

Denton County Aggie Moms' Club

Newsletter

January 2012

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

Calendar

Save the date . . . **February 2**

Aggie Moms Meeting

1st Thursday of every month

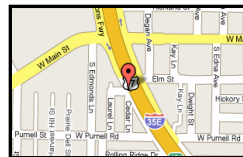
Lakeland Baptist Church

[Get directions](#)

397 S. Stemmons Fwy, Lewisville

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

7:00 p.m. Meeting



Next Meeting: Director of Student Health Services

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Background Picture: Texas A&M in 1902. The history of Texas A&M University, the first public institution of higher education in Texas, began in 1871, when the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas was established as a land-grant college by the Texas Legislature. Classes began on October 4, 1876. Although Texas A&M was originally established under the Texas Constitution as a branch of the yet-to-be-created University of Texas, subsequent acts of the Texas Legislature never gave the university any authority over Texas A&M

Howdy,

Happy New Year!!! Hope you and your Aggies have a wonderful 2012!!

As our Aggies head back to start a new semester, please remember Aggie Moms are here to support each other as we celebrate Brags and survive the Snags. You may even find that saying "good bye" is not as hard as in the fall.

Mark your calendar for March 17th!

Extravaganza is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Start collecting items that can be used to make baskets for the silent auction! Ask businesses you frequent for donations that we can use in the live or silent auction. Examples: Meal coupons, free nights at a hotel, buy-one-get-one-free massage coupons, bowling games, etc. We have a receipt we can provide for IRS purposes. Also, if you have empty baskets to donate or items that you have around the house that you have never opened or used, please bring to our next DCAM meeting.

We still need some help to prepare for the Extravaganza. If you've enjoyed Aggie Moms but are ready to take the next step, call me or any Board member to discuss. Trust me; you will enjoy the experience and will get to know lots of moms better because everyone helps with Extravaganza!

As always, if you have questions or need to talk to another Aggie Mom, give us a call.



Gig'em,
Celine Wettergren



<http://www.dentoncoaggiemoms.com>



January Meeting

Chili cook-off with our Aggies!!

It was great to meet some of our newer Aggies and visit with some upper classmen as well. Many of us came early to eat the chili...and it did not disappoint!! Of course the dessert round was amazing as well! Yes, we do have chefs among us!

Our speaker was the founder of CARPOOL, Jeff Schiefelbein. He told us the story of the establishment of CARPOOL which is a student-run safe ride program at Texas A&M University that provides free, safe, and fun non-judgmental rides to the Bryan/College Station community. He confirmed that the phone number for their program is on the back of every student ID!



CARPOOL founder, Jeff Schiefelbein

And the winners are...

Best Chili

1st Place - Carolyn Ewing
2nd Place -
Joyce Woodson
& Jay Cox



Best Dessert

1st Place - Kelsey Bitter
2nd Place -
Elaine Miller
& Emily and Ann Larkin



Denton County Texas A&M

Mothers Club

Extravaganza

March 17th, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Doors open at 12:30

Door Prizes!

**Silent
Auction
&
Live
Auction**



**Fun,
Games
& Raffles**

**Appetizers
& Desserts**

Lewisville CCA – 100 Mill St. - Lewisville, Texas

Admission \$10.00 advance - \$12.00 at door

For tickets contact: Celine Wettergren

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Proceeds go toward Denton Co. Texas A&M
Scholarships and Organization Grants



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!



Campus Voices: Jason Wilson-Maki

Wilson-Maki, farrier for the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, discusses the many facets of his job in this week's Campus Voices column.

Texas A&M Profs Create ZeroTouch Technology

Created by researchers at the Interface Ecology Lab in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, ZeroTouch is an in-the-air touchpad computer that literally allows users to draw pictures in midair.



Aggie Prof At Leading Edge Of Higgs Boson Search

More than a dozen Texas A&M physicists, including professor Dimitri Nanopoulos, are involved in experiments searching for the Higgs boson, a hypothetical particle believed to give mass to all matter.

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.....

“The best advice I was given as an Aggie Mom was....”

“Let your son/daughter figure it out!”

Donna Eichelkraut

“The best advice that I received as an Aggie Mom to help with my Aggie was to save for the Aggie Ring. Toward the end of my son's sophomore year I planned to save for his ring. Once he hit the allotted amount of credits for his ring, we were able to come up with the money. The cost was well over \$1100.00.”

Celine Wettergren

“As Aggie families, we are all family, looking out for each other and has a great network’. If you are looking for info on something, ask an Aggie mom! Someone will help or direct you in the right direction.”

Ansie Twigge

Introducing....

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

Christina Pope

What DCAM Positions have you held?

This is my first year as Newsletter V.P. and I love the creative outlet!

Were you or your husband an Aggie?

Absolutely we are! Whoop! Jason and I met at the Texas Hall of Fame on a Thursday night. He was a senior ('88) and I was a sophomore ('90). We dated 4 months before he proposed under the Century Tree after the first round of Final Review wearing the Aggie uniform for the last time! How could I say "no?"



