

Denton County Aggie Moms' Club

Newsletter

December 2011

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.



The President's Corner

Howdy,

Whoop!!!! Fall semester is over and for many of us a big sigh of relief. Our Aggies are excited about coming home and taking sometime to unwind. It will be nice to have them home for awhile. One word of advice, they are use to living away from home now and may bring their new living habits back. It may take a nice heart to heart to remind them the expectations you have at home.

Please remember that our next meeting in January is open to both you and your Aggies. We encourage the students to come to our January meeting. It is a great way for Aggies to meet each other and have fun. The Carpool founder will be at the meeting; he is a young man who is very entertaining and encouraging. If you would like to bring your best chili or dessert; we plan on having a contest for who has the best chili and/or dessert. Fun door prizes also for this relaxing night!

Merry Christmas!!

Celine Wettergren

Denton County Aggie Mom's Club



Calendar

Save the date . . . January 5

Aggie Moms Meeting

1st Thursday of every month

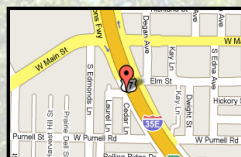
Lakeland Baptist Church

[Get directions](#)

397 S. Stemmons Fwy, Lewisville

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

7:00 p.m. Meeting



Next Meeting: January 5 – Carpool Founder & bring your student night!

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Background Picture: James Earl Rudder served as the 16th president of Texas A&M University from 1959 until his death in March of 1970. A Texas A&M graduate, Rudder played a critical role in the D-Day invasion during World War II and, later, served as Texas Land Commissioner. During Rudder's administration, the university doubled its enrollment, expanded its research program, improved academic and faculty standards, and transformed the university by making the military requirement optional and opening admission to women.



<http://www.dentoncoaggiemoms.com>





December Meeting



Christmas Ornament Exchange

This is always one of the best attended meetings of the year! Is it possible that our love for Christmas draws us together? Or...is it the challenge of bringing home that perfect Aggie ornament? Regardless...fun was and is always had by all! This year was no exception!



January 2012 Meeting

"Bring your Aggie Night and Chili Cook Off"

Guest Speaker: The Found of Carpool

This is a fun evening for all with an extra special guest speaker....don't miss it!!

Denton County Aggie Moms Extravaganza! March 17, 2012

It's that time of year again! We are preparing for our Extravaganza during which we will raise funds, all of which goes to students as scholarships or as grants to organizations at Texas A&M. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year....so mark your calendar now for March 17th now!

Extravaganza includes a silent auction and we need your help! Items are needed to fill the baskets which can be accomplished different ways. You can simply donate items you already have, an unopened gift, etc. Another way we fill the baskets is with donations from businesses. Please consider asking businesses you frequent for donations that we can use. Remember that if you love this business, others will too and these businesses should love the exposure and connection with a reputable university like Texas A&M!! Some of these donations may also be added to our live auction. If you are able to help in this way, the form letter for donations has been included on the following page. Please print and use this form as it provides information for IRS purposes.

We also still need help for planning and implementing Extravaganza. This would be a great way to get involved with your new Aggie mom friends! So, if you've enjoyed Aggie Moms but are ready to take the next step, please email or call Celine Wettergren at 972-355-6670.



Denton County Aggie Mom's Club

Howdy!

12/1/2011

Please allow me to introduce myself and our club, the Denton County Aggie Moms Club (DCAM). I am Celine Wettergren, president and Extravaganza chair for the DCAM 2012 Spring Extravaganza. The Denton County Aggie Moms' Club is a member of the Federation of Texas A & M University Mothers' Clubs, in which we are a nonprofit 501C3 organization (Tax# 1-75-2199269-7). We exist to contribute to the morale and welfare of our students, to encourage them and one another, and give back to A&M while having fun. Last year, we supported the scholarship fund for our students with a student scholarship and 26 student organization scholarships.

