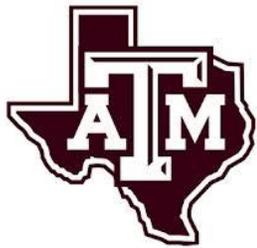


Kingwood/Humble Area *Aggie Moms* Newsletter



September 2015



President's Corner

Welcome new Aggie Moms and welcome back to all our returning moms. Let's get started on an awesome 2015 -16 at Texas A&M for our kids by taking a few moments to sign up for Aggie Moms now. Your membership dollars are at work hosting our annual HOWDY Party, a year of great speakers at our second Tuesday monthly meetings, our annual Traditions Banquet on November 12th and a host of other fun activities that support our kids. Future newsletters will be e-mailed to Aggie Mom members only. Whether you join or not, I'd like to stress that you update or sign up for the Kroger's and Randall's community rewards programs. This is one of the easiest ways you can help our local students in a significant way. Those pennies add up! Our website www.KHAggieMoms.org has a new look this year so I hope you will find it easy to navigate and stay connected with us throughout the year. We would also love to see you for months of fun and have you plugged in on all the exciting things we have in store for the coming year. If you have any questions, you may always e-mail us at KHAggieMoms@gmail.com. Also join us on Facebook! WHOOP and Gig 'em.

Lisa Lawrence '81
2015-16 President

Programs

Everyone had a great time at the Howdy Party on Sunday, July 26. We had 114 students sign in and receive their Howdy Bag gifts, which contained items donated from TAMU organizations and local College Station businesses. Our guest speaker, Alyssa Michalke, first female Cadet Colonel of the Corps of Cadets in the 139-year history of Texas A&M, gave a fantastic speech and great advice to our Aggie students. Several Fish Camp counselors helped get the crowd revved up in the Aggie spirit by leading yells, as well as the Aggie War Hymn and Spirit of Aggieland songs. We handed out a lot of student and parent door prizes to get everyone ready to start school on August 31. Special thanks go out to our gracious host, First Baptist Church, for allowing us to host our party in their wonderful facility. And as always, last but not least, many thanks to our amazing Aggie Mom board, who planned and hosted this great party! Whoop!

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Scholarship & Philanthropy

The Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms were very excited to award \$200 student awards at the Howdy Party to Brooke Berner (Class of 2018), Jacob Burr (Class of 2017), Alexa Cerrato (Class of 2019), Annalyse Janak (Class of 2019), and Holly Newton (Class of 2019). Congrats also to all the door prize winners! Make sure to stop by the Scholarship and Philanthropy table since we give two \$200 student awards each meeting (one monthly award per student per year).

Scholarship and Philanthropy Chairs: Cathy Raney - cmraney@suddenlink.net

Angela Wisenbaker angelaw@wisenbaker.com

Goody Bags

Don't forget to order your Aggie a Goody Bag. Members can order a single Goody Bag (for either Fall or Spring semester) for \$35 but for only \$60.00 your Aggie will get both a Fall and Spring Goody Bag loaded with college favorites. Remember that Goody Bags also make great gifts for your Aggie's roommates or friends. Goody bags for the Fall and Spring will be hand delivered just in time for finals week. An order form can be found on our website - www.khaggiemoms.org. If you have any questions please email either Donna or Leaneta.

Goody Bag Co-Chairs: Donna Hunter - sbmktd@gmail.com
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Membership

We received 51 New Memberships and 27 Renewal Memberships at the Howdy Party. Of those memberships, 75 are College Station students and 3 are Galveston students. Memberships forms are still being accepted either by mail or you can bring your form to our first Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 8th**. The membership fee is \$20.00 and you can find our membership form on our website. Joining the Aggie Moms organization is an excellent way to become familiar with Texas A&M University, support our hometown Aggie students and to form many *Aggie Mom* friendships. Remember, if your Aggie has already graduated, you can still join and/or remain a member as a Ring of Honor Mom. *Once an Aggie Mom, always an Aggie Mom.*

VP Membership Co-Chairs: Gloria Ortiz - zitroglo32@yahoo.com
 Rika Weinrich - weino2@yahoo.com

Boots and Whoops “Traditions” Banquet:

Come join the fun at our fifth annual “Traditions Banquet”. The Banquet helps to provide the money needed for the scholarships that our club awards to local students. The Banquet will be held at The Overlook in Atascocita on **Thursday, November 12th** with doors opening at 6:00pm. At the **“Boots and Whoops”** Banquet, you will enjoy a fun-filled night with live music, dancing, delicious BBQ, silent/live auction items, and drawings for our six wonderful raffle items. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Our fabulous boutique will make Christmas shopping easier with a large array of items to buy. We are currently selling raffle tickets and banquet tickets at our general meetings. They can also be obtained by contacting one of our Banquet Co-Chairs to purchase or to help us sell. Get your tickets early for this special night which is open to all men and women in the community. We have many areas in which you can help us make this event a success. Look for the sign-up sheets at our first general meeting.

Put your boots on and get ready to Whoop!

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Activities for AGGIE Students, Families and Friends

Football Season

The first Fightin' Texas Aggie Football game is coming up! Even better than the start of Aggie Football is when Aggie Football is right in our own backyard! That's right, the first game of the season is actually at NRG Stadium against the Arizona State Sun Devils. If you want to buy tickets, here is a link!

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/2015-advocare-texas-kickoff-texas-houston-texas-09-05-2015/event/3A004E26DB6738BC>

Tips for Moving in your Aggie

The official residence hall move-in day is Sunday, August 23rd. Move-in day can be stressful and hectic but here are some tips for you to make transitioning your Aggie a little bit easier!

1. Avoid hot times of the day if you can! Also, some people forget about moving in later in the day around dinner time or after. Moving in later in the day will help avoid the morning/afternoon rush of people and will be less hot!
2. Pack snacks in a cooler if you don't mind! Moving in can be very exhausting so it's a great idea to keep Gatorade and water, sandwiches, and other snacks ready to eat. This will also help with time so that you won't have to go eat right when you get there, especially if you get there when it's pretty busy.
3. Let the residence hall workers help you! People are hesitant to have someone else move their belongings but these people volunteered to do this and are so happy to assist you! Take advantage of the kind Aggie atmosphere!
4. Bring a small dolly or something with wheels! Bringing something with wheels like a dolly will help so much during move in. It can make bringing heavy things like microwaves and mini-fridges a lot easier.
5. Have your Aggie make a plan with their roommate/suitemates! Nothing is more hectic than having four students move in at once into a small area. Ask your Aggie to plan with their roommates/suitemates so everyone is not moving in at once! This will make things so much easier and keep everyone's stuff separate. Then, after the first students move in, they can help each other out!

Here's more info about move-in day! <http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/events/move.aspx>

Student Activities Chair: Leslie Flickinger - lflickinger@incarnateword.org

Help Us Help Your Students

Join us in our fund-raising efforts. If you shop at Randall's or Kroger, we are asking you to link your current rewards card number to our organization. We are recognized as a 501 (c)(3) organization. This is a quick and easy way to participate and our club earns a small percentage of all of your purchases. Our Kroger Group Number is **82937**. Registrations expire July 31st so **you must re-register your Kroger card each year**. Our Randall's Group Number is **3873**. **Please take a moment to link your rewards numbers today and help us meet our scholarship goals.** More information can be found on our website (www.khaggiemoms.org) under "Special Offers". **Thanks!**

Join Aggie Moms!

Texas A&M does an outstanding job in making incoming students feel welcome and a part of the Aggie family and we are here to do the same for you. Here are just some of the benefits of your membership:

- Monthly Meetings featuring speakers from campus groups with information on programs and services
- Wonderful “goody bags” each semester you can send to your son or daughter during finals week
- Community projects funding scholarships and awards, and donations to A&M student groups
- Monthly newsletters, web sites and emails to stay well-informed and aware of campus events
- Networking with other Aggie Moms – a valuable resource for any parent question!

A form for Membership and Goody Bag orders is available on our club’s website at www.khaggiemoms.org. Join today! Our first meeting is **Tues, Sept. 8 @ 6:30 pm.**



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HOWDY! Please join us at the next meeting of the
Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms Club

When: Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church
3803 W. Lake Houston Parkway
Kingwood, TX 77339

Visit our Website: www.khaggiemoms.org 