

Aggie Moms Connecting

Collin County Aggie Moms Club

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President's Message

Happy New Year to you and your Aggie!

Hope the new year has gotten off to a great start for everyone and as part of your new year resolutions I hope you will join us for our General Meeting on Monday, January 21 at Dallas AgriLife Center on Coit in Richardson. As always, we begin with a social time at 6:45 pm where you can meet new Aggie mom friends and catch up with friends you might not have seen in a while. Following our social time, we will have a guest speaker informing us about the plans for Bullet Train between Dallas & Houston and the benefits to Texas A&M and brief business meeting. In addition, we will be honoring our December graduates.

Looking back on our Fall Semester, it seems to have blown through with a whirlwind of events and activities. We started off the semester with our Howdy Party and New Moms Tea to welcome all our new Collin County Aggie students, families Things really got rolling with our and moms. Aggie Moms Connecting events at Legacy Hall with a brewery tour a tailgate watching our Aggies take on Alabama, creating bath bombs in downtown Plano and looking at Christmas light from the comfort of a party bus. We were very successful with our annual Pecan and Poinsettia sales. (Thank you to our co-chairs for each of these fundraisers for all their hard work!) We added a shopping event at Rustic Cuff in Legacy West and the vendor was some impressed with our turn out that we are already booked for the 2019 holiday season. Our very own Aggie Angels were busy matching up our new Aggie Moms with a "seasoned" Aggie Mom to help in their transition to becoming Aggies. Our goodie bags team delivered cozy A&M fleece blankets, Starbucks cards, munchies and coupons to our Aggies to help them BTHO finals. Our general meetings were all very well attended, and we are so thankful to be meeting at the Dallas AgriLife Center. Boutique has been busy spreading Aggie cheer at the Howdy Party, general meetings and Dallas County Aggie Moms Club Howdy Holiday

Craft Bazaar. As you can see, there's a lot happening with CCAM and even more fun events and social activities planned for the Spring 2019 semester! Hope you will join us. It's never to late to get more involved in our club activities.

January 2019

The Federation of Texas A&M Mothers Clubs will be hosting its winter meeting in College Station on Friday and Saturday, January 25 & 26. All Aggie Moms are invited! Dinner Friday night will be held at the hotel & conference center on Texas A&M campus. The Saturday meeting and workshops with will held in the MSC and an After Hours event will follow at Messina Hof Winery. Check the Federation website www.aggiemoms.org for more details.

This year we will be having our second annual craft market and silent auction as our spring fundraiser. We have secured the Plano Event Center on April 20th and the committee is hard at work securing vendors, sponsors and auction items. Please reach out to Patti Mitcham, Suzan York or Tammy Wallace and let them know how you can help make this Spring fundraiser as huge successful to support our scholarships and student organizations. So please mark your calendars to attend this event and help us spread the word. More information will follow.

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about officer positions for next year's board. Please consider joining the CCAM Board for 2019-20 school year. It is truly a rewarding experience. If you have a desire to serve in a board or committee position, please let me know of your interest.

Thanks and Gig' em!

Caryn Schniederjan





Save the date for the BIG EVENT Saturday, March 30th

What is the Big Event? It is the largest one-day student-run service project in the nation that began in 1982 when six Aggies volunteered to clean up a local cemetery. Since that time, Aggie students show their appreciation to the surrounding community by completing service projects such as yard work, window washing, painting and more. Since 2015, more than 22,000 Texas A&M students, faculty and staff have come together to say "thank you" to the residents of Bryan-College Station for supporting and hosting them while they attend the university.

This year CCAM is sponsoring our own local Big Event on the same day. More details coming soon.

Directories are Here!

CCAM Directories will be distributed at the November General Meeting to all of our paid members.



Please stop by to pick up

your collectible copy! If you paid to have your copy mailed to you, be looking for it to arrive soon.

Scholarships for Aggies! Volunteers Needed to Read!

The Scholarship application will be posted this week. A sign up sheet will be available at the January General Meeting for volunteer committee members. Committee members will read applications and participate in the selection process. You may be a reader of the high school or transfer applicants if your current Aggie is applying.

If you are unable to attend the general meeting but would like to be a committee volunteer, please email Marla Larimore at <u>larimore.marla@gmail.com</u>.

The deadline to submit Scholarship Applications will be March 25, 2019. Scholarship winners will be announced at the May General Meeting.

