

Newsletter



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A Note from Carol

It's that time again!

****What time is it?

One answer to this question is 'Flu Season'.

One of the most concerning issues to Aggie Moms is what to do if their student calls and says "Mom, I feel sick". If you are anything like me, you are tempted to rush to College Station to take care of the situation. However, equipping our students to manage their own health care decisions should be a high priority.

What health services are available to your student at Texas A&M University and how can the student take advantage of them?

Our special guest for the month of February is Student Health Services located on main campus in the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Take some time to talk to your student about health care and care facility options on and off campus. Make sure that they have the appropriate insurance cards with them. You'll be glad you did!

****What time is it? Another answer to that is:

Time to sell raffle tickets for student scholarships.

Scholarship applications are due Monday, February 12, 2018. Our fundraising committee members, Terri Wang and Debra Loeser, are distributing raffle tickets for sale by our general membership. If you already have raffle tickets, please bring sold ticket stubs and money to turn in. If you don't have raffle tickets, pick them up at the General Meeting or call Terri or Debra to arrange for tickets. I am asking each member to sell at least 10 raffle tickets. Our incentive drawings for prizes will begin at the March General Meeting. The more you sell the greater chance you have to win some great Aggie prizes!

****What time is it? It's time to volunteer to be a board or committee member for Ft. Bend Aggie Moms.

The Nominating Committee-Lorri Henry, Carmen Breuer, and Michele Bernhardt, is preparing a slate of board/committee members for our vote at the March general meeting. Please consider a position! There are numerous benefits that mostly include having fun.

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

Family Weekend April 13-15, 2018

Mark your calendars and reserve your hotel rooms (if you have not already) for Texas A&M University Family Weekend, April 13 - 15.

Formerly known as Parents Weekend, this special weekend was first established in 1919. It is a long-standing tradition. There are activities, tours and performances throughout the weekend and more information can be found by going here: <http://familyweekend.tamu.edu/events>

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms will be at the Aggie Moms' Boutique on:
Friday, April 13: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday, April 14: 9 am - 5 pm

We look forward to having you join us at the boutique for one of the shifts and shopping throughout the Memorial Student Center. Aggie Moms are all over the second floor selling their favorite Aggie items and raffle tickets for all kinds of good stuff. It is the best shopping in Aggieland. Sara McAlister and Melanie Bates will be reaching out to you for help in the Boutique.

Our Raffle fundraiser will also be selling raffle tickets at Family Weekend. The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, April 14 at about 3:00 p.m.



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

Class of 2018 Graduates

Attention Aggie Moms - Here's a list of the class of 2018 graduates as identified by our records. If there is a change or addition, please contact Carol Gaas @ cagaas99@swbell.net

Ryan Brown, son of Brenda

Brian Buckle, son of Leslie

Katherine Cornell, daughter of Michelle

Amy Dodson, daughter of Beth

Emma Gaas, daughter of Carol

Maisie Harris, daughter of Angela

Collin Haun, son of Allison

Emily Hughes, daughter of Ellen

Grant Lincecum, son of Kim

Lauren Moreno-Hollady,
daughter of Ana

Zach Ransome, son of Melinda

Michael Sallean, son of Katie

Patrick Seiler, son of Marilyn

Kaitlyn Trei, daughter of Carol
Thomas

Allison Vehringer, daughter of
Gina

Michael Wang, son of Terri

Megan Whitworth, daughter of
Sally

Jennifer Wu, daughter of Ting



Little Known Facts about Texas A&M University

The building fondly referred to as the 'quack shack' which houses Student Health Services is named for A. P. Beutel.

Who is A.P. Beutel?

Dr. A. P. Beutel helped found the petrochemical industry along the Texas-Louisiana coast. Dr. Beutel, who lived in nearby Lake Jackson, came to Texas in 1940 to build the Dow Chemical plant at Freeport.

