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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Howdy Moms !

Wow, what a year we have had! I am so thankful for the way we have shined together as Aggie Moms. We have overcome during a year of many challenges. Last year, I said we would need to Fear Less and Try More. I am so blessed that everyone was willing to try new things without fear of failure. Even though we were apart, Aggie Moms continued to Shine.

Clubs figured out how to connect in different ways. Drive through Howdy Parties, outdoor meetings and of course, Zoom were the signs of the times. Even apart, connecting is the most important part of being an Aggie Mom. As we move forward, always remember what makes Aggie Moms special. We support our Aggies and Texas A&M, but it is how we come together and support each other that is unique. When we emerge out of these times of separation, be ready to connect.

Thank you to Dr. Anne Reber and the Offices of the Dean of Student Life to whom I dedicated my year. It is amazing how the school has cared for our Aggies and their wellbeing through this year of unprecedented times. It's not the college experience normally expected, but our Aggies persevered and made it their own. There were sad moments, but we still continued to care for our Aggies. The Galveston County Club reached out for help from other clubs to collect and distribute Valentines and goodies to Squadron 8 in College Station and all of the Galveston Campus. We couldn't hug our hurting Aggies, so we found other ways to share our love.

Thank you to the 2020-2021 board. So many activities were taken to the next level. All Federation Meetings were broadcast from the MSC. This is a beginning as all future meetings will continue to be offered in person and online. Aggie Mom University began educating clubs how to be more successful and will graduate its first Moms. Technology expanded with updates to the website, expanded social media influence, added holiday boutique, online raffles and a first ever online auction.

In spite of the challenges of COVID-19, development took fund raising to new heights. Relationships with our donors are strong as they continue to support the Aggie Mom mission. We thank them and ask you to join us in appreciation.

Membership added three new clubs this year. California, Chicago Area and Caldwell County are serving the needs of Aggie Moms near and far. Even with the times, some clubs continued to increase their membership.

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One of the biggest endeavors the Aggie Moms took on thirty years ago was a \$500,000 endowment to the Texas A&M University Library. I am most pleased to announce that this year we completed the endowment! This spring, we paid off the final \$31,756. Plans are in the works for a tour and reception for our Aggie Moms to see how our efforts are impacting students every day. Watch for that as the campus opens back up to visitors.

Next week, we will have two Federation meetings. Friday, April 9th at 6 p.m. will be the business meeting including the election of new officers. Presidents, please be sure to assign your voting delegates and have them on the Zoom so we will have a quorum. Saturday, April 10th at 9 a.m. will be the general meeting with Speakers including Chancellor John Sharp, Colonel Mike Fossum and the return of the Singing Cadets!

I look forward to seeing you next week on Zoom and hopefully next fall back in College Station!

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Diane Eckols

Federation President

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PRESIDENT ELECT REPORTS "SPRING IS IN THE AIR"



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE DEVELOPS SLATE OF OFFICERS

Thanks to our Nominating Committee for their efforts in presenting this slate of Federation Officers for 2021-2022. On Saturday, March 6th the Nominating Committee met in College Station. The Aggie Moms that served on this Nominating Committee were: Cathleen Inman-Nominating Committee Chair, VP at Large for the Federation; Tamar Elkeles, California; Annette Osburn, Pasadena Area; Donna Barrington, Brazos County; and Melanie Harrington, Corpus Christi. Thank you for your service to the Federation of Aggie Moms!

The following slate of officers will be presented for member vote at the Spring 2021 on Friday, April 9th at 6 p.m. at the Federation business meeting.

SLATE OF FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

President	Katie Latham	Tyler
VP at Large	Diane Eckols	Fort Bend County
President – Elect	Tamra Walker	Coppell
1st VP Membership	Denise Isenhour	Austin
2nd VP Programs	Johnna Lenamon	Pearland
3rd VP Registration	Colleen Holmes	Brazos County
4th VP Reports	Karen Hunter	Dallas County
5th VP Boutique	Melissa Martinez	Randolph Area
6th VP Districts	Alice Artman	Brazoria County
7th VP Directory	Mechelle Fisher	Galveston County
Recording Secretary	Rose Edmondson Black	Waco-McLennan County
Treasurer	Roxanne Forrest	Medina County



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A HOWDY AND FAREWELL FROM VP AT LARGE

CATHLEEN INMAN



Howdy Aggie Mom Sisters –

What a year it's been! This is my last newsletter article for the Federation and my farewell is written with a grateful heart. Gratitude helps us acknowledge the goodness in our lives. It allows us to connect to something larger than ourselves since the source of goodness, at least in some part, lies outside of us. It also helps us overcome adversity, and heaven knows we are no stranger to that over the past year. Here are some blessings for me to count...

