



Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs
Fall General Meeting
August 25, 2018
MSC Gates Ballroom
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX

The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs Fall General Meeting was called to order by President Peggy Nolan at 8:42 am. President Nolan welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

The invocation was given by President-Elect Cathleen Inman.

The Posting of Colors was done by the Corps of Cadets Color Guard. Second VP Programs Tamra Walker led the US and Texas State pledges.

President Nolan recognized the Faculty, Administrators, Guests and Former Federation Presidents. Those present were: Mr. Michael K. Young, President; Mr. John Sharp, Chancellor; Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Sr., Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Luke Altendorf, Director of MSC; Mr. Billy Bielamowicz, Director of University Special Events; Dr. Carol Binzer, Director, Residence Life & Housing; Mr. James Ford, Associate Director of Recreational Sports; Dr. Nancy Fahrenwald, Dean, College of Nursing; Dr. Cynthia Hernandez, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Martha Dannenbaum, Director of Student Health Services; Ann Goodman, Associate Director of Extended Orientation, Student Organization Development and Administrator of Fraternity & Sorority Life; Dr. Kristie Orr, Director of Disability Services; Mr. Michael O'Quinn, Vice President for Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives; Ms. Bria Perkins, President of the Residential Housing Association; Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life; Erica Ritter, Director of the Becky Gates Children Center; Tracy Bush, Administrative Associate V for the Department of Information Technology; David Sweeney, Director, Division of Student Affairs Information Technology Support; Mr. Tom Reber, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs; Col. Jerry Smith, Director of Veteran Resource and Support Center; Mr. Steven Senkel, Associate Director, University Center Hospitality and Special Events; Dr. C.J. Woods, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Tim Lomax, SWUTC Associate Director of Transportation Research at Texas A&M University; Connie Langellier, Associate Director of Student Counseling Services; Sheri Chambers, Academic Advisor; Michael Jaillet, TAMU IFC President; Alyssa Seivert, Health Communications & Marketing Manager of Student Health Services; Megan Pulliam, Assistant Director of Development for Texas A&M Foundation; Adelle Hedleston, Manager of Development of Texas A&M University Libraries; Valentina Tovar '19, Executive Vice President of the Student Body; Libby Daggers, New Student and Family Programs; and Taylor Welch, MSC President.

Former Federation Presidents present were: Patsy Armbruster, 1992-93; Diane Gray, 2001-02; Sue Anderson, 2002-03; Kathy Steffen, 2007-08; Melinda Weiblen, 2011-12; Dawn Powell, 2012-13; Jeanne Harrell, 2013-14; Linda Schmidt, 2014-15; Troie Burch, 2015-16; Sharon Johnson, 2016-17; and Carolyn Phelan, 2017-18.

