

# 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 H. Klemashevich



...from the president's desk

## Save the date . . .

### Calendar

November 4, 2010 - 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of every month!

#### Aggie Moms Meeting

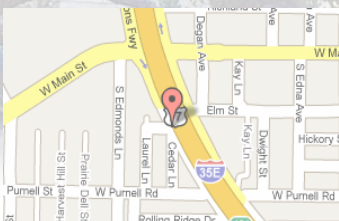
Lakeland Baptist Church

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397 S. Stemmons Fwy, Lewisville

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

7:00 p.m. Meeting



#### Meetings:

**Nov 4:** Carpool

**Dec 2:** Gift exchange

**Jan 6:** Bring your Aggie

**Feb 3:** Security

**Feb 19:** Extravaganza!!!

#### Fun events:

**Oct-Nov:** Pecan sales

**Oct 29-30:** Seasons of Aggieland, in College Station  
HUGE Aggie Mom Boutique where you can get all things Aggie. Great way to kick-start your holiday shopping before the game!

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## Greetings Aggie Moms!

There's a chill in the air as the seasons begin to change. That means the holidays are fast approaching and it's time for our annual Aggie Mom Pecan sales! We sell fresh pecans from this year's crop--*not the carbon dated kind found in supermarkets*. It's easy! Last year I posted on Facebook and sold a couple of dozen bags in just a few hours. Note: ALL of the profits go to support our students with both individual and group scholarships. The sales form is attached. Pecans freeze well, so I buy my annual supply each year.

Our Aggies are now well into the semester and have gone through a round of testing. In the next few months, some of you will get a phone call where your Aggie is considering changing their major. Don't despair; this is a pretty normal turn of events. Here are some tips:

- If your Aggie hates a certain class, encourage them to try one more before making a change. Remind them they don't want to make a career change based on one class or one instructor.
- Sometimes your Aggie is just bouncing ideas off of you. Try to assume a mentoring role in these conversations, listening and asking probing questions. *They may just be tormenting you...* my man-child, who was majoring in ChemE, kept telling his Dad he was going to minor in dance, just to hear the explosion.
- If your Aggie is interested in another major, encourage a visit to an advisor to discuss options-the preferred approach in lieu of talking to another Aggie down the hall-who is likely not much more experienced in the world than your confused Aggie. Remember, some Aggies change their major several times.
- Finally, it's their life and they get to make choices about their careers. It may not be what we'd choose for them, but sometimes we have to let them go their way. *Did you know?* The average person will change careers, not jobs but careers, 5 times in their lifetime! Expect change.

Have a wonderful Fall!

Mahalo,

Alice K



<http://www.dentoncoaggiemoms.com>



# DCAM – News . . .

## Dr. Scott R. McDearmont, Guest Speaker

Thank you Dr. McDearmont! Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, we invited him to discuss risk factors for breast cancer and give updates on the latest diagnostic tools and treatment option for patients with breast disease.

Passionate and articulate, Dr. McDearmont engaged the audience in the latest and greatest news in the crusade against breast cancer. He brought an updated informational booklet, we will have them available at our next meeting at the check-in table.

His talk included who and when to screen, the latest and best diagnosis tools and dispelled common fallacies. Thank you to all who attended! Dr. McDearmont entertained audience questions as well. We are grateful for his time and commitment to our community and the Denton County Aggie Moms Club! Whoop!

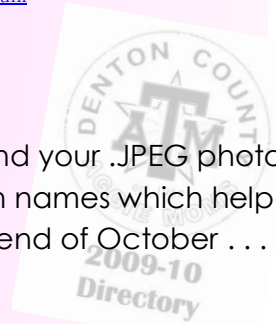
Dr. Scott R. McDearmont, is our guest speaker. Local Surgeon, Highland Village Mayor, *and of course fellow Aggie, Whoop!* Dr. McDearmont has lived in Denton County since 1984. He is a charter class graduate of Marcus High School in Flower Mound. Dr. McDearmont graduated from Texas A&M University, and UT Southwestern medical school. His medical experience began in 1989 as an emergency room volunteer at Lewisville Hospital. His medical training included medical school and general surgical residency at UT Southwestern in Dallas, Texas. Dr. McDearmont has worked or trained at Parkland Hospital, Childrens Medical Center, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas VA Medical Center, St. Paul/Zale Lipshy University Hospital, and Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas. Since 2001, he has worked as a general surgeon and small business owner at Associates of Surgery in Lewisville and Flower Mound. He has served as Chief of Surgery at Medical Center of Lewisville.



