

**FEDERATION OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY MOTHERS' CLUBS**  
**2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT OF CLUBS**

**Abilene A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Pam Rosenbaum**

At the end of 2008 we awarded three scholarships to deserving students, awarded 10 students Loupot's Book scholarships in the amount of \$100 each, 10 Loupot's gift certificates and supported 10 student organizations with donations. We delivered finals Goodie Bags including Freebird gift certificates during the Spring Semester. We raised money through our Parent's Weekend Raffle of an Apartment Starter Kit (included Maroon Fiesta ware, full kitchen and bath accessories and hand made quilt. We hosted a picnic for newly admitted Aggies and have a Website to improve communication.  
[www.abileneaggiemoms.org](http://www.abileneaggiemoms.org)

We currently have 69 members of the Abilene Aggie Moms. In lieu of Goodie bags at Fall and Spring Finals time, Parents will purchase gift cards to give to their Aggies then. We are also continuing to have our raffle during boutique. We will be making selection at department stores for moms to buy for the "Apartment Starter Kit" Raffle similar to last year. This was our most successful raffle in years. We continued to educate moms on traditions this year since most are moms of 1<sup>st</sup> generation Aggies. We have had programs on the music of Aggieland , Bonfire, Big Event, Corp of Cadets and are planning a Mini-Muster for our April 20th meeting. We also hosted the Singing Cadets this year. We did not make as much due to lack of sponsorship this year (we feel the economy in Nov. & Dec. contributed to this) and it was tough to house cadets in 3's instead of 2's. The concert was well attended and very good.

**Alvin A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Joyce Adams**

The Alvin Aggie Moms are 22 strong this year. We will be awarding scholarships this May after our participation in the Aggie Mom Boutique at Parents' Weekend. Last year we awarded \$2,100 to fourteen (14) graduating high school students from our area who had been accepted to Texas A&M.

Our club raises money for scholarships by selling Aggie jewelry at the MSC Craft Fair and at the Aggie Mom Boutique at Parents' Weekend. Also, our local Former Students Association Club (DAM Aggies) generously contributes to our club.

**Amarillo Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Stacey Urbanczyk**

We have 92 members in our club this year. We had super successful survival sacks in the Fall. They were nylon maroon bags filled for over 70 area students. Dr. Kyle Sparkman '97 and a former Yell Leader talked with us about his experiences at A&M and Aggie traditions. Our Stepping Stone fundraiser was extremely successful helping our club get a good start at having a good scholarship program again. This Spring, our survival sacks will be black coolers with the Aggie logo.

**Angelina County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Janet Bazar**

Angelina County Aggie Moms were 24 members strong this year. We started our year with a "Back-to-School" party at Mr. Gatti's. We created exam goodie bags for our Aggies in the Fall and Spring.

This year we gave \$50 book scholarships to each active member's student and six local scholarships.

**Atascosa County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Ruth Ann Schultze**

Atascosa County Aggie Moms is made up of 21 members from the cities of Pleasanton, Jourdanton, Charlotte, Poteet, Lytle and Tilden. This past year we were able to give a total of five (5) scholarships to students from Jourdanton, Pleasanton, Poteet and Lytle. Four students received \$1,000 scholarships and one a \$250 scholarship.

These scholarships are made possible by our efforts at two fundraisers, Our first fundraiser is held in the Fall selling our famous "Aggie Mom" pecans. We sold over \$2,000 worth of one pound bags of pecans. Our second fundraiser is held in the Spring at Aggie Moms' Boutique. We decorate and sell one-of-a-kind old wooden birdhouses, including our version of the Dixie Chicken and wooden ice chests. At these fundraisers, we made enough money to also give back \$100 to ten (10) A&M organizations.

In June, we held our annual "Howdy Party" at the Lonestar Lodge in Poteet. Our program consisted of both Former Students and present students speaking about different events and traditions. We treated our guests to a barbeque meal and a special A&M cake. Our new Aggies were introduced and presented with goodie bags. We gave away several small birdhouses as door prizes. It was a wonderful time for everyone, introducing many for the first time to the history and traditions of A&M.

**Austin Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Carolyn Storey**

The Austin Texas A & M University Mothers' Club has enjoyed a terrific 2008-2009 year. It started with a rip roaring good time at Threadgill's for the Howdy Night. Austin Mayor Will Wynn, a former Ag, was the keynote speaker to almost 90 families. Most of those in attendance were fish Moms and Dads. Many representatives from the University attended to give a "mini-fair" theme to the evening. Everything from Health Services to Recreational Activities came to share.

A beautiful November evening was the setting for the Past Presidents Dinner at the Austin Country Club. There were 13 Past Presidents in attendance as well as 65 members and husbands. A slide show accompanied by some favorite A&M songs entertained the attendees before each President was introduced and presented with a summary of their presidency and a rose. All said they were looking forward to coming again next year.

Danita Day and Judy Skeen have done an excellent job chairing our bracelet committee. The Austin Club has exclusive rights to the James Avery TAMU bracelet. It is the other major fund raiser for the club. The board voted to add three new items to the jewelry line. While not James Avery products, the earrings, necklace and ring are *Te. 'Cas* made products and come in sterling silver like the bracelet. We are anticipating a great response to the new line at Boutique in April.

One of our biggest fund raisers was once again enormously successful. The world famous Texas A&M Singing Cadets came for their annual concert and entertained a huge crowd. The Concert brought in over \$12,000 to be shared by the club and the Singing Cadets. Thanks to Julie Black, Kathy Melde and Pitty Llewallen for their hard work. The Austin Abbott Leadership Conference was once again a fantastic success. There were over 50 delegates and conference leaders housed and fed by the Austin Aggie Moms and their families. It is always a toss up as to who gets more from the experience, the delegates or our families.

We will close our year by honoring our graduating seniors and their Moms and installing new officers in May. All in all, it was another wonderful year for the Austin Aggie Moms' Club.

**Austin County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Marie Landry**

The Austin County A&M University Mothers' Club has a legacy of service in Aggie Moms as we celebrated our twenty-fifth year as a club with an anniversary banquet at our January meeting. Four of our founding members continue to contribute actively within the organization. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the school year and our current membership stands at sixty-three. In 2008, we awarded thirteen scholarships of \$500 each. Our scholarship recipients were our invited guests and speakers at the January banquet, informing members and family of their achievements, aspirations, and wonderful Aggie spirit. Our club also contributed a total of \$1,000.00 to six Texas A&M University organizations.

We start the year off with a Howdy Dinner to welcome new Aggie Moms. We enjoy various speakers at our meetings which have included guests from the Pan-Hellenic council and student health services. In December we have a fun Aggie ornament exchange along with a buffet of homemade Christmas treats brought by each member.

We raise money for the scholarships and donations by hosting a baked potato drive through meal in March and selling items at Boutique during Parents' Weekend in April. Our club sells the Aggie Traditions Necklaces, which are made of wooden pieces hand painted by members. We also sell tee shirts, framed prints of the poem, "An Aggie Thing," written by the husband of one of our members and a pendant with a unique A&M logo of sterling silver or gold and silver.

We encourage current A&M students with birthday cards and approximately 40 "dead week" kits are delivered each semester to lift students' spirits as they study for finals. We enjoy a great fellowship within the group and have recently begun putting together a new cookbook to share the many great dishes we have had at meetings. We even travel together for a "field" trip in the spring, visiting places close to or on the A&M campus.

We are a small group, but very proud of our tradition of service and contribution enabled by the hard work and efforts of our members.

**Bandera County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Annette Nowell**

The Bandera County Aggie Moms, like all of you, exists because we love our kids and believe in what our kids are doing. Being involved in Aggie Moms gives us opportunities to take care, to support and stay connected with our Aggies. The Bandera Aggie Moms' Club was formed five years ago and serves Aggies from Bandera, Medina, and Utopia High Schools. We currently have 15 members who meet the first Wednesday of every month beginning in August. At the meetings we discuss fundraisers, Aggie Moms Boutique, exam bags, and the Regional Aggie Mom luncheon we are hosting this March. At the meetings, the moms put \$2.00 in a pot, and at the end of each meeting a name is drawn. Money collected, "Aggie Love Bucks", is given to the student. A second name is drawn and a small Aggie door prize, which was donated, is given to a mom.

We hosted a Howdy Party in September for new Aggie Moms. New Aggies were given either an Aggie Sports Chair or backpack. Fall semester exam bags were made to look like Christmas presents wrapped in maroon and white paper with a maroon ribbon. Each mom is asked to bring goodies to fill the bags. This year each exam bag included a \$10.00 gift certificate to Star Bucks, bought by the individual moms. We met at a restaurant in December to celebrate Christmas. We met in January, February and March to finalize preparations for the Regional Aggie Moms luncheon. We chose a western theme since Bandera is the Cowboy Capital of the World.

This will be the fourth year we have participated in Aggie Moms' Boutique. We sell wooden crafts and metal Christmas ornaments crafted by local artists and shirts with bling. Money raised at Aggie Moms Boutique will be used for scholarships for returning students. We will meet again in April to fill exam bags for spring semester exams. We plan on Styrofoam ice chests with the Texas A & M logo on the sides for exam bags. Paper weights, bought from Aggie Moms Boutique, are given to graduating seniors.

