

Newsletter



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What the World Needs Now.... is more Aggies!

Howdy, Aggie Moms!

I hope everyone had wonderful holiday celebrations with family and friends. We all pray for safe travels back to College Station/Galveston campuses as our Aggie students prepare for the spring semester.

As we ring out the old and ring in the New Year, I want to remind our Aggie Moms of our mission: *"We strive by individual and united effort to contribute in every way to the welfare of the students at Texas A&M University and to cooperate with the University in maintaining a high standard of moral conduct and intellectual attainment...." and we make new friends and have fun in the process!*

Our mission is fulfilled with scholarship fundraising efforts throughout the year and many opportunities for fellowship and fun for Aggie Moms at meetings and social events. Here is a list of some of our fundraising projects: Boutique, Aggie Signs, Poinsettia sales, Aggie Signs, Kendra Scott Pop-up Shop, DECA, Holiday party baskets/silent auction, Raffle. Last year we raised \$17,500.

As we start off this New Year, it is time to begin selling our annual scholarship raffle tickets. We depend entirely on our members to sell these tickets. This year we have decided to offer a Hawaiian vacation package valued at \$5,000 as the Grand Prize. It is a 6-day, 5-night stay at the Fairmont Orchid Resort that includes a one-day oceanfront cabana experience for two and a \$1,500.00 travel gift card. Several pictures from the resort are included in this newsletter. This is a fabulous prize!

Additionally we have four prizes that were donated to our club. I have included more detail about these prizes in this newsletter.

The raffle tickets will sell for \$20 each. At the January meeting, we will distribute raffle tickets for members to sell. We are asking each member to sell at least 10 tickets totaling \$200. You may ask for additional tickets to sell. If you cannot make the January meeting, please contact our fundraising committee members, Terri Wang (281-731-7691 terriw@rocketmail.com) or Debra Loeser (832-452-7587 dloeser1011@gmail.com) for raffle tickets. If we have any raffle tickets remaining after member distribution, we will make them available on Eventbrite.com. That link may be sent to friends and family.

At each of our spring general meetings, we will have drawings for incentive prizes for Aggie Moms who sell their raffle tickets. For every ticket sold, your name is entered into the drawing for incentive prizes. The first drawing will be at the March meeting.

If you have any items that you would like to donate for incentive prizes, please bring them to any general meeting. They can be donated from a member or a business. Please contact Terri Wang or Debra Loeser if you have questions or have a donation.

Gig'em! - Carol A. Gaas '85, President

DECA Volunteers Needed

Date: Friday, January 12

Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: University of Houston - Sugar Land

Lunch will be served!

Volunteers Needed:

50 - 60 Aggie Moms, friends, Aggie students home from school, etc.

Aggie moms have volunteered for this event in the past and earned an easy \$500 for the club while serving our community. This is a fun event for us.

We will be given a script with questions, and then interview and judge students in DECA competition.

Very easy and actually fun!

DECA is an international association of high school and college students and teachers of marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service.

Wikipedia: <https://www.deca.org/>

Please sign up at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BAFAF2CA7F49-deca



2018 Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Scholarship Raffle Prizes

Grand Prize - Trip for two to The Big Island of Hawaii for 6 days and 5 nights. Stay 5 nights at the AAA-rated Four Diamond Fairmont Orchid resort. Plus winner will receive one (1) Day Oceanfront Cabana Experience for two and a \$1,500.00 travel gift card. Blackout dates may apply. Must be booked within 12 months and traveled within 18 months of certificate issue date. **Valued at \$5,000.00**



1st Place Prize – Lexus Loaner Weekend - Drive a Lexus for a Weekend! Plus, a Lexus Golf Bag and a Round of Golf for 2 at Sugar Creek Country Club. Compliments of Sterling McCall Lexus. Valued at \$1,300.00

2nd Place Prize - Charles Garnier Sterling Silver Diamond (.10 ct) pave Bracelet Cuff. Donated by J. Loggins. Valued at \$895.00.

