Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs Spring Newsletter



From the President, Cathleen Inman '88

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Howdy Sisters ----

As our 2019-2020 year of Service & Sisterhood winds down, please allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude for our Aggie Mom Sisterhood. I am blessed beyond measure to have served as your Federation President and to have led a group of truly remarkable women on the Federation Board this year. My favorite part has been connecting with so many of you. It has truly been an inspiration to watch Aggie Moms strive together to achieve a greater good!

I dedicated my year to the Veteran Resource & Support Center because of my appreciation for all those who serve our country. Service comes in many forms, and a desire for the common good binds us all together. It is my greatest hope that you will continue to serve your Aggie Moms sisters, the Aggie family and your communities in the years to come.

The Federation accomplished many important firsts this year, including the use of technology for outreach and to train our clubs. We now have the ability to train any time and any place and reach clubs far from College Station and even out of state. We conducted a Leadership Series which covered Club Operations, a Townhall with club presidents, and we're also using this technology to hold our district meetings due to social distancing. Our finances are now in the cloud, we revamped our club charter process, and we have strengthened our position to better meet challenges going forward.

Federation Spring Weekend will look much different this year than in years past because of restrictions related to the Coronavirus. However the show must go on! #BTHOCoronavirus!

Our **Spring Business Meeting** will be held **via Zoom** on **April 16th at 7:00 PM.** The Zoom meeting will open at **6:30 PM** to **assist anyone with logging on.** On a positive note, this will allow many Aggie Moms who normally couldn't travel to College Station for Spring Weekend to be able to attend our Spring Business meeting which is exciting! I invite ALL of you to join us for the Spring Federation Business Meeting, election of the 2020-2021 Officers, and additional Federation business.

In related news.... We are very excited to announce Aggie Mom Boutique is going virtual! It will be a **separate FB group** and we hope you'll invite all your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and anyone else you can think of to the group to buy Aggie Mom goods and support our clubs once we're up and running. More details coming soon!

Finally, we have everything we need to meet the challenges we now face and those yet to come. We are united in a common purpose, in a sense of solidarity and we have the unstoppable Aggie Mom spirit! We are in this together.

God bless you and God bless the United States of America.

'Help one another' is part of the religion of sisterhood."

- Louisa May Alcott

Gig'em! Cathleen





Supporting those who have supported us...

The next couple of months will certainly provide us with many opportunities to make a difference in our communities by doing what we can to help those impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage you to think about those businesses that have so willingly stepped up to support the mission of Aggie Moms.

In light of these unique circumstances, for this one time only, we would like to list the websites of our Corporate Donors. We hope that when you have a need for a product or service, you will consider supporting these businesses and organizations. We are so grateful for their support!

Aggie Athletics and Special Events	https://12thman.com/
Division of Student Affairs	https://studentaffairs.tamu.edu/
Association of Former Students	https://www.aggienetwork.com/
Aggieland Outfitters	https://www.aggielandoutfitters.com/
The Barracks Townhomes	http://barrackstownhomes.com/
Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center	https://www.texasamhotelcc.com/
Aggieland Credit Union	https://www.gtfcu.org/
City of College Station	https://www.cstx.gov/
Messina Hof Wineries	http://www.messinahof.com/
Texas A&M Foundation	https://www.txamfoundation.com/
Park West	https://parkwestlife.com/
Relentless Designs, LLC	https://relentlessdesign.com/
A&B Sales & Embroidery	https://www.etsy.com/shop/aggiesandbows
BGood Grainola	https://www.bgood.co/



Nominating Committee Recommends Slate of Nominees for 2020-2021

The Federation Nominating Committee met in College Station on Saturday, March 6, 2020 at the Ramada Inn to develop the slate of nominees for the coming year.