**Bastrop County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Joy Hill**

Boutique 2008 was very profitable for our club. There was no recession for the Aggie Moms! We were able to give a \$200 scholarship to each of the Bastrop County Aggies who applied for our scholarship. Throughout the Summer and Fall we have been meeting and working on getting our tiled pots, trivets, etc ... ready for Winter in Aggieland and Boutique

We had a great time at our Howdy Party in July which included picture taking with the Yell Leaders. We have had very enjoyable speakers at our monthly meetings:

- Scott Jarvis from the Association of Former Students
- CARPOOL
- Associate VP of Student Affairs Dr. Joe Townsend

We are looking forward to Boutique.

**Baytown A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Mary Jane Parker**

The Baytown A&M Mothers' Club has 52 members, which includes five (5) associate or Adopt-a-Mom members. We keep all of our members, including associate members informed on club and campus activities through e-mails and our website: [www.baytownaggiemoms.org](http://www.baytownaggiemoms.org). Our website highlights club activities, minutes from monthly meetings and photos of activities throughout the year.

Our club provides scholarships to qualified local graduating high school seniors that are going to attend Texas A&M as well as current A&M student scholarships. The monies to fund these scholarships are raised through various activities throughout the year. Our largest fundraiser is a silent auction at our annual Howdy Party in July. We also sell Aggie related items at our monthly meetings and at various craft shows. Funds are also generated from gourmet food and pie sales. To help support our students we mail them birthday cards on their birthdays and gift cards at Halloween and Valentine's Day in addition to distributing Goodie Bags during the week before finals. Each monthly meeting consists of refreshments or a covered dish supper, business, guest speaker and just being together. In January, we have our Aggies join us. Our past Presidents are honored at our March meeting. In May we have our new officer installation banquet and announce our scholarship recipients graduating from high school.

**Beaumont A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Leslie Schroder**

This year we have 106 members, 23 associate members and 2 adopted moms. We will give two \$1000 scholarships and an annual Ethel Stine Award Scholarship, also.

This year, we had a raffle that turned out to be very successful. We held the fundraiser in the Fall and gave away an overnight stay at the Rudder-Jessup Bed & Breakfast, a Benjamin Knox Framed Print and a Deluxe Signed Edition of the new book - Kyle Field. We also attended the Aggie Mom's Boutique and had a lot of fun and success with our booth.

This year, we also had several fun and memorable events. In September we held our first meeting to introduce new board members, new aggie moms, and each other. We held a Q&A session and it was very insightful with lots of new moms and returning moms learning a lot about Aggieland. In October we had our first Bunco Party - we had lots of members for this event and were able to go from table to table meeting and getting to know one another. In November we had a Veteran's Day celebration and collected for the Aggies "Whoop! For Troops". Everyone brought items that we packed and delivered to A&M for the collections. In December we had a Christmas Party with an Ornament Exchange. The Exchange was an exchange whereby we could "steal" from one another - it was loads of fun and everyone went home with a new ornament. In January we had our "Home for the Holidays" party. Moms, Dads and Aggies were treated to homemade chili and a fun family night meeting other Aggie families. In February we had a "Love our Aggies" cookie exchange. We all brought cookies, exchanged them and went home with a big box with a variety of cookies for our Aggies. In April we had a fun workshop to get ready for our Boutique booth. But probably best of all, we attended Aggie Muster with our Beaumont A&M Club at their meeting.

We also collected items for our "TLC" bags for exam week. We packed and delivered bags for Fall semester exams and Spring semester exams. What a fun way to tell our Aggies we are behind them 100% all the time.

**Bee County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**Presidents: Carol Williams & Kathy Taylor**

The Bee County A&M Mothers' Club has 13 members and sponsors 11 Aggies who are currently enrolled at Texas A&M University in College Station. We carried out a successful fundraiser (to support our scholarship fund) by selling Butter Braid Pastries. The Bee County Aggie Moms' Club also remembered our 11 sponsored students with a gift card to Target at finals time in December and with a Valentine's Day goodie bag in February.

Two (2) \$300 scholarships will be awarded in May for the coming Fall semester.

**Bistone A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Carla Allison**

Our club has 25 members. We give one \$500 scholarship each year. We have a tailgate party each Fall and feed 50-60 students and their parents. We also create huge Goody Bags each Fall and Spring and distribute them to students from our area at the MSC.

**Blanco County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Tricia Hartmann**

This year we had 18 members in our club and we raised \$600 toward scholarships this year.

Our annual bar-b-que to welcome our new freshmen and their families was well attended. We also had wonderful support for our Study Packs for finals week. The Aggies loved them and the moms loved visiting their Aggies!

We are working on some new fundraising projects. We think that they will yield big dividends for 2010 scholarships. We had lots of fun with our participation for our annual auction.

**Brazoria County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Karen Phillips**

We have had an exciting year. We hosted the TAMU Singing Cadets in the Spring at the Clarion at Brazosport College. We were able to raise several thousand dollars between this event and our china sales at Boutique. All proceeds raised are used for scholarships for new and current students. We awarded five scholarships totaling \$2,000 to graduating high school seniors from Columbia High School, Angleton High School, Brazoswood High School and Brazosport High School. We look forward to 2009 as we continue offering these scholarships to our students.

Mary Blann Cooper was our guest speaker for our first official meeting in September. We open each new year with a dessert & salad dinner with new Aggie Mom's as our guests. We played Aggie Bingo encouraging each mom, old and new, to meet other mom's and find out a little about each other's students and activities they are involved in at TAMU. Mary stressed the importance of being an Aggie Mom and how much our students appreciate the involvement Aggie Mom's have with their University. The next day, Brazoria County was anticipating a possible direct hit from Hurricane Ike, as well as other communities, so that preparation began and thank God that we are all safe and our area sustained damages that were not as bad as originally expected. Several of our moms have students at the TAMU Galveston campus. We were able to get answers to all our concerns from those that were directly impacted. Most importantly, we found out the significance of being Aggie Moms and the support that we shared with each other.

The University Police Department was our guest speaker for our next meeting. It is always encouraging to have them come and ease the minds of new Aggie Mom's with any concerns they might have about their students' safety being so far away from home. It was great to hear how prepared the University was in preparing shelters for on and off campus students during Hurricane Ike. It is not always easy for our kids to leave home but knowing that TAMU has a wonderful police department that is there watching after our kids and ALWAYS there to answer the most trivial questions we have is comforting. We also put together some 80 plus "Halloween treat bags" for our students.

We held an Aggie auction in December. Aggie items are donated by several of our Aggie moms. It was a night of laughter as our exciting auctioneer encouraged each of us to bid that extra dollar. Even when there were duplicates of an item, it was just as fun the 2nd and 3rd time to bid on that item. Our club raised almost \$1300 which was donated toward our students during our January dinner. There were over 50 items donated for this exciting evening. Our auction paddles resembled the infamous "Gig'em" which was a lot of fun. It was so much fun hoisting it up in the air during the fierce competition.

In January, we hold our annual Family Dinner inviting the entire family to join in with food and entertainment. We had around 120 in attendance with almost 40 students attending with their family and friends. They are always surprised when they open that coveted envelope at the end of the evening and see some much needed cash they will have to start off the next semester. We recently awarded two merit scholarships to two current TAMU students totaling \$500.

We have a packed next couple of months as we prepare for Boutique once again. Remember, we sell the beautiful china that is certain to dress up any table. Come by and see us.

**Brazos County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Jeanne Harrell**

The Aggie Mom year for Brazos County actually began with participation in numerous New Student Orientation sessions during the summer. Since club members live in the Brazos Valley, it is relatively easy for Aggie Moms in our club to fill in as needed. In June, the Executive Board met to plan out events for the year (to which activities can be added as new opportunities arise).

Before the Fall semester began, several members attended the Fall Federation meeting. Our members ordered 181 Maroon Out shirts that were distributed at the Federation meeting, so the year got off to a positive start. In September, we held our annual Howdy Tea at the home of Dr. Murano. It was the week after Hurricane Ike hit, but we were able to go ahead with the plan and were able to welcome many freshman and transfer Moms as well as visiting with returning members. During the Fall, the Aggie Moms and the rest of the Aggie Family welcomed and assisted over 1,700 "Sea Aggies" from Galveston who lived in College Station for the Fall semester and attended class on College Station campus. Since many of the Sea Aggies and faculty lost their clothes, furniture, and possessions, a warehouse on the campus was used to collect and distributed needed items to the Galveston evacuees.

The first week in October, the Moms had a guided tour of the Bonfire Memorial followed by lunch. Later in October, we had a "Work Day" to begin work on the quilt to be raffled at Boutique. There was also a Family Game Night at Wings 'N More in October with door prizes and Mad Money for three Aggies. Since the club is in Brazos Valley, we are fortunate to be able to include our Aggies in several activities during the year. In November, we participated in Winter in Aggieland (selling our signature leather passport covers with ATM or the university seal among other items), a Moms' Game Night at J. Cody's with door prizes and a lively game of LCR (Left, Center, Right)...a game played with 3 dice that can involve any number of people. After putting together Goodie Bags the first week in December, we distributed them at "Milk and Cookies Night" from 10 PM until midnight on the night before finals began. In mid- December, there was a snack night and "Grinch" ornament exchange.