Dr. McDearmont is very involved in the local community and lives in Highland Village with his wife and two children. He takes pride in balancing his family, medical practice and community service, which includes service as Highland Village's newly elected mayor. [http://www.scottmcdearmont.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://www.scottmcdearmont.com/Home_Page.html)

## Aggie Mom Directory

It's not too late to get your picture in the Denton County Aggie Mom Directory! Send your .JPEG photo to Mary Ferron at [ferronfamily@verizon.net](mailto:ferronfamily@verizon.net) by October 17. Pictures help us to learn names which help us to make new friends. The new directory will be sent to you via email before the end of October . . . *if all goes according to plan.*



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## DCAM Promotion! – More \$\$\$\$ for \$scholar\$hip\$!

South of the Red a website specializing in Texas college apparel and items has a great selection of A&M things that would make great Christmas, birthday and anytime gifts! Anyone using the coupon code gets 10% off their entire order and the Denton Co. Aggie Mom's Club gets a 5% donation of the amount of their order!

Tell your friends and family members, and remind them about the holidays coming up! They have some great clearance items too!

The code (DENTONAGGIEMOM) is only good until 10/31/10

<http://www.southofthered.net/texas-am-aggies-merchandise-and-apparel.aspx>

# The Eagerly Awaited Denton County Aggie Moms Pecan Event is HERE!

Our Texas pecans have only just fallen from the trees and are ready for our traditional flavorsome fall fundraiser. Orders are now being accepted for November delivery.

## SPREAD THE WORD

### The MISSION:

Join in the fun and take part in an Aggie Moms tradition.

### The GOAL:

- ① Build camaraderie within our Aggie Moms group.
- ② Provide fresh-right-off-the-tree pecans for family and friends.
- ③ Earn support for our own Texas A&M students and the school we love ♥.

### The PLAN:

- ① Let family and friends choose from a selection of pecan halves/pieces and an assortment of individually wrapped chocolate turtles. Packages will proudly display the Aggie Moms Seal.
- ② Collect payment, with checks made out to: "Denton County Aggie Moms".
- ③ Bring your completed 'Fall Fundraiser' form, along with the collected money, to our November 4th meeting. Lisa or Joan will collect them.
- ④ Can't make the meeting? No problem. Just mail your completed form and checks to either Lisa or Joan (see form). We need to receive them by Friday, November 5th. Then, please email us the contents of your order so that we will be expecting it.
- ⑤ Your orders will be ready before Thanksgiving. Our distribution points will be in Denton and Carrollton.

### *The Pecan Team,*

*Lisa Accomazzo & Joan Guliksen*



## *Sugar Coated Pecans*

Pecans are coated with brown sugar and egg white batter, then baked.

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

Total Time: 50 minutes

Ingredients:

- 🥚 1 egg white
- 🍬 1 cup brown sugar
- 🍲 1 tablespoon flour
- 🧂 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 🌸 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 🌰 2 1/2 to 3 cups pecan halves

Preparation:

Beat egg white until foamy; slowly beat in the brown sugar mixed with flour. Add salt and vanilla flavoring, then fold in pecans. Transfer pecans to a greased baking pan and bake at 250° for about 45 minutes.

-Easy and delicious . . . make two batches; they disappear as soon as you turn your back!

Beat the competition . . .



. . . supplies may be limited!



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## TAMU – in the news . . .

**The Buzz . . . to read the full story go to:** <http://tamunews.tamu.edu/category/news/>

### **Military Magazine Ranks Texas A&M 7th Nationally Among "Veteran-Friendly" Colleges**

Texas A&M is ranked 7th nationally among "veteran-friendly" colleges by "Military Times Edge." The military-oriented publication awarded "veteran-friendly" designation to 101 colleges throughout the country and has posted its "Best for Vets: Colleges ranking" list on line. Texas A&M has approximately 600 students currently enrolled who have served in the military. Additionally, the university's Corps of Cadets, which includes almost 2,000 young men and women, is the largest uniformed organization on any campus in the country and produces more officers for the military than any other institution, except for the service academies, records indicate.

