



# Dallas County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club NEWSLETTER

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## An Evening with the Texas A&M Singing Cadets \*

**\*Saturday, February 18, 2017**

**Lovers Lane United Methodist Church**

**9200 Inwood Rd., Dallas**

**6:00 Silent Auction \*\***

**7:00 Concert**

**\* Become a Sponsor!**  
Sponsorship levels begin as low as \$100. (See last page for Sponsor form)



**\*Come to a planning session!**  
January dates are Tue. 1/10, Mon. 1/16 and Mon. 1/30! All start at 7:00, but locations will vary. 1/10 meeting will be at Sharon's house, COME SEE ALL OF THE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WE'VE COLLECTED!  
**12463 Montego Plaza, Dallas.**  
Call Sharon for more info: 214-236-0339!

### \* About the Singing Cadets

They are an all-male chorus that was established in 1893. Their name, Singing Cadets, dates back to 1940, a time when A&M was a military institution, and all of the members were in the Corps.

These days, most of the boys are not in the Corps, but the name remains. Tradition!

**\*Buy tickets here!**  
[SingingCadetsDallas.eventbrite.com](http://SingingCadetsDallas.eventbrite.com)



**\* Watch a cute clip of the group in concert [here!](#)**



("Kipp" is director David L Kipp)

### \* A little history about this event

Three years ago, we first hosted a concert by the group. It replaced our annual spring gala/dinner/auction, and everyone loved it! Luckily for us, the Cadets have agreed to return to Dallas each year since then. Our concert-goers include Dallas-area former students, former Singing Cadets, and even non-Aggie music lovers!

Volunteer to provide housing for a few of the boys on Saturday night at [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com)! (We still need 30+ sleeping quarters.)

**\* Volunteer Opportunities**  
Lots of helpers needed before and during the event! Contact **Robin** at [972-343-8596](tel:972-343-8596) or send your info to [dcampresidentelect@gmail.com](mailto:dcampresidentelect@gmail.com)

### \* We're on facebook!

Through the magic of facebook, we can reach potential concert-goers who wouldn't otherwise hear about the event.

You can help us by simply "liking" our new Singing Cadets Dallas page! Click [here!](#)



**\*\* Silent Auction**  
will include  
Benjamin Knox  
Print No. 1 **framed**  
of the limited  
edition  
"Aggie Mom  
Quilt" !



**News Revisions: Here's More details regarding Chili Cook-Off (NOTE online sign-up); Fed of Aggie Moms' Jan 21 Mtg; Dinner Fri night; Workshops; Goody Bags AND a Special Invite from CC Creations!**



### **Brrrrrrr...It's Getting Chili!**

Start your planning! Our annual Chili Cook-off will be held in conjunction with the General Meeting on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Come and enjoy a variety of chili dishes!

Bring your favorite chili to be judged in the following categories:

*SEC (Something Exotic Chili)*  
*Ladies Choice*  
*Best of Bevo*  
*Ol' Sarge*



Sign up with your chili or another item by clicking on this link: [DCAM 2017 Chili Cook-off](#).

**Remember: Dads and Aggie students (current & former) are welcome to join the competition!**

Be there to set up by 6:00 -- the judging will take place from 6:30 – 6:50 PM. Please supply your own extension cord or surge protector strip.

If you have any questions, contact Karen at [dcamvpatl原因@gmail.com](mailto:dcamvpatl原因@gmail.com) or (214) 534-6103.



### **DETAILS FOR Federation Winter Meeting & Mini-Workshops (mentioned on page 4), follow:**

The Winter Federation Meeting will take place on **Saturday, January 21st** in College Station (MSC 2400 - Gates Ballroom). The meetings begin at **8:30 AM** (registration & coffee at 8:00). The Federation meetings are fun and informative, and all Aggie Moms are welcome!

The weekend will kick-off with an optional dinner at the Clayton W. Williams Jr. Alumni Center on **Friday, January 20th at 7 PM** (registration begins at 6:30); *RSVP and payment of \$30 (for the dinner) is required by January 11.*

The Federation is offering a couple of workshops (no cost) -- if you want to get more involved, this is a great opportunity to see what's it all about.