Spring events began with attendance at an Aggie Women's Basketball game on January 3 and an Aggie Mom-sponsored Singing Cadet Concert on the day of the Spring Federation meeting for the third year. Participation in the District 4 luncheon meeting in Huntsville rounds out the January Calendar. In early February, Aggie Moms will be attending an OPAS performance of "Altar Boyz," another opportunity to include our Aggies in an Aggie Mom activity. Many Aggie Moms and their families will also be attending the February 8 Aggie Women's Basketball game on "Aggie Mom Day." During March, there will be a Chicken Oil Game Night. April is packed with activities from participation in the Aggie "Relay for Life," Boutique, an Aggie Baseball game, and the end of the year Banquet and Senior Recognition for Brazos Valley Aggies graduating in August and December of 2008 and May 2009 graduating Aggies in April. This is also the meeting where we install new officers and committee chairs for the coming Federation year. During May, the club will prepare Goodie Bags and distribute them at "Milk and Cookie" night. Two new initiatives began this year.

When planning the events for the year, the Executive Board made a concerted effort to have a good balance of free activities and activities where some cost is involved. The Executive Board also decided to include Past Presidents of the club in our mailing list whether they send in dues or not so they can continue to be informed about club activities. Our club currently has 160 paid members, 14 Past Presidents and 5 Adopted Moms.. During 2007/2008, the club provided 5 academic scholarships (\$3,000), 19 book scholarships (\$4,750 ) and donations to 25 student organizations (\$5,000). Gross sales for Boutique 2008 were \$30,991.

**Brown County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Kim Green**

We have 22 members with 35 Aggies in our club this year. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

In the summer we have a "Howdy" supper for all incoming students and their parents. We have gifts and this year we had a married couple speak that are Aggie graduates and successful in our community. We give four scholarships of \$200 each

per year and donate to four Aggie organizations each year. To keep our moms coming to the meetings we mail a gift card for a restaurant in Aggieland to an Aggie as a door prize at each meeting.

Our primary fundraiser is the sale of prints of a great drawing that we have.

### **Brush Country A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Janet Galindo '76**

The Brush County Aggie Moms' Club currently has 16 members representing 15 students. We meet on the third Monday of designated months. The 2008-2009 year began with a salad supper to meet and greet new and current members.

This past Fall for the fifth successful year in a row, we sold Butter Braid Frozen Pastries as a fundraiser. 2008 donations to Texas A&M University have included Carpool, Intramural sports, T-Camp, and the Sterling C. Evans Library Mothers' Club Endowment.

Our students were recipients of Halloween and Valentine cards. They also received Fall final Goody Sacks and will be given Spring final Goody Sacks, as well. Ring crest paperweights were presented to two of our May graduates.

Along with our local A&M Club, we joined the local chapter of the Texas Exes at a local eatery and enjoyed a pregame Pachanga in anticipation of the Thanksgiving Day game.

### **Central Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Susan Tisdale**

The Central Texas Aggie Moms' Club represents the towns of Lampasas, Kempner, Copperas Cove, Killeen and Burnet, Texas. Our membership is composed of seventeen (17) members and three (3) associate members.

We begin the new school year in early August with a Welcome Ice Cream Supper featuring Blue Bell ice cream, toppings and desserts. Our incoming freshmen students and their families and guests are enlightened with past speakers of the Former Students, Aggie Yell Leaders and the enthusiastic show-and-tell representatives of Fish Camp. All in attendance are reacquainted with our Aggie traditions and helpful information is given for new students and their parents, along with encouragement from upper classmen who are also our guests. We are fortunate to have access to an outdoor pavilion to host this event where we can make this a family affair.

In September, a salad supper is held in the home of an Aggie Mom to introduce ourselves to the new moms and gather together again for the start of the new school year.

Our fundraising event each year is selling shelled pecans from nearby San Saba County. These are sold in 1 lb. bags for the months of November and December. The pecan sales allow the club to present three – five book scholarships each year. We also remember the students of our Aggie Moms with holiday greeting cards and special cash token at Christmas and Valentines Day.

### **Clear Lake Area A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Darlene Snell**

This year there are 69 members in the Clear Lake Area Aggie Moms Club. We will participate in three fundraising activities: a golf tournament, the Parents' Weekend Boutique and a quilt raffle. Each year, one of our favorite things to do is make Goody Bags for our students.

With the funds raised during the year, we give book scholarships to our Aggie students, donate to two organizations at Texas A&M (Fish Camp & Carpool) and award academic scholarships to our Aggies.

**Coastal Bend A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Norma Champion**

The Coastal Bend Aggie Moms' Club consists of fifteen (15) members. Annually, our club presents a book scholarship to each of our Aggies. We are having a raffle locally to fund these scholarships. Also, we support our Aggies four times a year with goody bags.

**Coleman County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Renea McMillan**

The Coleman County Aggie Moms are 19 members strong and sponsor 11 Coleman County Aggies. We have an annual Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale the Monday before the holiday in order to raise money for our 3 scholarships that we give at Muster each year. We also assist with Muster each year, which is another means for our club to generate funds for our scholarships.

The club sends birthday greetings to our Aggies. Before finals we prepare Goody Bags for each student so that they know we are thinking of them and pulling for them as they focus on their studies. We try to supply the Aggies with food coupons, discount tickets, candies and neat survival items. Our Aggies always look forward to the neat stuff they receive.

Our club also makes a yearly donation to different organizations in which our students have a personal interest through the TAMU Foundation

**Collin County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Charlotte Strouse**

Our summer socials for Fish Moms started off with an "Afternoon with the Yell Leaders" in June, an informative session with Fish Camp counselors in July and concluded with a Fish Moms' Tea in September, after the students were off to school. We had almost 60 women at our tea and were entertained by Stacey Foley, who presented a humorous skit on Aggie Moms. We are thrilled to have welcomed 71 "fish" Moms into our Club this year and have 170 "seasoned" or returning Moms, for a membership totaling 241 Moms.

Collin County Aggie Moms are fortunate to have many talented Moms in key and support roles and to have outstanding programs, social events and fund raising efforts. Our guests have included Rusty Thompson '85, Associate Director Department of Student Activities; Walter Ashby, MS '71 who presented a motivational program on overcoming life obstacles; Jill Comnock, Executive Director of Frisco Family Service Center where we presented her with boxes of canned goods for their food pantry; Karon Karter, Author and Fitness Expert and Dr. Frank Gilstrap, Resident Director of Research Texas A&M Dallas. For our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off, we are excited to have Benjamin Knox as our guest chili judge, as well as Apotheosis as our entertainment.

Our goal is to mix informational meetings with social gatherings to build a bond among the Moms and allow them to get to know each other on an informal basis. Besides our monthly meetings, we also hold informal "Aggie Mom Connecting" events which included "Menopause the Musical", lunch at The Chocolate Angel, our first ever Hay Ride and Weiner Roast, our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Exchange, the ever popular Margarita Mamas, a progressive dinner at some of the restaurants in the Knox/Henderson area of Dallas, an A&M Men's Basketball watch party and an upcoming day trip to First Mondays in Canton planned. We also have other small groups such as Bunco, Book Club, The Hole in One Gang (a newly formed golf group) and the second year of a Quilting Club, which has made a beautiful quilt for Raffle.

We also strive to give back to the community and in December, we had a holiday dinner where we presented a Marine with toys for their Toys for Tots drive. In March, we will conduct our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Big Event. We also collected donations for the Collin County Sea Aggies who were displaced to College Station and sent Subway gift cards to them prior to the winter semester break. A new "Book Award" program was implemented and in December and May, we award 5 Aggies \$100 gift certificates to Loupot's. Goodie Bags are distributed in the fall and spring to wish our Aggies "good luck" on exams.

Communication is a key to our success and we keep members up-to-date with Aggie Mom news and happenings on campus through our weekly e-mail distribution as well as monthly Newsletters.

Our fundraising efforts are always on-going. In the fall, we continue to succeed with our pecan sales, in which we made a profit of roughly \$12,000. We also continue selling beautiful poinsettias grown by one of our own Aggie Moms and her husband (both Aggies) and made a profit of \$1,300. In the spring we will have our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off, which we will combine with a Silent Auction. With this auction, along with Boutique and Raffle, we hope to raise more money to go towards scholarships and campus organizations. Last year our fund raising efforts allowed us to award 11-\$1,000 scholarships (5 to returning Aggies and 6 to new Aggies) and over \$13,000 in support of campus organizations.

Collin County Aggie Moms are looking forward to continued fellowship together, as well as ongoing support of TAMU and its students.

**Comal County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Lynda Jackson**

The Comal County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club was founded in 1953 with 19 members. In 2009 we celebrated our 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with 164 Members, and we have a couple of members who were charter members of the Club – now that is dedication! The club is one of the oldest clubs in Texas and has a proud and strong tradition of service to Texas A&M and Aggies everywhere. This year our members have been watching to see what is added to a Membership Basket – an idea I gleaned from the Fall Workshop. Each month I add a special item and everyone who attends gets to put their name in the basket, the more you attend, the more entries you get. We have jewelry, lotions, shirts, and an A&M purse and here's a secret (an Aggie Mom watch will be added in April). We'll draw for the winner at the May Meeting!