### **Brigadier General Joe E Ramirez Jr. Named Corps Of Cadets Commandant**

Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez Jr. will serve as the next commandant of Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets, announced Vice President for Student Affairs Lt. Gen. Joe Weber, USMC (Ret.). Ramirez, a native of Houston, currently serves as Deputy Director, J5 Plans, Policy and Strategy of the U.S. European Command. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and also served as a member of the Corps of Cadets and Aggie Band. "Gen. Ramirez has an extreme love and passion for Texas A&M and the Corps of Cadets, and we are pleased that he will serve as our next commandant and lead the 'Keepers of the Spirit,'" said President R. Bowen Loffin. "He has a vision for not only growing the Corps' membership, but ensuring that our cadets excel in the classroom and develop into the next generation of military and civilian leaders."

### **Free Lecture By Erin Brockovich Planned For Oct. 19**

The Department of Student Activities presents its Leadership Speaker Series featuring a lecture by Erin Brockovich at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 in Rudder Theater. Organizers say the free event is an opportunity to learn about Brockovich's perspective of leadership, her ability to address environmental, mental health and health care issues and her resilient nature. To learn more about her, see [www.erinbrockovich.com](http://www.erinbrockovich.com). For any questions, contact Kathryn Sturtevant at [ksturtevant@stuact.tamu.edu](mailto:ksturtevant@stuact.tamu.edu).

### **Texas A&M To Host USA Science & Engineering Festival Oct. 23**

Texas A&M University officials invite the Brazos Valley community to experience the nationwide excitement of science and engineering later this month as part of the USA Science & Engineering Festival, set for Saturday, Oct. 23. No fees or tickets are required for the free public event, which will showcase the best of Texas A&M science and engineering with a simultaneous, daylong series of hands-on activities, demonstrations and displays in the Chemistry, Zachry Engineering and Mitchell Physics Buildings on the Texas A&M campus. More <http://tamunews.tamu.edu/2010/10/05/texas-am-to-host-usa-science-engineering-festival-oct-23/>

### **Texas A&M Receives \$3.5 Million NSF Grant To Support Women Faculty**

Texas A&M has received a \$3.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to establish a new center dedicated to women faculty and improving their odds of success through a more psychologically healthy workplace. Texas A&M's ADVANCE Center for Women Faculty is funded under

the NSF's ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Program, which is intended to develop systemic approaches to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) careers. In addition to contributing to the development of a more diverse science and engineering workforce, ADVANCE works to ensure that women faculty with STEM degrees consider academia as a viable and attractive career option.

### **Lyle Lovett Nov. 11 Concert To Benefit The Association Of Former Students**

The Association of Former Students, in partnership with Texas A&M's MSC Town Hall, will welcome Lyle Lovett and his Large Band in concert Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Proceeds from the concert will benefit The Association of Former Students. Lovett, a 1979 graduate of Texas A&M, approached The Association in September about the concert as a way to multiply his own personal contribution to the recent enhancement of the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Porter S. Garner III '79, president and CEO of The Association of Former Students, commended Lovett's support of The Association and Texas A&M. "Lyle is a great Texas Aggie who cares deeply about The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M, and represents us well," Garner said. "We are thrilled to have Lyle use his immense talent to benefit Texas A&M. Lyle Lovett and his Large Band will put on a superb show for all of Aggieland."

### **TAMU Calendar** <http://calendar.tamu.edu/>

For more of 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>

### **Texas A&M University Family Newsletter** <http://parents.tamu.edu/publications>

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#### *Howdy from Aggieland!*

My name is Kay Poling, I own Moms Meals in College Station.

If your Aggie lives off campus I have good news for you.

Moms Meals can offer your Aggie good, healthy, nutritious meals just like you would prepare for them if they were still home. Moms Meals is an alternative to fast food, burgers, pizza, etc.

You can go to my website and choose from over a dozen meals I offer each month (the menu changes each month). Pay with PayPal and have your Aggie pick up their meals on the designated day.

Cooking instructions are on the package.

Most of the meals are ready in 20 to 30 minutes and feed 6 to 8 hungry Aggies (meals can be split).

Moms Meals is located at 1808 Brothers Blvd behind the College Station Wal-Mart.

