



Dallas County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club NEWSLETTER

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COMING UP:

- Dec 5** (Mon)
Deliver Goody Bags to CS
- Dec 7** Book Club party (Wed)
- Dec 8** Sock Exchange (Thu)
- Dec 12** (Mon)
Concert Plans Continue!
7pm Upstairs @ [Whole Foods](#) (Preston & Forest)
- Jan 19** (Thu)
DCAM Jan General Mtg
7pm **Chili Cook-Off Judging 6:30pm**
Recognition of December Graduates
Guest Speaker: Traveling Aggies!
[@4024 Caruth Blvd Dallas](#)
Univ Park United Methodist [Map](#)
- Jan 21** (Sat)
Federation of Aggie Moms Mtg (CS) 10:30 am
(Contact Tommie to car-pool)
- Jan 25** (Wed)
Book Club 7pm @
[@Corner Bakery](#) (SE corner of Preston & Forest)

PRESIDENT Tommie Kenas dcampres@gmail.com

Howdy Moms!

WHOOPI! What a great turn out for our November General Meeting. It was so nice to see all of you and welcome to all our new moms. We all had a great time filling our Goody Bags. I know our Aggies will enjoy all the goodies. A BIG THANK YOU to Katie Hunter '15 for making all those awesome bags for us.

For those that helped with the Scrapbook – cutting, pasting and stamping THANK YOU! We will have 10-12 books ready for the Holiday Sale. (Whoop!)

You don't want to miss our December Social & Sock Swap at Robin McMahan's home on Dec 8.

It's hard to believe that the Fall Semester is just about over. And for some of us, our Aggie will be graduating in 2 weeks. WHOOPI!

I hope your Aggie survived their Final Exams and make it home safely for Christmas Break.

Brrrr.... It's cold outside! Get your Chili Recipe perfected for our Annual Chili Cook Off at our January Meeting (Jan 19). **Bring your spouse** and come learn about the Traveling Aggies. We hope to meet your Aggie Graduate as we recognize their success at our meeting as well.

Any moms interested in learning more about Aggie Moms are welcome to attend the *Federation of Aggie Moms Winter Meeting* held in College Station, on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Mtg will be held in the Memorial Student Center (MSC) Gates Ballroom – Room 2400. Coffee 8:00 a.m., Meeting 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Look for more information to come.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Tommie

PROGRAMS Janice Patterson dcamprograms@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar for our Next General Meeting: Thursday, January 19

Join us to hear about **The Traveling Aggies**

<http://www.aggienetwork.com/travel/>

Marisa Liles, Travel Program Operations Manager, will fill us in on the upcoming 2017 trips and the past adventures of this fun group.

With over **50 trips** planned every year, including cruises, safaris, and a tour by private jet, a great variety of affordable trips are sure to catch your interest!

The Traveling Aggies Program offers former students, their families and friends the chance to travel among the camaraderie of fellow Aggies while experiencing local customs, lifestyles and educational opportunities. The trips are a chance to learn about new locales in the company of great Aggie friends.

(See last page for Marisa;s Bio)



January: Our Annual Chili Cook-off

Start planning now – bring your filled crock pot to our annual Chili Cook-off, held prior to the start of the January General Meeting.

Judging (6:30—6:50 pm)

Categories:

- ◆ SEC (Something Exotic Chili)
- ◆ Ladies Choice
- ◆ Ol' Sarge
- ◆ Best of Bevo



Not entering the Chili Judging? If you do not plan to enter the competition, you can still bring an item (cornbread, sour cream, cheese, chopped onions, baked potatoes or dessert) **RSVP** : Carol Barke dcammembership@gmail.com

Wanting to help? Carol would appreciate a contact person regarding food at the Feb-April general meetings, to take a few things off her plate. (yes, pun intended!)



Attention Graduates!

We will be honoring the December Graduating Seniors (and any we may have missed from Summer) at the January 19th meeting. Please let Melinda know your student is graduating so we may acknowledge them and present them with a gift. Respond to:

Melinda Marusak dcamconcert@gmail.com

DCAM Online Member Directory listing current '16-'17 Members Now available

(click [here](#))

You may also access via our website

Need Password? dalmoms1617
(Please do not share with outside persons.)



Singing Cadets UPDATE (Concert:February 18, 2017!)

