



Dallas County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S PASSBACK

Sharon Broun Keeler '82

Aggie Moms on the Move

COMING UP...

Jan. 08 7:00 (Tue)

Singing Cadets Planning

Whole Foods, Preston Forest

Jan. 13, 2:00-3:00 (Sun)

Yoga Experience

Twist Power Yoga

11722 Marsh Lane (cor. Forest)

Jan. 15, 7:00 (Tue)

Fundraising Meeting

Whole Foods, Preston Forest

Jan. 17, 7:00 (Thu)

General Meeting @ UPUMC

Soup & Salad at 6:30

Jan. 22, 7:00 (Tue)

Fundraising Meeting

Whole Foods, Preston Forest

Jan. 25-26, (Fri-Sat)

Federation Dinner, Meeting and Workshops

College Station

Jan. 29, 7:00 (Tue)

Fundraising Meeting

Whole Foods, Preston Forest

Feb. 16, 6:00 (Sat)

Singing Cadets Concert

Lovers Lane UMC

9200 Inwood Rd., Dallas

Feb. 22-24 (Fri-Sun)

Aggie Mom Camp

College Station



Welcome to 2019!

To recover from the holidays and start the year off right, let's have a yoga class! Beginners are welcome! You should have received an evite. If you didn't, then we don't have your current email address, so please let us know!

At our General Meeting, we'll learn the ins and outs of recycling - good information for us to know and to share with our families!

Singing Cadets planning is ramping up! We'll meet every Tuesday night and we have lots of jobs to fill! We are really so lucky the boys are coming to Dallas again. It gives us an opportunity to create an amazing community event! Oh, and did you receive any random gift cards for Christmas that you probably won't use? They'll make great silent auction items!

Later in the month we hope you'll join us in College Station for the [Winter Federation Dinner, Meeting and Workshops](#). Friday night's speaker, Dr. Ben Welch, will be awesome!

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Sharon

Start your year with a YOGA EXPERIENCE!

Sunday, January 13, 2:00

Twist Power Yoga

11722 Marsh Ln, Dallas

An Aggie Mom Connecting Event!

For all levels, especially beginners! There is no charge and mats are provided. Just wear comfy clothing. Your Aggies are welcome, too, if they're still in town! The class is limited to 30, though, so please RSVP to the evite at this link: <http://evite.me/dsrtJ2TPmb>

The studio faces Forest Ln., a few doors down from Sprouts.

Twist Power Yoga and Debbie Boone donated this class to our Singing Cadets auction last year, and we appreciate their support!



January General Meeting

Marcos Estrada, City of Dallas

Recycling Do's and Don'ts

Thursday, January 17, 2019 7 pm

The meeting schedules we passed out earlier in the year listed John Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, as our speaker for January. Unfortunately, Chancellor Sharp had a change of plans and rescheduled for April.

So, for January we've invited Marcos Estrada with the City of Dallas to share information about recycling. Do you ever wonder about what, exactly, we're allowed to throw out in the blue bin? Bring your questions!

Also at this meeting, we'll have the vote on the bylaws revision. [Click here](#) to view the document.

The membership directories will be available, and we have the DCAM-logo shirts for those of you who were unable to pick them up at the holiday sale.

This will also be your final opportunity to make a purchase from our selection of books from TAMU Press!

Dinner will be soup and salad. If you can contribute, please sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084FA4AC2E5-january1>



Important links and deadlines!

Sat. 1/13: Yoga Experience! RSVP by [evite](#) or call Sharon 214-236-0339 (max 30)

Tue. 1/15: Reservations for the Jan. 25 Federation dinner are **due by regular mail**. See [form](#) attached.

Thu. 1/17: Tell Sharon which [Federation workshop](#) you'd like to attend, so she can get you registered!
dcampres@gmail.com

Thu. 1/17: General Meeting! Sign up to bring soup, salad or bread [here](#).

Fri. 1/18: [Aggie Mom Camp](#) registration forms must be postmarked. Super fun! Great speakers and private tours!

Sun. 1/20: RSVP due for Federation Meeting [after hours event](#) (more info attached)
developmentchair@aggienetwork.com

Thu. 1/31: Deadline to sign up to help us house the Singing Cadets. Click [here](#).



Howdy Holidays Sale Wrap Up

We're very excited about the holiday sale results! At our boutique table, sales were \$2,000! We raised \$600 at the bake sale! And thanks to some super-motivated moms, our Tamales Sales fundraiser generated a profit of \$2,065 on sales of 413 dozen tamales! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and generous shoppers!