Our Spring Extravaganza will be held on **Saturday, March 17th, 2012** in Lewisville, Texas. Please consider making a donation to this cause in a way of goods, services, tickets or gift certificates. Your name will be recognized in our event programs. This very unusual event is a one-of-a-kind event, one that will promise you high visibility should you choose to make a donation. At the event, there will be games, food and auctions. Not just Aggie Moms attend many people in the community come also. During the event we will hold silent and live auctions, in which guests will bid on various items and services. In exchange for your donation, we are happy to place business cards or fliers by the items donated. In our programs, which we will distribute to all our guests we'll list your company name as a donor. This will give you exposure to the Aggie network.

Please just fill out the tear slip below, and return it by mail, fax, email, or call in your donation information.

We will also be available to pickup any donations.

Thank you ahead of time for your support. DCAM appreciates your consideration and hope that you will contribute to this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

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We would like to donate to the silent or live auction for the DCAM Extravaganza as indicated.

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Item Description: _____

Value: _____ Mailing _____ or pickup date: _____

_____ Please call me regarding upgrading my ad in the program.

_____ I would like to be a sponsor and make a monetary donation.

Aggie News!

Developments at Texas AgriLife Research helped make salsa one of America's best selling condiments!



The idea of taking the heat out of jalapeño peppers seemed absurd when it was introduced to the public in the mid-1970s — so much so that Texas Monthly gave it a Bum Steer Award. But the San Antonio food industry leaders who proposed this idea to Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (now Texas AgriLife Research) pepper breeder Dr. Benigno “Ben” Villalon knew what they were talking about. If they could make spicy Mexican and Cajun foods appeal to a broader customer market, their businesses would benefit, and so would growers.

Texas A&M Ranks As No. 6 Public University In U.S.

Texas A&M University is ranked sixth in the nation among public universities by a new online organization, TheBestColleges.org, whose editors say they base their ratings on weighted factors that focus on economic value, quality of life, academic quality and student satisfaction. Based on those factors, **Texas A&M placed first among public universities in Texas.**



Aggies Lead "The Wells Project" To Fund Water Crisis



The facts are out there—884 million people in the world lack access to clean water and a child dies every 15 seconds because of water-related disease.

Five years ago, a group of Texas A&M students personified what Aggies do best—they recognized a need and did something about it. They created The Wells Project, an organization that raises awareness and funds for the current water crisis in Africa.

To read more about it, go to: <http://tamutimes.tamu.edu/>

***Aggie Parent web site for update and helpful resources.**

<http://parents.tamu.edu/>

***Join the Texas A&M Emergency Notification Service.**

<http://codemaroon.tamu.edu/>

***Find out more about College Station and the surrounding area.**

<http://visit.tamu.edu/community/>

Aggie Moms Say.....



Texas A&M= Tradition!

It's funny how we begin to establish our own traditions just because we have an Aggie in our family. These are some of the family traditions that have started since our kids became Aggies.



"We now enjoy celebrating Thanksgiving on Saturday!"

Mary Ferron
Mom of Jim '11 and Lizzie '13

"Our favorite tradition is getting to stay in our Aggie's apartment when in College Station...instead of a hotel! We guess that he was motivated to let us stay as he got his own apartment out of the deal! It actually has worked with both of our Aggies!"

Joyce Woodson
Mom of Bryan '07 and Jeff '14



"Our family traditions now include football games and pizza rolls from Doubles Dave's."

Elaine Miller
Mom of Brian '10

"So far our only 'tradition' is the fact that we love to whoop a lot when our daughter is around. LOL!"

Leslie Talbot
Mom of Abbey '14



Introducing....

(...another Aggie Mom just like you!)



Elaine Miller

What DCAM Positions have you held?

Boutique Co-Chair for 5 years and Sunshine Mom.

Were you or your husband an Aggie? No, neither one of us.

If not, what did you do after high school? I graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and taught first grade. I then became a stay-at-home Mom after my son was born.

Name your Aggie(s) & their current major: I have 2 former students. My son Brian (2010) is in his second year of medical school at UT Health Science Center in Houston. His wife Katie (2010) has her Master's degree in Medical Practice Management and works at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms? My favorite part of Aggie Moms is the friends that I have made. Also, the common interest we have of supporting the greatest university.

