



Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms Newsletter April 2016

President's Corner

Parents' Weekend is just around the corner and this is our last big fundraising effort for the club. So lend a hand here or lend a couple hours in College Station to make our last fundraiser a success. And while you are there, shop the Aggie Moms' Boutique. If you've experienced Nutcracker Market in Houston, then imagine it with all Aggie merchandise! There will be club raffles by other Aggie Mom Clubs also in the Memorial Student Center. Your purchases will be helping Aggie Moms everywhere in their efforts to provide support back to our University. Thank you for assisting us in advertising our scholarship opportunity for our newest Aggies to be. We are also in the process of finalizing our disbursements to our local Aggies and to their extracurricular activities. Please make sure you've submitted your Aggies' favorite campus organizations for consideration by our Philanthropy Committee. April also brings another wonderful speaker and our Spring semester Goody Bags. Make sure yours is on order. Let's make some wonderful Aggie Mom memories together.

Whoop and Gig 'em!
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Dates to Remember

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| April 8 – 9 | Parents' Weekend, College Station |
| April 12 | General Meeting -
Christ the King Lutheran Church (6:30 p.m.) |
| May 1 | Pack Goody Bags, Location and Time TBD |
| May 2 | Deliver Goody Bags |
| May 10 | General Meeting, Location and Time TBD |



Programs

April Meeting Speaker

Join us April 12 as we welcome Cathy Mann as our speaker!

Cathy Mann '92 serves on the board of directors for The Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University. Cathy graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1992 and later earned an MBA from Rice University in 2011. While at Texas A&M, she was active in Student Government, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, served as a Fish Camp counselor, and was a member of the Aggieland yearbook staff.

She serves as Vice President for Marketing & Communications at the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), a leading international classification society. Previously, Cathy led Halliburton's global marketing strategy and execution. In 2011, Cathy was named as one of the 'Women Worth Watching' by the Profiles in Diversity Journal and has received many other awards.

Cathy is a registered descendant member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and serves on the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. Cathy and her husband, Stan, reside in Kingwood.

February Meeting Speaker



KH Aggie Moms was pleased to have guest speaker Albert Saenz, student ambassador for The Association of Former Students, at our February meeting. I am always amazed and proud of our Aggie students; they are so polite, personable and well-spoken. Many of you have said the same about our speakers. It makes us all proud to be Aggie moms! Albert is part of the Association's leadership team and spoke to us about all the functions that student ambassadors do to help The Association. They provide campus tours, meet Ags coming in for Ring Day or for game day, and speak to groups like our Aggie Moms.

Albert was a great speaker, and he talked fondly about meeting older Ags who graduated in the 1960's, and their gusto, zeal and love for the University. He talked fondly about his own mom and how she has always encouraged him to do well in school and all his endeavors. He told funny stories about his mom being excited when she learns something new on her iPhone (so ladies, it's nice to know that we are not the only ones who are technologically challenged :-). When he told us a particular story about how she learned to put a Hullabaloo ring tone in her phone, we all started looking around the room and someone boldly asked Albert if he could teach us how to do it too! He thought it was great and we proceeded to have an impromptu iPhone training session. My ring tone is still on my phone, and I smile every time it goes off, thinking that Albert probably thinks we are all crazy. Actually he doesn't; he said that this might become his new favorite student ambassador story! Albert, glad we could help, thanks for the iPhone tips, and you are welcome in Kingwood anytime!



Here is a bit more about the Association of Former Students. Congrats to all the Ags getting their rings on April 8. We have several students receiving them; my son is one of them and I could not be prouder!

The Association of Former Students traces its history to the Ex-Cadets Association that formed in 1879, and later to the A&M Alumni Association and Alpha Phi Fraternity. In 1919, a coalition of multiple alumni groups formed under the name The Association of Former Students. Since 1879, much has changed in organization and details, but the fundamental objectives of The Association remain the same: strengthening the Aggie Network, promoting Texas A&M, perpetuating the ties of affection formed in university days, and serving the student body. In May 1921, The Association published the first issue of *Texas Aggie* magazine.