Name your Aggie(s) & their current major:

Justin is our Aggie, Class of 2015, and member of Company C-2 in the Corps of Cadets. Jared is officially our 2nd Aggie, Class of 2016, and plans to join the Texas Aggie Band

What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms?

I have been a part of the Aggie Network for many years so joining the ranks of Aggie Moms seems to complete the picture for me. The bonus is the wonderful friendships that I am making along the way!

What is your day job?

I teach private piano lessons out of my home. Otherwise, I am truly a "professional volunteer" and love that I can support my family and church as needed!

What are your hobbies or special interests?

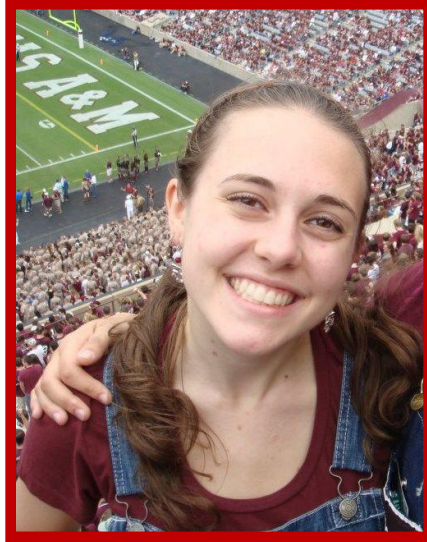
I love music, cooking, crafts, travelling and organizing!! Our family loves sports, so it's always on TV but football would be our favorite!

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

I was born in Athens, Greece, and am a second generation Greek/American raised in East Texas! Because I married a true, East Texas "cowboy", I was thrilled when we both discovered how much he loves Greek food!!

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

Aggie Brags



Mallory Carson '15, daughter of Karen Carson, finished her first semester at A&M with a 4.0 GPA in Radiological Health Engineering.

WHOOOP!

Picture your Aggie here in the February edition of this newsletter!!

Can't wait to hear all about the wonderful things your Aggie has accomplished recently!!



What's Cookin'?

Featuring some of our winners...

NO BEANS ABOUT IT CHILI

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| 2 lbs. ground beef | 1-2 tsp. sugar |
| 1 large onion | 1-2 tsp. salt |
| 28 oz. crushed tomatoes | 3-4 cloves garlic, crushed |
| 10 oz. Rotel tomatoes, pureed | 1/2-1 tsp. cumin |
| 1-2 tbsp. chili powder | |

Brown meat and onions together. Drain. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 1 hour.

*Submitted by: Carolyn Ewing
Aggie Mom of Savannah Ewing '14*

Praline "Turtle" Cheesecake

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| 66 Nilla Waffers | 1 1/2 tsp vanilla |
| 1 1/4 Cups Sugar | 1/4 cup carmel ice cream topping |
| 1/4 cup melted margarine | 1/4 cup hersheys chocolate syrup |
| 3 - 8 oz packages softened cream cheese | 3 eggs |
| 1/2 cup sour cream | 1/3 cup toasted, chopped pecans |

First, crush 50 nilla wafers and mix with 1/4 cup sugar and the margarine. I suggest putting the wafers in a ziploc bag and use a rolling pin to crush them. Press the mixture on the bottom of a 9 inch springform pan. Stand the rest of the nilla waffers around the edges of the pan. Mix the cream cheese and 1 cup of sugar until creamy. Mix in eggs, sour cream, and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Pour into crust. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes. Turn oven off and let cool in oven with door open for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool completely on a wire rack. Refrigerate for 4 hours. Remove from the springform pan. Top with carmel, chocolate, and pecans.

Baked and submitted by Kelsey Bitter '15

“Simply Delicious Strawberry Cake” – Paula Deen

1 (18.25-ounce) box white cake mix
1 (3-ounce) box strawberry flavored instant gelatin
1 (10-ounce) package frozen strawberries in syrup, thawed and pureed
4 large eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup water
Strawberry Cream Cheese Frosting (recipe follows)
Garnish: sliced fresh strawberries

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease and flour 2 round 9-inch cake pans. In a large bowl, combine cake mix and gelatin. Add pureed strawberries, eggs, oil, and water; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Pour into prepared pans, and bake for 20 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool in pans and cool completely on wire racks.

Spread Strawberry Cream Cheese Frosting in between layers and on top and sides of cake. Garnish with sliced fresh strawberries, if desired.

Strawberry Cream Cheese Frosting:

1/4 cup butter, softened
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 (10-ounce) package frozen strawberries in syrup, thawed and pureed
1/2 teaspoon strawberry extract (I used vanilla extract instead)
7 cups confectioner’s sugar (You’ll need to buy 3 boxes of confectioner’s sugar to have enough.)



Directions:

In a large bowl, beat butter and cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Beat in 1/4 cup strawberry puree, reserving remaining for another use. Beat in extract. Gradually add confectioner’s sugar, beating until smooth. ***Note: For pinker frosting, add 2 to 3 drops of red food coloring to frosting.***

Source: *Cooking with Paula Deen* magazine – May/June 2008

*Submitted by: Elaine Miller
Aggie Mom of Brian Miller ‘10*

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