⇒ *The opportunity to serve alongside you*

⇒ *The courageous hearts and enthusiastic spirit of Aggie Moms*

⇒ *The lifelong friends I've gained since becoming an Aggie Mom and Federation Board member*

⇒ *This wonderful university and its students that have my eternal devotion*

⇒ *Our fearless leader, Diane Eckols, whose steadfast leadership helped us surpass our goals this year*

⇒ *Future Aggie Moms that will propel us to new heights*

⇒ *Federation leaders who come after us – may their dreams be big and their convictions strong*

⇒ *And finally – Connie Fletcher Pritchard in her Dixie Chicken suit!*

I believe this past year has also taught us the importance of connections and grace. I hope you will take those lessons and apply them in your clubs. Here are some of mine...Aggie Moms take care of Aggie Moms! **Be builders of women** – *Strong women lift each other up, they do not tear each other down! Encourage Aggie Moms in your clubs to run for an office – offer to mentor them! Spread the Aggie Mom Gospel far and wide (who we are and what we do)! Remember only 10% of moms with TAMU students are part of an Aggie Mom club. We have a lot of work to do!*

Now on to **Aggie Mom University**...<https://aggiemoms.org/aggie-mom-university/>

We hope you will attend! We have a few classes left this year (makeup session from February, President's Planning Day, etc.) so check back by March 22nd for an updated schedule.

We will have new curriculum next year and I'm so excited to see where it goes, I know it will be fantastic. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Diane Eckols, Federation President 2020-2021, for allowing Aggie Mom University to be implemented this year. With all that went on with COVID last year, I just wasn't able to get it off the ground. She graciously allowed us to do it this year, and I'm forever grateful for that. I also need to thank Denise Isenhour, Austin Aggie Moms and Federation Board member for all her work on the curriculum along with me. Daniela Knight, Austin Aggie Moms and Federation Board member has done a terrific job with Tech Tools class. Mechelle Fisher and Alice Artman did amazing jobs with Treasurer and Boutique classes respectively. Diane Eckols and Katie Latham did a wonderful job with President's workshops as well. To all those who taught and participated, THANK YOU!

It takes an entire team to get a training program off the ground and we had a terrific one. The best is yet to come!

Cathleen Inman '88

VP at Large

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1ST VP MEMBERSHIP—CELEBRATES SPRING!



Howdy Aggie Moms!

Spring has sprung, thank goodness! I hope you have recovered from the crazy winter we had this year. The Membership Committee continues to stay busy. We charted a new club in Texas this semester. Welcome Caldwell

County Texas A&M Mothers Club!!

Club Membership lists were due on February 1, 2021. We had 85 out of 109 clubs submit their list as a part of the Form B process. I am hopeful that the remaining 24 clubs will get those submitted. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I also had the pleasure of speaking to the Pasadena

Texas A&M Mothers' Club meeting in March. I was so excited to get to attend in person. I hope everyone has a great summer break. Stay safe and healthy.

Gig'em Aggies!!

Respectfully submitted as of March 7, 2021.

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1st VP Membership

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2ND VP OF PROGRAMS ~ WISHING YOU A 'HOPPY SPRING'



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2nd VP Programs

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3RD VP REGISTRATION—GOES WITH THE FLOW!



Howdy, Aggie Moms!

It's hard to believe we are getting ready for our Spring 2021 Federation Meetings! This time last year we were in the early days of the pandemic and planning for our first Zoom Federation Meetings. Who knew, in April 2020, that we would still

be meeting by Zoom in April 2021, and beyond!

Moving Federation Meetings to Zoom last April was a blessing that we just didn't see at the time. Here are just some of the things we now know!

- *Attendance has been amazing, allowing ALL Aggie Moms who wanted to attend to do so without making the trip to Aggieland. Whoop!

- *Zoom allowed for comments and sharing of information and ideas by all in attendance in the chat. Whoop!

- *Zoom also allowed for a Town Hall-style workshop which allowed attendees to NOT have to choose WHICH workshop to attend in person. Everyone was able to receive ALL of the workshop information. Whoop!

- *The Federation Board realizes the importance of continuing to have Federation Meetings available on Zoom even after the pandemic ends and we are able to meet in person, to allow those who are unable to travel to Aggieland may attend. Whoop!

If you attended previous Federation Meetings on Zoom - Thank You! Invite other Aggie Moms in your Club to attend this time! If you haven't attended via Zoom, please make plans to join us in April! You may watch the live video via computer, tablet, or smartphone, or listen to the live audio by calling in on your phone.

The registration link for our Spring 2021 Federation Meetings that will take place via Zoom on Friday evening and Saturday morning, April 9 and 10, 2021, is ready for you! **The Meetings are open to ALL members, NOT just**

officers and/or voting delegates. EVERYONE who wants to attend should register using the link below by 11:59pm on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. You will receive a confirmation email with the information you submit. I plan to send the Zoom links to the email address you provide beginning on Wednesday, April 7th.

Registration Link

<http://tiny.cc/Spring2021MtgRegistration>

Schedule for Spring 2021 Federation Meetings

Friday, April 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Federation Business Meeting, Election of 2021-2022 Board Officers, Directory Dedication

Virtual Sign-In - 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

General Meeting, Installation of 2021-2022 Board Officers

Virtual Sign-In - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

General Meeting - 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The link for **submitting voting delegate information** will be emailed to **Club Presidents**, so watch your inbox.

Cindy DeWitt '86

3rd VP Registration

District 11 Liaison

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Thank you for allowing me to serve you, your Clubs, and your Aggies this year!



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4TH VP REPORTS—WE NEED YOU!

Attention: Club Presidents, Treasurers and Scholarship Chairs!

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

These include your Annual President's Report and Scholarship & Student Organization Donations Information.

Howdy, Aggie Moms!



As our 2020-2021 club year draws to a close, **Federation Forms D, E and G** need to be completed and submitted by May 31, 2021.