The Nominating Committee members are:

Peggy Nolan – Dallas County (Nominating Committee Chair)

Clair Balliett—Deep East Texas

Lynda Jackson–Comal County

Nancy Skokan-El Paso

Alma Tovias-Pasadena

President	Diane Eckols	Fort Bend County
VP at Large	Cathleen Inman	Blanco County
President – Elect	Katie Latham	Tyler
1st VP Membership	Johnna Lenamon	Pearland
2 nd VP Programs	Melissa Martinez	Randolph Area
3 rd VP Registration	Cindy DeWitt	Brazos County
4 th VP Reports	Connie Pritchard	NW Harris County
5 th VP Boutique	Alice Artman	Brazoria County
6 th VP Districts	Tamra Walker	Coppell
7 th VP Directory	Karen Hunter	Dallas County
Recording Secretary	Melissa Johnson	Houston
Treasurer	Mechelle Fisher	Galveston County

The committee has proposed the following Slate of Nominees for 2020-2021:

Officer elections will be held Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 PM via virtual conference with Zoom. An email has been sent out to all member clubs and Former Federation Presidents with instructions on how to attend. The Nominating Committee will present this proposed slate at that time. There were 15 applications for 10 positions and the committee had a formidable task with so many qualified applicants. We hope that the membership has faith in the work of the nominating committee and will vote for the slate that was put forward by the committee.

Due to the restrictions currently in place, Voting Delegates will be submitted by Club Presidents online. An email has gone out to Club Presidents with this information, however if you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Alice Artman at 3rdvpregistration@aggienetwork.com for assistance.

From 1st VP–Membership, Mechelle Fisher

April 2020





Howdy Aggie Moms!

What an AWESOME year of "Service and Sisterhood"...I hope your club has experienced this in 2019-2020 and continues to build on this theme for years to come! I have had a great time getting to know so many of you this year and I look forward to serving with you in the future.

This year we have continued to work hard to help our clubs with their membership through the "sisterhood" model. The Federation has put in place and continues to improve many programs that your club should continue to utilize and/or take the time to become more familiar with moving into a new club year. If your clubs

Membership Chair/Officer for 2020-2021 isn't already familiar with these programs, please make sure they take the time to understand these invaluable membership resources:

Aggie Mom Events Calendar: If your activities are not here <u>https://www.aggienetwork.com/aggie-moms-howdy-party/</u> you are missing free advertising for your club! This site was set up by the Association of Former Students and all your club needs to do is add its meetings, howdy parties, fundraisers and other socials. If your club hasn't already signed up, the directions are here: <u>https://www.aggienetwork.com/media/guides/club%</u> <u>20resources/tx.ag.aggiemomseventshowto.pdf</u>. There was also a video produced to help walk your club through this process and it can be accessed here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psMOqdY-z1U</u>.

The map is promoted on the "Aggie Mom Postcard" (which is paid for by The Federation to support all clubs) that is mailed to the home address of every student who accepts their offer to attend Texas A&M. Be sure to have all the events you have scheduled up and ready before you break for the summer as the Postcards are typically mailed in May and new moms will be checking this summer. You can continue to update the map as your year progresses and you schedule events, so don't forget to make sure and become familiar with how this resource can help your club!

Interest Forms from New Student Conferences: The Aggie Mom Video, interest forms and the map of clubs will be promoted at all summer New Student Conferences at both the College Station and Galveston Campuses. In addition, throughout the year, they will also be promoted at all home football games, January New Student Conferences and Boutique. Completed Interest Forms are forwarded to each club as they are received so be sure you have your procedure in place to contact those interested moms throughout the year. <u>The best time to follow-up is as soon as they make the request!</u>

EIS (Enterprise Information System) Student List: You can pull lists of students in your area by making a request at <u>https://aggiemoms.org/eislistprogram/</u>. REMEMBER: lists can be pulled more than once during the year so you can reach moms who didn't become members this past year as well as start working on new membership for the upcoming year!

I look forward to seeing those of you attending the upcoming Spring Business Meetings online via Zoom. Make sure your clubs incoming Membership Chair/Officer comes armed with any questions that can help get your club's year started in a successful way. As always, if you need anything, please feel free to reach out to us.

Mechelle R. Fisher 1st VP Membership Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs <u>1stvpmembership@aggienetwork.com</u> 830.285.3932

Gig'em! Mechelle

From 2nd VP–Programs, Lisa Schubert McMillan '84

April 2020

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Howdy Moms!

It has been an honor and blessing to serve as your 2019-2020 Federation 2nd VP Programs. I hope you had the opportunity to attend one or more of our Federation Meetings this year. Many thanks to Chancellor John Sharp, President Michael Young, Vice President Daniel Pugh, and the many other University officials, student leaders, and special guests who have attended, spoke or performed at our meetings this year. And kudos to all the Federation Board members and Aggie Moms who have made our meetings run smoothly, from Registration and Hospitality to Workshops and many more – you all rock!