3rd Place Prize - Weekend getaway to Galveston Historic District. 3 day and 2 night weekend retreat in a 1 bed 1 bath Loft in historic Strand District. This unique loft can sleep 2 adults and 3 children. Washer, linens & towels included. No housekeeping fee, no smoking, pets are welcome. Blackout dates may apply. A \$100.00 restaurant gift certificate included. Donated by Diana and Randall Miller. Valued at \$600.00

4th Place Prize - COTA Branded Package. Bluetooth Smart Watch, Backpack, Bluetooth Headphones, Travel Mug Set of 2, Umbrella, Mini Helmet, Baseball Hat Set of 2. Donated by Suzette Peoples, Broker/Owner Valued at \$495.00

Amazon Smile!

We have just been officially registered with Amazon to participate in their charitable giving program. It is called 'AmazonSmile'.

It is easy to participate. Follow the link below to indicate that you want a donation to be given to Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club when you shop at Amazon.

When you login to Amazon it will prompt you to go to the AmazonSmile.com for your purchase transactions.

This link will take you directly to smile.amazon.com in support of Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club. Thanks for signing up!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-1029502>

2018 Meeting Dates



Monday, January 8, 2018

Monday, February 12, 2018

Monday, March 19, 2018

Monday, April 9, 2018

Monday, May 14, 2018

Meetings are held at:

Sugar Land Imperial Park
Recreation Center
Rooms A & B
234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land
(across from the Sugar Land Post Office)

Winter Federation of Aggie Moms Dinner, Meeting & Workshops January 19 - 20, 2018

The Federation Winter Dinner, Meeting and Workshops will be Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20.

This is a great opportunity for any Aggie Mom (new or returning members) to meet and network with Aggie Moms from all over the state of Texas and U.S.

We will need four (4) voting delegates at the meeting on Saturday morning. No experience required. Information on the dinner and workshops are included with this newsletter. Take a look at the workshops included with this newsletter. There are some interesting topics.

Contact Carol Gaas, President (cagaas99@swbell.net or ftbaggiemoms@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

New Moms

Caroline Nguyen
Lori Knowles
Tangelo Gunner
Norma Mendez



Help Wanted!

Melinda Ransome, Aggie Mom and Treasurer, is in need of a partner trainee. The job of Treasurer is demanding. She would like to divide up some of the tasks so that it makes the load lighter for both.

Do you have some experience in Excel? Do you have time to help in this area? From personal experience, I know that you will meet many of the Aggie Moms in the process of completing your duties. Make this your New Year's resolution. Contact Carol A. Gaas at cagaas99swbell.net or Melinda Ransome at mransome07@comcast.net if you are interested.



Poinsettia Sales \$\$ Wrap-Up



Sources in the know (Allison Haun, Chair of Poinsettia Sales), report that Aggie Moms made \$2,200 from this fundraiser.

Every year that we order these poinsettias, our customers comment that they are magnificent!

Let's give Allison Haun and Brenda Brown a big Aggie 'Whoop!' for their leadership on this committee.

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club Upcoming Social Event

Thursday, February 8

Aggie Mom
Painting
with
a Twist



Christmas Holiday Party

The annual Christmas Holiday party on December 12 at the Sweetwater Country Club was a lovely and festive event.

We were treated with a wonderful meal, sang a traditional Aggie Mom carol, and exchanged Aggie-themed gifts. The gift basket raffle and silent auction was great fun and raised \$1,700 for our scholarship fund.

Thanks for all the work and donations that made the baskets so great.

Also, many thanks for all who attended and a special 'Whoop' to Kelly Strnadell, our Social Committee chair, for making this a memorable evening.



Aggie Brags

Josef Eicher Rios

Son of Aggie Mom Marilyn Rios, graduated in December with a degree in Industrial Distribution from the College of Engineering. He'll be moving to Austin to work for Gemaire in January.