Club Presidents, this 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, fundraisers, and donations 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 4thvpreports@aggienetwork.com 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 donations 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 <https://aggiemoms.org/forms/>. **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 78% for the 2019-2020 Forms D, E and G, but, especially, for the 81% submission rate for both Forms E and G. WHOOP !! Let's see if we can top those numbers for 2020-2021 form submissions.

As District 18 Liaison, I am looking forward to getting together with our District 18 clubs. Our meeting is scheduled for April 22nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Cozy Grape in Montgomery. Please confirm date/time on our website because we all know that "change" is the new normal.

Thank you for this opportunity and choosing me to serve as your 4th VP-Reports for 2020-2021. It has been a pleasure to work with all of the clubs and what a successful year it has been despite the COVID-19 challenges. Looking forward to what the new Federation year will bring and can't wait till we can meet "in person" again !

Connie Fletcher Pritchard '81

4th VP Reports

District 18 Liaison

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AGGIE MOM BOUTIQUE 2021

FAMILY WEEKEND - APRIL 9 - 10, 2021

INSIGHT FROM ALICE ARTMAN ~ 5TH VP BOUTIQUE



Q&A SESSION FOR CLUB BOUTIQUE CHAIRS AND INTERESTED CLUB MEMBERS

Leading up to our Spring Virtual Boutique, we hosted two Town Hall meetings. The first one

concerning Raffle/Drawing questions was held on Thursday, March 11th. Our second meeting addressed Boutique Merchandise Sales questions and was held on Thursday, March 18th.

be a vital part of the Federation and our beautiful University – Texas A&M! Whoop! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 5thvpboutique@aggienetwork.com

In the meantime, stay healthy and be safe! Gig 'em!

Alice Artman

5th VP Boutique and District 7 Liaison

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DEADLINE FOR FORM AND \$25 REGISTRATION FEE

Forms and money were due by **Monday, March 1st**. *(Registration forms are still being accepted, but your Facebook post deadline and opening dates are firm)*

DEADLINE FOR YOUR POST IN VIRTUAL BOUTIQUE

All posts must be submitted by **Friday, April 2, 2021** for approval.

SPRING BOUTIQUE 2021 OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Raffle/Drawings Posts will be open on **Wednesday, April 7th** through **Wednesday, May 26th**.

Boutique Sales Posts will be open on **Friday, April 9th** through **Sunday, May 23rd**.

We hope to have many clubs consider the virtual boutique option to raise money. Times are definitely different but it allows all of us to come up with innovative ideas to accomplish our goals. We all have had a big change in how we work, run our homes, and participate in our community service organizations. We are no different. Our goal is to keep the Aggie Moms' spirit alive and as a board we are ready to help each of our clubs continue to





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6TH VP DISTRICTS - ZOOMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU



Whoop! We have almost reached the end of our Federation Board year! 2020 threw some crazy changes in our path. Currently, 2021 looks to be a jealous younger brother trying to compete... Through it all, Aggies and Aggie Moms were resilient. **We stayed distant, but not disconnected!**

We took care of our students and our Clubs.

It was truly the greatest privilege to get to spend this spring visiting with our twenty different Districts as 6th Vice President of Districts. Covid and the crazy Texas weather changed our schedules and our locations each and every week, but meeting after meeting, whether they were in person or on Zoom, I was completely inspired by **YOU!!!**

I met Moms that cleaned houses to get through college and now sell houses in their community! I met first generation Moms, Moms that are doctors, lawyers, business owners and managers, ranchers, educators, multi-lingual, homemakers, community leaders, non-Texans, grandmothers, CPA's, and Veterans, just to name a few! This diversity gives us strength and beauty. District after District, I got to hear about outstanding Aggie students and Former Students that these Moms could not stop gushing about! Rightly so! You have raised some tremendously bright kiddos that are leading and will continue to lead this world well in the years to come!

Club after Club also shared their challenges from the year, and we heard each and every concern. However, you also offered up silver linings that had come out of a challenging year. All in all, you were **"SHINING TOGETHER"** in your communities and you represented Texas A&M University and The Federation of Aggie Mothers' Clubs well! Make no mistake, it is our **AGGIE MOMS** that make Texas A&M University such a special and wonderful place!

By the end of April, we will have held 9 Zoom Meetings and

11 in-person Meetings!

If you missed the chance to participate with your district, we hosted a **"Catch All Districts Dash" Zoom Call on Tuesday, March 30 at 7pm CST.** We hope you joined us in this presentation.

A very special thanks to our **INCREDIBLE LIASIONS** who worked in advance of each District Dash to find amazing locations and ensure everyone had the Zoom links! Many of them traveled to the Meetings and in some cases, even flew to meet you! That was just an extra special bonus to work so closely with each of my sweet sisters on the Federation Board!!!

In addition, I am so grateful for our wonderful executive leadership team, Diane Eckols – President, Katie Latham – President Elect, and Cathleen Inman – VP at Large, as they all encouraged me throughout each and every schedule change and in many cases, helped me navigate the Texas highway system and offered up a free place to sleep!!!

My Coppell Club gets tired of me saying, "We need each other!" The Pandemic reiterated how important connections and friendships are, and I believe that little quote more than ever! The Federation of Aggie Mothers' Clubs provides these positive relationships for Moms and students! **Thank you all** for making this a season of life that I will never forget, and I commit to continue working with our incredible Federation Board to ensure what we learned in our travels will be considered as we push forward through this Pandemic to serve all of our Clubs and our beloved Aggies!