Save the date!

February General Meeting and Founders Day Dinner!

Cindy Quinn

Texas A&M Center for Population Health and Aging

February , January 21, 2019 7 pm

Learn more about Cindy and the Center: [CLICK HERE](#)

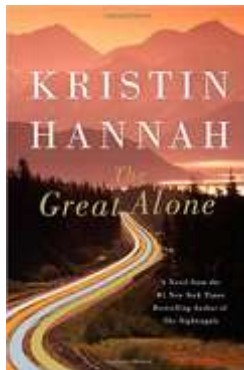


BOOK CLUB

**Wednesday, January
23, 7pm**

Whole Foods at
Preston & Forest –
upstairs

The Great Alone
by Liza Mandy



Upcoming Book Club Reads

February: *When Elephants Dance* by Tess
Uriza Holthe

March: *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold
Story of the Women Who Helped in World War
II* by Denise Kiernan



HOSPITALITY

Dana Hall, dcamhospitality@gmail.com

The menu for the January meeting will be soups and salads. Any and all varieties are welcome...hot soups, cold soups. Please bring your favorite! We'll also be having salads, bread and desserts! Join us for some great food and fellowship. Thanks in advance for all your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084fa4ac2e5-january1>



Minnesota / Western Wisconsin Aggie Moms Club

This year, the Dallas County Aggie Moms Club is reaching out to connect with an Aggie Moms' Club that's pretty far from Texas. Coincidentally, one of our DCAM Board Members has family in the area and she connected with some of the moms on a visit in November. Here's her report:

"Up North" in the cold country, the Aggie Moms in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin have the warmest hearts and hugs, and no shortage of Aggie Fightin' Spirit! DCAM member Mavis Sauer (John, '20) got "marooned" on a snowy November morning with four of their members, President Lora Peterson (Brandon, '18) Paula Wagner (Kenny, '18), Susie McGregor-Huyer '85 (Mary, '19 and Meg, '22) and Selinda Casey (Daniel, '18).

We all put on a warm buzz at Buzz Coffee in Burnsville, Minnesota and shared Aggie stories and goodie bags assembled by our membership chair, Isabel Campbell. They sent back a bag of delicious local wild rice and a special pilaf recipe to the Dallas Aggie Moms, which Mavis prepared as a Thanksgiving side dish for the November DCAM general meeting. Lora also sent a monster bag of Pearson's chocolate mint patties made in nearby St. Paul, which will be shared at the Singing Cadet concert in February. Thank you, Lora, Paula, Susie and Selinda! We all wish you a warm and Happy New Year!



Calendar Note – April Meeting on 4th Thursday

If you're looking ahead, you'll see that the calendar shows our April meeting on April 25, which is the fourth Thursday, rather than the third. We made this change to avoid an Easter Weekend conflicts!



Winter Federation Dinner, Meeting and Workshops

Jan 25-26, College Station

<https://aggiemoms.org/events/>

All Aggie Moms are invited to attend one or all events! It's a legit excuse to go to College Station, where you can check up on, I mean visit with your Aggie!

Fri 6:00 PM: Dinner at the new Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center, where menus have been styled by Stephan Pyles. Guest speaker is Ben Welch, Ph.D., Mays School of Business. Cost for the dinner is \$30 and reservation forms with payment must be received by January 15. Invitation and reservation form is attached. 6:00 pm registration, 6:30 pm dinner.

Sat 8:00 AM: Federation meeting in MSC Room 2400 (Gates Ballroom.) Your chance to hear from university leadership! 8:00 coffee and pastries, 8:30 meetings.

Sat 11:15-12:15: Workshops following the meeting are designed to help club members improve their club operations, and are open to all Aggie Moms! 11:15-12:15. Sharon will submit the workshop registrations, so please let her know which one you would like to attend by January 17. skeeler@musestancil.com (Note: there is only one workshop session for this winter meeting.)

Sat 2:00-4:30: After-hours event at Messina Hof in Bryan! Special reception with wine education program and guest speaker, author Melanie Shankle '93. More details [here](#) and attached. Please RSVP by January 20 to developmentchair@aggienetwork.com.

Texas A&M Singing Cadets Concert

Saturday, Feb. 16

To volunteer: dcamcadetconcert@gmail.com

We need YOU

- to provide the Singing Cadets with an event worthy of their extraordinary talents,
- to provide our guests with Aggie Mom hospitality and an unforgettable evening, and
- to ensure that we have a successful silent auction for our scholarships and student organizations!