Alex Grotte ('14)

Daughter of Aggie Mom Susan Grotte, got engaged over Thanksgiving! She and Patrick Dunford (Sam Houston grad from Baytown) will wed June 2018 in Crosby Texas.

Julia Gaas ('14)

Daughter of Aggie Mom Carol Gaas, graduated in December with a Masters of Science in Marketing from the Mays Business School. She will be moving to Dallas to work for PricewaterhouseCoopers as a management consultant.

John Clayton ('20)

Son of Aggie Mom Nancy Clayton, will be interning with Green Bank in Houston for the summer of 2018.

Tayla Gunner

Daughter of Aggie Mom Tongela Gunner, will be presented through the Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma in June 2018.



New & Returning Members

Membership forms will be available for all new and returning Aggie Moms at all the meetings.

Membership forms are also available on our website, <https://fortbendmoms.aggienetwork.com/membership/> under "Membership" at the top of the page or attached to this newsletter.

Dues are \$25.00 per year. You may bring the form to a meeting or mail it to the address at the bottom of the form.

Questions may be directed to Lisa Gray at:
281-778-0377
threegrays3@me.com

Thank you for your continued support!



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**Fort Bend
Aggies
Mom Club**



QR Code for Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club

Install an app with a QR-code scanner to direct your smartphone's browser to the Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club website.



Gifts for the Aggie in your Life



Thinking about gifts for someone special getting their Aggie Ring this Spring? Know an Aggie graduating soon? Remember the great gifts our Boutique offers! Texas Road Signs, Custom Street Signs, Aggie Word in Pictures Signs, Jewelry of all kinds!

Contact:

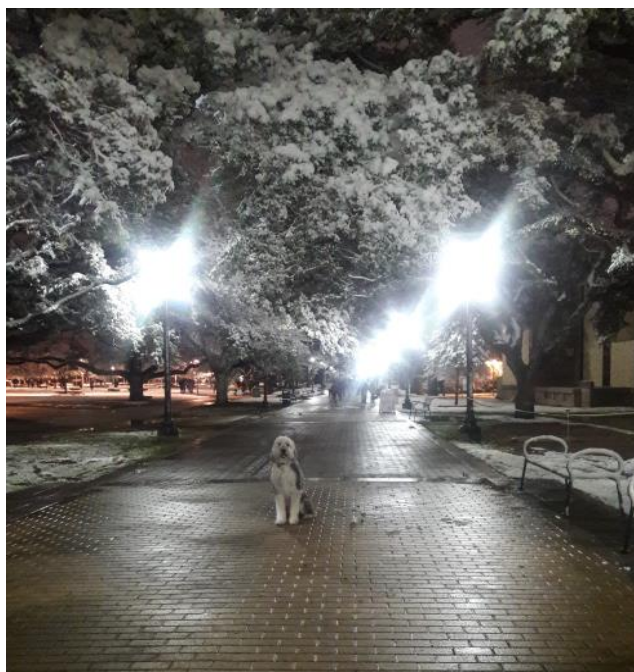
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Hresko (sahresko@comcast.net)
to order a custom sign. Visit our
website to order signs
(<https://www.aggiesign.org/home1.html>).

**Check out Boutique
at the Aggie Moms'
Club Meeting on
January 8!**



Aggieland – A Snowy Winter Wonderland 2017

In the evening hours of Thursday, December 7, our Aggie students witnessed a rare and wonderful event. Approximately 4" of snow blanketed the campus and surrounding areas. Students declared this mini-blizzard was a great time for a study break from final exams. Eyewitnesses to the event report it was great for snowman-making or general snow shenanigans. Google 'Aggieland snow' to see some great campus pictures and videos of Kyle Field blanketed in snow. Here is a good video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0y6Pqft-dQ> Many of our Aggie students shared pictures with friends and family.



Please take a few minutes to update your grocery cards to link to Fort Bend Aggie Mom's Club.