Remember! Full Stadiums and Full Classrooms Coming Soon!

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PHOTOS FROM THE DISTRICT DASH 2021





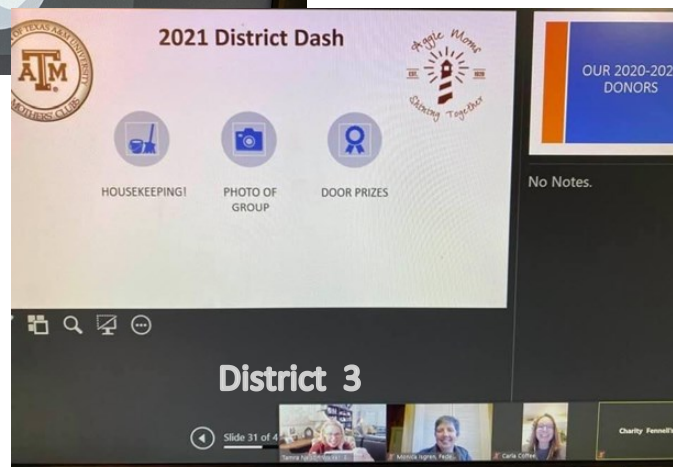
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MORE DASHING AND ZOOMING AT OUR DISTRICT MEETINGS!



District 8





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DISTRICT LIAISONS 2020-2021

District 1 – Tamra Walker	District 12 – Sue Chelf
District 2 – Karen Hunter	District 14 – Melissa Johnson
District 3 – Monica Isgren	District 15 – Daniela Knight
District 4 – Kim Kovar	District 16 – Julie Upton
District 5 – Denise Isenhour	District 17 – Stephanie Collums
District 6 – Mechelle Fisher	District 18 – Connie Pritchard
District 7 – Alice Artman	District 19 – Maria Wheeler
District 8 – Melissa Martinez	District 20 – Johnna Lenamon
District 9 – Suzan York	District 21 – Sally Berlocher
District 10 – Colleen Holmes	Club Problems – Katie Latham
District 11 – Cindy DeWitt	Formers – Cathleen Inman



7TH VP DIRECTORY—AIMING TO PLEASE!

Howdy, Aggie Moms!

It was a pleasure to work with all of the Clubs to create this year's 2020-2021 Federation Directory and celebrate *Aggie Moms Shining Together!*

Just a reminder that Form Cs will be due on May 31st. Every Club President will receive an email with the current information in our database along with the link and instructions on making updates for this year. If you have not received an email by mid-April, please contact 7thVPDirectory@AggieNetwork.com.

Our goal is always 100% compliance in filing by the deadline. Help us to make this happen! Please let me know if you have any questions.

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RECORDING SECRETARY



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Spring has sprung for our Secretaries



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



Howdy! I've had a busy few months gathering quilt squares from around the country and Texas. Thanks to all clubs who contributed to the historical memory quilt for our lovely President, Diane Eckols. We had so many contributors that we decided to make TWO quilts. One quilt will contain all of the local club squares. This will be the larger of the two quilts. The second quilt will contain squares from the current Federation board members and Diane's family! This will be a lap quilt for Diane to enjoy after she 'retires' from the Presidency! Both quilts will remind her of this historical year!

Members from my local club, Ft. Bend County Aggie Moms Club, are helping me to piece these quilts in a series of old-fashioned 'quilting bees'. Krista Smith and Sharon Hresko have made many embroidered squares that reflect Aggie traditions and current events. Susie Hyde and Sharon Hresko have helped me design the quilts and piece them.

It's been an honor to serve in this role for Diane and the entire Federation Board of 2019-2020. I will be back next year in the same capacity! Thanks to all who submitted Form A applications to me. My role was simply to forward these applications to the Nominating Committee.

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who participated in the Shining Together in 2021 online auction. This was a first-time effort for everyone. The Federation board members pulled together to make this happen. Our winning bidders received some beautiful auction items from our generous donors who support our mission.

Carol A. Gaas '85
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PERFECTLY PARLIAMENTARY NOTES



Howdy!

We will be voting on the slate of 2021-2022 officers at the Spring Federation business meetings. Each club has a minimum of 3 delegates (the Club President, or designee, and two active-paid members) to represent their first 100 members. Those clubs with more than 100 members receive 1 additional delegate for every 50 members after 100. As a courtesy, appointed Federation Officers can be selected as voting delegates from their home club.

Looking for a gift for your incoming club President or Parliamentarian? An updated copy of Robert's Rules of Order would make a great gift! The updated RONR 12th edition with the white cover was released last fall. The authorized companion, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief, 3rd edition is a helpful quick reference guide to go along with RONR 12th edition. Both can be found on Amazon.

Thank you to Federation President Diane Eckols, the Federation Board, and each of you for the privilege and the honor of serving as your Parliamentarian this year.

Thanks and gig 'em

Monica Isgren
Parliamentarian
District 3 Liaison
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AGGIE MOM CAMPERS UNITE!



Howdy Aggie Moms!

Although Aggie Mom Camp 2021 was canceled due to COVID, I just wanted to say what an honor it was to be asked to serve as AMC 2021 Chair. All the planning that goes into Aggie Mom Camp is a huge undertaking with many parts coming together to bring you a fun Aggie Mom weekend on the campus of Texas A&M.

