



Dallas County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Fri. - Sun. April 8 - 10,
A&M Parents Weekend

Thurs, April 21, 6:30 pm
General Meeting –
UPUMC

Wed. April 27, 7:00 pm
Book Club

For more Calendar
Information visit
DallasAggieMoms.org

www.dallasaggie moms.org

President's Passback

April is a special month for Aggies and Aggie Moms. Parents' Weekend, whose roots began with our founder Mrs. Ada Peoples, will be held on April 8th & 9th. For Aggie Moms, this means many activities with our kids and shopping for everything imaginable at the huge Aggie Moms Boutique! Additionally, Aggie Muster is held on April 21st each year. Muster is a time to look to the past, present, and future...not only to grieve but also to reflect and to celebrate the lives that connect us to one another. What is felt today is not just the love of a fellow Aggie (or Aggie Mom) - it is the spirit of hundreds of thousands of Aggies

who have gone before. Muster is how that Spirit is remembered and will continue to unite Texas A&M and the Aggie family across the world. We hold our General Meetings on the third Thursday of the month, and this month it happens to fall on April 21st. Besides commemorating Muster, you can exercise your right to vote in the election for next year's Board, take advantage of one last opportunity to make your choices for our funds distribution and assemble Goody Bags for your Aggie. Please join us at this activity filled meeting where we'll get together, eat a little, and talk about A&M.

Gig 'em! Karen M. Hunter '85

Programs

Join us, Thursday, April 21st for the April general meeting.

We have a lot going on.: Muster, Election of our new board, Speaker from the TAMU Prospective Student Center and Prepare Goody Bags for exam time

Our speaker, Christopher Hilario, from the Prospective Student Center will give some insight into what to expect after acceptance. All incoming freshman students/parents are invited to attend. Please pass along the information to incoming fall 2016 freshmen and their families that you know. A flyer has been sent to the surrounding high school counselors. Janice Patterson, dcamprograms@gmail.com.

Board Elections

Dallas County Aggie Moms Club will hold elections for our 2016-2017 Board at our General Meeting in April. Active members must be present to vote. We will entertain nominations from the floor for any open spots. Thanks to our Nominating Committee for a great slate!

The 2016 -2017 Slate is:

President*: Tommie Kenas

President-Elect: Robin McMahan

VP-At-Large*: Karen Hunter

Membership Chairman: Carol Barke

Fundraising Chairman: Jamie Voss Harrison

Communication Chairman: Tonya Ward

Recording Secretary: Eve Herman

Treasurer: Liz Potter

*The President and VP-At-Large will automatically advance and no vote will be taken.



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<http://dallasaggie moms.org/>

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[Dallas County Aggie Moms](#)

Singing Cadet Concert Success!

I would like to thank everyone for their part in making the concert a great success. This is truly a team effort. A special thanks to Sharon Keeler for securing our Sponsors; with their contributions we were able to cover the cost of the venue. Thanks to Carol Nicholas and Judy Moen - awesome job with making sure all the Cadets had a place to stay. Thanks to Terry Carpenter for her tireless effort gathering raffle prizes. And to Liz and Mike Potter for raffle display. Thanks to Robin McMahan, Margaret Bell, Eve Holder, Cindy Waldrop, Peggy Nolan, Janice Patterson, Cindy Lindsley, Karen Hunter and to all Host Families who helped from creating the bookmark, advertising, the lunch bunch raffle sales and hosting /feeding cadets. Thank you all!! Please forgive me if I left someone out. Lastly, Thank you to **Grub Burger**, Dallas. Thank you for your generosity in feeding all The Singing Cadets on Friday afternoon (approximately 70 people). Aggie Families, if you are in Grub Burger area (Greenville Ave) please stop in for a bite and give back to them.

After paying the Cadets their fee of \$2,700 we still have a net profit of approximately \$3,000. WHOOP!!!

Parents Weekend is coming next weekend and this is another major fundraiser for DCAM. Please visit the Volunteer Spot and sign up for a shift to work in our Boutique or stop by and shop. Come see and bring your friends. For additional information contact Tommie Kenas - 214-435-9309 cell.

Thanks and Gig'Em
Tommie - President Elect

Hope Supply Company

Thank you to Robin McMahan and Barbara Johnson for organizing our own local Big Event and thank you to the staff at Hope Supply Company. Our Aggie Moms put together 50 teen hygiene boxes that will be distributed to homeless teens in the North Texas area.

Parents' Weekend Help Needed

Parent's Weekend is April 8th – 9th and it is our big Boutique event for the year! We will be unloading & set up on Thursday, April 7th at 7:45 pm. The sale runs on Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. We will need to be packed & out of the MSC by 7:00pm. Please Click here to sign up for one or more shifts: <http://vols.pt/av4jj5>.