Though COVID-19 will keep us from holding our 2020 Spring Meeting and Boutique in person, I hope you will join in our special Zoom Spring Business Meeting via your computer or smart phone, and shop the virtual Boutique when it goes online. Aggie Moms are resilient and we will always find a way to carry on the business of our organization, while continuing to support our Aggie students, moms and families. BTHO Coronavirus!

Remember, the annual Fall, Winter and Spring Federation Meetings are a great way to learn what's happening at Texas A&M directly from our University leaders, to gain important information to help run your clubs, and to meet wonderful Aggie moms from around the state and nation. So once this pandemic is over and you are itching to get out of the house, plan to attend the Fall Meeting and Workshops in August 2020!

Gig'em! Lisa

From 3rd VP-Registration, Alice Artman



Howdy! From Alice Artman - 2019-2020 3rd VP Registration

My year serving as 3rd VP Registration is coming to a close quickly. I attended my home District 6 meeting held at Pappas Delta Blues Smokehouse in Webster on Saturday, January 11th. Thank you Connie Fletcher Pritchard '81, 6th VP Districts for presenting great information to our group. We laughed, shared ideas that worked for our own home clubs, and we had delicious food to eat. It was fun to see Aggie Moms we haven't seen in awhile and to make new friends in our Aggie Mom world. It was a successful District meeting. Unfortunately we weren't able to have a District 7 meeting due to late scheduling. However, as District 7 Liaison I communicated to them regularly and kept District 7 informed of our Aggie Mom business.

We are living in different times these days. Unfortunately, TAMU Family Weekend won't happen this year but we look forward to next year. We have to cope with our nation's current crisis with optimism and hope. As Aggie Moms, we know that our personal homes run with us at the front line. It's up to us to keep the peace and calmness in our families. As women we can adapt and take on this challenge. I hope you have a wonderful Easter and I look forward to not just shaking your hand once again but also giving big hugs! Take care and I will keep all of you in my prayers. God Bless.

Gig'em! Alice

From 4th VP–Reports, Suzan York '86

April 2020





Attention: Club Presidents, Treasurers and Scholarship Chairs!

FORMS D, E, and G are DUE MAY 31st

These include your <u>President's Report</u> and <u>Scholarships &</u> <u>Club Contributions</u> Information

Howdy, Aggie Moms!

As our 2019-2020 club year-end draws to a close, **Federation Forms D, E and G** need to be completed and submitted by May 31, 2020.

Club Presidents, now is your opportunity to tell the Aggie Mom world all about your Club's year using **Form D**. This is the place to share information on your current membership numbers, special programs/events held, funds raised and donated for scholarships and student organizations, service projects, and anything else your Club has done. All Aggie Brags welcome! **Form D** is due **May 31st**, and should be sent **electronically** to <u>4thvpreports@aggienetwork.com</u> as a **WORD DOCUMENT**.

Also due May 31st are **Form E**, which reports your Club's **Donations** to TAMU Student Organizations, and **Form G**, which reports your Club's **Scholarship Awards**. **Even if your Club did not make any dona-tions or award any scholarships, please submit Forms E and G so we have one for every Club.**

You will find **Forms D, E and G**, their instructions, and all Federation forms on the Federation website at <u>https://aggiemoms.org/forms/</u>. **Please be sure to read the instructions for each form prior to completing and submitting.**

I would like to give a big Aggie Mom Brag to our Clubs for having a combined overall submission rate of 86% for the 2018-2019 Forms D, E and G, but, especially, for the 92% and 95% submission rates for Forms E and G. Whoop!! Let's see if we can top those numbers for 2019-2020 form submissions!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at <u>4thvpreports@aggienetwork.com</u>.

Let me take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your 4th VP-Reports for 2019-2020. I've enjoyed this experience, learned a lot and made some great memories and Aggie Mom friends along the way.

Thanks and Gig 'Em! Suzan York '86 4th VP - Reports 214-236-6434

Gig'em! Suzan

From 5th VP–Reports, Katie McMordie Latham '80

April 2020



VIRTUAL



Aggie Mom ^ Bourtique 2020

Coming to you on Facebook!