Many of you stepped up to help me during planning and for that I am forever grateful and so much appreciate you. Stephanie, Denise, Julie, Sue, Mechelle, Maria, but, especially Diane, thank you all for the support, guidance and help. Thank you also to my counselors and staff who readily signed up and were willing to work within the restrictions/guidelines of COVID so that camp might be held. Y'all are all amazing!

Aggie Mom Camp 2022 - Plans are underway!! I hope everyone that had planned to attend this year's camp will join us next year. Please check our website - <https://aggiemoms.org> and Facebook page - Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs - for registration information for AMC 2022 when that becomes available.

Gig'em
Suzan York '86
Aggie Mom Camp Chair
District 9 Liaison



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COUNTING ON OUR TREASURER!



Howdy MOMS!

Well the 2020-2021 club year is "in the books"!!

I hope the upcoming close of this club year finds each of your clubs in a positive financial position. As with the end of last year, this year was filled with many challenges in

earning income. We hope with the continuation of Virtual Boutique and the introduction of the Virtual Holiday Boutique, we eased this burden a little! On a positive note, this year also enabled clubs to find new ways to raise funds (and learn how to report those earnings) as well as opportunities to look into making some changes to their financial record keeping moving forward. One of the big things I hope clubs learned this year is the importance of providing all important information during the transition of files to new officers. This is especially true when it comes to Treasurers! If your club doesn't have one already, a Treasurer's Manual (or something similar) may be a good project to consider as you close out the club year and work with the incoming Treasurer in transferring duties.

Thank you to all the clubs who have turned in their Federation Form B (Payment of Dues and Archive Fees) which were due by February 1st. We do still have a few clubs who have not turned in their Form B, so Treasurers (and/or Presidents), please make sure your club isn't one of them! Please check your emails as I have sent reminders and will continue to do so until we have them all. **REMEMBER IF YOUR CLUB DOES NOT SUBMIT FORM B BY MAY 31, 2021 THE CLUB WILL BE CONSIDERED INACTIVE.**

Your club should be preparing for its end of year audit to close out your financial "books" in early June. Feel free to contact me anytime at 830.285.3932 or Treasurer@aggienetwork.com if you need some guidelines or have any questions regarding the closeout of your 2020-

2021 club finances.

As District 6 Liaison, I am looking forward to getting together with our District 6 Clubs! Our meeting is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 24th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the La Brisa in League City. Please check in with the 6th VP of Districts (Tamra Walker '89) to confirm the date, time, and location of our meeting since as with everything else this past year, district meetings are subject to change!

I have truly been blessed and humbled representing the Federation as Treasurer this year. It has been a pleasure working with many clubs throughout the year as they navigated new financial endeavors! I look forward to assisting with the transition to the incoming Treasurer and I am grateful for the things I learned in assisting you all.

Mechelle Fisher

Treasurer

District 6 Liaison

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HOSPITABLE LADIES OF HOSPITALITY

It has certainly has been a very different year for Hospitality. We look forward to next year, and we hope to be able to see all of you in person! Wishing you all a happy, healthy spring and summer!



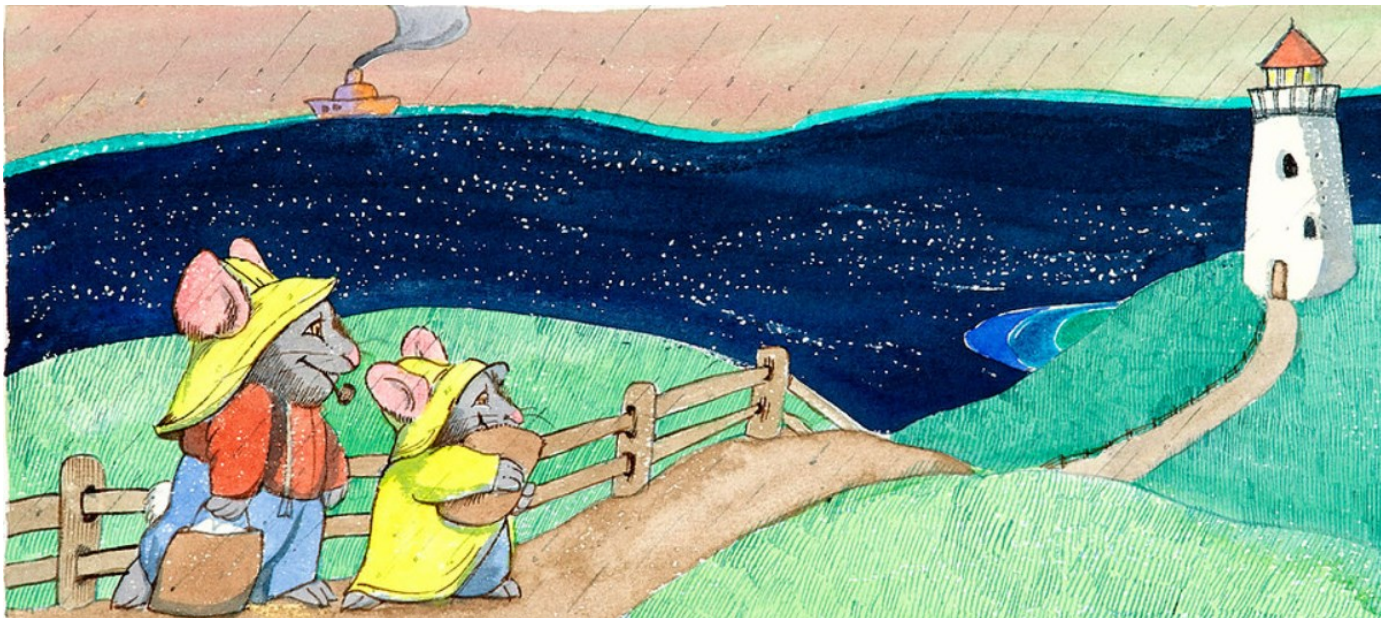
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TECH KEEPS US HOPPIN'!