What is your day job? Professional Volunteer!

What are your hobbies or special interests? Scrapbooking, card making, cross stitch, crafts in general.

Do you have any nicknames? No.

What is one thing you would tell us that no one would guess about you? My first name is Mary.



We can't wait to get to know you too!!

Aggie Brags

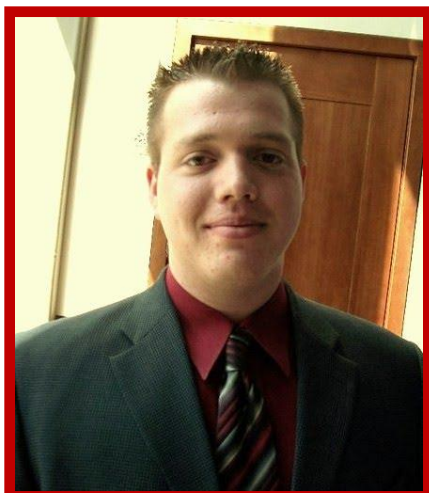
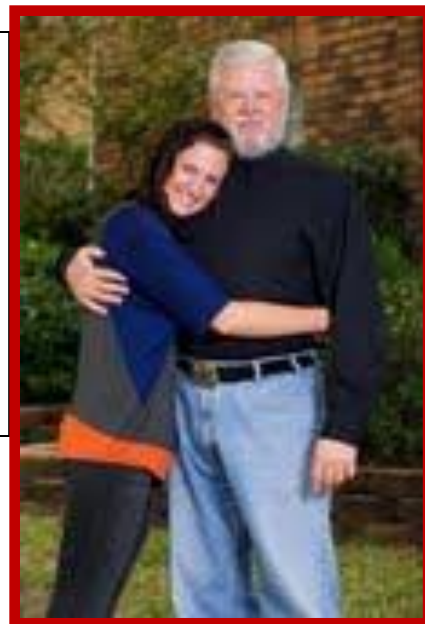


Patrick Casey '14, son of Doris & Dave Casey and member of A Company was inducted into the General O.R. Simpson Corps Honor Society. The Society exists to recognize and reward cadets who excel academically and possess a mentality of service toward others. In addition, the Society serves as an academic resource to the entire Corps of Cadets.



Kyle Thiele '14, son of Dee Ann & Robert Thiele '84, has been officially accepted into the Texas A&M College of Engineering, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Kyle was previously a member of Blinn Team.

Jamie Klemashevich, '12, had a 4.0 for Fall term. She graduates in May and is looking for a job in Camp Ministry. She would appreciate any job leads! jamieklem@tamu.edu She's also on LinkedIn and would be happy to connect to Aggie Moms.



Joshua Washburn '11, son of Jan Washburn was offered the internship he wanted and needs to complete his degree in Human Resources. He starts December 20th and will be there through the whole second semester. his internship will only be unpaid for the first month then he will actually be making money - Whoop!

What's Cookin'?

Cheesy Chicken Soup

16 cups water & 12 Boullion Cubes
2 Cups Carrots
2 Cups Celery
1 onion

1/4 cup parsley
2 cups rice uncooked
2 cans Rotel

Simmer 30 Minutes

Add 2 whole chickens removed from the bone
Cube 2 lbs. velveeta

I usually cut the recipe in half. It's a lot. I also usually just buy a rotissier chicken and debone it. I never use that much velveeta. Probalby half of that. Everyone loves this one!

Tortilla Soup

2 cans of chicken broth
1 can corn
1 can kidney beans
Rotissier chicken meat removed from bone and shredded
Salt and pepper to taste

1 can rotel tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
1/2 chopped onion

Add all to a large pot. I include all broth from the canned vegetables.
Simmer 30 Minutes

Serve with sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, and toasted tortilla strips!

From the kitchen of: Sharon Bitter
Aggie Mom of Kelsey Bitter Class of 2015

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