### **Aggie Mom 101: Sip Shop & Learn @ C.C. Creations!!**



After the workshops, CC Creations ([114 Holleman Drive](#)) will present Aggie Mom 101 (an informative 1 hour event beginning approx. 1:30, showcasing new CC Creation product lines, merchandising suggestions, plus information and helpful tips on how to order personalized items such as T-Shirts, bags, and decals for your Aggie Mom Clubs).

Everyone who attends will receive a special discount pass (valid that day only) for shopping immediately after the presentation. You can find more information on the Federation's [website](#).

Refreshments provided. Please contact Tommie at [dcampres@gmail.com](mailto:dcampres@gmail.com) by January 15, if you are interested in attending the CC Creations Sip, Shop and Learn event.

**Note: Contact Mom for Pinot's Palette (pg 4) is Karen Hunter at [dcamvpatl原因@gmail.com](mailto:dcamvpatl原因@gmail.com) or 214-534-2172**

**Goody Bag Distribution & Thanks:** We delivered 40 Goody Bags (and many more hugs) to DCAM Aggies just before the Fall finals. Thanks to Judy Moen, Patti Baty & Cindy Burch for making the trip to help distribute with me -- and volunteering to be the Goody Bag Committee for Spring. All pictures are on our FB page. Mark your calendars for the Spring delivery on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Assembly will be at the General Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks & Gig 'em! -- Karen Hunter '85, VP-at-Large



**COMING UP:**

**Jan 10 (TUE)**  
**Concert Plans Continue!**  
**7pm @ Sharon's home**  
[12643 Montego Plaza, Dallas](#)  
 (Also Concert mtgs on Mon Jan 16, Jan 30 Location TBD)

**Jan 13 7pm & Jan 14 10am**  
**Boutique Inventory @ Tommie's home (Wood signs only) (Fri & Sat) pg 3**  
 2245 Bayshore Carrollton

**Jan 19 (Thu)**  
**DCAM Jan General Mtg**  
**7pm Chili Cook-Off Judging 6:30pm**  
**Recognition of December Graduates**  
**Guest Speaker: Traveling Aggies!**  
[@4024 Caruth Blvd Dallas](#)  
 Univ Park United Methodist

**Jan 21 in CS (Sat)**  
**Federation of Aggie Moms Mtg (CS) 10:30 am**  
**& CC Creations presentation 1:30 pm** (Contact Tommie to carpool [dcampres@gmail.com](mailto:dcampres@gmail.com))

**Jan 25 (Wed)**  
**Book Club 7pm @**  
**@Corner Bakery** (SE corner of Preston & Forest)

**Jan 29 2-5pm (Sun)**  
**Pinot's Palette Park Cities**  
 location **Sip 'n Paint Party**  
[\(map\)](#) \$45

**Feb 4 pg 3 (map) (Sat)**  
**CPR Training 10a-12p \$10**



### January: Our Annual Chili Cook-off

Bring your filled crock pot to our annual Chili Cook-off, held prior to the start of the January General Meeting.

Judging (6:30—6:50 pm)

#### Categories:

- ♦ SEC (Something Exotic Chili)
- ♦ Ladies Choice
- ♦ Ol' Sarge
- ♦ Best of Bevo



## PRESIDENT'S PASSBACK Tommie Kenas [dcampres@gmail.com](mailto:dcampres@gmail.com)

Howdy Aggie Moms!

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! What is your New Year's Resolution?? We ended 2016 with our Sock Swap at Robin McMahan's home with dinner and sweets. Thank you Robin for opening your home to us again and providing a loving evening for Aggie Mom fun! I am personally enjoying my penguin socks keeping my feet warm now that Old Man Winter has come to Texas.

I am looking forward to our calendar of events for 2017. We will start of the year with our Annual Chili Cook Off, recognizing our December Graduates and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Paint and Sip outing. In February, our own Eve Herman will

be hosting a CPR class for us. We will have our Founders Day Dinner honoring our Past Presidents. February will also be our Spring Fund-raiser – The Singing Cadet Concert. The Big Event with Hope Supply Company in March. We will continue to have craft sessions to prepare for Family Weekend Boutique in April. There are many ways for Aggie Moms to get involved, so stay connected thru weekly Eblasts, Monthly Newsletters, Facebook and our website /calendar.

