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**Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, Nov 12 6:30 pm  
Scrapbooking Session

Thursday, Nov 19 6:30  
General Meeting  
6:30 pm UPUMC

Monday, Nov 30 6:30 pm  
Scrapbooking Session

**Looking Ahead:**

Tuesday Dec 1  
Pioneer Woman Book Signing  
Sam's Club, 6185 Retail Rd,  
Dallas 4pm – 5pm

Wednesday Dec 2  
Holiday Book Club, 7:00 PM  
3542 Golfing Green Dr.,  
Farmers Branch 75234

December 5th, 10 AM – 3 PM  
**Howdy Holiday Sale**  
Texas A&M AgriLife Center

Tuesday Dec 8  
Singing Cadet Committee  
Meeting, 7:00 PM

Thursday Dec 17  
Aggie Moms Connecting  
Holiday Exchange 6:30 – 8:30pm

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

**President's Passback**

I love this time of year -- crisp temperatures, cranberries, turkey, family time and intentionally dwelling on all reasons I am thankful. I am a proud Aggie, but being an Aggie Mom has added another dimension to that. Since becoming an Aggie Mom four years ago, I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful women and work towards a common goal of supporting not just my own Aggies, but all Aggies. A recent event reinforced the impact of Aggie Moms supporting Aggie Moms, too. I am thankful for all of you!

As a support organization, we must continue to adapt to meet the environment in which we operate and the needs of those that we serve. My goal coming into this year was to expand our activities and allow different opportunities for our members. In addition to more varied social activities, there are changes needed to the Bylaws to update the roles available. Whether you want to be a little involved or you are ready to dive in completely, I truly appreciate you sharing your time and talents. If you are a new Aggie Mom, I would love to hear how you feel about our Club so far. If you are a more 'tenured' DCAM member, please let me know if you enjoy the new activities and changes.

Aggies love to gather and share some good bull. The next few months bring a flurry of activity for the Dallas County Aggie Moms' Club...please refer to our online calendar and participate in the good bull as you can. At our next meeting, we will discuss business (briefly) then assemble Goody Bags and play Aggie Bingo! Goody Bags are not just limited to your current Aggie -- you can make one for anyone (be sure to bring enough supplies if you plan to make more than one). Looking forward, the Howdy Holiday Sale is a fun way to help our fundraising efforts. Bake, volunteer, shop the Aggie Mom Boutiques...or do all three! The Pioneer Woman Book Signing, Holiday Book Club Evening, Holiday Exchange and Do-It-Yourself Painting offer a variety of opportunities to enjoy 'mom-araderie'. You are welcome to bring others to our Aggie Moms Connecting Events -- a new Aggie Mom, a friend, your spouse, and even your Aggie, as their schedules allow.

Here is hoping each of you has a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of time with your Aggies.

Thanks and Gig 'em!  
Karen M. Hunter '85, President

**Singing Cadet Committee Needs You!**

The Next Singing Cadet Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm.

We are bringing "The Voice of Aggieland" back to Dallas and We need volunteers to help solicit sponsors, raffle items and other tasks. No amount of time is too small! Contact Tommie at [dcampresidencetelect@gmail.com](mailto:dcampresidencetelect@gmail.com) to see how you can help.

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[Dallas County Aggie Moms](#)

## Programs

**WHAT:** We have decided to assemble Goody Bags (formerly known as Exam Packs) at our November General meeting, socialize and also play some AGGIE BINGO!

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bring 24-36 items per each goody bag you want to take home, to "share" with other moms. We will lay them all out, and take one item from each stack, to put in our bag. (i.e. snack items, gum, cookies, individually wrapped candies. You may even bring sticky notes, two-pack aspirin, stress squeeze toys, scantron forms, etc.)

**\*\*GREAT IDEA:** On meeting night, see Janice and buy one of our available Gift Cards (SCRIP) to send along too! i.e. Starbucks, Chipotle, etc. \*\*

**Also BRING** a T-shirt (Any T will do -- use an A&M shirt for your Aggie, or a favorite comic hero, or even a UTD or other school's shirt to send a pack to students at other schools.) **WHY?** We will turn the t-shirt into a re-usable shopping bag and use it as your "Goody Bag" packaging. (Which is EASY to do -- by you, or for you if you prefer. We'll have helpers that night!). Some boxes and paper type bags will be available if you do not want to use a shirt. Don't want to give up a favorite shirt? Check out a Good Will store -- they have T-shirts for about \$4, and I have seen TAMU shirts, too.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 19, 2015 6:30 pm (visit/eat) 7pm start

**WHERE:** University Park United Methodist Church (4024 Caruth Blvd, Dallas)

Sample Goody Bag items from prior year -- Feel free to bring whatever you would like to share!