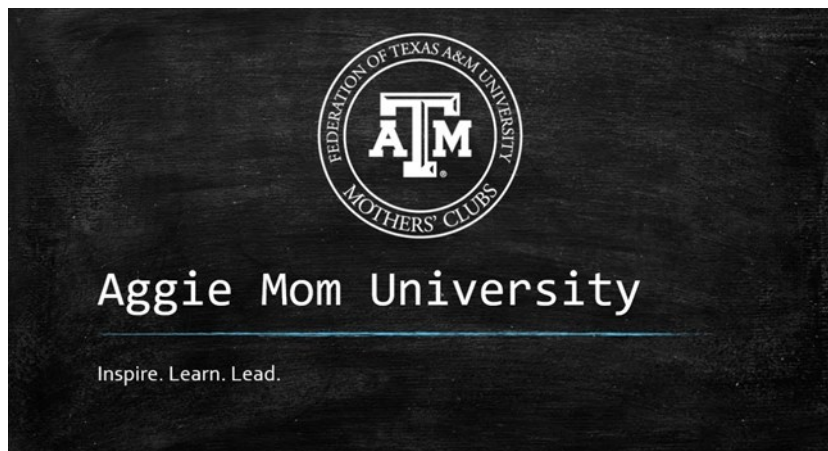


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**Have you tried ...
chewing on the cable?**



The mission of Aggie Mom University is to *“Develop and maintain a strategic training program for Aggie Mom club officers and members that will promote knowledge of the Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs, provide best practices for clubs, and develop future Aggie Mom leaders.”*



***QR code for the Federation
of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs Facebook page***





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TECH KEEPS US HOPPIN!



Howdy Aggie Moms!

While 2020 certainly was challenging, it brought change and helped move the Federation forward under the wise guidance and leadership of President, Diane Eckols, and our VP at Large, Cathleen Inman. I appreciate Diane's vision to let me expand our social media presence this year.

We have added a public Facebook group to complement the private group, as well as Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Our hope is enhanced communication and networking with our club members.

In addition, we continued our Facebook presence with the Aggie Mom Virtual Boutique to help clubs fundraise! This year we continued with merchandise sales and were able to add club raffles!

Federation has added four podcasts so far and will be releasing two more this month. View them on the Federation website www.aggie moms.org Our podcasts are meant to help you as an Aggie Mom and share information that is valuable to your Aggie!

If you have not joined all the Federation's social media, get connected today!

- ⇒ Private Facebook group: Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs
- ⇒ Public Facebook group: Aggie Moms: Federation News Source
- ⇒ Instagram: Federation of TAMU Moms
- ⇒ Twitter: Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs@Aggie_Moms
- ⇒ LinkedIn: Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs

It has been a true delight to serve all our clubs this year as the Social Media Chair! I know the incoming chair will be able to take our social media platforms to new heights!

Have a wonderful spring and summer and GIG'EM!

Denise Isenhour

Electronic Information Co-Chair Social Media

District 5 Liaison

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PARENT SOCIALS BRING US TOGETHER



Colleen Holmes '76 and '84

District 10 Liaison

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Julie Upton '94

District 16 Liaison

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HISTORIANS KEEP OUR HISTORY



Howdy Aggie Moms!

As the 2020-2021 Historian, I am documenting President Diane Eckols Federation Year.

As many club activities have been modified, any photos of your club would be appreciated!

Your participation is vital to make this a success.

My Email is: historian@aggienetwork.com

You may also text the photos to 979-249-7407

Just remember to list your club name and identify each person in the photo!

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Kim Kovar

Historian

District 4 Liaison

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DEVELOPMENT DOES IT AGAIN!



Howdy Aggie Moms!

We are wrapping up a wonderful year of Shining Together and I can't thank you enough for the support you have given to the Federation and Texas A&M University. It's funny how one year ends and the next begins at the same time! I will be reaching out to our donors and YOU soon to

begin making donations to the Federation for the 21 - 22 year! WOW! Once we have reviewed and edited our donor levels and benefits I will begin sharing them with you so that you can see which level of support you want to be on for the next year!

Every gift to the Federation is valued and appreciated! I would love to visit with you about potential donors if you have suggestions. I would like to continue to expand our horizon into the communities where our Moms and Aggies live! If you, or a friend, own a business and would like to become a corporate donor, please email me at developmentchair@aggienetwork.com.

Our donations from YOU, the Moms that make up our organization, are critically important. Please look for new donor forms soon!

PLEASE give your business to the following donors when you are in College Station! It is our honor to invest in them as they have invested in us!

