



# Dallas County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

Tues, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Singing Cadet Meeting

Thurs, Jan 21, 6:30 pm  
General Meeting  
UPUMC

Fri Jan 22 - Sat Jan 23  
Winter Federation Meeting  
College Station

Wed Jan 27, 7:00 pm  
Book Club

Fri, Feb 19, 7:30 pm  
Singing Cadets Concert

For more Calendar  
Information visit  
[DallasAggieMoms.org](http://DallasAggieMoms.org)

[www.dallasaggie moms.org](http://www.dallasaggie moms.org)

## President's Passback

Howdy Aggie Moms!  
We closed out 2015 with our first Holiday Sweet Swap, a relaxing evening of dinner, great Aggie Mom conversation and, of course, lots of sweets! Thanks to Sharon, Peggy and Margaret for planning it.

We have great activities planned for 2016. For the first time, we will also give a Spring Howdy Basket based on attendance at our events. You can stay connected through our eBlasts, Monthly Newsletters, Facebook, our

website and online calendar.

Our spring fundraiser is in February. We really do need everyone to make it a success. There are so many ways, big and small, for DCAM members to get involved. Attend a Planning Meeting (held every Tuesday) to find out where you can pitch in. Once again, we are using VolunteerSpot for sign ups.

Happy New Year and Gig'em!  
-- Karen M Hunter '85  
President DCAM

## Singing Cadet Committee

Howdy and Happy New Year,

The Singing Cadet Concert is just 6 weeks away!! This is our major fundraiser for the year. You don't want to miss out. The concert is Friday, February 19 at the Dallas City Performance Hall. Tickets are \$25-\$50 with a 10% discount on groups of 10 or more. You can purchase your tickets at <http://www.ticketdfw.com/whats-on/2016/the-singing-cadets>.

If you know a Former Singing Cadet let us know. We have a discount rate for them as well.

We will have planning meetings every Tuesday evening until the event at Whole Foods – Preston and Forest in the food court area upstairs. The next meeting is January 19, at 7:00 pm.

We will cover the following areas:

1. Sponsorships and Donations
2. Raffle Items
3. Publicity – Feature Story
4. Cadet Food and Housing

We need all hands!! Also if you know of anyone who would like to make a donation to support our concert, we've added a link for online payments to the bottom of the concert page on our website:

<http://dallasaggie moms.org/singing-cadets-spring-fundraiser/>

Please call or email Tommie Kenas at 214-435-9309 or [dcamcadetconcert@gmail.com](mailto:dcamcadetconcert@gmail.com) with your area of interest.

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## Programs

### General Meeting - Rusty Burson and Chili Cook Off! Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> - University Park United Methodist Church

Rusty Burson will be our speaker. He is the Director of Membership and Communications at Miramont Country Club in Bryan, Texas. He previously spent 16 years as the Associate Editor with 12th Man Magazine at Texas A&M University. Burson, a 1990 graduate of Sam Houston State, originally began his career in journalism with newspapers in Galveston and Fort Worth. He has written 17 books, most of them associated with Texas A&M athletics. Burson and his wife, Vanessa, live in College Station, Texas, with their three children, 19-year-old son, Payton; 16-year-old daughter Kyleigh; and 10-year-old daughter Summer. Burson met his wife at the Dixie Chicken following Texas A&M's 1992 win over Texas Tech. They recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. Find his books at

<http://www.amazon.com/Rusty-Burson/e/B001K8AVHI>

We will also be recognizing our December Graduates at this meeting.  
Thanks a bunch!

Janice Patterson  
Programs Chair  
Dallas County Aggie Moms



### Brrrrrrrr...It's Getting Chili...

Start planning now! We will hold a Chili Cook-off during our January General Meeting. Bring your favorite chili to be judged in the following categories: *SEC* (Something Exotic Chili), *Ladies Choice*, *Best of Bevo* and *Old Sarge*. Judging will take place from 6:30 - 6:50 PM

If you do not enter the competition, you can still bring an item by using our Volunteer sign-up. Please click the link: [DCAM Chili Cookoff](#) Additionally, let us know if you have an extension cord or surge protector plug strip you will bring.

**Please come and enjoy a variety of chili dishes!**

If you have any questions, contact [dcamhospitality@gmail.com](mailto:dcamhospitality@gmail.com) or 972.273.0730  
Thanks and Gig'em! Laurie Moon - DCAM Hospitality

## Book Club

### Books for 2016:

January 27 - Playing for Pizza by John Grisham  
February 24 - American Wife by Curtis Sittenfield  
March 23 - The Rose Project by Graeme Simsion

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 **Come join us!**

## Federation of Aggie Moms



The Winter Federation Meeting will take place on **Saturday, January 23rd** in College Station. The Federation meetings are fun and informative, and all Aggie Moms are welcome! It will kick-off with an optional dinner on **Friday, January 22nd** at 7 PM (registration begins at 6:30); RSVP and payment of \$31 is required by January 15th. If you didn't get all of the Aggie items you wanted for Christmas, there will be a mini-Boutique following the meeting. I'm excited that the Federation is offering a couple of workshops (no cost), including Boutique and Website Development. If you want to get more involved in either of those areas, this is a great opportunity to see what's it all about. On Saturday afternoon, there will be an Aggie Moms Social at The Wine Depot at Benjamin Knox Gallery. This is new this year and offers not only the opportunity to meet and chat with Aggie Moms from all over, but we will also get to hear from Benjamin about his upcoming Aggie Mom offerings. You can find more information on the Federation's [website](#). Please contact Karen at [dcampres@gmail.com](mailto:dcampres@gmail.com) if you would like to attend or if you have questions.

## Aggie Moms Connecting

**Wine Bottling & Happy Hour** Saturday, February 6, 2016, 3pm - 5pm

Join us for a fun Wine Bottling Social Event on Saturday, February 6th from 3 - 5 p.m. at Two Corks and a Bottle. Although the wine batch was pre-ordered in December, the bottling party is open to all. Even if you did not order wine, join us to have fun with friends. Two Corks and a Bottle allows us to bring food into the store, so bring a favorite snack and enjoy Happy Hour with other Aggie Families.

Two Corks and a Bottle

Quadrangle Retail Complex

2800 Routh St., Ste. 140

Dallas, TX 75201-7667

214-871-WINE (9463)

Plug into your GPS: "2650 Laclede Street, Dallas" and you'll come right to our front door!!!!

Click here for a [map](#)

**Carol Barke – DCAM Membership**

*See you on Saturday, February 6th.*

## Scrip

### What is SCRIP?

It sounds confusing, but check it out!

SCRIP is a term describing our fundraising program in which you buy GIFT CARDS at face value, and the retailer gives a donation back to DCAM. Simple!

What cards are included? Check out

[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or click here to see a complete list.

How do I buy them? Easy -1) Place Order for cards at

DCAM meeting or BUY the cards we already have in

stock 2) Email your order to

[dcamscrip@gmail.com](mailto:dcamscrip@gmail.com). Or 3) For you adventurous

souls, read through the ShopWithSCRIP website to see how to create an account (for ordering purposes only - no online money exchange), and place your order online. Then, our DCAM SCRIP coordinator will place your order once she receives your payment (cash or check) It sounds more complicated than it really is - Please Call me with any questions. I can walk you through each step of the way! Kathy [972-989-5922](tel:972-989-5922)