

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

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday, October 13 Singing Cadet Committee Meeting 7:00 PM 6931 Cliffbrook 75248

Thursday, October 15 General Meeting 6:30 pm UPUMC

Saturday October 24 Bush Museum Tour 6:30 pm

Monday October 26 Kendra Gives Back Preston Center 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, October 28 Book Club @ Corner Bakery 7:00 PM

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#### President's Passback

Can you believe it's already October, and we are starting to see some Fall weather? School is in full swing, and our Aggie students have (hopefully) settled into the routines of college life. As Aggie Moms, we are all here to support each other, while nurturing and caring for our Aggies...and have fun doing it.

Check out our plans for fun meetings, special events and socials on our website (www.dallasaggiemoms.org) or on our Facebook page (Dallas County Aggie Moms). These are all great ways to meet fellow Aggie Moms and be more involved with the Club.

Remember that attending three events this semester will put you in the drawing for our Howdy Basket (one must be a meeting). Come

to the October meeting and see the basket!

I hope you will become a part of our group this year, so I encourage you to pay your dues by October 15th. The October General Meeting is the deadline to keep you on the list for our emails and newsletters and ensure that you will be listed in our membership directory. You can find a membership form on our website. Thanks to all who have already signed up or renewed.

The DCAM Board is here to help. If you have questions, concerns or are looking for resources, you can contact me or any of the Officers listed in this newsletter.

Thanks and Gig'Em! Karen Hunter '85, President

## **Programs**

DCAM General meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (September through May, except December and March) with Meet & Greet, Boutique time and refreshments at **6:30 PM** followed by our business meeting and program at **7:00** at the University Park United Methodist Church (<u>4024</u> Caruth Blvd, Dallas, TX 75225).

#### Thursday, October 15:

12th Man Foundation Speaker: **Elizabeth Greer, Senior Vice President – Annual Programs** Elizabeth will speak about the reconstruction of Kyle Field and about the 12th Man Foundation.

#### Thursday, November 19:

Each semester Aggie Moms traditionally give bags or boxes of goodies to our students to help them march through finals. We have decided to assemble Exam Packs at our November General meeting. We will also socialize and play some AGGIE BINGO! We will update this info later this month to give you an idea of how many items to bring but for now here is the scoop.

Bring 36 – 48 items to "share" with other moms. (snack bags, gum, cookies, individually wrapped candies, sticky notes, two-pack aspirin, stress squeeze toys, chap stick, etc.) and a box, bag or an old Aggie T-shirt to turn it into a re-usable shopping bag and use as your "goodie" bag. Contact DCAMPrograms@gmail.com for more information.

## Membership

Join Aggie Moms to keep up with the ins and outs of student life, meet new friends and support TAMU. Please complete your 2015-16 Membership form and bring it to the General Meeting on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>. You can also find an application on our website at <a href="http://dallasaggiemoms.org/membership">http://dallasaggiemoms.org/membership</a>.

You can now securely pay 2015-2016 dues (\$25) online using this link: <a href="https://squareup.com/market/dallas-county-tx-a-and-m-univ-mothers-club/membership">https://squareup.com/market/dallas-county-tx-a-and-m-univ-mothers-club/membership</a>.

If you have any questions, contact Carol at dcammembership@gmail.com.
We look forward to seeing you soon!

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http://dallasaggiemoms.org/

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**Dallas County Aggie Moms** 

## **DCAM Directory**

#### Going Green!

In order to save on printing costs, which will allow more of our resources to flow directly to our scholarships and donations fund, the board has decided to make this year's directory available on our website only. We will not be printing paper copies.

Access to the directory will be protected by a password and made available only to our members. We will refund the \$3 payments some of you made to cover the cost of postage. (Unfortunately, this decision was made *after* we distributed our current membership forms.)

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Keeler, Directory Chair at 214-236-0339 or dcamdirectory@gmail.com.