- ⇒ Stay at the **Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center** when you are coming to Aggieland!
- ⇒ Purchase your Aggie gear, gifts and home decor from **Aggieland Outfitters** and **CC Creations** - Maroon U and The Warehouse!!
- ⇒ Invest in a home for you or your Aggie at **The Barracks**!
- ⇒ Enjoy a sip of the best wine in Texas and the USA at **Messina Hof**! You can also schedule events, have dinner and spend the weekend at The Villa!
- ⇒ Get information about the Bryan/College Station area from **Experience Bryan College Station** or **The City of College Station**. They have an incredible amount of visitor information for you to plan a fabulous weekend!
- ⇒ Shop for incredible home decor at the Cypress, Woodlands or Katy **Round Top Collection Galleries**!
- ⇒ Open an account for you or your student at **Aggieland Credit Union**!
- ⇒ Order a commemorative, custom made music box or domino box from **Designs in Wood - Aggie Music Box**!
- ⇒ Order incredible Aggie jewelry from **Relentless Design, LLC**. They have rings, earrings and necklaces to show off your

Aggie pride!

- ⇒ Experience the multitude of incredible chicken salad recipes at **Chicken Salad Chick**! They have taken chicken salad to a new level!!
- ⇒ If you are looking to settle down in the BCS area, contact **realtor Sarah Mengers**! She would love to help you find your perfect Aggieland retreat!
- ⇒ In need of a local photographer? **ALK Studios** would love to photograph your event!
- ⇒ In need of a relaxing place to visit with friends? **WildFlyer Mead Co** is the perfect place! Enjoy a glass of mead, make a s'more at the fire pit or join in discussion during the Book Club meetings! New events are always being added on their Facebook page.
- ⇒ **A&B Sales - Embroidery** is the seamstress for Miss Rev!! They do custom embroidery, Senior boot bags and have a store with a variety of Aggie gear!
- ⇒ **Listeners on Call** is there for your students! This year has been a time when people need to be HEARD and the listeners are trained and ready to help your student!
- ⇒ If Coffeeholic can be used to describe you then **Dos Road Dogs Coffee** is right up your alley! They experiment with new flavors seasonally and will deliver to your home!

The complete list of donors is included in this newsletter. Again, thank you for your support and dedication to the Federation!

Gig 'Em & God Bless

Stephanie Collums '87
Development Chair
District 17 Liaison

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UPCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS

District Meetings –February - April 2021

Meetings will be held with each District (in-person or Zoom)

<https://aggiemoms.org/districtmeetings/> for more information



Spring Federation Meetings and Virtual Boutique, Family Weekend – April 9-10, 2021

Aggie Moms Virtual Boutique 2021 Registration Information

<https://aggiemoms.org/boutique/>



Business Meeting, Directory Dedication, Election of 2021-2022 Officers

Friday, April 9, 2021

Virtual Registration	5:30 p.m.	
Business Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Board Only at MSC—Bethancourt Ballroom

General Meeting and Installation of 2021-2022 Officers

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Virtual Registration	8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	
General Meeting	9:00 – 10:30 AM	Board Only at MSC—Bethancourt Ballroom



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2020-2021 FEDERATION BOARD



Front Row (L to R) Melissa Martinez, Rachael Delany, Karen Hunter, Maria Wheeler, Cathleen Inman, Diane Eckols, Katie Latham, Cindy DeWitt, Julie Upton, Sue Chelf

Back Row (L to R) Connie Fletcher Pritchard, Stephanie Collums, Denise Isenhour, Colleen Holmes, Kim Kovar, Tamra Walker, Monica Isgren, Sally Berlocher, Carol Gaas, Suzan York, Daniela Knight, Mechelle Fisher, Johnna Lenamon

Not Pictured: Melissa Johnson, Alice Artman



Federation Donors 2020 - 2021



12th Man Spirit - \$20,000 +

The Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center

Reveille - \$15,000

Aggieland Outfitters

CC Creations

Excellence - \$10,000

Experience Bryan College Station

Messina Hof Winery

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The Round Top Collection

Integrity - \$5,000

Aggieland Credit Union

Designs In Wood - Aggie Music Box

Relentless Design LLC

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents

Chicken Salad Chick

Leadership - \$2,500

Kim Kovar - 2020 - 2021 Federation Historian

Robyn (Kovar) Ulrich '11, Travis Ulrich '09 & '13 and Ross Kovar '12

The City of College Station

Sarah Mengers '09 - Realtor

The Texas A&M Foundation

Stephanie '95 & Wesley '93 Moore

In honor of their Aggies Jacob Moore '21 & Caitlin Moore '24

Loyalty - \$1,000

Cathleen Inman '88

Former Federation President 2019 - 2020

In Honor of Tara Tredaway '15



Federation Donors 2020 - 2021



ALK Studios

Carol Gaas '85

In Honor of Aggie Moms Everywhere!

The Rachel R. Gonzales Endowed Memorial Fund

Established in memory of his mother by COL (R) Robert F. Gonzeles '68

WildFlyer Mead Co.