In the spring we had our Picnic in beautiful Landa Park and ate lots of fried chicken and awarded \$9,000 in Freshman Scholarships and \$500 in Fish Camp Scholarships. We also donated over \$3,000 total to Carpool, The Sterling C. Evans Mothers' Club Endowment and to other student organizations. In August, we had a "HOWDY!" Ice Cream Social for all incoming freshman and club members. We honored our graduating seniors with ring crest seal paperweights and awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to students entering their senior year. Dr. Joe Townsend and speakers from the Traditions Council and the Mentors Program added so much to these two social events. We are pleased that they traveled to New Braunfels to talk with us.

Comal County Aggie Moms are the COOKIE MOMS! Every year we take orders, mix and bake German cookies to fund our scholarships. It is the second weekend in December and we take over the commercial kitchen at a local high school and bake throughout the weekend. Cookies are picked up on Sunday and folks line up out the doors to get their cookies. We bake thousands of cookies - this year we made over 26,000 cookies! We train our Presidents right – in their President-elect year, they are the Chairman of Cookie Bake. That way we are sure that they know what it takes to make the club a success. Carolyn Phelan was our Cookie Bake Chair this year and she did a great job! We realized almost our entire scholarship goal with the proceeds.

Our Ways & Means Chair Charlene Link and her crew have been working hard; we make Aggie Mom Bling-Bling shirts, lots of embroidered items for babies and brides, wonderful embroidered throws, wine lights and crafts. We had booths at Winter in Aggieland, Aggie Mom Camp, Parents Weekend, Comal County Muster and Comal County Bonfire – yes we have our own Bonfire with the Comal County A&M Club!

In February we honored our Aggie Dads with a special dinner and a special speaker. This year we were pleased to have Coach Jackie Sherrill and the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Kick-Off Team Foundation members as our speakers. They spoke about the founding of the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Kick-Off Team – with the story "that's ne'er been told" – by Coach Sherrill, and they autographed the book , No Experience Required. We had a grand time with over 100 people attending the dinner and will realize about \$1,000 in scholarship funds from the event.

In April we will be back in Aggieland for Parent's Weekend. We will have our Boutique booth and attend the Federation meetings. On Sunday the Comal County Aggie Moms will award the Commandant's Flag to the most involved outfit on campus – the outfit that gives the most back to the community. I have the honor of making that presentation on Kyle Field and am really looking forward to it. We hope to do well at Boutique so we can finalize our goal of \$10,000 in freshman scholarships and \$2,000 in senior scholarships. Our year will end with a club vote for the organizations that we will contribute funds to assist and we are hoping for about \$4,000. Comal County Aggie Moms are a wonderful group of Moms and one Dad who love Texas A&M and are proud to support Aggies everywhere!

Come see us! We love to have visitors in Comal County; we are a statewide vacation destination and have gorgeous rivers and lakes and the most beautiful weather in Texas! Not to mention the BEST AGGIE MOMS in the world!

**Cooke County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Darlene Williams**

The Cooke County Aggie Moms' Club currently has 11 members. Our club meets once a month during the school year to socialize and support each other and our students. Each year we also assist the Cooke County Former Students Association in serving lunch to the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band on their way home from the Oklahoma football game. We provide desserts and assist with the clean up.

Each semester we provide Aggie Exam packages to Cooke County Aggies which is one of the ways that we raise funds for our club. This Spring we are planning a garage sale to raise additional money for our scholarship fund.

Our club sends birthday cards to Aggies from this area. In January, our members, families and friends enjoyed a presentation given by 3 members of the Texas A&M Traditions Council. These Aggies volunteer their time to educate others about the traditions that are so special to all Aggies.

**Coppell A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Lois Keith**

The Coppell Aggie Moms Club started our year in September with a Welcome Party for new and returning members. We have 81 members representing 93 students. We have had fun at monthly meetings in which we prepared cards for our students and Exam Packs.

We had a special meeting in January which was a chili supper with our students and we even invited the Dads to join us and used this as a fundraiser charging the Dads \$5.00 for the chili supper. Our guest speaker was Junction Boy, Bobby Drake Keith '57, who shared his memories of playing football at A&M and Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Lat May were able to award ten \$100 book scholarships to Aggie students and give \$1500 total to 3 different Aggie organizations. We hope to do the same this year after participating in three major fundraising activities. Our focus continues to celebrate and recognize our students and the university and support both.

**Corpus Christi A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Becky Warnix**

We have 144 members representing 167 students. This year we have given 12 tuition assistance awards totaling \$3,500. We will be making several donations to student organizations including Carpool and Big Event. We hosted Sarah Edwards, Student Development Specialist for Texas A&M Leadership and Service Center at our September "Howdy Party". In January, our Winter Social was combined with the local Nueces County A&M Club for an evening out with students, parents and former students. Our March general meeting and election was held with current Student Body President Mark Gold as our featured speaker. We've held two very successful box events for our students and have one more to go in May to finish up our year.

**Davy Crockett A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Susan Quattrini**

Davy Crockett Aggie Moms currently has 14 members. We had a good year, awarding five \$300 scholarships to current students and presenting engraved desk clocks to four graduates. We hope to present more scholarships in the coming year as funding allows.

Our fundraising activities included raffling a T-shirt quilt made by one of our members and an Aggie Christmas Tub. We sell raffle tickets for each. Our quilt is raffled on a local radio morning program in May.

We send Starbucks or Freebird gift certificates to our students to help them through finals. We were unable to have any programs this year, but look forward to new members joining us in the Fall and having another great year with Davy Crockett Aggie Moms.

**Deep East Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Kristi Koonce**

This year we had 52 members. We started out the year with a garage sale to raise money for our club. In August, we hosted a Howdy Party for all area Aggies and their parents. At our first meeting in September we had a fish camp for new Aggie moms. Scott Jarvis from the Association of Former Students spoke to our club in October. In November we stuffed Care Packages, which we delivered in the MSC in early December. At our December meeting we had a huge "Swap Til You Drop" Christmas cookie exchange.

In January we met at a local ceramic shop, The Mud Hut, where we selected a ceramic item and painted it for our Aggies. We painted picture frames, flower pots, tiles, bowls, platters...you name it...we painted it! A representative from our local A&M Club spoke to us in February. In March we met a week early because of Spring Break at a local coffee shop owned by one of our members. Mug Shots provided a very cozy environment along with wireless hook-up for our speaker from the Student Learning Center, Dr. Joel McGee. Members brought yummy pies for us to enjoy with our coffee.

Our April meeting will be a joint muster meeting with the Deep East Texas A&M Club, when we will also enjoy a meal together. Our last meeting of the year will be at a local restaurant, where we will once again enjoy dinner as we wrap up the year by introducing our new officers and scholarship recipients. We will also recognize the moms of graduating Aggies and honor each of them with a Benjamin Knox print.

**Denton County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Beverly Aldredge**

We are 140 members strong this year. We will give approximately \$10,000.00 to student organizations and in academic scholarships this year. Our major fund raisers include Winter in Aggieland, Parents Weekend Boutique and a Live and Silent Auction in the Spring. We also have a Fall pecan sale and participate in local craft fairs. In December we have an Ornament Exchange/Pot Luck Dinner meeting, January is Bring Your Aggie night and May is our Installation of Officers/Pot Luck Dinner meeting.

Speakers this year have included Dr. Dannenbaum from Beutel Health Center, Nancy Wilten from the Dallas County Master Gardener Association and CarPool founder Mr. Jeff Schiefelbein.

**DeWitt-Lavaca County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Linda Schmidt**

The DeWitt-Lavaca County A&M Mothers' Club proudly celebrates forty-four (44) years of organized support for our students at Texas A&M University. The Club currently has 96 members and one associate member from the two-county area, which include Cuero, Hallettsville, Moulton, Shiner, Yoakum and Yorktown. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Howdy Party was held in Shiner on June 8 at the Green-Dickson Park and was a great success. Students along with their parents enjoyed refreshments, fellowship and games. All students in attendance received a Subway gift card. A silent auction was held in conjunction with this event, which will help support scholarship funding. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Market, Style Show and Dinner were held in November 2008 with approximately 200 in attendance. Approximately \$4,800 was raised to support area high school students planning to attend Texas A&M University with scholarships. Ten \$500 scholarships were awarded to area high school graduates. Goodie bags are distributed twice each year to students prior to exam week. In addition, paper weights are presented to graduates. During 2008, donations were made to the Sterling C. Evans Library Mothers' Club Endowment and to the Memorial Student Center.

**Eagle Pass A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Juanita Martinez**

Our fund raising efforts got off to a great start with The Aggie Mom Half Time Raffle. We followed this with a Rummage Sale at the County Lake.

Care package of \$30 dollars and a \$10 dollar certificate for a movie and pizza and drink donated by a local restaurant were sent in December.

Our Christmas Banquet was held at a local restaurant where most of the members enjoyed celebrating the holiday season. Aggie Moms continued fund raising efforts with an Aggie Mom Breakfast held at Chili's. Our last project is a circular which will be published in May.

We now have a total of 24 members in the club with 10 students currently at A&M.

Care packages of \$50 were sent recently.

We will be holding our End of Year Aggie Mom Banquet in May when Certificates and two MVAM (Most Valuable Aggie Mom) plaques will be awarded.