In the years since, The Association's communications have evolved to include newsletters, a website, and now multiple social media channels, but *Texas Aggie* magazine remains the flagship publication of the Aggie Network. In 1987, The Association erected its first free-standing building, the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center, which today remains a campus landmark. Today the former students of Texas A&M remain proud of our past yet committed to the future. Our methods and programs have evolved tremendously over the years, but the noble cause of the Ex-Cadets Association is still carried out by the staff and dedicated volunteers of The Association of Former Students.

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Boutique News



Our club has really come together to allow us to offer our merchandise for Aggie Moms' boutique during parents' weekend, April 8-9. Set up will be Friday morning at 7:30am in the Gates Ballroom on the 2nd floor of the MSC and the shopping begins at 9am. We wanted our members to know that we are introducing three new coaster pictures to our most popular ones on parents' weekend. So start a set or add to your existing one. They make great gifts.

Please sign up to help work a shift in our boutique. We must keep it staffed both days with at least two people at all times since we will have 3 long tables to cover. Ideally we would like three persons per shift and welcome four since we might need to give someone a bathroom break. If you would like to help out, you may sign up at [2016 Aggie Boutique Weekend](#). If the link does not work, just email the club at KHAggieMoms@gmail.com and we can get you signed up.

Boutique Chair: TJ Hall - tj18.hall@yahoo.com

Digital Graphic Sales Chair: Jamie Tisdale - jtisdale3@comcast.net

Parents' Weekend Activities

Parents' Weekend is always a special weekend with events of interest to everyone. You can find the entire schedule by going to: <http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/node/38>

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS ...

Aggie Artist Benjamin Knox '90

Friday, April 8, 2016, at 5:30 pm

Koldus, Rooms 110-111

During the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs' Business Meeting, Benjamin Knox '90 will unveil his latest Aggie Mom painting, and will share his plan to raise scholarships by donating limited edition signed and numbered prints to every Federation Aggie Moms Club. Other highlights of the Business Meeting include the dedication of the 2016-2017 Federation Yearbook and election of your 2016-2017 Federation officers.

Singing Cadets Concert

Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 8:00 am

Koldus, Rooms 110-111

The famous Texas A&M University Singing Cadets will perform during the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs' General Meeting on Saturday, April 9th. Other highlights of the General Meeting include Miss Reveille, the 2016-2017 Student Body President, Hannah Wimberly '17; Dr. Daniel Pugh, Vice President for Student Affairs; installation of your 2016-2017 Federation officers, President's Service Recognition, and more!!



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of Aggieland*

Goody Bags



If you would like to help with BAKED GOODS for the Goody Bags, we will have a sign-up sheet at the next general meeting - April 12th. Our Aggies love homemade goodies!!! So if you are willing to provide baked goods, please pack 2-3 pieces in a small Ziploc bag (no icing please). Just double the recipe you would normally make. Brownies, cookies, rice krispie treats, and muffins are good possibilities, and any amount you wish to bring is fine. We would

ask that you let us know how many Ziploc bags you prepared as this helps with the sorting at packing time.

SUNDAY, MAY 1st - Please deliver your baked goods. The location and time are still TBD and we will get that information out as soon as possible.

SUNDAY, MAY 1st - We will be packing the Goody Bags. Location and time TBD.

MONDAY, MAY 2nd - We will deliver the bags to College Station and Galveston. If you plan on driving to College Station and would be able to transport bags on Monday, please let us know. We also need many more loving hands to be there to hand out the bags!!!! Thank you for all your help - Gig'em!!

Goody Bag Co-Chairs: Donna Hunter - sbmkt@gmail.com
 Leaneta Eilers - leaneta16@embarqmail.com

Membership

Howdy,

We have 2 more months before the end of "our" year. If you know of any prospective Aggies, invite these new Aggie Moms to our next meeting. Let's get them excited to join the Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms Organization for the 2016-2017 school year. A

personal invite from you could be just the added touch to show the Moms what our organization is about and let them experience the connection we share by having an Aggie student.