COL (R) Robert F. Gonzales '68

In Memory of Mrs. Pat Johnston, Former Federation President 1982 - 1983

Respect - \$500

Stephanie '87 & Tommy Collums

Megan (Romeo) Callahan '16, Sean Callahan '16 & Nick Romeo '19

Tamra '89 & Jason '90 Walker

Integrity ISR

Scott A. Bethel, BGen (ret), USAF

A&B Sales - Embroidery

Listeners on Call - Cole Egger '04

Monica Isgren

Enterprise Products Company, John Isgren

Dos Road Dogs Coffee

Selfless Service - \$250

Alice & Sean Artman

Daniela '87 & Joe '87 Knight

Julie Upton '94

Sue & Max Chelf

Suzan York '86

Denise & David Isenhour

Melissa Johnson

Linda Schmidt

Former Federation President 2014 - 2015

Diane Eckols

Federation President 2020 - 2021



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In memory of her Mother- Mrs. Evon M. Gibson

Kristi King

In Honor of Kade King '17 and Heath King '20

Renee Lotz

Denbury, Inc.

Friends of the Federation - \$100

Johnna Lenamon

Karen M. Hunter '85

In Memory of Margaret Williams, her Aggie Mom

Clair Balliett

Roxy & Jim Rock

In Honor of our Aggie, Stephanie Rock Collums '87

Connie Fletcher Pritchard '81

Colleen Holmes '76

In Honor of my Aggie, Kadence Holmes '24

Maria Wheeler

In Memory of the Tyng Family

Mechelle Fisher

In Honor of my Aggie, Lauren E. Fisher '19

Katherine Latham '80

In Memory of Nancy George Render

Sally Berlocher

In Honor of Greg, Jacob & Travis Berlocher

Cindy DeWitt '86

Mary Kay Cooper

Former Federation President 2008 - 2009

Isabel & John Campbell

Texas Instruments Foundation

Tina Reed

In Memory of Prescilla Sanchez '21

Tony & Jodye Sortino

In memory of Joyce Clifton



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Aggie Mom Angels- \$25 - \$99

Melissa Martinez

Mary Longoria

In Honor of my Aggie, Matthew Longoria

Amy Hale '10

In Memory of Teresa Duffel, her Aggie Mom

Charles McMillan

In Memory of Joyce Ann Clifton

Clubs Honor Roll

Coppell Texas A&M University Mothers' Club - Selfless Service

Pasadena Area Aggie Moms - Friends of the Federation

Austin County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club - Aggie Mom Angels

Brazos County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club - Aggie Mom Angels

Burleson County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club - Aggie Mom Angels

Tri-County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club - Aggie Mom Angels

Washington County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club - Aggie Mom Angels

Medina County A&M University Mothers' Club - Aggie Mom Angels

Galveston County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club - Selfless Service

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Texas A&M University Division of Student Affairs



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Voting Delegates 2020-2021

Club	Number of Members	Number of Delegates
Abilene	44	3
Alvin	15	3
Amarillo	45	3
Angelina County	29	3
Arizona	19	3
Atascosa County	29	3
Austin	187	5
Austin County	39	3
Bandera County	25	3
Bastrop County	85	3
Baytown	51	3
Beaumont	52	3
Bee County	22	3
Bi-Stone	25	3
Blanco County	23	3
Bosque County	22	3
Brazoria County	40	3
Brazos County	209	6
Brush Country	35	3
Burleson County	26	3
California Area		3
Central Texas	23	3
Chicago Area		3

Clear Lake Area	67	3
Coastal Bend	20	3
Coleman County	9	3
Collin County	251	7
Comal County	101	4
Coppell	70	3
Corpus Christi	63	3
Dallas County	167	5
Deep East Texas	34	3
Del Rio	13	3
Denton County	126	4
Denver, Colorado	24	3
DeWitt-Lavaca County	142	4
Eagle Pass	13	3
East Bell County	71	3
El Campo Area	42	3
El Paso	58	3
Ellis County	29	3
Fort Bend County	107	4
Fort Worth/Tarrant County	127	4
Galveston County	402	10
Grayson County	24	3
Guadalupe County	51	3
Harrison County	10	3
Hays County	50	3
Heart of Texas	3	3
Henderson County	27	3
Highland Lakes	22	3
Hill Country	61	3

Hill County	4	3
Hood Area	33	3
Hopkins County	3	3
Houston	215	6
Johnson County	7	3
Katy/West Houston	103	4
Kaufman County	22	3
Kendall County	42	3
Kerrville Area	16	3
Kingwood/Humble	138	4
Laredo	49	3
Liberty County	23	3
Lone Star	17	3
Louisiana	46	3
Lubbock Area	29	3
Matagorda County	11	3
Medina County	39	3
Mid-Jefferson County	41	3
Midland	52	3
Milam County	33	3
Minnesota / West Wisconsin	12	3
Montgomery County	81	3
Nacogdoches County	22	3
Navarro County	21	3
Northeast Tarrant County	187	5
Northwest Harris County	241	6
Orange County	59	3
Panola County	23	3
Parker County	54	3

Pasadena Area	38	3
Pearland	54	3
Pikes Peak Colorado	21	3
Randolph Area	32	3
Rio Grande Valley	67	3
Rockwall County	56	3
Round Rock Area	45	3
Rusk County	9	3
San Angelo	104	4
San Antonio	203	6
Sandstorm	22	3
Shelby County	23	3
Southwest Dallas County	26	3
Stephenville Area	9	3
Tri-County	93	4
Tyler	70	3
Tyler County	6	3
Uvalde Area	34	3
Victoria County	29	3
Waco-McLennan County	73	3
Walker County	23	3
Washington County	30	3
West Bell County	21	3
Wichita County Area	44	3
Williamson County	31	3
Wilson County	19	3
Wise County	18	3
Wood County	16	3