Check out my website at <http://www.momsmealsforamonth.com>.

Thanks and Gig-Em Ags,  
Kay Poling '08



# Meet the Board!

*Introducing Ansie Twigge, Programs*

What DCAM Positions have you held? Programs

Were you or your husband an Aggie? No

If not, what did you do after high school? Potchefstroom University in South Africa - pharmacist

Name your Aggie(s) & their current major:

Twins : Willis – electrical or biomedical engineer & Danny – business

What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms? Getting to know tons of friendly moms and always getting good advice

What are your hobbies or special interests? Tennis

Do you have any nicknames? Anna Sophia Elizabeth is my real name. In South Africa they legally give you family names and call you something else! So every now and then I need to be Anna and that's not real easy for me!

What is one thing you would tell us that no one would guess about you? I am working on my Texan accent because we love Texas!



# Aggie Moms. . . just like you!

*Introducing Linda Benzing*

Were you or your husband an Aggie? Unfortunately no.

If not, what did you do after high school?

I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with minors in Sociology and English

Name your Aggie(s) & their current major:

My daughter Jessica (Class of '05) earned a Bachelor of Business Administration. My son-in-law, Zach Smith, (Class of '05) earned a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications and Media Studies. They have a daughter, Caroline Marie, who is Class of 2032!

What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms?

My favorite part is raising scholarship money for our Aggies, but I also love the friendships that I have made through the years.

What is your day job?

I have been working as an office assistant for The Crossroads Initiative, a Catholic Resource Ministry, but I have recently taken a leave to be more available to take care of my 3 month old granddaughter, Caroline.

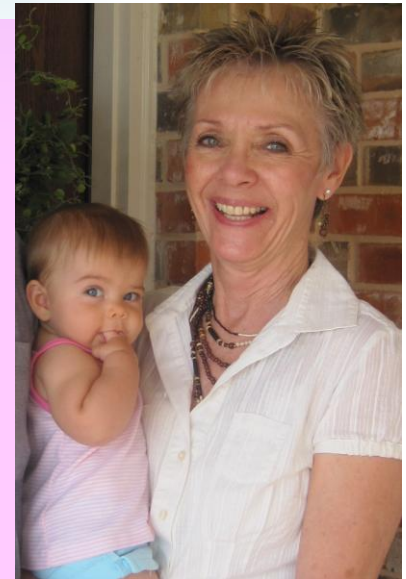
What are your hobbies or special interests?

I enjoy travelling, cooking and entertaining.

Do you have any nicknames? Lindy

What is one thing you would tell us that no one would guess about you?

I took flying lessons and have soloed in a Cessna 150.



**Linda (Nana) with Caroline, '32**

Linda's first year in Aggie Moms (2001-2002), I was on the Committee for the Singing Cadet Concert. My second year (2002-2003), I held the Board position of Historian. My third year (2003-2004), I was President. My fourth year (2004-2005), I was Vice President at Large and briefly was responsible for Boutique. That same year, I was the first chair for the Extravaganza. From 2005-2007, I was a Special Advisor to the President.

*-A big Whoop, Linda! 10 years of devotion! ♥*

# Extravaganza News!

*-Linda Stenger, Chair*



## Save the date! Feb. 19th.

It may seem early to start talking about our Extravaganza but we'd really like to make it fun and special for all and guests. At the event we usually have some sort of entertainment, great food, a large variety of baskets for our silent auction and a live auction. . . . *Oh yes, we also have door prizes!*

The money raised goes to our scholarships, donations to the school clubs and some students.

I am Chairing the event again but I need to put together a committee to help for now with suggestions and ideas.

If you are interested in making more new and special friends, have some fun.

To join or just ask about Extravaganza, contact me!

Linda Stenger

[StengerL972@aol.com](mailto:StengerL972@aol.com)

972-539-7630

Evenings or weekends



## Very Yummy Cookie bars - Sarah Houdek

*brought to October DCAM meeting*

2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour

2/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

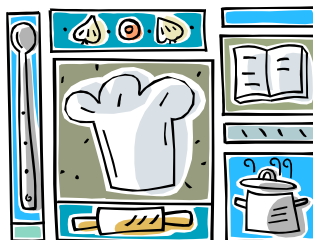
1 1/2 sticks butter, softened

1 egg, beaten

2 cups milk chocolate chips, divided

1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)

8 oz pkg of toffee bits, divided



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9" x 13" baking dish using the butter wrappers. (grease the pan well as the bars stick if you don't.