Update your Kroger Card each year so your transactions are directed to our club.
Ft. Bend County TX A&M Mother's Club
NPO number 88062


A Digital Account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards.

Visit www.kroger.com or download the Kroger mobile app.

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- Sign into your Digital Account.
- Select 'My Account'.
- Scroll down to the 'Community Rewards' section of your account page.
- Select 'Enroll Now' or 'Edit'.
- Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.
- Select the appropriate organization from the list and click 'Save'.

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GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Complete this portion to link your Remarkable Card to the charity of your choice.
 You can choose to link up to three charities. Contact your charity of choice and ask if they are a member of our Good Neighbor Program or ask the Courtesy Booth for the GNP number of a particular charity. To learn about the Good Neighbor Program, go to www.randalls.com.

REMARKABLE CARD NUMBER:

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Don't know your card number? Call Customer Care at 1-877-723-3929.

Charity to be added to your card:

1. Charity # **12980**

2. Charity # **Ft. Bend Aggie**

3. Charity # **Mom's Club**

Charity to be deleted from your card:

1. Charity # _____

2. Charity # _____

3. Charity # _____

APPLICANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

PHONE

DATE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD RANDALLS COURTESY BOOTH

OFFICE USE ONLY: STORE # _____

COURTESY BOOTH: SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MAIL ROOM - ATTN: DATA CENTER OF ARIZONA





**President Carolyn Fey Phelan '89
and the Executive Board of the
Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs**

**Cordially invite
All Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Club Presidents and Members,
And Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Club Former Presidents
to attend the**

Winter Federation Aggie Mom Dinner

**Association of Former Students Building - Zachary Family Rooms
Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas**

**Friday, January 19, 2018
Registration and Social Time 6:00 P.M.
Dinner 6:30 P.M.**

**We are honored to have as our Speaker
Colonel Michael Fossum, '80
Former Astronaut
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Texas A&M University Galveston**



**Italian Buffet
Caesar Salad
Lasagna with traditional Italian Meat Sauce
Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken
Bread with Sun-dried Tomato Butter
Mini-Cannoli**

**RSVP must be received by Friday, January 12, 2018.
Cost is \$30.00 per person
Please send your payment (checks payable to Federation
of TAMU Mothers' Clubs) to:**

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

Questions: corrsec@Aggienetwork.com or 830-226-5504



2018 Winter Workshop Registration Form
Workshops on Saturday, January 20, 2018
Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018

CLUB NAME: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE : _____

Please fill in number of attendees for each session in boxes below:

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

Mail or email by January 15, 2018 to:

Katie Latham’80
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Flint, TX 75762
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Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club 2017-2018

Membership Information Form

Date _____
New _____ Renewal _____
Chk or Cash _____
Amount _____

Last Name First Name Husband's Name

Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip)

Neighborhood/Community (ex. New Territory, Old Orchard, etc.) Facebook? (Yes/No)

Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone

E-mail Address (**Please print clearly – Very Important**) Member's Birthday (MM/DD)

To reduce our postage costs, we would prefer to mail hard copies of newsletters only to members without E-mail addresses.

____ If you are NOT comfortable receiving your newsletter by e-mail, please check here.

Did you or your husband graduate from A&M? (List name & year.) _____

Student Information (current and former students) Please **print clearly**.

Name TAMU Class Birthday

TAMU Cell Phone # TAMU e-mail address Major

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I am interested in helping with the following:

____ Aggie Bags	<u>Fundraising:</u>	____ Poinsettias
____ Boutique	____ Main Fundraising Event	____ Scholarship Committee
____ Refreshments	____ Silent Auction	____ Bunco
____ Aggie Mom Crafters (AMC)		

Talents or experiences in other organizations. _____

How did you learn about our club? _____

Annual Dues are \$25. If you wish to donate \$1 to the Benevolent fund make check for \$26. Please make your check payable to Fort Bend Aggie Moms. Please turn in form and dues at any meeting or mail to Membership Chairman:

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