



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

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### Howdy Aggie Moms!

The spring semester is in full swing and the 2016-2017 year is about to come to an end. The year would not be complete until Family Weekend, Muster, Final Review and Graduation.

Family Weekend (previously Parents Weekend) is April 7-9. Your A&M Moms' Clubs will be on hand to help you find that special gift for yourself or your Aggie at the annual Boutique Sale in the MSC. Proceeds go back to the University in scholarships or donations to on campus student organizations.

Congrats to our Aggies who will be getting their Ring!

Muster is held on April 21 every year and is one of our greatest traditions. It is symbolic of the loyalty which bonds Aggies to their school and to each other.

In the early 1900's a Track and Field Day was held every April 21. When the event was called off in 1905, the student body marched to the home of President Houston to insist upon some observance of Texas' Independence. April 21 marks the day Sam

Houston's army defeated Santa Anna, freeing Texas from Mexico, in 1836. It was agreed that the day would also pay homage to all the students and former students who have passed on, and that some living comrade would answer "here" when roll call for the absent was read. Aggies will never be forgotten. Aggies unite to remember those gone before them. I urge each of you to locate an Aggie Muster in your city and attend.

Moms, I hope you will join us at our next general meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and if you know of an incoming freshman please grab them and their parents to come ask questions to our Mom Panel. We will be filling our exam packs this night as well.

Ballots will be available to place your vote for your favorite Student Organization.

Last but not least your slate of officers for 2017-2018 will be voted on during the meeting.

Thanks and Gig 'Em

Tommie  
DCAM President 2016-2017  
Proud mom of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Tyler Rozelle '16



Congratulations to Peggy Nolan, slated to be the Federation of Aggie Moms' President Elect 2017-2018.

Read more about [Federation](#) in their [Spring 2017 Newsletter](#)

**Heartfelt Thanks to the DCAM nominating committee** (Cindy L, Liz P, Patti B and Joan C) **for bringing us this year's Dallas County Aggie Moms Club 2017-2018 Slate of Officers**

President\* - Robin McMahan  
President Elect - OPEN  
VP-at-Large\* - Tommie Kenas  
Membership Chair - Isabel Campbell  
Fundraising Chair - Sharon Keeler  
Communications Chair - Eve Herman  
Recording Secretary - Carol Barke  
Treasurer - Liz Potter  
Parliamentarian\*\*  
Federation District Rep\*\*

\* Advances automatically

\*\* Appointed by the President

***The time is here for Family Weekend in College Station!***  
***Whether you are able to help with our Boutique sales or not, please plan to visit our booth located on the 2nd floor of the MSC April 7 or 8.***

***You will be amazed at the Aggie wares available from many Moms' Clubs. Get ready to shop! (Click for a FULL FAMILY WEEKEND schedule of events)***



**Apr 7-9** (Fri Sat)  
**Boutique Workers (in CS)**  
@Family Weekend sought  
Events go thru Sun, but we  
need shift workers Fri & Sat

**Apr 18 7pm** (Tue)  
**Urban Vines** casual, AMC  
social get-together. pg 4

**Apr 20 7pm pg 2** (Thu)  
**DCAM General Mtg: Panel  
discussion, Boutique, and  
Goody Bag assembly**  
**@4024 Caruth Blvd Dallas**  
Univ Park United Methodist

**April 21** (Fri)  
Attend an **Aggie Muster**

**Apr 22 10 am**  
(Sat)  
AMC get-together w Collin  
Co Club: **Tour the Dallas  
Cowboy Headquarters**

**Apr 26 7pm** (Wed)  
**Book Club Meet @ Corner  
Bakery** (SE corner of Pres-  
ton & Forest)

**May 1** (Mon)  
Deliver Goody Bags to CS  
(pg 2 contact Judy or Patti)

**May 5** (Fri)  
**Last Day to turn in  
"Student Organization"  
Selection Forms** —  
designate where your share  
goes (pg 5)

**May 18** (Thu)  
**Annual year-end mtg\***  
**Tubinamba's Restaurant**  
\*Graduating Aggies invited  
and recognized, too (pg 4)

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**Next General Meeting: Thursday, April 20 6:30 pm (7pm start)**

**Aggieland Bound! (Info Share) and (Exam) Goody Bag assembly! (to send to current Aggies)**

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

As the school year comes to a close, we'd like for all of you moms to think back to all of the questions you had when you found out your student was AggieLand Bound! : What's next? New Student Conference, Fish Camp, Move in day So much to figure out

We'd love to have you come welcome new incoming students and moms, to share with them some of the do's, don'ts, tips and strategies learned from your own child's first, second, even fifth and beyond year as an Aggie.

Our Program Committee is reaching out to area high schools to invite newly accepted Aggies and moms (dads welcome) to participate in a discussion of what to expect as they move forward.

Your inputs and feedback are a great resource not only for the new, but for each other. *Come mingle at 6:30 pm. Short business and Panel Discussion starts at 7pm.*

**It's Goody Bag Time!** Our April meeting will conclude with Student **Goody Bag** preparation!

Please bring cash (cost is \$6.50 each) for your student's bag, *and* 35+ snacks to share. (35-40 shareable snacks per each bag you are filling.)

Please be able to give us e-mail and phone numbers for each student you are preparing a bag for this semester.

**DCAM moms will distribute the bags on campus Monday, May 1—contact Judy Moen [moenfive@gmail.com](mailto:moenfive@gmail.com) or Patti Baty [david.baty@tx.rr.com](mailto:david.baty@tx.rr.com) to join in!**



\$6.50 Black bags are  
12"Wx13"Hx7"D



## Aggieland Bound!

**You've been accepted, now what?**

Please share this info  
with anyone you know  
coming in new to  
TAMU!