Running a knife around the edges before bars cool helps loosen edges from dish)

Using a mixer, combine flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add egg and mix well. Stir in 1 1/2 cups of chocolate chips.

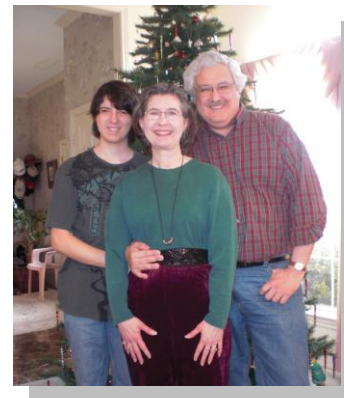
Reserve 1 1/2 cups of this mixture. Press remaining crumb mixture onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes.

Pour condensed milk evenly over hot crust and top with 1/2 of the toffee bits. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture and remaining 1/2 cup chocolate chips on top.

Bake 25 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining toffee bits. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

# Aggie Brags!

**Cameron Coker '12**, son of Kelly Kyle Coker '82 and Cheney Coker '82 in Carrollton has already completed enough credit hours with summer school and extra classes to order his Aggie Ring this fall. All his Aggie relatives from several generations on both sides of the family are looking forward to making a RING PICTURE of all of us together. Whoop! *Make sure you send that one to me! -ed*



August was a busy month for **Samantha Allison '09**, daughter of Larry & Dana Allison, Highland Village. On Aug. 13th Samantha graduated with her Master's in Industrial Engineering; then on Aug. 14th she married her college sweetheart **Payton Ruddock '09** in Denton, TX. After a week's honeymoon, she started working for FMC technology in Houston.



**Caitlin Magill '13**, daughter of Lisa Magill, made Dean's List Fall 2009 & Spring 2010! Whoop! She was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma in the spring of 2010 and will be inducted into NSCS this month Selected to be an Aggie Football Hostess Selected to be a Breakaway Ministries volunteer (Outreach team)

**Natalie Stenger Class '10**, Ag Economics - daughter of Linda Stenger, got her Ring and a job driving the campus bus. A double Whoop!

**Em (Emilee) Larkin '13**, daughter of Ann and Tom Larkin of Flower Mound got chosen to work in a premiere genetics lab there on campus. She hopes to receive her own research project to express white genes of the Tiger. She is currently serving her second year on the Honor Council, and also volunteers for the Cat Cradle.

**Allison Elliott**, daughter of Evalyn Elliott was recently accepted as a transfer student from the Blinn TEAM program. She will be a full-time A&M student in spring 2011 and has been accepted into the Nutrition Science program in the School of Agriculture. WHOOP!!!

**Daniel Batey '11**, son of Claire Batey received his Sr. Aggie ring on Sept. 19th! He serves as commanding officer of Company D-2 in the Corps this year, as well as serving on the Student Senate representing the Corps. Whoop!



**Cory Klemashevich '09**, '13, son of Jim and Alice Klemashevich, placed 2nd in his weight class in the TX A&M Judo club open tournament. Gig 'em!

*October Birthdays:*

- 🕯️ Gail Menkemeller
- 🕯️ Daisy Haley
- 🕯️ Miriam Green
- 🕯️ Pam Sisson
- 🕯️ Frances Chanslor
- 🕯️ Jeanna Sutton
- 🕯️ Flo Furr
- 🕯️ Nora Beggs
- 🕯️ Christina Pope
- 🕯️ Chieko Bush
- 🕯️ Kris Davis



*Update:* The Great Aggienac so enjoyed her visit to Denton County, she was terribly disappointed that her travels found her in the East again . . . Tyler. Next month, the Great Aggienac will return. Of course her faithful sidekick The Not-so-great-whats hername will be there as well to offer support as the Great Aggienac once again expands our mind with Aggieland Traditions and Trivia. Until then, Gigemnac and Whoop-dee-do!



A few shots from the September meeting . . . if you weren't there we missed you and you missed the fun! Mark your calendar for November 4<sup>th</sup>! See you then!



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