Cadet Housing

Sign up to host 2 or more of the boys overnight and you'll have a chance to get to know some great kids! It involves driving them to your home, feeding them a light post-show meal and breakfast the next morning, then driving them to meet their bus at around 9:30 on Sunday morning. Here's the link! <http://signup.com/go/PacKxVg>

Use the up arrow to indicate the number of "spots" or cadets you can accommodate. After signing up, please go back to the main page, and click on your initials under "participants." In the comment field, tell us more about your pets, available beds, etc. If you have any questions, contact Karen Hunter at dcamonline@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch

On Saturday morning, a group of 6-7 moms will gather to pack 70 sack lunches for the boys to take with them on the bus on Sunday! This is a great way for moms who are unable to attend the concert to help! To sign up, email Isabel at dcammembership@gmail.com



Cookie Bakers

At intermission, we'll set out trays of home-baked cookies for our guests. The cookies will be free, but we'll have donation jars available for anyone who would like to contribute!

Setter-uppers

Crunch time! We'll have a fairly brief window to get everything set up! From 4-6, we'll need help arranging the silent auction tables, the ticketing and check-in stations, the volunteer suite, and a snack table for the cadets, so we could use a LOT of help here!



Event volunteers

Starting at 6, we'll need ticket takers, ushers, auction check-in workers and auction table monitors. The table monitors will return at intermission to close the tables. After the concert, we'll need concert check-out worker to take payment and gather the items. If you're hosting some cadets, it takes them a while to change and come out from backstage, so there's plenty of time to help with checkout, too!



Volunteer Coordinator

As you can see, we'll need to keep up with a large number of wonderful volunteers! And we're looking for someone who can help with that!

Silent Auction

We're excited to offer this preview of our silent auction items! Can you help us add to the list? We would love to be able to offer more items from golf courses, sporting events, beauty salons, restaurants, etc. And Aggie merchandise is always popular! Call or text Sharon with your ideas! 214-236-0339.

Here are some of the items that have been donated or pledged!

Football autographed by Coach Jimbo! Priceless!

Hotels

Omni Dallas	1-night stay
Stella Hotel, Bryan	1-night stay plus breakfast for 2
Cavalry Court, CS	1-night stay
Home 2 Suites by Hilton, CS	1-night stay

Restaurants

Blue Baker, CS	Free Bread for a Year
Blue Mesa	Brunch for 2
Celebration Restaurant	dinner for 2
El Fenix	\$25 gift card
i Fratelli	\$50 gift card
Fish City Grill	\$40 gift certificate
Ozona	2-\$25 gift cards
Republic – Texas Tavern	
Rusty Taco	Gift card
True Food Kitchen	\$25 gift card
Truluck's	\$100 gift card
Village Burger Bar	2-\$10 gift cards
Woodland American Grill	\$50 guest pass

Other

Aggie Ring Wraps	\$500 off
Aggieland Outfitters	\$50 gift certificate
Alamo Drafthouse	2 movie passes + food (\$20)
Benjamin Knox	Print
Billy Bob's	General admission concert tickets for 4
Dallas Symphony	2 tickets TI Classical Series
Dallas Zoo	4 passes
David Gardner's Jewelers	Century Tree necklace or similar item
Drybar	blow out
FC Dallas	4 tickets
Firewheel Golf Club	Round for
Mary Kay Gift Basket	
Sabi Boutique	
Tangerine Salon, Preston Hollow	\$100 gift card
Texas Motor Speedway	4 tickets to triple-header race weekend 3/29-31
Top Golf	\$50 game play voucher
Vivian's Boutique Spa	Swedish Massage w/ Marshmallow Meltdown + Ageless Facial
various Aggie gifts and décor	

Possible

Nothing Bundt Cakes in CS will donate a cake if someone can pick up on 2/15. If your student will be coming home that weekend, please call Sharon at 214-236-0339.





**Goody Bag
Deliveries**



**Holiday Pot Luck
and
Sock Exchange**



With leftover goody bag treats, we were able to prepare goody bags for the students at the TAMU Chevron Engineering Academy at El Centro. So thank you to all the moms who brought SO MANY treats!