## **Aggie Moms Connecting**

Our Aggie Moms Connecting events are planned to offer a variety of fun venues and activities to socialize and get to know your fellow Aggie Moms on a more personal level. Check out our calendar for Fall and Winter activities. If you have an idea or want to plan an event in the Spring, let us know! Send all questions and RSVPs to dcamconnecting@gmail.com.

Let's Go to the Museum on October 24th at 10:15 AM — We are joining with the Collin County Aggie Moms for a visit to the Bush Museum & Library on the SMU Campus. If we have a minimum of 20 people, the cost is \$10 CASH (for less than 20, it's \$16 or \$13 for Seniors). You are welcome to bring a spouse, friend or even your Aggie (A&M has an away game). We are asking for cash since we have to pay all together. We have lunch reservations at Cafe 43, but we must have an RSVP by October 16th to ensure we have the correct number. When you RSVP, please let us know if you just want the take the tour or you if you will to hang stay for lunch.

Scrapbooking Aggie Mom Style in November – We are declaring November Scrapbooking Month for DCAM because we need to replenish our popular Scrapbooks (Boutique). It's fun and easy!The sessions will be held on Saturday Nov 7th, Thursday the 12th and Monday the 30th. No experience necessary!

Celebrate the Holidays with a 'Pioneer Woman' book signing on December 1st and an Ornament Exchange on December 10th.

Painting the Aggie Barn on Saturday, January 9th at 2 PM—It's a bring your own snack and beverage paint-it-yourself party! The cost is \$25 at Art in the Vine (Grapevine). We must meet a minimum to hold a private session (and there is a max) so the RSVP will require pre-payment. You can bring your Aggie, friend and/or spouse. Reserve your spot at: <a href="https://a.zozi.com/-/express/artinthevinetx/products/72121">https://a.zozi.com/-/express/artinthevinetx/products/72121</a> (password: DCAM).

#### **Book Club**

Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month (adjustments made for holiday conflicts) – We'll read and discuss a new book every month at Corner Bakery (SE corner of Preston & Forest).

Wednesday, October 28, 7pm Stars Go Blue - Laura Prichard Same location No meeting in November.
Wednesday, December 2.
Wishin' & Hopin' - Wally Lamb
At the home of Denise Startz.
More details as we get closer to December.

Don't worry if you have not read the book. Our discussions usually go beyond the book to things like our Aggie students and life in general.

For more info on book club details contact Janice Patterson jpsunshine2u@aol.com.

#### **Kendra Scott Gives Back Event**



Get a head start on your Christmas Shopping and enjoy sips & sweets! Get a 10% discount and have 10% donated to DCAM for scholarships and student organizations. Invite your friends!

Monday October 26, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, Kendra Scott – The Plaza at Preston Center 8383 Preston Center Plaza Drive, Suite 160 Dallas, Texas 75225

## **Aggie Holiday Wreaths For Sale**

Wreaths: Pre-order your *Fresh Evergreen Wreath* at the October meeting, to be picked up at our annual Howdy Holiday Sale (pick-up only). Your "Aggiefied" (or traditional) wreath will be ready and waiting for you on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> along with several other holiday items. Each year we host several other Aggie Mom Clubs who bring along their unique Boutique items for the ultimate in Aggie shopping. We also feature the wonderful Kountry Kitchen with delicious baked goods! Look for order forms coming soon and send questions to: <a href="mailto:dcamfundraising@gmail.com">dcamfundraising@gmail.com</a>





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DCAM offers several ways to donate by just shopping! We receive donations from AmazonSmile, Tom Thumb and Kroger, and all you have to do is link our information. Kroger requires a cardholder to register their donations preference every year, but the others are a one-time sign up. Click on the <a href="Rewards Programs page">Rewards Programs page</a> on our website for more information. We also offer SCRIP, which are gift cards that you buy at face value. We will have select places on hand, but you may order them at any time. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more info on SCRIP Cards.