**East Bell County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Shirley Ivy**

The East Bell County Aggie Mothers' Club has been an active club for 82 years with a membership of 96 and 6 honorary members. We are involved in several activities: Howdy Social with the Yell Leaders to welcome the new Mothers and Aggies, hand made birthday cards for our Aggies and all mom to sign, monthly outing to various locations, delivering Goodie Boxes to our Aggies twice a year, our Family Dinner in January, and Muster in conjunction with the local A&M Club.

We are involved in several fundraisers for our scholarship fund: American Legion Dinner for a Thanksgiving for 350, Aggie Mother Boutique and Raffle, and a silent auction at Muster with the local Aggie Club. We made donation to various organizations at Texas A&M. We were able to give eight \$800 scholarships. Also, each year a student receives our Endowed Scholarship. We meet monthly September thru May, with a social time and meal followed by a speaker from Texas A&M.

**East Harris County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**Presidents: Frankie Freeman & Sylvia Withrow**

At the end of last year, we (as a group) were a small but dynamic club. Then life happened and while we still have the willingness to participate each individual in the club has faced their own hurdles - job stresses, personal and family illness - so our meetings have become a small close knit group of friends. While we are not excelling in the way that I had planned when I took office, we have a generous amount in the bank and the small sells that we have completed have sustained our working capital so that the bulk of our monies can go to scholarships which is and will always be our ultimate goal. With family scattered by the winds and hopes and dreams fallen by the rains of Ike, we as a club are experiencing a time of dormancy with the promise of a rebirth for the coming years.

**El Campo A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Ruthie Buzek**

Our club consists of 8 small towns in the Wharton County area, however, we are a small group of Aggie Moms.

In July, we hosted a Howdy Party at the home of one of our Aggie Moms. Hot dogs and chips were the menu. Current A&M students attended with the Fish intitees, answering questions about the campus, classes and off campus activities.

In October, we submitted a quilt square for the Federation President's quilt. This was made by one of our Aggie Moms members.

In November, we delivered approximately 50 bags, which were individually decorated by our Aggie Moms and delivered to the Aggie students at College Station. Some students were young adults of our current Aggie Moms and some were just students from our area. Our bags are unique due to each mother doing the bag and filling it with things the student needs.

In December, we decorated a Christmas tree with the Texas A&M theme. The tree had ornaments made with each student's name. The community was asked to go to Lack's Furniture Store and make donations of canned goods or cash to the needy families in our area. The Blessing Cup Storehouse was the recipient of the canned goods. Our tiny club won first Place and received \$200. This was a surprise since we were competing with area schools.

In February, we will host a Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for our scholarships.

In April, at Muster we will present scholarships to area seniors who are graduating and will be attending Texas A&M at College Station.

**El Paso A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Patricia Amezaga**

The mission of the El Paso Aggie Mother's Club is to provide an outlet to mothers of students attending Texas A&M University and to raise funds for scholarships for these students. Dinner meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held around the city at various restaurants.

In August, we kick off the year with our annual Salad Supper. New and returning members attend with their families for an evening of food and friendship. In December, we hold a holiday cookie exchange and also attend Winter in Aggieland . Throughout the year, glass workshops are held on weeknights and Saturdays. Glassware is prepared for our various sales, including Parent's Weekend. Hard work and wonderful conversation is abundant at these workshops. Our biggest sales occur during Parents' Weekend in College Station, when many of our members attend. Many of our students also work extremely hard during this weekend.

May is our big event, an Ice Cream Social, when we award deserving students with scholarships to Texas A&M. This year we gave ten scholarships along with book certificates, an added bonus for our students.

**Ellis County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Cheryl Bell**

Our club has 42 paid Aggie Moms. We began the year by welcoming the Class of 2012 with our annual Howdy Party. The Yell Leaders and Reveille were our guests. Once again we participate in the Adopt-a- Mom program. We keep Mary O'Hanlon and her daughter updated through email.

Mark Gold, Student Body President was our speaker for the first meeting of the year. He provided our club with some great information and we really enjoyed having him. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was a "Get To Know You" affair with our Salad supper and meeting five moms you did not know and writing down personal info about them and then introducing the last mom you had as your "New Best Mom". A good time was had by all! November saw our club celebrating 20 years as Ellis County Aggie Moms. We invited the charter members and all past Presidents of our club. It was a joint thanksgiving Feast and Celebratory Dinner and we had great attendance that night. We started a new tradition this year by having an Aggie Mom Ornament Exchange and Christmas Party. Everyone brought a covered dish to share and we played the old game of Chinese Christmas with the aggie ornaments. All the moms walked away with some great Aggie ornaments! January saw us having our annual Family Chili Supper and Cook off. We had three Aggie Judges, not from our club to pick the "Best Overall" and "Best Use of Bevo". The most memorable part of this event was it took place by candlelight. Not by choice of course, we had lights go out due to frozen power lines. Everyone was a good sport through it all.

We support our Aggies by sending them Birthday cards and "Job Well Done" cards with a gift card at the end of each semester. Our moms also have the opportunity to order Exam Packs for their student that we deliver to them before exams. We continued with the program we began last year which is a drawing for book scholarship gift cards. This has been a big hit with the students and the parents. Our big fundraiser of the year is Boutique and Raffle on Parents Weekend. We hope for continued success with these two events to continue supporting our Aggies and the University. Once again at the end of the year we will vote to support with monetary donations our 10 favorite clubs, organizations and groups that spoke at our meetings.

This meeting is our Salad and Dessert Supper with one of the Federation officers coming to install our officers for the upcoming year. Our "Biggie" for this year was the launch of our Ellis County Aggie Mom website.

**Fort Bend A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Tina Gibson '80**

Our club currently has 147 members, including one honorary Associate Member (Patsy Armbruster, Former Federation President). We have had a number of excellent programs at our monthly meetings this year which included presentations by Dr. Joe Townsend, Associate VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Stephen McDaniel of the Mays School of Business Study Abroad Program, Mr. Benjamin Knox '90 of Benjamin Knox Gallery, Mr. Marty Holmes '87, Assistant Executive Director of the Association of Former Students, Dr. Martha Dannenbaum '83, Director of Student Health Services at TAMU and Mary Cooper, President of the Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs.

In September our club members organized a Hurricane Ike Relief drive for TAMU Galveston students and staff in conjunction with Texas A&M to collect furniture, house ware supplies, toiletries and clothing. Aggie Mom members were recently honored at a reception at Texas A&M.

Our fundraisers include poinsettia sales, Bunco night Winter in Aggieland Boutique, Aggie Bags in the Fall and Spring, Howdy Hoedown Dinner, Dance and Auction, and Parents Weekend Boutique. The Howdy Hoedown is our first year endeavor, with over 320 people attending. We were entertained with country music by the Cooper Wade Band and our own Aggie Mom Stragglers dance team, who also performed at Aggie Mom Camp. Our final fundraiser for the will determine the amount we will award in scholarships and campus organizations. Last year, we gave \$3,500 to campus organizations and \$19,500 in scholarships to students from Fort Bend County.

**Fort Worth/Tarrant County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Sarah Wood**

The theme for the 2008-2009 Club year is *Aggie Moms...Continuing the Legacy*. We are proud of our status as a TAMU Foundation Legacy Member. Club membership this year totals 137 members. Donations for the 2007-2008 Club year were as follows: \$6,000 in scholarships to Tarrant County students, and \$6,000 to TAMU student organizations. At our Howdy Party, we had the honor of being the first Club to host Student Body President, Mark Gold. We held a noteworthy 86<sup>th</sup> Club year celebration in October with Benjamin Knox as our special guest. As our members became aware of the devastation that TAMUG and Galveston Island sustained, they generously donated needed items to the displaced students. Many members of our Club attended Aggie Mom Fish Camp where we learned more about the hardships facing the TAMUG students. This knowledge prompted us to collect gift cards at the Holiday Luncheon for distribution to the students as they returned to their campus. January brought the opportunity to host a fabulously memorable concert by the Singing Cadets. The Annual Silent Auction & Chili Cook-Off netted record proceeds, as well as a new level of support from our local A&M Club. Over the past few years, our Club has increased the level of support and communication with the Fort Worth A&M Alumni Club. Our members attend their Aggie Events, fundraisers, social events, etc. The two Clubs have created an environment of mutual support, friendship and respect. Our Club also sponsored or participated in social activities to encourage new Aggie Mom friendships. We look forward to hosting a local "Aggie celebrity" as the March meeting speaker. Next month, we travel to Southfork Ranch for the District 1 & 2 meeting. Also in April, the *Aggie Moms, Friends & Family* team, that we formed last year, will compete in the Fort Worth Susan G. Koman "Race for the Cure". Our Club is also anticipating participation in Parent's Weekend through our Boutique, other activities and time spent with our students. We are on track to accomplish the goal of giving to Tarrant County student scholarships and TAMU student organizations at a higher level than in recent past, as the Fort Worth / Tarrant County Aggie Moms' Club... "*Continues the Legacy*".

**Friendswood Clear Creek Area Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Maria Thornton**

The Friendswood Clear Creek A&M Mothers' Club is proud to have 71 members this year. Our club is privileged to give out 15 student recognition awards of \$200 each twice a year.