He ran the vast operation until 1963, seeing it grow to a multibillion-dollar facility covering 3,000 acres. He also built Dow's first plant in Louisiana. Since his pioneering efforts, the petrochemical industry has boomed along the Gulf Coast. He was vice president of the Texas A&M University System board of directors at his death at the age of 80 in 1972.



Flu Facts

On average, college students who get the flu experience illness of eight days or more.

Vaccination rates on college campuses are "strikingly low" — as low as 8 percent and only as high as 39 percent.

College students, living in high-touch areas and juggling overloaded schedules, are largely unaware of their vulnerability to the illness. They often overlook the importance of, or face barriers to, taking preventive measures such as an annual flu vaccination.



2018 Meeting Dates



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)

Aggie Boutique and Aggie Signs

Remember the great Aggie gifts our Boutique offers! Texas Road Signs, Custom Street Signs, Aggie Word in Pictures Signs, beautiful jewelry of all kinds!

Check out Boutique at the Aggie Moms' Club Meeting.

Contact Sara McAllister
(the_science_mom@yahoo.com)
or Melanie Bates
(melaniejeanbates@gmail.com) for
boutique items or Sharon Hresko
(sahresko@comcast.net) to order a
custom sign.

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms has
authentic TxDot signs for every
Aggie in your family. They are
great for senior photos! Consider
them for a high school graduation
gift for the Aggie-bound student or
a great dorm décor item!

Custom signs with family names
and past graduation years may be
special ordered.

Special orders can take 6 to 8
weeks to fulfill.

If you have a graduating Aggie-
bound high school student or
college student, order now. Check
out our website at
www.aggiesigns.org Please
share this website with friends and
family.



Aggie Brags

Hunter Stewart

Son of Aggie Mom Camille Stewart, has been asked back to Chevron as an intern. This time he will be working in the Pipeline division with data management. Also, he was able to participate with the "Study Abroad" program that our speaker talked about. This was a newer program to Singapore which took place over the Winter Semester. His feedback was exceptionally good and would like to go back for his masters or just to experience more of the country and it's people. It was well organized, the people were great, the food "fantabulous" and the class was very well executed. He would recommend it to any student. He is in the Computer Science major in the Engineering school.

Dylan Crocker

Son of Aggie Mom Brenda Crocker, is a Junior and Biomedical Science Major. He was hired by TAMU, joining the Academic Success Center and will be a Physics tutor.

Amy Dodson'18

Daughter of Aggie Mom Beth Dodson, has accepted a job in Austin with Oracle Corp. -whoop!



Facebook Fort Bend Aggie Moms Network



The Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club has a closed Face Book page that only members can join. It's a great opportunity to share events, pictures, prayer requests, ask questions, and share experiences. You are encouraged to join and share. Fort Bend Aggie Moms Network:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1121740947855860/>

We also have a public Facebook page called Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club. We post news about upcoming meetings, scholarship opportunities, and Aggie news. <https://www.facebook.com/fortbendaggiemomsclub/> you are interested in attending.

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](https://smile.amazon.com) for your purchase transactions.

This link will take you directly to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-1029502) in support of Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club. Thanks for signing up!
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-1029502>

Aggie Mom Camp - February 2-4, 2018

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms were well represented at Aggie Mom Camp 2018! Four brave Ft. Bend moms 'roughed it' at the Hilton Hotel in College Station. The activities included notable A&M speakers and tours of behind-the-scenes jewels of Texas Agri-Life which included a coffee tasting and melt-in-your mouth tenderloin samples. It ended with a huge banquet at the Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM '56 Equine Complex.



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!



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'.



The logo is a circular emblem with a red border. Inside the circle, the words "RANDALLS" are at the top, "Good" is in the middle, and "Neighbor PROGRAM" is at the bottom, all in a stylized font. The central image depicts a blue and white illustration of a school building with a flagpole and a person standing in front.

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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:

- Charity to be deleted from your card:

1. Charity # _____
2. Charity # _____
3. Charity # _____

APPLICANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD RANDALLS COURTESY BOOTH

OFFICE USE ONLY: STORE #

OFFICE USE ONLY: STORE # _____

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



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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