



Denton County Aggie Moms' Club Newsletter



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Our purpose...

Denton County Aggie Moms' Club exists to contribute in every way to the morale and welfare of our students, to encourage them and one another, and to give back to A&M while having fun. We, Denton County Aggie Moms, exist solely to exemplify this purpose.



Alice Klemashevich

...from the president's desk

September 3, 2009

Denton County Aggie Moms Club Meeting:

Lakeland Baptist Church

397 S. Stemmons Fwy - Lewisville, Texas

First Thurs of every Month

6:30 p.m. "Eat & Greet"

7:00 p.m. Meeting



September 4, 2009

Tickets On Sale For Jeff Dunham At First Yell

The Texas Aggie Yell Leaders announced that Jeff Dunham will be the headline entertainer for First Yell 2009. The 11th annual event will be held on Sept. 4 at 8 p.m. in Reed Arena. In keeping with the First Yell tradition, the show will open with performances by some of the top student entertainers on campus. Organizers say the engine that drives Jeff Dunham is the sidesplitting roll in the aisles humor of Dunham and the comedic cast of characters he has created like Walter the grumpy retiree, Bubba J, Peanut, Jose Jalapeno and Achmed the Dead Terrorist. So when his fellow comic and friend Jay Leno says, "Jeff Dunham really is the best there is," it's no understatement indeed.

Dunham has proven himself a true entertainer over the last year, setting sales and TV ratings records, topping charts, consistently selling out shows and keeping the world laughing with his sharp yet humane and lovable humor.

Tickets: In person at the Kyle Field or Reed Arena Box offices, 888-99AGGIE (992-4443), or <http://www.12thmanfoundation.com>

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First, I'd like to welcome all of our new Aggie Moms!

We know the many changes that will take place as your Aggie leaves and establishes a new life in college . . . apart from you. We are here to help you in the transition. Some of you may be dancing the happy dance at the thought of your Aggie moving out; others may cry at the very thought. This range of emotion is a normal part of the separation process. You may want to read the book "Don't tell me what to do! Just send money!" by Helen E. Johnson and Christine Schelhas-Miller. It provides great insight into what to expect that first year from your new student.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make the Howdy Party a big success. We enjoyed meeting many of our new Aggies and their families. If you missed it, no worries. We meet on the first Thurs of every month at Lakeland Baptist Church. Our first meeting is Sept 3 and we promise it will be both informative AND fun! As a matter of fact, you may laugh so much, your sides hurt! You'll be encouraged by meeting with friends. Meet, eat, and greet at 6:30pm; meeting begins at 7pm. Come as you are; you don't have to dress in maroon unless you want to do so. Some will come right from work in business attire, some will come in shorts or jeans, some may come right from the gym. All are welcome!

We've included a membership form and envelope to mail in your Aggie Mom dues. Once you are a member, you will receive your newsletter electronically and you will have access to the entire Aggie Mom network. Please take time to send in your information TODAY!

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to meeting you all!

Mahalo,
Alice K.

Aggie Mom Brags!



Nelan Hughes Class of 2011.

Daughter of DCAM Becky Hughes, Nelan is working her second summer at Camp Tejas Christian Camp in Giddings, Texas.

"Though I miss having my Aggie at home, she is passionate about working with children and young people."

Congratulations to **Kristina Farris**, daughter of Deborah Farris! This is her first semester at Texas A&M for Civil Engineering and she is the proud recipient of:

2009-2010 Dallas Society of Military Engineers Scholarship
 2009-2010 Ft. Worth Society of Military Engineers Scholarship
 State of Texas Early Graduation Scholarship

Jenna Lee, Class of '09, daughter of Barbara and Lance Lee, will graduate with her Bachelor's of Liberal Arts Degree in History on Friday, August 14th, 2009. Whoop!

The Denton County Texas A&M Mothers Club 2009 Howdy Party!



Brian Miller, Senior BIMS major - Giving his "Wildcat" from the college-tour tables



New Aggies Class of 2013 Introduction & "Aaaaaaawwwww!"