We have two major fundraisers each year. The Outback Dinner is in October and our fabulous Fine China Luncheon is in March. The luncheon has become quite the event. The luncheon consists of a lovely style show, silent auction, door prizes, and delicious salads that are homemade by our members and served to all attending by our Aggie dads, brothers and sons. Each table is decorated with an absolutely beautiful array of table settings.

We have had some great speakers attend our meetings from the University. We have been able to donate to their organizations for their time. Our club is thriving with dedicated members. We try to keep our meetings informative and refreshing, providing a wonderful fellowship among our members.

**Galveston County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Catherine Bulliner**

As the Galveston County Aggie Moms, we have students at both Texas A&M Galveston (TAMUG) and TAMU College Station, so we are in a unique position and support both campuses. We have 175 registered moms. We participated in the Adopt-A-Mom program this year, so we have TAMUG and TAMU moms from all over TX and the US, including Colorado, Nevada and New Jersey, to name a few

Due to Hurricane Ike hitting us so hard, this has been a horrible year. Only a handful of moms were able to make our October, November and December meetings. Our October (TAMUG Parents Weekend) and November (Church Christmas Bazaar) fundraisers, which are held on Galveston Island were canceled. We were unable to attend the College Station Christmas bazaar (December). Our moms were dealing with their houses. The TAMUG students were up at TAMU College Station. The moms were trying to salvage what they could from their students' apartments and dorm rooms in Galveston in anticipation of the students returning to TAMUG in January.

The Parents' Weekend raffle in College Station in April will be our only fundraiser. We are concentrating all of our efforts on that, hoping to sell a lot of raffle tickets, so we can give donations to A&M and award scholarships.

On the bright side, Aggies are awesome!! Hurricane Ike destroyed many things, but it could not destroy the Aggie Spirit. The Galveston County Aggie Moms would like to say "Thank You" to all who have contributed and continue to support the needs of our students, faculty and staff from Texas A&M Galveston (TAMUG). WHOOP! Words can never express the outpouring of love and support that has been shown to our Aggies from all over the U.S. It's heartwarming to know that the Aggie Family is there to lend a hand in any way possible during a time of need.

No other college can begin to hold a candle to Texas A&M. While I graduated from an out-of-state university, my E-1 sons are honored to be a part of this great University. I have never experienced so much tradition and support. I am proud to be a part of this wonderful family. I know the Galveston Aggies and their families join me in saying "THANK YOU" for all your love and support. It is greatly appreciated

**Garland/Richardson A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Cathy West Dougherty**

Garland Richardson Aggie Moms started off the year with a great "Howdy Picnic" with over 100 attending and 12 new moms joining. Yell Leaders were present. We had a total of 28 moms and 32 kids on the roster this year. Last year we gave out three (3) \$500 book scholarships and \$1000 to 8 student organizations chosen by the members. Fund raising events including Pecan Sales and two Christmas craft shows and we will also exhibit at Parents Weekend. We hope to give four (4) \$500 scholarships this year. In June, G/R will merge back into Dallas County.

Much of the year was spent in preparation for the Districts 1/2 meeting. We were the hostesses for the meeting held April 4<sup>th</sup> at Southfork Ranch. The theme was "Aggie Moms—Past, Present and Future." We had 60 moms representing nine (9) clubs participate and 12 Federation officers attend. We also celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and eight (8) former G/R past presidents attended.

We will have one final G/R event on May 18<sup>th</sup> - our annual Senior Recognition dinner where all graduates since May 2008 and their moms will be honored. We should have eight (8) graduates honored.

**Grayson County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Markie Nathan**

In June 2008, we gave a \$600 scholarship donation to the Financial Aid office for TAMU scholarships.

In July 2008, we had our "Howdy Rowdy" welcome night for our new Aggies, current Aggies and their families. Much fun, fajitas, fixin's and fellowship were had by all.

In September 2008, we adopted two moms – Darlene Messer from Edmond, OK and Susan Martin from Hunt Valley, MD. At the October meeting we had a "Meet and Greet" with the our Aggie Moms. Moms shared pictures of their students and everyone shared Aggie stories and spirit.

In November 2008, we made Brain Food and Snack Attack Packs for our Aggies. We created finals goodie crates for our students and our Adopt-a-Mom students.

In December 2008, we had a "Welcome Home for the Holidays" gathering for our Aggies and families. We had a festive Mexican meal.

In March 2009, we re-connected and created inspirational cards for our Aggies.

Last, in April 2009, our club will plan officer elections for the 2009-2010 year. We will make plans for our scholarship donation also. We are planning our finals goodie buckets for the students and Adopt-a-Mom students.

**Gregory-Portland A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Rhonda Mumme**

Our club has twelve (12) members. This year we gave a \$1,000 scholarship to A&M student Mallory Cluiss and a \$250 scholarship to incoming A&M student Phillip Rush. We also donated \$50 to Carpool, \$50 to Big Event and \$50 to Gregory-Portland High School Operation Graduation.

Our fundraiser in November was a Pie sale before Thanksgiving. We also participated in Toys-for-Tots at Christmas and took "survival boxes" to our students in the Fall and Spring before finals. Our Big Event project was to participate in the Easter adopt-a-foster child program.

**Guadalupe County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Dana Westbrook**

We have 46 members, 43 active moms and 3 adopt-a-moms. Our club has not yet decided on which organizations we will be making our yearly donations to. All of the moms have written down the names of organizations that their Aggies are in. Next month we will draw from the group to see who we will donate to this year. Our scholarship committee is currently working on scholarships. Our deadline is not until April. Last year we gave \$8,500 in scholarships, \$500 each.

In November we had eight (8) of our local Aggie Moms and one (1) Adopted Mom from out-of-state attend the Aggie Moms Retreat in College Station. We all had a blast!

In February we held our big scholarship Howdy Dinner. We had both a live and silent auction. This year, we had it catered. Normally, the Aggie Moms all cook the potluck meal. The public seemed to really miss the "home cooked" meal. We had a great turn out and raised enough money for at least eight (8) scholarships.

In April we will announce our recipients and have a banquet. Forrest Mims will be our guest speaker. Last week one of our Aggie grandmothers took up goodie boxes for our Aggies and handed them out at the MSC. Our Aggies love seeing the "Guadalupe County Aggie Moms' Club" table set up at the MSC. We have a lady here in Seguin who bakes wonderful sugar cookies that are Aggie cut outs and decorated. A little pick-me-up before exams!

In March we vote on next officers and in May they will be inducted.

**Harrison County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Gayle Westmoreland**

For the 2007-2008 school year, the Harrison County club held monthly meetings in the homes of our members and raised money through Boutique. We offered four \$400 scholarships to local students accepted to the A&M College Station

campus. Through the year we mailed birthday cards to our students, sent Goody Bags for the Fall and Spring semesters and gave gifts to our graduating seniors.

After the 2008-2009 president resigned in October 2008, with no meeting of the club being held up to that point, Gayle Westmoreland took over as president. Since then, much effort has been put into getting "up to speed" and getting the club back to a level of excellence. Our membership has gone up 30% so far from last year. Our goals are to grow the club not only in numbers, but in activities - to return to having some speakers, having a scholarship recipient BBQ or banquet in May, to be more involved at the Federation level, to offer more scholarships, to have fun activities as a group and perhaps perform community service to raise awareness of the club in our area.

We look forward to growing and better serving the university and our students.

**Hays County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**Co-Presidents: Kathy Gandre & Suzanne Parr**

Last year, we gave 3 scholarships to incoming freshman from 3 different high schools in the amount of \$300 each. We also gave 5 scholarships to continuing students in the amount of \$100 each.

We began our year in September with an ice cream social. We had 22 members join. We handed out brochures with general and local information about Aggie Moms' clubs. We spent a good amount of time getting to know each other. In October we began planning for boutique, made plans for making goody bags, and planned our November Christmas party. In November we had a cookie exchange for our Christmas party. We also put together 30 goody bags. In January, February, and March we primarily worked on items for boutique. We will put together goody bags in early April to be delivered during Parent's Weekend.

**Heart of Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Laurie Allen**

The Heart of Texas Aggie Moms' Club has 25 members, including one adopted parent. We have 30 students from our shared communities which we are actively supporting. We a combined club including Brady, Rochelle, Mason, Menard and Junction. We give to Carpool and Big Event.

**Henderson County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Susan Laird**

Our club has 37 members including five (5) our-of-state Adopt-a-Moms. Last year we awarded seven (7) scholarships totaling \$3,500.

We enjoyed programs presented by Mark Farrell about when the bonfire fell and Rick Hirsh about the extension programs provided by Texas A&M. In December, our club enjoyed a night out in a local restaurant and gift exchange. In January, we invited our Aggies and family members to a "Chili Supper and 42" party. In December and April, we delivered gift bags to our Aggies on campus.

We do our fundraising at Parents Weekend at Boutique each year, hoping to raise funds for scholarships and gifts to the campus. These are always decided in May.

**Highland Lakes A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Kathy Smith**

Forty-seven (47) busy dedicated and fun-loving Aggie Moms comprise the Highland Lakes Club. Our primary focus is taking care of our Aggies! Our meetings also provide us with a terrific network among our local moms and moms from other clubs so we can share our cares concerns, questions and accomplishments.

We especially enjoy preparing and delivering goodie bags to our Aggies for their finals in the Fall and Spring semesters and we award book scholarships both semesters as well. We raise money via a garage sale in the Spring and we find that event provides us with a fun day of visiting and fundraising.