Our January Meeting is Jan 19, bring your spouse and come learn about the Traveling Aggies.

Happy New Year! Thanks and Gig 'Em Tommie

## PROGRAMS Janice Patterson [dcamprograms@gmail.com](mailto:dcamprograms@gmail.com)

### Next General Meeting: Thursday, January 19

Join us to hear about **The Traveling Aggies**  
<http://www.aggienetwork.com/travel/>

Marisa Liles, Travel Program Operations Manager, will fill us in on the upcoming 2017 trips and the past adventures of this fun group.

With over **50 trips** planned every year, including cruises, safaris, and a tour by private jet, a great variety of affordable trips are sure to catch your interest!

The Traveling Aggies Program offers former students, their families and friends the chance to travel among the camaraderie of fellow Aggies while experiencing local customs, lifestyles and educational opportunities. The trips are a chance to learn about new locales in the company of great Aggie friends.

Alaska Trip Aug 2017



**Not entering the Chili Judging?** If you do not plan to enter the competition, you can still bring an item (cornbread, sour cream, cheese, chopped onions, baked potatoes or dessert) **SIGN UP HERE** TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE BRINGING CHILI OR A SIDE. THANK YOU!!!!



### Attention Graduates!

We will be honoring the December Graduating Seniors (and any we may have missed from Summer) at the January 19th meeting. Please let Melinda know your student is graduating so we may acknowledge them and present them with a gift. Respond today, to:

Melinda Marusak [dcamcorresec@gmail.com](mailto:dcamcorresec@gmail.com)

## Aggie Moms Connecting (AMC)

When you see or hear the phrase "Aggie Moms Connecting" - it refers to a social outing, so be sure to make note and attend!

In **January**, our AMC will be the 2nd annual Sip & Paint Party!

Join us on **Sunday, January 29th 2-5 PM** at

[Pinot's Palette - Park Cities](#) 4560 W Mockingbird Lane #110) to paint "A Starry Night Over College Station". \*

(Please note that the date has changed. Contact Karen w/?'s) BYOB or buy beverages there. 214-534-2172

Bring your Aggie, spouse and/or friends. (\$45 per painter)

Optional: bring a snack to share.

\*Requires reservations and pre-payment. Sign up [here](#)



Our **February** AMC outing will be in recognition of National Heart Month: Get certified in Infant, Child and Adult CPR.

CPR Certification will be offered on Saturday, *February 4th at 10am to noon.*

Aggie Mom Eve Herman will be conducting the class (\$10 cash or check payable day of), at The Shelton School, located at 15720 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas. [\(map\)](#)

Please contact Eve at [dcamrecsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dcamrecsecretary@gmail.com) if inter-



Who doesn't love Van Gogh's Starry Night? We sure do. This painting incorporates some special A&M landmarks into the Starry Night painting - A classic landscape of our beloved campus. Whoop!

Any moms interested in learning more about Aggie Moms are welcome to attend the January Federation Meeting in College Station on Jan 21. The Federation meetings are fun and informative, and **all Aggie Moms are welcome!** It will kick-off

with an optional dinner on Friday, January 20th at 7pm (registration begins at 6:30); RSVP and payment required for dinner.

The Federation is offering a couple of mini-workshops (no cost). If you want to get more involved in either of those areas, this is a great opportunity to see what it is all about. DCAM has a group attending if you would like to carpool, please contact Tommie at

[dcampres@gmail.com](mailto:dcampres@gmail.com)



## INVENTORY Help Request from Tommie:

Boutique Organization: **Seeking Helping Hands (Inventory)**

This is mainly for the wood. I want to go thru all the wood and get a good inventory so we know what we need to restock. I will host at my house starting Friday, Jan 13, 7pm & Saturday starting at 10am. [2245 Bayshore Dr, Carrollton](#)

Please let me know if you can come help on either day. Home number [972-416-9644](tel:972-416-9644) or Cell - [214-435-9309](tel:214-435-9309). Call me with any questions! *Thanks, Tommie*



## Aggie Moms' February 16th Meeting

Looking Ahead, our February presenter will be Jill Giroir with

From Bastogne to Texas, Inc. – Texas Aggies Go To War.