Turn ANY T-shirt in to a REUSABLE shopping bag, which doubles as the Goody Bag (Exam Pack) you will give your student! You may make a Goody Bag for anyone -- you are not limited to A&M students (or friends, neighbors, co-workers)



## Book Club

### Holiday Book Club

Wednesday, December 2 @ 7pm  
3542 Golfing Green Dr., Farmers Branch  
75234

Light dinner will be served.

Please bring 1 wrapped book, does not need to be new, for an exchange.

Book Discussion: Wishin' and Hopin' by Wally Lamb

Please RSVP to Denise @ [214-478-7118](tel:214-478-7118)

### 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!**

## 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). And 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 any step of the way! Kathy [972-989-5922](tel:972-989-5922)

## Howdy Holiday Sale

**December 5th, 10 AM – 3 PM**, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center (17360 Coit Rd, Dallas)

Tis the season -- to shop! Come to the annual Howdy Holiday Sale on Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>; hosted by the Dallas County Aggie Mother's Club.

There will be Aggie Gifts and Craft Boutiques from area Aggie Moms Clubs, so there are many new items available. You can pick up your "Aggie-fied" fresh evergreen wreaths and tamales (be sure to fill out the pre-order form!) and a Country Kitchen Bake Sale. The proceeds from the sale will benefit Student Scholarships and Student Organizations at Texas A&M University.

### Volunteers Needed

The Howdy Holiday Sale is a large sale and volunteers are needed to help with various tasks.

To help everything run smooth, we need lots of coverage.

*Set-up: 5 – 10 PM, Friday, 12/4* -- Come and go as you are able; bring your spouse and sons/friends.

*Opening Team: 8 – 11 AM* — Help with final set up of Country Kitchen, Tamale distribution.

*Workers: 9 AM – 1 PM or 12 – 4 PM* – Boutique, Tamale and Wreath distribution, Country Kitchen, Info Table, Roamers.

*Closers: 2 – 4 PM* — Clean up and tear down.

Please contact Kathy Jagielski (dcamvpatlarge@gmail.com / 972-989-5922) or Karen Hunter (dcampres@gmail.com / 214-534-2172) to let them know when you can pitch in.



## Holiday Wreaths

### TIME TO PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!

Dallas County Aggie Moms are Selling **LIVE (and AGGIE-FIED) Wreaths** again this year Benefitting A&M Student Scholarships and Student Organizations

**Advance Orders:** *Fresh Wreaths will be sold through **PRE-SALE ORDER (Orders DUE Nov 19)*** You will pick up wreaths December 5<sup>th</sup> @ the Howdy Holidays Sale 10am - 3pm **Download the Order Form and send To:** [dcamfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:dcamfundraising@gmail.com)

## Creamy Cheese Grits with Chilies by Ree | The Pioneer Woman

Cook: 45 Minutes Serves: 8

### Ingredients

- 4-1/2 cups Water
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 cup Grits (quick Or Regular)
- 1/2 can (10 Oz. Size) Rotel (Tomatoes And Chilies)
- 1 can (4 Oz. Size) Chopped Green Chilies
- 8 ounces, weight Monterey Jack Cheese, Grated
- 4 ounces, weight Cream Cheese, Cut Into Cubes
- 1/4 teaspoon Cayenne Pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon Paprika
- Black Pepper To Taste
- 1 whole Egg, Beaten

### Preparation

Preheat oven to 375 F. Boil water in a medium sized saucepan and add salt. Add grits and stir, then reduce heat to low and cover. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in Rotel, chilies, grated cheese, and cream cheese. Stir in spices and check for seasonings. Add salt if needed.

Beat egg in a small bowl or cup. Drizzle in a couple tablespoons of the hot grits to temper the eggs, stirring constantly. Then dump it all back into the pot and stir.

Pour into a buttered baking dish and bake for 45 minutes, or until hot and bubbly and golden on top.

Important: Allow pan to sit for fifteen minutes before serving! Grits will firm up slightly as they sit. Stir a bit in the pan if needed.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**