Last year, we donated money to the Parents' Weekend Committee Fund, the one Army-Texas Aggie Men United organization and the Texas A&M Wakeboard Team. This year we are eagerly looking forward to hosting the District 5 Meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Hill Country A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Sandra Striegler**

In July, we hosted a Tailgate Potluck Picnic for our incoming students, current students and their families. We awarded a \$250 scholarship at the picnic. The Former Students Association is always invited too.

In August, we proudly represented Texas A&M in the Gillespie County Fair Parade. The theme was a tailgate party complete with an Aggie tent, Aggie flags and United States flags. It featured Aggie Moms playing cards, Former Students, future students, a Reveille look a like and loud Aggie music. Texas A&M was the only university represented in the parade. Also in August, we had our annual Salad Supper welcoming all of the new Aggie Moms into our organization. It's a great way to start the year off with food and fellowship.

Our Exam Packs were handed in December in A&M backpacks with Hill Country Aggie imprinted on them. They were full of goodies that are always a welcome treat for the students.

Texas A&M University was represented at Weinachten in Fredericksburg in December. It featured a Christmas Tree Fougere where different organizations decorated a tree to be bid on and sold to support their cause. Our tree was decorated with handmade wooden A&M ornaments made by one of the Aggie Dads. The maroon theme was very striking and was voted one of the favorites. Once again we were the only university to show our pride.

In March, we hosted the Singing Cadets as our major fundraiser. The community welcomed them with a great crowd and we Moms enjoyed having them stay with us.

Our Exam Packs in May will be in thermal bags so the students can use them at the grocery store or for transporting items from home. They will be full of goodies and gift cards.

Our club has 44 proud moms and 51 students. We awarded ten \$250 scholarships in the 2008-2009 school year. Each of our students receives a birthday card signed by all the moms when their special days comes.

### **Hill County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Kari Moore Roush**

Our twenty-five (25) dedicated Hill County Aggie Moms have had an exciting year taking care of our Aggies while networking and having fun ourselves. We created a beautiful Texas A&M themed handmade quilt and have sold raffle tickets for the quilt all year. With the money we raised, we gave scholarships to incoming Aggie Freshmen students.

We have a great time putting together fabulous Goodie Bags for our Aggies to help them through finals during both Fall and Spring semesters. Our club co-sponsored a football game Tailgate Party with the Hill County Aggie Club and students, parents and former students all had a wonderful time. As a new club activity this year, we attended Aggie Moms Day at the TAMU Women's Basketball game and watched our girls beat Nebraska. We hosted a Howdy Supper in August, a Christmas Party in December and a Welcome Home Supper in May. We are thrilled to have lots of enthusiastic, energetic Moms who are making a difference with our Hill County Aggies.

**Hopkins County Area A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Lisa Taylor**

The Hopkins County Area Aggie Moms club has about 15-16 members with about 25 area students. We will cater the dinner for Muster this year for our major fundraiser. Muster is hosted by the local A&M Club and we cater for them. We have also published a cookbook (yea) after 3-4 years of trying to get it together. This is our other fundraiser for this year.

Meetings and activities have included making Valentine cards in February and decorating clay flower pots with maroon and white tile to use as decorations for Muster. The pots are sold afterwards.

We did Aggie Bags for the Fall and Spring semesters, sent \$5 gift card for birthdays and \$50 book grants for each student. We also presented 3 graduating students with a framed silver dollar with their graduation year. We celebrated the 8th anniversary of our club in January.

**Houston A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Tish Narendorf**

The Houston A&M University Mothers' Club formed in 1927 has provided service and support to the students of Texas A&M, Texas A&M University, its organizations and the members of the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club. The current membership stands at 329. The 2008 – 2009 year for the Houston Aggie Moms included a Family Night "Aloha" Dessert Social, featured speaker - Alumni - Ms. Angela Wigglesworth '99 - Ms. Wheelchair Texas 2004, featured performers - The Aggie Wranglers, featured speaker - Alumni - Lynne Voncannon of 84' – "The Grocery Store Game", a "Going Green" meeting in March featuring Irish food and featured speaker -Mr. Richard Bloom with Personal Safety Seminars .

In September members of the Houston Aggie Moms attended "Aggie Mom" night with the Houston Comets. In October, the Houston Aggie Moms with the Houston A&M Club held a reception in honor of Dr. Elsa Murano – President of Texas A&M in Houston. In March, 2009 members of the Houston Aggie Moms plan to attend the President's Grand Choral Concert in Houston featuring the Century Singers, The Singing Cadets and The Women's Chorus.

The annual Crazy Auction, the year's major fundraising event, was held on February 20th at the H.E.S.S. club with alumni Sharron Melton of Channel 13-KTRK as emcee. It was a successful event where fun was had by all. The Houston Aggie Moms plan to participate in Parents Weekend by selling various items including two exclusive James Avery designs– "Aggie Mom" charms.

In the Fall and Spring the Houston Aggie Moms prepare and offer great Final Care Packages for their Aggie Students. The Spring care package will include an ATM ice bucket.

Book Awards are given to winners at the monthly meeting drawings, a Senior Recognition Gift is given to graduating A&M students, donations are given to various organizations of Texas A&M and scholarships are given to Texas A&M students that have included the President's Endowed Scholarship, The Endowed Opportunity Award Scholarship, The Endowed Sul Ross Scholarship, The Endowed Scholarship Fund, The Endowed Mathematics Fund, The Spirit of Bonfire Award, The Houston A&M University Mothers' Club Scholarship and the George P.F. Jouine Award.

**Johnson County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Cheryl Pritchett**

Our club's current membership is 20. Our Howdy Party was held in July 2008. Robert Mayes, President of the Johnson County Aggie Club, spoke. His son Bobby Mayes '05 is a former singing cadet and entertained the group. Final exam goodie bags were assembled by our Moms in November and will be again in April.

Donations included \$100 to The Big Event and \$100 to Camp Kesem. Also, four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Johnson County students in April at Aggie Muster.

Our club will participate in Parents' Weekend Boutique in April with jewelry, luggage tags, key rings, dog tags and boas for sale. Our small but mighty group continues to meet monthly, supporting each other and our young Aggies! Check out our website at [www.johnsoncountyaggiemoms.club.officelive.com](http://www.johnsoncountyaggiemoms.club.officelive.com).

**Katy/West Houston A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Sonna Lumpkins**

This has been another great year for Katy/West Houston Aggie Moms. Our membership has increased from last years number of 146 to 162 members and still growing, (we have one Adopt-a-mom). We attribute our growth to the theme of FUN at our meetings. Our members have to come to every meeting to see what FUN we have in store for them. Each meeting we do four things: we make FRIENDS, have some FOOD, have some FUN while learning about A&M, and we CELEBRATE our students. We play games during the meetings in what we call our "12<sup>th</sup> Mom Stretch" where we get up, stretch, and play a silly game and get to know each other and share a laugh. Our members love it! Our members are great, enthusiastic, and hard working. We also keep them informed through our website: [www.katywesthoustonaggiemoms.com](http://www.katywesthoustonaggiemoms.com) and our telephone hotline: 281-394-8108.

Our General Meeting & other activities for this year: June 2008-May 2009 follow:

June 2008 – At our Howdy Social we honored Aggie graduates from the last year, had appetizers and desserts potluck, invited the incoming freshmen students & parents to socialize, gave out four \$1000 scholarships, and had the Yell Leaders tell us about Aggie Traditions and lead us in some yells.

September 2008 – We welcomed new and returning members (party)

October 2008 – We had a speaker from The 12<sup>th</sup> Man Student Foundation

November 2008 - Dr. Wayne Terrell, the retired Assoc. Dir. of TAMU Career Center spoke to the club.

December 2008 – We had our Christmas Party/Ornament Exchange game, yummy food, skit, and fun!

We also had 2008 Socials at La Vida Loca Mexican food (August), at Times Square Bowling (October) and Cafecito Cocina Mediterranean food (December).

Twenty-two moms from our club went to Aggie Mom Fish Camp/Retreat in November.

We participated in the Winter-in-Aggieland boutique.

During Fall 2008 we gave gift card donations to TAMUG students.

We filled 155 A&M string backpacks with snacks for Fall '08 Care Packages and plan to give 144 A&M printed beach towels & snacks as Spring '09 Care Packages.

The Ags always beat T.U. at the Fall Blood Drive "Colors of Commitment" @Gulf Coast Regional Bloodbank and we help.

February 2009 - Aggie students from the Traditions council spoke to the club.

March 2009 - Nick, Petree, President of the Memorial Student Center reported on the MSC Renovations

On March 28, 2009 we are tying fleece blankets for children in local hospitals as our part of The Big Event.

Each April meeting we vote on student organization donations. We participate in Parent's Weekend and the Aggie Mom Boutique in April, also.

May 2009 – We have the installation of new officers and end of year party. We also plan to make \$100 donations to five A&M student organizations in May. And we are almost ready to give out our third Endowed Scholarship.

We also have had one 2009 Social in February, a Valentines Bunco night and our "Matinee Movie Moms" gather for "chick flick" fun mid-day on Fridays, wearing our maroon colors.

Sounds like Aggie Mom fun, doesn't it?!!! We're proud to be Aggie Moms.