Meet the Board... Alice K!

...this year we will introduce you to the Board Members via the newsletter. We hope to deepen our relationships and develop the fun & fellowship!



DCAM positions:
 President 2009-10
 Newsletter 2007-2009

Family:

Jim: Married 25 years.
Cory: TAMU '09, Chemical Engineering, currently pursuing PhD at TAMU in Chemical Engineering (praying for 2013 completion)
Tiffany: Palm Beach Atlantic University '10, Nursing.
Jamie: TAMU '12, Biomedical science

Were you or your

husband an Aggie?

If not, where did you go to school?

Alice: BS Computer Science, University of Southern Mississippi; MS Software Engineering, Southern Methodist University
Jim: BS Engineering, West Point; MBA, UNT

What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms?

Sharing brags and snags

What is your day job? VP, Telvent Farradyne (Intelligent Transportation Systems and Toll company). I tell clients I'm a Geek turned manager but my kids say I'm still a Geek

What are your hobbies and interests? Riding my Harley Davidson Road King, volunteering at Trietsch UMC., reading, Facebook, travel, Stephen Minister

Do you have any nicknames? My sisters call me Moose, or Mama Moosie, because when I hit puberty I grew very fast and tall and my family said I was going to be a Moose. My sisters would stand outside my bedroom and do Moose calls, then run for their lives. Also Tink or Tinkerbelle: She's sassy and fun so I when I'm on a conference call, I always dial in as Tink.

Impact! Christ-Centered Retreat for Incoming Freshmen

Every August, Impact puts on a four day retreat for the incoming freshmen class. This retreat is our chance to show the freshmen their first glimpse of the body of Christ at Texas A&M University. Through speaker sessions, praise and worship, fun and fellowship we build lasting relationships through the common bond of Jesus Christ. These relationships are established at the retreat and then continue on to develop throughout the years, often turning into long lasting friendships. <http://www.impactretreat.com/retreat/>

Session/date	Conflicts with fish camp:
Alpha/August 6-9, 2009	A & B
Delta/August 9-12, 2009	B & C
Omega/August 12-15, 2009	C & D

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WE NEED YOU! We have one position to fill on our Board of Directors. Join our As Vice President of **Programs**, and contribute to Fun and Fellowship by coordinating the monthly programs for our club. You seek interesting programs that challenge and entertain our members, encouraging them to participate in every monthly meeting. Your work begins with the Howdy Party and goes throughout the year. You pull together clever, yet simple, serving table decorations and arrange for refreshments during the "Eat, Meet and Greet" portion at each meeting and direct all related tasks. If interested contact Beverly Aldredge ca.ba@verizon.net 972.436.7630

The Denton County Aggie Moms' Club exists to contribute in every way to the morale and welfare of our students, to encourage them, and give back to A & M while having fun. The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Club, an organization with clubs in many states, is formed by and for mothers of A & M students. We strive to support the University's many organizations and needs; financially and otherwise. We are a complex and diverse group of mothers with a common bond - our kids. Some are married, divorced, or widowed. We have empty nesters and those with teens at home. Some work outside the home, volunteer, or work at home. We are extroverts, introverts. We sometimes need the help of one another to get us through the rough spots . . . for information or for a few minutes of empathy. We share the good and the bad, the funny and the heart-breakers. We need to know that we are not the only one going through the maze of ups and downs and sporadic confusion.

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Monthly Meetings & Work Nights: Family Support. We receive information about A & M and its rich traditions; and share about our Ags.

Meeting Location: Lakeland Baptist, 397 S. Stemmons Fwy-Lewisville
First Thurs of each Month 6:30 pm: "Eat & Greet" & 7:00 pm: "Meet"
We meet new friends at Work Nights, which support our fund-raisers.

Information: We call or e-mail one another for support to supplement our monthly newsletter. A new tradition is to send a get well or card of encouragement signed by members at monthly meetings.