Answers to questions about

New Student Conferences - Fish Camp - Dorm Move-in Day

Get "fish" tips and strategies at the

## Dallas County Aggie Moms April Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:00 pm

University Park United Methodist Church

4024 Caruth Blvd, Dallas, TX 75225

High school students and their moms (and/or dads) are welcome.

There is no charge for this event. For more information, contact:

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# THE BIG EVENT

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY®  
One Big Day. One Big Thanks. One Big Event.

**Thank You Dallas  
County Aggie Moms  
for participating in...**

**The 35th Annual  
Big Event  
on March 25, 2017.**

## Big Event Mission Statement

"Through service-oriented activities, The Big Event promotes campus and community unity as students come together for one day to express their gratitude for the support from the surrounding community."



Donated and packed 25+  
hygiene kits for teens



Donated contents and  
assembled 50 Easter Baskets



Wrapped >25 boxes to be  
used for children's birthdays



Enjoyed lunch and lively conversation at Mia's

Barbara Johnson and Liz Muth with Hope Supply both spoke very highly of our group. Thanks again to everyone who donated your time and/or money to help make this a successful event in our community.





### Two Aggie Moms Connecting events this month:

Head east to **Urban Vines Tuesday, April 18 6:30—8:30pm** (come and go if you like)

9219 Garland Rd Ste 1102, Dallas, TX 75218

Come sit (outside by fire pit, weather permitting), eat, and visit with other Aggie Moms. This is a great place (very near the Dallas Arboretum) to enjoy a relaxing time together! Dates welcome! Send ?'s to [dcamnews@gmail.com](mailto:dcamnews@gmail.com)



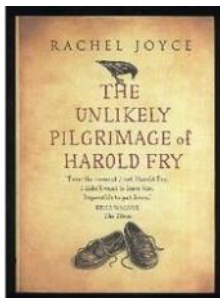
Head north to **Tour the Dallas Cowboys headquarters** (click blue link to view evite) and training facility at **The Star in Frisco, Saturday April 22 at 10 am.** (Sponsored by Collin County Aggie Moms' Club) Tickets are \$25 per person. Following the tour, you are invited to join the group for lunch at Fuzzy's Tacos at 121 and Preston Road. Tour is open to Moms, Dads, Students, Former Students and Friends! RSVP cut-off is 4/17/17.

To secure your space in the tour, please email Judy Barnes at [judylbarnes@tx.rr.com](mailto:judylbarnes@tx.rr.com) with the number of tickets you would like to reserve. Mail check to cover your tickets--made out to Judy Barnes: Judy Barnes 7621 Brookview Drive Frisco, TX 75034

## BOOK CLUB

**April 26<sup>th</sup> book –**  
**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**  
 by Rachel Joyce

We will meet at the **Corner Bakery Cafe** at the southeast corner of Forest and Preston. 11700 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75230, United States at 7pm.



DON'T MISS OUT:  
 YEAR-END BOUTIQUE SALE ITEMS  
 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE  
 APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> MEETING.

Our Annual meeting, installation of officers and recognition of graduating seniors will be  
**Thursday, May 18**  
 at **Tupinamba's**  
 on Central Expressway.  
 An evite will be forthcoming.

### Attention Graduates!



come. We will meet at:

Tupinamba Cafe  
 9665 N. Central Expressway #142  
 Dallas, TX 75231

You can order off the menu or just come by and pick up your gift. We will be installing our new officers for the upcoming year.

Please email me if you can or can not make it. If your Graduate can not come we would still love for you to come. Please include their degree and any future job plans in your response. Please get back to me in the next week (by April 9) so I can include them in the program and if you are eating, to make you a reservation. Thank you and again Congratulations,

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Dallas County Aggie Moms Give Back!  
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It's time for us to choose which student organizations we will support with the money we've raised during the 2016-2017 school year. This link takes you to a list of all of the eligible organizations <http://aggiemoms.org/documents/> The university provides the list of eligible groups to us and it changes slightly from year to year.

Below is a ballot. Please indicate which group (s) you would like for us to support. (You may choose up to five.) Every organization that receives a vote will receive a donation. The donation amount will depend on how many votes it receives from all of our members.

You may submit your ballot to DCAM by email ([dcamtreas@gmail.com](mailto:dcamtreas@gmail.com)) or bring it to a general meeting. All ballots must be received by FRIDAY, May 5, 2017. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks and gig 'em!

Liz Potter

DCAM Treasurer

**Dallas County Aggie Moms  
2016-2017 Student Organization Selection Form**

**Voting deadline: May 5, 2017**

Please indicate which organization(s) you would like to receive your share of the 2016-2017 fundraising proceeds. You may allocate *all of your 5 shares to just one organization*, or you may *divide* your shares among *up to 5 separate groups*.

Organization Name(s)	# of votes <u>per</u> student organization (1, 2,...5)	Account number	Mothers' Club Code

For the **complete comprehensive** list of eligible organizations, check the [TAMU Authorized Student Organization List](#) posted on the Aggie Mom Federation Documents Page

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Member e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Member phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballots must be received by Friday, May 5, 2017.**

Please send ballots by email to [dcamtreas@gmail.com](mailto:dcamtreas@gmail.com) or regular mail to: Liz Potter 4545 Ivy Drive Mesquite TX 75150