Book Club

April 27 - Twelve Mighty Orphans by Jim Dent

May 25 - Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

June 22 - A Painted House by John Grisham

Book Club meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm - Corner Bakery, SE corner of Preston & Forest (Having read the book is not a requirement.)

Join us for dinner/coffee/tea and conversation!

Goody Bags

Exam time means Aggie Mom Goody Bag time! ****NEW**** for April: **DELIVERY!**
We had great fun sharing all sorts of goodies last Fall, and we will do the same in April.

WHEN: Thursday, April 21, 2016 @ end of general meeting

WHERE: University Park United Methodist Church

GOODY BAG “CONTAINERS”:

In Nov, we transformed T-shirts into reusable shopping bags, and filled them with goodies. APRIL options are:

- BRING BACK YOUR T-SHIRT BAG to use again, OR
- Take another shirt to Kathy J (972-989-5922. NLT April 11) to sew for you, OR
- Use a T-shirt Bag we’ll have at the meeting. **THANK YOU** goes to CC Creations for donating 20 Aggie shirts to DCAM, to be transformed into Goody Bags!
 - *Thanks* also to Tricia Harrison. She’s busy snipping off the arms and necklines of the donated shirts to prep for sewing!

GOODY BAG “CONTENTS”

Many thanks to Doris Larson for being our Point-Mom on April 21st. **Moms – bring 24 - 36 of these to Doris, at the meeting, to “share” with other moms making Goody Bags:**

Find Doris at the Goody Bag tables, and bring her 36 or so of anything you’d like to share with other Moms packing bags. Suggestions include (but are not limited to):

- Snack bag sized crackers, cookies, gum, cookies, individually wrapped candies.
- You may even bring sticky notes, two-pack aspirin, stress squeeze toys, etc.
- Some clubs include a few scantron forms

****GOODY BAG DELIVERY!**

Aggie Mom clubs gather in College Station and hand out their Goody Bags, and DCAM will, too!

- Delivery date: April 29 @ the MSC between noon and 5pm (TELL YOUR STUDENT) Let him/her know TO COME BY TO PICK UP THE FANTASTIC BAG YOU PACKED FOR THEM!
- We’ll have an identifier tag for you to fill out with your name, student name, all contact info, etc. The tag will be attached to your bag when you pack it.

Janice, Karen, Robin and Denise will carpool to make the delivery. Let Janice know if you would like to join the road trip! The more the merrier! dcamprograms@gmail.com 972-898-8231

Calling all May Graduates

If you have a student graduating in May we would like to recognize them at our May 20 meeting and present them a gift. Please email me at: dcamcorresec@gmail.com and CONGRATULATIONS!

Dallas County Aggie Moms Give Back!

It's time for us to choose which student organizations we will support with the money we've raised during the 2015-2016 school year. This link takes you to a list of all of the eligible organizations <http://aggiemoms.org/documents/> The university provides the list of eligible groups to us and it changes slightly from year to year.

Below is a ballot. Please indicate which group (s) you would like for us to support. You may choose up to five. Every organization that receives a vote will receive a donation. The amount will depend on how many votes it receives from all of our members.

You may submit your ballot to DCAM by email (dcamtreas@gmail.com) or bring it to a general meeting. All ballots must be received by FRIDAY, May 6, 2016. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks and gig 'em!
Cindy Lindsley
DCAM Treasurer

**Dallas County Aggie Moms
2015-2016 Student Organization Selection Form**

Voting deadline: May 6, 2016

Please indicate which organization(s) you would like to receive your share of the 2015-2016 fundraising proceeds. You may allocate your share to just one organization or divide it among up to 5 separate groups.

Organization Name(s)	# of votes per student organization	Account number	Mothers' Club Code

For the complete list of eligible organizations, check the *TAMU Authorized Student Organization List* posted on the Federation Documents Page at <http://aggiemoms.aggienetwork.com/home>

Member name: _____

Member signature: _____

Member e-mail: _____

Member phone: _____

Ballots must be received by Friday, May 6, 2016. Please send ballots by email or regular mail to: Cindy Lindsley 4515 W. University Blvd. Dallas, TX 75209 dcamtreas@gmail.com

Each year, DCAM members vote for the distribution of our fundraising efforts. Throughout the year, we are contacting from groups reaching out to tell us about their efforts. To assist you in researching on campus groups, you can access the communications under the Giving Back menu on our website (<https://dallascomoms.aggienetwork.com/student-organizations-contacts/>).