Aloha! I am sure by now you've heard that Aggie Mom Boutique has risen to the challenge and is now Aggie Mom Virtual Boutique!

First, I would like to thank all the participating clubs for submitting Form F in a timely manner using our new electronic format. Registration and payment went successfully, and we have a tested system in place for next year. The silver lining in this storm is that you will all be receiving a refund of your Boutique fees shortly.

All clubs registered will be invited to post to our Virtual Boutique that will be on a **new** Facebook Page, not the existing Federation Page. We will also invite our other Federation Clubs that may not have planned on participating in Boutique as well. Sadly, there will not be any Raffles allowed as the State of Texas does not allow tickets to be sold statewide for a raffle (which includes the internet).

We have been working out all the details for you so that we can provide the VERY BEST platform for all clubs to have a successful Boutique this year.

Shortly I will send out an email with your 2020 Virtual Boutique Packet. Here's some additional information:

- The details and guidelines for you to follow will be explained in full and we will be in contact to make sure that everyone understands the process before we send out the invitations and go live.
- Boutique Rules still apply if you are hosting an Outside Vendor. ALL item must be sold by the Club.
- Please make sure that you begin taking high quality pictures of your signature items for us to use.
- This is going to be fun and the best part is people will be able to shop any time of the day or night and for up to 30 days!

Let's get this Party Started! Please contact me if you have any questions!

Katie Latham, 5th VP Boutique 5thVPBoutique@AggieNetwork.com 214-726-2733

Gig'em! Katie

From 6th VP–Districts, Connie Fletcher Pritchard '81

April 2020

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HOWDY AGGIE MOMS!

I have really enjoyed traveling around the "GREAT STATE OF TEXAS" meeting with each of your clubs to host the District Meetings. To date I have visited 9 cities to meet some of the most amazing Aggie Moms.

Due to social distancing the rest of the District meetings will be conducted via Zoom, including several clubs that are out of state or were unable to make a District Meeting. I am a little over halfway through my travels and

will finish up strong with Zoom meetings! It has been a wonderful experience to meet all of you to share ideas and collaborate on how to make your clubs thrive.

It has been an honor to serve as 6th VP- Districts and I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me while I was traveling and visiting your Districts. All of you that I have met are forever in my heart, and I look forward to seeing you again at the Federation Meetings/Events and upcoming Family Weekend in April. We are blessed to be Aggie Moms and I will always cherish the friendships of our "Sisterhood" that I have made along the way!

District 11



From 7th VP–Directory, Colleen Holmes '76

April 2020



Howdy!

It has been a pleasure to work with everyone to create this record of the 2019-2020 Mothers' Clubs and their officers.

Working with my fellow "Sisters" and serving our University and students reminds me that as a TEAM, we continue to create beautiful memories for all Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs and the Federation as a whole.

Have a "WHOOP" of a year and Gig'em Ags!

Gig'em! Colleen

From the Historian, Roxanne Forrest



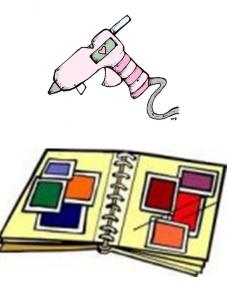
I am so excited to get started documenting all of Cathleen's Presidential memories. Please send photos of Cathleen to me that you think she would like in her scrapbook so I can get started!

Please label your photos with date (at least month) and event. You can email to me at historian@aggienetwork.com or send them by mail to me at

Roxanne Forrest, 147 Village Path Castroville, TX 78009 (210) 445-6365 Historian 2019-2020

Gig'em! Roxanne





From the Treasurer-Tamra Nelson Walker '89

April 2020



A TALK WITH THE TREASURER





Howdy Moms!

You all did a wonderful job of submitting your Form B's. Thank you so very much for getting them in on time. I will continue to work with a few Clubs on these to get us to 100%. Form B's have been very enlightening. They help us see Clubs that are growing. Did you know that 50% of our Clubs have 50 or FEWER members? These numbers help our Board plan programs and they help us understand the needs of all of our Clubs. The Archive Fees go to help us preserve our records for historical information and every Club helps share that cost. With 108 Clubs, this is a big job to collect and analyze this information, so THANK YOU for your support this year!