TICKETS online at: SingingCadetsDallas.eventbrite.com



Many thanks to all of you who have already bought tickets for this fun night! We're well on our way to giving the cadets a great crowd for their performance!

And now that it's December, are you needing some Christmas **gift ideas**? How about tickets to see the Singing Cadets?! Perfect, right? You're welcome! They're great for for parents, grandparents, friends, co-workers, your supper club, the book club, your kids' music teachers, choir directors, pet sitters, Chinese gift exchange, hair dressers, your pastor...I could go on and on...ok, I won't. But use your imagination!



Speaking of December, if you're interested in participating in the concert as a sponsor, consider the timing for your tax planning purposes! Our sponsors help us cover the fixed costs for the event so that all of our fundraising can go directly to scholarships and donations to student organizations. Sponsor levels start as low as \$100, and the sponsor packet is attached for your convenience.

We're seeking host families who can provide an overnight stay for a few of the boys. There will be approx. 75 of them, so we have plenty of opportunities available! Please use this [link](#) to sign up, and use the "comments" section to describe the beds you have available. Please indicate whether you have any pets.

Housing questions may be directed to Karen Hunter at 214-534-2172, dcamvpatlarge@gmail.com.



Congratulations to the winners of our ticket drawings at the Howdy Holidays Sale: Patti Baty, Amanda Jagielski and Judy Moen! They each won a pair of tickets to the concert. See y'all at the show!

The only planning session we'll have in December will be Monday, Dec. 12. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the [Preston Forest Whole Foods](#).

If you have any questions, contact Sharon at 214-236-0339 or dcamcadetconcert@gmail.com



Former Student Andi Duffy '78 raises money for Texas A&M scholarships by selling Century Tree saplings. And he recently announced a program to support the Aggie Moms Clubs!

He sells his 1-foot saplings for \$100, and if the buyer has been referred by an Aggie Mom club, he'll donate \$20 back to that club!

Our own Karen Hunter bought a sapling 4 years ago and it's now a young tree standing proudly in her yard! (See pic next page)

So if you want a piece of Aggieland at your home, or if you want to give one as a gift, be sure to enter Dallas County Aggie Moms in the referral box on the order page. (Trees may be shipped.)

If you have any questions, you can contact Robin McMahan at 972-343-8536 or dcampresidentelect@gmail.com. She bought her seedling a few months ago.



Here's the link!<https://www.aggiecenturytreeproject.com/>

Andi's Business Card (Zoom for better focus)

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January 25th – BOOK CLUB***The Nightingale* by Jan-Kristin Hannah**

We will meet at the Corner Bakery Cafe at the southeast corner of Forest and Preston. 11700 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75230, United States

The meeting begins at 7pm. Some of us choose to eat dinner during the meetings, others do not. Your choice.

As always, there is no requirement to have read the book. A lot of socializing goes on along with the book discussion.

**January Speaker Bio:**

Marisa Liles was born and raised in Aggieland before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 2009, in Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management from Texas Tech University.

Marisa previously worked for The Fairmont Dallas as a Business and Leisure Sales Coordinator before returning to College Station. She joined the Bryan-College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau in 2010 as a Destination Sales Executive before becoming the Director of Conventions Sales in 2012. While at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Marisa assisted over 200 planners and organizations in bringing conferences and events to the Brazos Valley.

Marisa joined the Traveling Aggies in March 2014 as the Travel Program Operations Manager. Her Aggie family includes her father, Ben Liles '73, her brother, Benjamin Liles '05, her sister-in-law, Lindy Liles '04, and her aunt and uncle, Linda Reagan '69 and Mike Reagan '70.

Howdy Holiday Market 2016

was cold and it was rainy but what a great sale!

Thanks to all of the volunteers who braved the weather to help us set up, sell our goods and tear it down! Everything looked great and our vendors seemed to be pleased as well. Our crafts and baked goods looked fabulous.

A more complete report will be submitted as soon as we've completed our accounting of the sale but from a quick look, things went VERY well!



 As you get ready for holiday shopping, remember you can shop using Amazon and donate to the Dallas County Aggie Moms' Club at the same time by using *Amazon Smile!* We'll get a small percentage of your purchase price with no additional cost to you! If you haven't already linked your Amazon account, [follow the steps on our website.](#)



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Karen's 4 year old Century Tree offsprings!