Howdy/Potlucks: We welcome and celebrate the new Aggie families in August with a get together; and in May, we have a potluck and invite husbands to the installation of newly elected officers.

Aggie Brags & Snags: We share the ups and downs and support one another - listening or giving advice. Whatever helps you!

Aggie Student Support: Our student Hospitality coordinators remember our Aggies by sending them a birthday card with a \$2 bill inside.

Money Game: At our monthly meetings, moms donate \$1 along with her Ag's name and mailing address for a drawing. For every \$5 collected, a name is drawn and that Aggie gets a bonus that month!

Financial: What do we do with the money we raise? Most money raised goes to fund scholarships.

Boutique: Moms work together to make and sell handmade Aggie merchandise, primarily at Christmas and Parents' Weekend where moms run the booth. We also sell Aggie memorabilia at monthly meetings.

Pecan Sales (Fall): Direct fundraising by Moms-voluntary participation. Items pre-ordered & pre-paid are delivered to her own customers.

Noteworthy:

- * For the latest Texas A&M news, go to:
<http://tamunews.tamu.edu/>
- * For an RSS feed of campus news, go to:
<http://tamu.edu/home/headlines/wwwHeadlines.xml>
- * Aggie Parent web site for updates and helpful resources.
<http://parents.tamu.edu/> 979.845.3111 studentlife@tamu.edu
- * Texas A&M has released its new iTunes University site just in time for the start of the fall semester! Tagged as the "Sites, Sounds, and Spirit of Texas A&M To Go," the site features 1,000+ academic and student life podcasts available to the general public and campus community. Academic content includes course lectures, student class projects and educational success tips, such as the popular "Wired Study Tips." Student life podcasts include school songs, Aggie traditions, student organizations, admissions tips and resume skills from the Career Center and the University Writing Center. The university's first music video, "Deep Breath," is also available from the site. <http://ituncs.tamu.edu/>
- * Dean of Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing Approved by Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. Sharon Wilkerson, Ph.D., R.N., has been acting dean and professor in the college since its July 2008 inception. "Our mission of producing nurses for Texas and the nation continues to be vital due to increasing nursing shortage," Dr. Wilkerson said. "As dean, I look forward to propelling the College of Nursing into national prominence as a center of excellence in education of both undergraduate and graduate nurses."
<http://tamhsc.edu/news/index.html?postID=2776>

AGGIE FOOTBALL.

Aggie Football games can be exciting times for the entire family. The Aggies have eight games at Kyle Field this season (game times may change when televised):

- 09/05 vs. New Mexico 6:00 p.m. @ College Station
- 09/19 vs. Utah State 6:00 p.m. @ College Station
- 09/26 vs. UAB 6:00 p.m. @ College Station
- 10/03 vs. Arkansas TBA @ Arlington, Texas (Cowboys Stadium)
- 10/10 vs. Oklahoma State 2:30 p.m. @ College Station
- 10/17 vs. Kansas State TBA @ Manhattan, Kansas
- 10/24 vs. Texas Tech TBA @ College Station
- 10/31 vs. Iowa State 2:30 p.m. @ College Station
- 11/07 vs. Colorado TBA @ Boulder, Colorado
- 11/14 vs. Oklahoma TBA @ Norman, Oklahoma
- 11/21 vs. Baylor 2:30 p.m. @ College Station
- 11/21 vs. Texas 7:00 p.m. @ College Station

<http://www.aggieathletics.com/index.php?SID=MI'B>

Bureau website provides links to most area hotels (*which fill up fast*):

<http://visitaggiecland.com/>

CAMP AGGIELAND

This one-week day camp for children ages 6-12, is sponsored by the Department of Health and Kinesiology, and offers a variety of physical activities to develop motor skills and enhance self-understanding. Field trips will introduce the children to Texas A&M University and educational opportunities in the community. Creative activities like dance, arts and crafts, writing, and drama are an integral part of the day. The camp counselors are Texas A&M University students who are preparing to be teachers. 8/3-7/09 & 8/10-14/09
<http://campaggiecland.tamu.edu/>