Next up is our required FORM Y! FORM Y CONCERNS FEDERAL AND STATE TAX COMPLIANCE.

This form is due no later than May 31, 2020.

Please mail those to me at:

Tamra Walker '89 – Federation Treasurer

PO Box 661

Coppell, TX 75019

If you have a question or need assistance, please email me at <u>treasurer@aggienetwork.com</u> or text me at 214-850-4473. I look forward to finishing this year strong with you!

Thanks, and Gig'em!

Tamra Nelson Walker '89

2019-2020 Federation Treasurer and District 3 Liaison

Gig'em! Tamra

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In the Spotlight...



HOWDY Moms,

THANK YOU for all of the support that you continue to provide to all of our students (especially our student veterans and their families) during this challenging time. *Together, we will rely on our Aggie Core Values to support each other and BTHO COVID-19!*

As of March 24th, all of the Veteran Resource & Support Center (VRSC) Staff are working remotely to continue providing resources and services to our nearly 1,300 veterans and 2,700 other military-affiliated students. We are truly blessed to have such a professional staff who are dedicated to selflessly serving those who have served. The staff's leadership and positive mindset will ensure that VRSC programs and services continue to create significant impact on student veteran success. *Please understand that our ability to continue the mission in this manner WOULD NOT be possible without our fantastic Aggie Community of Support...and in this community, Aggie Moms set the example!*

As we look to the future, I believe that the current crisis will create new opticipate a significant increase in future student veteran enrollment. As we

portunities at Texas A&M. I anticipate a significant increase in future student veteran enrollment. As we emerge victorious in the "war" against the Coronavirus, I believe that veteran enrollment will repeat the surge that we witnessed in Aggieland after World War II. I also know that our current student veterans are ideally prepared to meet and beat adversity. With our help, these patriots will graduate, depart our campus, and become leaders in our great state, nation and world! *Most importantly, I know that our Aggie Community of Support and our great Aggie Moms will be ready to help the VRSC maximize these future opportunities when the time for action arrives!*

This "dedication year" will be a historic year for the VRSC. Together, we will have changed the course of veteran support on the largest campus in America. THANK YOU for all that the Aggie Moms have done and continue to do. *Your contributions to our student veterans is a remarkable testament to the true Spirit of Aggieland!*

Stay Healthy, God Bless & Gig'em,

Colonel Gerald "Jerry" Smith '82, USMC (Ret.) | Director Office of Veteran Services | Texas A&M University System Veteran Resource & Support Center | Division of Student Affairs | Texas A&M University 1251 TAMU, Suite L110 Memorial Student Center | College Station, TX 77843-1251 ph: 979.845.3161 | mobile: 979.422.3556 | | | Serve Well Those Who Have Served!



From Recording Secretary–Jann Rabon

April 2020





Howdy! I am Jann Rabon, 2019-2020 Recording Secretary

My year serving on the board as Recording Secretary is coming to a close. I cannot believe a year has passed so quickly. I have enjoyed my time on the Federation Board.

I joined my local Aggie Moms' club to meet more people and I have expanded that network as a board member. I have learned a lot being a part of the Federation Board and spent some fun times with new friends. As a liaison, I have gotten to meet many of the District 8 club members. At our district meeting on February 29th I learned so much more about each club in my area. My email address is recsec@aggienetwork.com



From Corresponding Secretary—Tricia Hartmann



Howdy Moms!

It's so hard to believe that our year of service is coming to a close. I have truly enjoyed my time as 2019-2020 Corresponding Secretary. I've learned a great deal about the Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs as I've worked alongside some of the sweetest Aggie Moms you'd ever want to meet! Each of them is dedicated to enriching the lives of our Aggies and their families.

A few upcoming things to keep in mind...our Boutique and Spring Meeting are online this year because of current restrictions due to Coronavirus. Our Board has been working very hard to prepare for these online offerings, and more information is forthcoming, so stay tuned. The Spring Business Meeting is very important as we vote to slate our new Federation Board. I am looking forward to presenting our outgoing President Cathleen Inman with the beautiful keepsake quilt that will document her year of service as our Federation President. So many hands have had a part in the planning and preparation of this quilt, and we couldn't have done it without each Club who sent in squares, and thank you so much. Whoop, take care, and God Bless!!