Texas A&M Singing Cadets Concert and Scholarship Fundraiser

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX 75220

February 16, 2019, 6:00 pm

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Firm Name / Individual _____ Date _____

Name to be used for recognition _____

Address _____ City/ST/Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Reveille Sponsor Level - \$5,000

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

- 10 reserved seating tickets
- 10 general admission tickets
- Recognition in program and on website
- Event signage
- 5 Singing Cadets CDs

Gig 'em Sponsor Level - \$500

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

- 4 reserved seating tickets
- Recognition in program and on website
- 2 Singing Cadets CDs

Aggie Spirit Sponsor Level- \$2,500

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

- 8 reserved seating tickets
- Recognition in program and on website
- Event signage
- 4 Singing Cadets CDs

Aggie Family Sponsor Level- \$250

Once an Aggie family, always an Aggie family!

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

Aggie Ring Sponsor Level - \$1,000

Ring Day is one of A&M's newer traditions!

- 6 reserved seating tickets
- Recognition in program and on website
- Event signage
- 3 Singing Cadets CDs

12th Man Sponsor Level - \$100

The 12th Man stands ready to help the team!

- Recognition in program and on website

PAYMENT INFORMATION: (Please submit payment by January 31, 2019 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, dcampres@gmail.com

The Dallas County A&M University Mothers' Club (Dallas County Aggie Moms) is a 501(c)(3) recognized organization and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS regulations.



*President Peggy Nolan
and the Executive Board of the
Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs*

Cordially invites All Aggie Moms to attend the

Federation of Aggie Moms Winter Dinner & Donor Recognition

*Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center
Century 1 Ballroom
177 Joe Routt Boulevard
College Station, Texas*

*Friday, January 25, 2019
Registration and Social Time 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm*

*After Dinner Guest Speaker: Ben Welch, Ph. D.
Tickets are \$30*

RSVP must be received by January 15, 2019.

We are serving adobo chicken, pesto gnocchi with a vegetable medley and salad.

Dessert will be a New York style cheese cake.

Please let us know if you have a special dietary need.

Any Questions: corrsec@Aggienetwork.com or 972-343-8596

Federation of Aggie Moms Winter Dinner & Donor Recognition

Reservation Form

*Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center
Century 1 Ballroom
177 Joe Roult Boulevard
College Station, Texas*

Friday, January 25, 2019

Name _____
Aggie Moms' Club _____
Position _____
Guest(s) _____
(List all names included with this reservation and payment)
Special dietary needs: _____

\$30 per person X _____ *=* *\$* _____

Number needed

Total Remitted



RSVP must be received by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

We are serving chicken adobo, pesto gnocchi with a vegetable medley and salad. Dessert will be a New York style cheese cake.

Please let us know if you have a special dietary need.

Send your payment and this form to:

*Robin McMahan, Corresponding Secretary
478 Stone Canyon Drive
Sunnyvale, Texas 75182*

(Make check payable to Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs)

Any Questions: corrsec@Aggienetwork.com or 972-343-8596

Federation Winter Workshop Schedule

Workshops held on Saturday, January 26, 2019

Please rsvp to Kristi King 6thVPDistrict@aggienetwork.com

***Registration Deadline: Friday, January 18, 2019**

There is only one session for each workshop from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Presidents and Presidents-Elect <i>Effective Leadership</i> Host: Peggy Nolan- Federation President	Number Attending_____? Room # (TBA)
Membership <i>SMILE...Sharing, Membership, Ideas, Linking, Everyone</i> Host: Connie Pritchard '81 - 1st VP Membership	Number Attending_____? Room # (TBA)
Boutique <i>All You Need to Know!</i> Host: Diane Eckols - 5th VP Boutique	Number Attending_____? Room # (TBA)
Treasurer <i>Sales Tax Update & Navigating Forms B, Y, E, & G (Dues & Archives Fees, Tax Compliance, Donations & Scholarships)</i> Hosts: Lisa McMillan '84 -Treasurer and Cindy DeWitt '86 - 4th VP Reports	Number Attending_____? Room # (TBA)
Technology Workshop <i>Must RSVP! Attendees to bring their own laptops to this session. If there is a specific issue you want to cover, you will need to email it (with RSVP) to ElecInfo@AggieNetwork.com by Friday, January 18th.</i> Host: Karen Hunter '85 - Electronic Infor. Officer	Number Attending_____? Room #(TBA)
Aggie Mom Camp 2019 <i>Planning session for Camp Counselors and Staff</i> Host: Maria Wheeler - AMC Chair	Number Attending_____? Room # (TBA)
Federation Board Position <i>Serving on the Board is a great experience. Come learn what we do and how we do it!</i> Host: Cathleen Inman '88 - President-Elect	Number Attending_____? Room #(TBA)
Hosting the Singing Cadets 101 <i>Yes, your club can do it! Find out all the how-tos!</i> Host: Liz Lindan, Texas A&M Choral Activities	Number Attending_____? Room #(TBA)

All Aggie moms are cordially invited to attend the workshops! Please plan to attend as the workshops are very informative and you can meet new Aggie moms too! Whoop!