Spring Aggie Goodie Bags

We're excited about our Spring beach themed Aggie Goodie Bags! If you would like to purchase one for your Aggie or their friends, we will be taking orders for the bags at the February meeting. The bags will cost

\$20-\$25 and may be paid for with cash or a check made out to CCAM. We will have more information on the



bags at the meeting. We will have them available for pick up at the April meeting if you already ordered one or, if you prefer, a group of Collin County Aggie Moms will deliver them in College Station at the MSC on April 26th. If you have a company or know of someone interested in donating items to add to our bags, please contact <u>Denise Bleggi</u>. Thanks!

Ring-of-Honor Ready to Ring in the New Year

Thank you for a fun 2018! Be on the lookout for the next Ringer Adventure in 2019 . . . which includes playing Braggie Mom Brackets (March Madness)!



Ring-of-Honor Recognition Night 2018



My daughter, Claire Gaudsmith '17, got her Masters of Food Security from University of Glasgow in November. She

began working for Total Control in Oslo, Norway at the beginning of January. Whoop! She's off our payroll!

Jo Anna Gaudsmith



Ring Wrap Raffle Begins In January!

We are thrilled to announce that RING WRAPS, LLC has graciously donated another beautiful Ladies Diamond Ring Wrap for our 2019 Raffle, Retail Value - \$1950; 10-karat yellow gold, .60 carat diamonds. Raffle tickets will be available at our January General Meeting. Tickets are \$10.00. Drawing will be held during Family Weekend in April 2019.

Thanks, Lori & Karen

What is a Ring Wrap?*

Triple Patented RingWraps[™] are a matching pair of diamond bands meticulously handcrafted to encase a class ring. Our two-bar cradle design makes the RingWraps[™] nonpermanent and easily removable.

RingWraps[™] are made in the USA from start to finish. We are proud to be Aggie Owned and Operated! Choose from our five signature styles, or customize your own. Due to the varying designs of different rings, it is required that you send us your ring (with the exception of Aggie Rings, SHSU rings & TAMU Galveston rings *exclusions apply for custom designs*) so that custom RingWraps can be created. We will send you a Prepaid Fully insured UPS shipping label to make it easy to send us your ring.

* from Ring Wraps, LLC

Fundraising While Shopping!

Online Scrip Gift Card Program

Now is the time to log on to the website at shopwithscrip.com to browse the participating retailers and set up your online account. Here are

a few ideas to get you started. Let's face it, you were going to buy items at these locations anyway—you may as

well earn scholarship funds while you are shopping. There is no additional cost, they never expire, and the Collin County Aggie Moms club receive the rebates right away! CCAM receives a percentage of each purchase at the



amount listed. Average amount is 5-7% We have prepared instructions on how to use the program and how to sign up for purchasing items online by linking your bank account which are all available in attachments and on our CCAM organization website. Check it out now!

If you have any questions, contact Deidra Reed-Wooten at ccamscrip@gmail.com

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Our poinsettia fundraiser was a big success this year! We sold 524 Aggie grown poinsettias! A big thank you to our own Ring of Honor mom, Mary Beth Cranfill '79 and her husband Kenneth Cranfill '79, for providing us with the beautiful poinsettias. We really appreciate all their hard work in growing such gorgeous plants and helping to support CCAM!



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Presidents and Presidents-Elect	
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Effective Leadership	Room # (TBA)
Host: Peggy Nolan- Federation President	
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Everyone	
Host: Connie Pritchard '81 - 1 st VP Membership	
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All You Need to Know!	Room # (TBA)
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Cindy DeWitt '86 - 4th VP Reports	
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this session. If there is a specific issue you want to cover,	
you will need to email it (with RSVP) to	
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Host: Karen Hunter '85 - Electronic Infor. Officer	
Aggie Mom Camp 2019	
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Planning session for Camp Counselors and Staff	Room # (TBA)
Host: Maria Wheeler - AMC Chair	Koom # (TDA)
Federation Board Position	Number Attending 9
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Serving on the Board is a great experience. Come learn	Room #(TBA)
what we do and how we do it!	
Host: Cathleen Inman '88 - President-Elect	
Hosting the Singing Cadets 101	
	Number Attending?
Yes, your club can do it! Find out all the how-tos!	Room #(TBA)
Host: Liz Lindan, Texas A&M Choral Activities	

invited to attend the workshops! Please plan to attend as the workshops are rmative and you can meet new Aggie moms too! Whoop!

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sent on Wednesdays. Please send brief and specific information by Tuesdays that you would like included in the weekly email to: collincountymoms@aggienetwork.com

Monthly Newsletter: Articles for the next newsletter are due on Saturday, February 11th. Send your articles and Aggie Br'Ags to JamieHanna@verizon.net.