President Nolan called up Fourth VP Reports Cindy DeWitt to introduce Dean Mark A. Welsh, III. General Mark Welsh, III, Dean of Bush School of Government and Public Service, accepted the Resolution honoring Mrs. George H. W. Bush as honorary Aggie Mom on behalf of the Bush family. Fourth VP Reports DeWitt read the proclamation and presented it to Dean Welsh. He then said he would be sharing this honor with President Bush. Dean Welsh shared personal stories of the Bush family that gave us an inside look at the relationship of President and Mrs. Bush and the beautiful person she was to all who met her.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced the Yell Leaders, and they led us in the traditional yells so famous at the University.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Chancellor John Sharp. He announced that Texas A&M University is partnering with the University of California System and a research and development organization and have been awarded a contract to manage and operate Los Alamos National Laboratory. The five-year contract has been given to a limited liability company called Triad National Security, which consists of A&M, the University of California System and Battelle Memorial Institute, a research and development organization. He let us know that the new Campus Hotel and Conference Center didn't cost the University anything. He encourages us to stay at this new facility. Rates are comparable to other area hotels. Chancellor Sharp educated us on the Rellis Campus and is proud of this innovative education opportunity.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Mr. Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University. His talk centered on the plans of enhancing the educational experience of the students of Texas A&M. There are many plans in the works to move the campus forward in innovation and upgrading buildings, building new facilities and introducing new concepts in research and engineering. It was very informative.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs. He gave us a Title IX Update. Dr. Pugh talked about the Texas A&M Student Success Goals. A strong student initiative is attendance at Fish Camp. He also informed us that if a student can't afford to attend fish camp, there are scholarship opportunities for those students. He talked of the Fearless Leaders Campaign which introduced a PSA entitled *My Aggie Story*. We are the first group of people to view these video shorts. These videos are a way to highlight influential students at Texas A&M. The video ends with the question – "What is your Aggie story?" The plans are to run these videos on social media platforms to encourage involvement and service to others.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Valentina Tovar '19, Executive Vice President of the Student Body and a Political Science Major. She talked of her summer in Washington, DC where she participated in the Public Policy Internship Program. She appreciated this opportunity to share her Aggie story.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Adelle Hedleston '88 from the University Libraries. Adelle gave us an update of the library endowment funded by the Aggie Moms. As of July 2018, we have collected \$450,789 and we need to raise \$49,211 to finish our endowment commitment of \$500,000. The endowment was begun in 1991. The Comal County Aggie Moms' Club has given a total donation of \$13,000 over the past 2 years for the library endowment fund. This endowment provides about \$23,000 a year for the libraries to use. They have purchased equipment, furniture, and \$10,000 is spent each year on purchasing textbooks for the textbook collections to be used by the students who can't afford to purchase their own textbooks. The

textbooks can be checked out for a couple of hours but are primarily used in house and especially for study purposes. These funds have helped provide money to finance outreach programs and to purchase various resources needed in the libraries. Libraries are an essential part of university life. The campus libraries have 4.4 million physical visits per year and 2.5 million website visits. We are the top ranked library in the SEC. They have saved some of the endowment money and will be expanding the studio lab that has been used extensively. The expansion includes more rooms to be able to make their own podcasts and videos. There will also be a place to edit your videos. Adelle thanked the Aggie Moms for this endowment as they expand their studio and provide new technology resources.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Mr. Andy Duffie '78 from the Century Tree Project. Andy Duffie reported that the sale of his trees has built his endowment to \$150,000 which fund scholarships. Information can be found at www.aggiecenturytreeproject.com He supports Aggie Moms with a profit share program where for each tree purchased he will give your club \$20. He saluted two of our Aggie Moms' Clubs for the continued support of this project – Deep East Texas and Tyler. He is available to speak at your clubs and has a power point presentation on the development of this project. The Deep East Texas Aggie Moms' Club invited him, as an outside vendor, to be a part of their booth where he sold trees.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Dr. Tim Lomax '79 and Madison Metsker-Galarza '16 from the Texas Transportation Institute. They addressed the traffic issues that will be happening during game days specifically the game this week that will take place on a regular class day. We have to be flexible and patient. They are diligently working towards a plan that will keep traffic flowing. It takes all of us to make this work.

Second VP Programs Walker introduced Chief Mike Ragan and Officer Dee Donovan-Murph both of the University Police Department. Chief Ragan gave us an overview of the University Police Department and the services provided. He emphasized that extensive training is done for the officers and is proud of his crew. He reminded us that policing the University is like policing a city as the campus is large with many students. The Texas A&M University Police Department is an accredited agency with The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Higher standards are met to receive this recognition. With the addition of the Rellis Campus, their responsibilities are getting larger and this will require having their officers to monitor a larger area of property. Chief Ragan thanked the Corps of Cadets for their escort service and the CARPOOL (Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives) program which works diligently to protect our students by providing safe and non-judgmental rides free of charge. Officer Donovan-Murph addressed the community outreach that is conducted by the University Police which includes personal safety classes with emphasis on self-defense offered to students at no cost. They also sponsor National Night Out in October. They talk to businesses and clubs for free to teach community members safety tips and to be prepared for dangerous situations that have unfortunately become a part of our daily lives. They are ready to serve and to help us feel safe in our communities.

President Nolan thanked all of the speakers and the Color Guard for giving their time to be with us today.

The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs Fall General Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Artman

2018-2019 Recording Secretary
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