AGGIE MOMS AFTER HOURS

Saturday, January 26, 2019

2:00 until 4:30 pm.

Messina Hof Winery
4545 Old Reliance Road
Bryan, TX USA 77808

Come out to enjoy our guest speaker and for a Special Reception!



Melanie Shankle will be the speaker at our After Hours event. Melanie Shankle is the New York Times bestselling author of *Sparkly Green Earrings*, *The Antelope in the Living Room*, *Nobody's Cuter Than You*, and *Church of the Small Things*.

Melanie speaks at events nationwide and writes on her blog, Big Mama.

(<https://thebigmamablog.com/>) She is a class of 1993 graduate of Texas A&M and lives in San Antonio, Texas with her husband, Perry, and daughter, Caroline.

In her spare time, she enjoys online shopping, laughing at things that are often inappropriate, and spending time with her family and friends. She also has a new 100 day devotional book for women entitled *Everyday Holy* and a 100 day

devotional for teen girls called *Fearless Faith* now available everywhere books are sold. Her books will be available to purchase.

Snacks and light beverages provided by Messina Hof, a cash bar will be available. A wine education program will be held and previously ordered Aggie Mom wine can be picked up.



Please RSVP by January 20, 2019 to developmentchair@aggienetwork.com

An order form for Aggie Mom Wine is on its way and will arrive in your inbox soon! Get your orders in for your favorite wine from Messina Hof and pick it up during the After Hours event on January 26.





**AGGIE MOM CAMP
FEBRUARY 22-24, 2019
THE GEORGE/CAVALRY HOTELS
COLLEGE STATION**

<https://aggiemoms.org/aggiemomcamp>

Deadline: Must be postmarked by January 18, 2019.

No refunds after the deadline.

Pass it back – it's time for Aggie Mom Camp! Our Aggies have Fish Camp, T-Camp or Howdy Camp to aid in the transition to college life and to orient them to the traditions at Texas A&M University. In 1994, Aggie Moms' Camp was created to help current Aggie moms to pass on the traditions of Texas A&M University to new Aggie Moms. Since then, this event has become a way for "new" and "seasoned" Aggie Moms to come together as a part of the Aggie Family. There will be speakers, entertainment, a campus tour, meals and lots of mom-raderie! Come join us for a weekend of **"From Howdy to Here"**. *This is an Aggie Mom Camp t-shirt and jeans weekend!*

Registration fee includes the following:

- 2 nights at The George/Cavalry Court Hotels
- 1 Aggie Mom Camp t-shirt
- Tote bag
- 5 meals (2 Breakfasts – Saturday & Sunday, Lunch – Saturday and 2 Dinners - Friday & Saturday)
- Speakers, entertainment & tour
- Mini Boutique
- Tons of Aggie Mom friends and memories!

Your Saturday dinner ticket is included in your registration fee, but we encourage you to invite your Aggie students. Additional dinner tickets will not be available during camp; they must be purchased with Registration.

Mail Registration and check to: Maria Wheeler 5921 Rushing Creek Fort Worth Texas 76137

Name: _____ TAMU Class: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Aggie Moms Club? _____

Email: _____ Corps Mom? **Y** or **N** Past Chair/Counselor? **Y** or **N**

Any special medical/allergy, physical or dietary needs? **Y** or **N** If yes, explain: _____

Roommate Name (include her Club): _____

If you have a roommate preference, her name must be submitted here. If you don't have a preference, another Aggie Mom will be assigned.

Camp Preference (for returning campers only): _____

FOR RETURNING CAMPERS' USE ONLY. Unless otherwise noted, you will be randomly placed in a camp.

Registration fee*: \$ 295.00

One t-shirt is included to be worn all weekend as your 'ticket' into Camp activities.

Adult t-shirt size? **S M L XL XXL** Add \$15 for extra t-shirt \$ _____

Add \$20 per extra dinner ticket (space is limited) # extra tickets: _____ \$ _____

Total due (Make check payable to: Federation of Texas A&M Mothers Clubs): \$ _____

**If you require something other than double occupancy, contact the Chairs at amcchair@aggienetwork.com.*

By attending, you consent to having your photo or likeness used for promotion of Aggie Mom Camp in literature and/or video recordings.