Gig'em! Tricia

From the Parliamentarian—Daniela Knight '87

April 2020



PRUDENCE FROM YOUR PARLIAMENTARIAN



Meetings don't have to be endless to be eternal.

James E. Faust

Howdy from your Parliamentarian!

I can hardly believe that my term as Federation Parliamentarian is almost over. It has been so great to make new friends and learn new information.

Thank you to all the clubs who sent in their updated Bylaws! We are working to put EVERYONE'S club info into digital format, so this really helps. Remember, if your club has not revised their Bylaws in 5 or more years, it's probably time to take a look at them. Questions? Feel free to ask me at parl@aggienetwork.com.

We will be voting on the slate of officers for 2020-2021 at the Spring Business Meeting which will be online via Zoom. We'll be sending out details for the meeting soon!

Please remember:

- Only designated voting delegates will be eligible to vote
- Every club gets at least 3 Delegates (the Club President, or designee, and two active-paid members) to represent their first 100 members. For those clubs with more than 100 members, the club receives 1 additional delegate for every 50 members.
- We will be doing things differently for the Spring Business in order to accommodate social distancing. Please submit delegate names to Alice Artman online at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XYrFefCUCEp-Go-FbUqvpW4QHa5arQzFZHbvu8touOA/edit?usp=sharing

Daniela R. Knight '87

Gig'em! Daniela Aggie Mom Camp 2020

From Aggie Mom Camp Co-Chairs



Stephanie Collums '87



Denise Isenhour



Howdy Aggie Moms!

We hope you had a memorable time at the Service and Sisterhood 2020 Aggie Mom Camp! We are so happy you chose to spend this time with other Moms from around Texas and the USA! Stephanie and I are volunteers just like you and we love the Sisterhood of Aggie Moms. It was an honor and pleasure to give our time to serving each of you and the Federation for the past year. We hope you learned a little, made a friend or two, and laughed a lot.

As you go forward this year, we would like you to think about how you can take what you learned, give back, and share with your clubs!

1. Consider having your club give back to the Veterans Resource Center! This can be donating club Goody Bags, snacks for the Veteran office, donating to the Veteran Ring Scholarship, or taking a big step and supporting an endowed scholarship for a Veteran. Maybe you have a new idea?

2. Consider contacting one or more of the speakers you heard and asking them to come to one of your meetings or have a Zoom or Facetime meeting with them and your club!

3. Shop Aggieland Outfitters and remember to tell your club members that they get a 12% discount for being part of an Aggie Mom Club! Just let them know at the check-out counter. Thank them for supporting Aggie Moms and the Federation!

4. Consider the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center when looking for a place to stay. They offer great specials! Have your student check out the Barracks for off campus housing options (mine lived there and loved the space). Also remember you can rent space at the Kyle Field stadium for Graduation and other celebrations during the year!

5. If you don't have a club because you are out of state, please consider being an Adopt A Mom, and if you are in state join your local club! See the Federation website.

6. Keep in contact with the friends you have made!

7. If you had fun at camp, come to the Federation meetings! We meet three weekends each year. We have one more this year in April during Family Weekend, and if you have not shopped at Boutique you need to plan on it this year! Plan on booking a hotel for the August '20 and January '21 Federation meetings, too!

8. Plan on returning to or attending camp next year, and don't delay in filling out the form as soon as it is released - we were full by mid-October last year! I expect it to fill up faster next year! Suzan and Amy are going to rock chairing the 2021 camp!

9. Find all things Federation at aggiemoms.org

10. Always check pockets for candy before putting pants in the dryer. Who caught the dryer on fire????

11. If you want the pasta recipe from Saturday night - email us! AMCChair@aggienetwork.com

12. Remember once an Aggie Mom, always an Aggie Mom! Mrs. Patsy Armbruster is a great reminder that you don't have to leave the organization after your student graduates! Continue to be active in your club and share your wisdom with new Moms! Have a great spring and we will see you at the April Federation Spring Meeting and Camp 2021!





This year's Chairs with the Founder of Aggie Mom Camp, Miss Patsy. - with Stephanie Rock Collums and Denise Snider Isenhour.



Kristi King



April 2020



Howdy from Hospítalíty!

We would like to say it has been an honor to serve you this year. We hope that you enjoyed the items served at the hospitality table at the Federation meetings as well as the table decorations at the Aggie Mom dinners.