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Membership Co-Chairs: Gloria Ortiz – zitroglo32@yahoo.com
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Scholarship & Philanthropy

Howdy! Looking forward to seeing all Aggie Moms again at our April meeting. Please remember to stop by the Scholarship and Philanthropy table and enter your student's name for a chance to receive a student award. Also, let us know any organizations your Aggies are involved in so we can make sure we contribute to them at the end of the year.

The Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms is pleased to award two \$200 student awards at each of our general meetings. Our winners at the February meeting were:

- Michelle Lawrence
- Adrienne Chapman



Thanks and Gig 'em!

Scholarship and Philanthropy Chairs: Cathy Raney - cmraney@suddenlink.net
Angela Wisenbaker - angelaw@wisenbaker.com

Social

Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments for our February meeting. Aside from the insightful speakers we hear and awesome friendships we make, delicious snacks are another great reason to come to Aggie Moms Club meetings! We rely on members bringing food items to share each month. If you would like to sign-up to bring a snack to one of our monthly meetings, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449aad2daafe3-social> or email Kim Levy at kimboxlev@gmail.com and we will place you on the schedule. Thank you!

Social Co-Chairs: Kim Levy – kimboxlev@gmail.com
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Student Activities

Aggieland Athletics, Activities, and Eats!

Spring Football 2016

The 2016 Spring Game will be played April 9 at 5 p.m., and we hope you will make plans to visit the TAMU campus and enjoy an evening inside Kyle Field to see the Aggies prepare for the 2016 season.

General admission seating in the lower levels of the east, north and south stands is available for \$5, and fans college-age and younger will be admitted free.

<http://www8.ticketingcentral.com/V2/Quantity.aspx?t=786FA1BF8D35A7E4AF6DAAB&og=-1>



Activities – Parents' Weekend 2016 (April 8th – 10th)

Parents' Weekend is a tradition that has existed at Texas A&M University since 1919. Texas A&M University prides itself on making its visitors feel welcome. The University has given parents and guests a special time to feel this warm greeting. Parents' Weekend has become the official "HOWDY"!

The History....In the early 1900s when membership in the Corps of Cadets was mandatory, mothers often found themselves worrying about the welfare of their sons. A federation known as the Aggie Mother's Club was formed by these mothers whose main goal was to help their sons through their difficult "fish" and underclassman years. A program similar to open house was held on Mother's Day. However, in 1969 graduation was changed to early May and the program was moved to April.



This cherished A&M tradition has been previously designated Mother's Day, Mother and Dad's Day, Parent Appreciation, and Open House. Presently, it is called Parents' Weekend. Until 1974, an Aggie Mother of the Year was selected. Recently, the students began selecting an outstanding couple to honor as the Aggie Parents of the Year.

Corps flower pinning, chapel services, military reviews, Parents of the Year receptions, campus tours and outfit award presentations have been part of the weekend since its beginning. New activities are continually being added to include a wider variety of students. Some of these new activities include a traditions program, concerts, Bevo Burn Barbecue, Maroon and White Football Game, All University Awards, and 'Ol Army Yell Practice.

Student Government sponsors the student committee which organizes every aspect of Parents' Weekend. This special time is dedicated to Aggie parents and family, and gives Aggie students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives.

Click here to see this year's 2016 Parents' Weekend Schedule:

<http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/events>

Eats

Potato Shack is the place to go when you are in need of a potato fix. From their basic baked potato to their Chicken Fried Steak Potato and Hot Buffalo Wing Potato, you can't go wrong on finding one that fits what you're craving. Click here for the menu: <http://www.potatoshack.biz/northgate-college-station-texas.html>. Potato Shack is located at Northgate at 311 S. Church Ave.



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Join us at our next Aggie Moms Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 12th @ 6:30 pm
Christ the King Lutheran Church
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