<http://aggiesgotowar.org/>

FBT exists to champion the values of leadership, excellence and selfless service. It is grounded in the core values of Texas A&M University. These values not only guide Aggies but also define generations of Americans who have served and protected our country. FBT's mission is to create and present creative, engaging and educational exhibits that bring to life stories of real people whose actions have embodied these values.





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[dcamnews@gmail.com](mailto:dcamnews@gmail.com)**January 25<sup>th</sup> – BOOK CLUB*****The Nightingale* by Jan-Kristin Hannah**

We will meet at the Corner Bakery Cafe at the south-east corner of Forest and Preston. 11700 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75230, United States

The meeting begins at 7pm. Some of us choose to eat dinner during the meetings, others do not. Your choice.

As always, there is no requirement to have read the book. A lot of socializing goes on along with the book discussion.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> book –*****Miss You Most of All* by Elizabeth Bass****Remember:**

**Former Student Andi Duffy '78 raises money for Texas A&M scholarships by selling Century Tree saplings. And he recently announced a program to support the Aggie Moms Clubs!**

**He sells his 1-foot saplings for \$100, and *if the buyer has been referred by an Aggie Mom club, he'll donate \$20 back to that club!***

So if you want a piece of Aggieland at your home, or if you want to give one as a gift, be sure to enter Dallas County Aggie Moms in the referral box on the order page. (Trees may be shipped.)

If you have any questions, you can contact Robin McMahon at 972-343-8536 or [dcampresidentelect@gmail.com](mailto:dcampresidentelect@gmail.com).

**Here's the link!** <https://www.aggiecenturytreeproject.com/>



As you get ready for holiday shopping, remember you can shop using Amazon and donate to the Dallas County

Aggie Moms' Club at the same time by using *Amazon Smile*! We'll get a small percentage of your purchase price with no additional cost to you! If you haven't already linked your Amazon account, [follow the steps on our website.](#)



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DCAM Online Member Directory listing current '16-'17 Members Now available

**(click [here](#))**

You may also access via our website

Contact [dcamdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:dcamdirectory@gmail.com) for password



**General MEETING LOCATION:** University Park United Methodist Church 4024 Caruth Blvd Dallas [Map](#)



# Texas A&M Singing Cadets in Concert

February 18, 2017, 7:00 pm

## SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Firm Name / Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used for recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Reveille - \$5,000**

*Reveille is the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets!*

- 8 premium reserved tickets
- 8 general admission tickets
- 4 reserved parking spaces
- Recognition in program and on website
- Event signage
- Singing Cadets CD

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Aggie Spirit - \$2,500**

*...there's a spirit can ne'er be told...*

- 6 premium reserved tickets
- 3 reserved parking spaces
- Recognition in program and on website
- Event signage
- Singing Cadets CD

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Aggie Ring - \$1,000**

*\$1,000 is about what the Aggie ring for men costs these days!*

- 6 reserved tickets
- 2 reserved parking spaces
- Recognition in program and on website
- Event signage
- Singing Cadets CD

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Gig 'em - \$500**

*Gig 'em was first hand sign of the Southwest Conference!*

- 4 reserved tickets
- Recognition in program and on website
- Singing Cadets CD

### \_\_\_\_\_ **Aggie Family - \$250**

*Once an Aggie family, always an Aggie family!*

- 2 reserved tickets
- Recognition in program and on website
- Singing Cadets CD

### \_\_\_\_\_ **12<sup>th</sup> Man - \$100**

*Stands ready to help the team!*

- Recognition in program and on website

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** (Pleased submit payment by January 31, 2017 in order to receive all benefits.)

( ) I would like to sponsor this event at the \_\_\_\_\_ level \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to Dallas County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club, and mail with this form to: Dallas County Aggie Moms, P.O. Box 600182, Dallas, TX 75360

For additional information, contact: Sharon Keeler, 214-236-0339, dcamcadetconcert@gmail.com

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