We have truly enjoyed every single minute. We have also appreciated all the nice compliments we received and to tell us how much you liked the coffee and yogurt bar!

It is always so nice to see each of you that attend the Federation events and we hope to see you again this next year. Don't forget to come by and say howdy!

Gig'em! Kristi, Maria, and Kim

Kim Kovar

Maria Wheeler



From the Electronic Information Officer-Karen Hunter '85

April 2020





Howdy, Aggie Moms!

For Clubs ready to venture into online sales there are several things to consider. The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) provides steps that all who process card payments, store or transmit credit, debit or prepaid card information need to follow to provide secure transactions. Everyone with online card payment solutions must be PCI complaint.

Security is a crucial issue - not knowing the specific rules per state or not understanding the difference between a *convenience fee* and a *credit card surcharge* could result in potential financial liabilities such as fines, penalties, fees or higher costs of compliance in the future. I conducted "Getting Started with Online Sales" Workshop at the Winter Meetings. The presentation can be found on the Tech Corner page of our website.

Remember that your Club can get a free, pre- customized and easy to maintain website hosted by The Association of Former Students along with a corresponding AggieNetwork email account. Requests can be made using this link: Website Request. If your Club already has a website that has gone inactive and you want to begin using it again, please contact me. Additionally, you can also set up AggieNetwork.com email accounts for your Club officers by submitting the Email Request Template found on the Federation's Club Resources page.

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Karen M. Hunter '85

Electronic Information Chair 2019-2020

Gig'em! Качеп

From Parent Socials College Station-Cindy DeWitt '86

April 2020





From Parent Socials Galveston–Johnna Lenamon



HOWDY, MOMS!

The 2020 spring semester started off in January with the spring New Student Conferences (NSCs) at both the College Station and Galveston campuses. This was another great opportunity to meet new Aggie Moms and get them in touch with their local clubs. It is hard to believe that the 2019-2020 school year is almost over.

The NSCs for the 2020 fall semester will kick off in May, so be sure to request a list of new Aggies that have registered for NSCs this summer. This is helpful for recruiting new Aggie moms and including them in your Howdy Parties.

It has been an honor to serve as your Parent Socials Co-Chairs and a joy getting to meet lots of new Aggie Moms, Aggie Dads, and their Aggies!

Gig'em! Cindy & Johnna

Aggie Moms 2019-2020



From the Development Chair–Janet Hodges Davis '79

April 2020





The Legacy Lives on..... 2019-2020 Annual Campaign

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The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs

A huge **THANK YOU to our Donors** who have given their support to the Federation and our 108 Aggie Moms Clubs during the 2019-2020 year!

Because of their generosity, the Federation has been able to:

- Provide outreach to students and their families at New Student Conferences
- Education through workshops, online meetings and even Federation Tailgates
- Resource support to our member clubs
- Provide numerous opportunities to gather together as Aggie Moms to form friendships and share ideas.
- Even in these most challenging times of Covid-19, we are developing creative new ways to highlight Club Boutique products whose proceeds are used to fund Student Scholarships.

Aggie Moms never sit still and wait for things to happen they are always at the forefront leading the charge to meet needs and support others along the way.

It is never too late to become a Donor! Every donation makes a difference! You can donate online by going to the Federation website <u>www.aggiemoms.org</u> then choose the <u>Donate Now</u> button. Or you can download the Donor Form attached to this newsletter and mail in your donation. And remember, if you have an Employee Matching Gift Program at your work, that is a perfect way to double your giving!

It seems the World is in a constant state of change these days.... But I love knowing that Aggie Moms are the passionate, dedicated and resilient group, who always have the best interest of their Aggie Students, their families, communities and our University in their hearts!

Many thanks,

Janet Hodges Davis '79

Gig'em! Janet

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Howdy Ladies!

Well COVID-19 might be interrupting our Family Weekend Plans, but there is still a way to place an order for our specialty Federation labeled Messina Hof Wine. If you live in the BCS area, you can pick up your purchase in person from the Messina Hof BCS location. For all other orders, Messina Hof can ship them directly to you, at your cost for shipping.

