and increasing support for each other and our students.

WALKER COUNTY

Members - 45
Donations - \$545/12th Can, CARPOOL, Career Closet, Aggie Band Building Fund, Traditions Council, Med-Life,
Aggie Moms' Library Endowment, Aggie Sisters for Christ, Veteran Resource & Support Center
Scholarships Giving - 4/\$2000.00
Successful Fund Raisers - Boutique
Special Events - Howdy Party 8/2017; Christmas Party/Ornament Exchange 12/2017; Board & Brush Social 5/2018
Memorable - Finals Bags Delivery (Fall/2017 & Spring/2018)

WILSON COUNTY

Wilson County Aggie Moms Club has 17 members, 8 associate members and 1 Adopt a Mom member from Karnes County. We are a small group but for the first time in many years, we had enough members to work our raffle table without having to double up on shifts. We were able to secure donations for our raffle items, except for the fire pit, which we purchased with our own funds. We also had a Kendra Scott Trunk Show back in the December with 20% of the proceeds coming to our club. We have a birthday committee, a raffle committee and a goodie bag committee. We do fall and spring finals goodie bags for our Aggies and get together every May to celebrate the end of the year. All Aggies are welcome at this gathering.

We didn't make any donations to A&M.

WISE COUNTY

Howdy!

Our club began the year with 17 members, an increase of 133.3%! Whoop

Our 3 fundraisers brought in a total of \$3291.43.

In October, a gun raffle raised \$1773; November bake sale raised \$725; and in April, we held another bake sale that raised \$793.43.

In December, we hosted a Christmas party where several students enjoyed a Chinese gift exchange, along with getting to know each other better.

This year, we have 3 seniors. To honor them, we donated to *The Association of Former Students* in their name. We also asked each senior to choose an organization that they would like to donate to.

Donations to A&M were in the amount of \$375.00

Christian Healthcare Leaders

Project Sunshine

Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Association of Former Students

Scholarships were given to 7 students in the amount of \$2800.00