Four different labels and a wonderful selection of delicious wines to choose from:

- Aggie Mom Goody Bag
- #12 T Shirt
- Miss Reveille
- Federation President's 2019-2020 logo-Service & Sisterhood

Perfect for celebrating Graduation, Ring Day, Weddings, End of the School Year of "just because a glass of wine would be nice!" Even better....with each bottle of wine purchased, Messina Hof will donate \$2.00 back to Federation.

Remember, the deadline for placing your order is Monday, April 13, 2020!!

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Orders must be submitted no later than April 13, 2020 by email to the Messina Hof Personalized Labels Department at <u>labels@messinahof.com.</u> Bottles may be picked up anytime during the weekend of April 17-19, 2020 at Messina Hof Estate Winery, located at 4545 Old Reliance Rd, Bryan, TX 77808.

*Bottles not picked up during this 3 day period, will then be shipped. Guests will be responsible for covering shipping costs.

Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs *Voting Delegates 2019-2020*



CLUB	Number of Members	Number of Delegates
Abilene	39	3
Alvin	14	3
Amarillo	47	3
Angelina County	44	3
Arizona	8	3
Atascosa County	31	3
Austin County	44	3
Austin	165	5
Bandera County	19	3
Bastrop County	75	3
Baytown	42	3
Beaumont	66	3
Bee County	25	3
Bi-Stone	30	3
Blanco County	22	3
Bosque County	21	3
Brazoria County	51	3
Brazos County	228	6
Brush Country	29	3
Burleson County	29	3
Central Texas	41	3
Clear Lake Area	72	3
Coastal Bend	24	3
Coleman County	11	3
Collin County	232	6
Comal County	101	4
Coppell	86	3
Corpus Christi	73	3
Dallas County	168	5

CLUB	Number of Members	Number of Delegates
Deep East Texas	37	3
Del Rio	10	3
Denton County	102	4
Denver, Colorado	22	3
DeWitt-Lavaca	116	4
Eagle Pass	10	3
East Bell County	74	3
El Campo Area	26	3
El Paso	55	3
Ellis County	42	3
Friendswood Area	28	3
Fort Bend County	129	4
Fort Worth/Tarrant County	142	4
Galveston County	399	9
Grayson County	19	3
Guadalupe County	45	3
Harrison County	22	3
Hays County	46	3
Heart of Texas	3	3
Henderson County	22	3
Highland Lakes	19	3
Hill Country	62	3
Hill County	11	3
Hood Area	30	3
Hopkins County	13	3
Houston	231	6
Johnson County	11	3
Katy/West Houston	112	4
Kaufman County	30	3

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Kendall County	46	3
Kerrville Area	12	3
Kingwood/Humble	117	4
Laredo	62	3
Liberty County	17	3
Lone Star	13	3
Louisiana	36	3
Lubbock Area	30	3
Matagorda County	18	3
Medina County	40	3
Mid-Jefferson County	42	3
Midland	58	3
Milam County	34	3
Minnesota and West Wisconsin	6	3
Montgomery County	102	4
Nacogdoches County	32	3
Navarro County	24	3
Northeast Tarrant County	168	5
Northwest Harris County	218	6
Orange County	52	3
Panola County	22	3
Parker County	41	3
Pasadena Area	34	3
Pearland	32	3
Pikes Peak	20	3
Randolph Area	37	3
Rio Grande Valley	51	3
Rockwall County	65	3
Round Rock Area	73	3

CLUB	Number of Members	Number of Delegates
Rusk County	10	3
San Angelo	125	4
San Antonio	225	6
Sandstorm	17	3
Shelby County	21	3
Southwest Dallas County	29	3
Stephenville Area	18	3
Tri-County	102	4
Tyler	82	3
Tyler County	11	3
Uvalde Area	38	3
Victoria County	29	3
Waco-McLennan County	88	3
Walker County	30	3
Washington County	38	3
West Bell County	26	3
Wichita County Area	40	3
Williamson County	58	3
Wilson County	11	3
Wise County	13	3
Wood County	17	3

Federation Board 2019-2020



Front row L to R: Peggy Nolan, Maria Wheeler, Karen Hunter '85, Cindy DeWitt '86, Roxanne Forrest, Cathleen Inman '88, Alice Artman, Mechelle Fisher, Connie Fletcher Pritchard '81, Denise Isenhour, Stephanie Collums '87, Colleen Holmes '76

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