**Kaufman County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Paula Hogan**

We are up to 25 members this year. We were able to raise funds to give eight (8) \$250 scholarships this year.

**Kerrville Area Texas A&M Mothers' Club**  
**President: Carla Schuster**

The Kerrville Area Aggie Moms' Club is seventeen (17) members strong this year. Our primary objective is supporting Aggies from the Kerrville Area. We send monthly encouraging mailers and birthday cards to our students as well as exam

goodie bags twice a year. We also host a Howdy Party in August to welcome new members and students. We spend much of our time planning and preparing for Boutique, which is our major fundraiser. We also receive donations from local contributors. We hope to give two (2) \$500 scholarships to deserving students as well as book money to all students.

### **Kingwood/Humble A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Lynn Harper**

The current membership of the Kingwood/ Humble Area Aggie moms club is 143 moms strong, and we are very proud to be part of this wonderful organization. Following a fantastic Howdy Party last summer, our members and guests have enjoyed monthly fellowship and fabulously interesting programs and speakers at our general meetings. Some of our most noteworthy programs and speakers have included the following:

- Dr. Richard Adams of the Texas A&M Biomedical Department
- Randy Lemmon, a former student and local radio Garden Show host in Houston
- student representatives from the Galveston campus and
- students and faculty representing the Texas A&M Study Abroad program

Of special interest was our December "Aggie Mom" Bingo and get acquainted meeting with bingo squares highlighting special trivia facts about the Texas A&M campus and activities.

Our major fundraiser for the year will be the first annual Kingwood Humble Area Aggie Moms Golf Tournament held Friday March 6th at Kingwood Country Club to benefit our scholarship and philanthropy efforts. We hope to raise a considerable amount of money to donate to worthy organizations and scholarship funds at the Texas A&M campuses in College Station and Galveston.

Our moms and students are blessed each semester with the opportunity to assemble and deliver "Love- filled" goodie bags to our students at both the Galveston and College Station campuses. Our club will also participate in the Aggie Moms Boutique again this year and are excited to have the opportunity to share exclusive laser graphic items from a local area artisan. It has been a great year to be part of Aggie Moms.

### **Liberty County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Cina Guthrie**

This year we gave six (6) \$900 scholarships to A&M freshmen.

Events and projects that we participated in include:

- Relay for Life Cancer Drive – we raised \$800 and marched
- Assisted the Liberty Co. Aggies with their silent auction fundraiser and Muster
- Hosted 12<sup>th</sup> Man Tea – raised almost \$4,000 for scholarships
- Tailgate party for parents and students with meal fixed by parents – served gumbo and assorted snacks and desserts
- Donated to Galveton A&M student relocation to Bryan following hurricane Ike
- Donated care packages to Liberty Co. Sheriff's Department to give to students and young children in trauma situations

### **Lone Star A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Joann Pappas**

The Lone Star A&M University Mothers' Club – our "Aggie Moms' Club" – has 21 members for 2008-2009. This is a 50% increase over last year! Our members are from the Texarkana area as well as Atlanta and Linden.

Our club held a Christmas poinsettia fundraiser, raising money for three \$500 scholarships to be awarded in May. New and current students are eligible to apply for the scholarships, which will be judged by an impartial panel in late April. Also for our scholarship fund, we will put together two Aggie "movie night" baskets, for which donations are accepted for chances for the baskets. The baskets will be given away at the Texarkana-Area Muster on April 21.

A favorite activity is putting together our "survival" bags for our Aggies. At our November and April meetings, we bring candy, popcorn, Gatorade, cookies, pens, etc. and fill small gift bags with the items. The bags are sent back with the students at Thanksgiving and distributed during Parents' Weekend in April to help the students "survive" Fall and Spring Semester finals.

We ate together at an area restaurant on January 6 with our Aggies who were home for Christmas break. It was a great opportunity for our Aggies to meet each other, as they attended many different area high schools. The final meeting in May will be a reception/social for scholarship recipients and graduating Aggies. Our December 2008/May 2009 graduates will be presented with a Texas A&M paperweight.

### **Lubbock A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Melissa Ramirez**

The Lubbock Area Aggie Mom's Club had 58 members this year. Twelve of those members are mothers of seniors.

At our July Howdy Picnic, we held an indoor picnic in a local church fellowship hall to welcome incoming freshmen. The picnic was attended by 75 people, including the freshmen families and current Aggie Moms. A speakers' panel of current Aggies and Aggie Moms fielded questions from the group. Each freshman present received a door prize to help them get ready for their first year at TAMU.

At our September meeting, a "Speed Meet and Greet" new Aggie Moms (& Dad) and returning Aggie Moms was the program. Current officers also brought soup, salad and desserts and sat down with new members to get better acquainted.

At our November meeting, we started with a soup and salad supper and filled survival sacks with goodies for our students to help them through their finals week.

At our February meeting, we heard from a gentleman about new housing being built in College Station. We also asked for nominations for officers for the 2009-2010 year. In March, our Board of Directors met to develop a plan to recruit Aggie Moms for officer positions. The Scholarship and Fundraising Committees discussed their plans for awarding scholarships. In April, we will install new officers, give ring crests to all senior moms, fill survival sacks to help students through the spring finals week and finish the year with a salad supper.

Our fundraising efforts for the year included selling popcorn tins with the TAMU logo, leftover cookbooks created by a previous clubs' members, and Lubbock Aggie Moms t-shirts. We also raffled gift cards/certificates to many of the local businesses in Lubbock and an Aggie t-shirt quilt

We will give four \$500 scholarships to eligible students this year, a total of \$2,000, and four \$100 donations to campus organizations.

### **Matagorda County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Beth Krupicka**

Matagorda County Aggie Moms' 2008-2009 had a busy year. We have 23 members. Our cookbook sales are coming to a close (unless we order more). We had our back sale for Thanksgiving again this year. Baked goods were also donated to a local church for their Thanksgiving Feast. Our Howdy Party for past, present and future Aggies and their families was also held.

We met at a local restaurant for our Christmas party and ornament exchange. Dr. Rutledge spoke to our club about women's health. Stephany Krupicka also was a guest speaker helping us with knowledge of physical fitness and nutrition. We also had a chef and wine specialist cook a meal for us. We decorated our Aggie Christmas Tree at the museum.

We had a family night with a potluck meal and games for everyone. Our club makes Goodie Bags each semester to try and help our Aggies through finals. We have donated \$400 so far this year including gift cards to the Aggies in Galveston. So far, we have given \$1,400 in scholarships and will give more in April. Every meeting we give two \$25 book awards. It has been a great year for us.

**Medina County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Helen Halliburton**

The Medina County Aggie Moms' Club has been very busy this past year. Our club held its annual golf tournament that is always a success, but this past year through the hard work of Jean Sexton we did exceptionally. So well that we will not be holding a tournament this year.

The club participated in Aggie Moms' Boutique during Parents' Weekend in 2008. Again, we did well. We decided to give moms a break this year, so we will not be participating.

Lucky Bucks drawings are held at each meeting. Moms pay \$1.00 per chance, and at the end of our meeting we draw student(s) name that receive the money from tickets. It is our version of Lotto.

As all other clubs we prepare exams bags twice a year. This is a great time for our club members to get to know each other a little better.

We hold Book Award drawings twice a year – Fall and Spring semesters. Ten (10) students receive \$100 each. This year we started Book Award drawings at each meeting. These Book Awards are given to one (1) student each month in the amount of \$50 each.

The club provides one (1) high school student from each school district in Medina County a \$100 scholarship. Twice a year the club also provides scholarships to students with 90 hours attending A&M at College Station that graduated from a Medina County school district.

Our club is working very hard to increase our membership and attendance at our meetings. We have held a Bunco night, prepared meals for our meetings and held meetings at our homes. We are also going to move our meetings to different towns around the county in hopes of increasing membership and meeting attendance

**Mid-Jefferson County A&M Mothers' Club**

**President: Theresa Watson**

We have 48 active and 28 associate members (4 associate members are Adopt-a-Moms). Last year we gave four \$1,000 scholarships and we plan to give one this year. During dead weeks, we bring Goodie Bags to our students at both the Galveston and College Station campuses. We also give graduating seniors a gift. Our meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. We are meeting at the First Baptist Church, Port Neches.

**Midland Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Michele Shannon**

Midland Aggie Moms' Club have enjoyed a rewarding, busy year. We have 116 members. We consistently work to achieve our club's goals of supporting our local students, raising money for scholarships and the support of Texas A&M organizations, and providing information and networking opportunities for our members.

At the end of July, we held our annual Ice Cream Social for our incoming freshmen and their parents. We had a huge turnout. We had returning students there to give one piece of advice for these new freshmen In September, we had Dr. Jim May, a local psychologist speak on "Sending your Aggie off – now what?".

The rest of the Fall was spent organizing plans for our goody bags. In November we packed 138 goody bags stuffed full of wonderful treats and toys and sent a handful of moms to deliver to our Aggies. In December, we all met for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at a local restaurant.

We started 2009 off with a bang, hosting the Texas A&M Singing Cadets as our fundraiser. We filled St. Lukes United Methodist Church. It was a sold-out crowd. This fundraiser will enable us to give about \$2,000 to A&M and \$2,000 in scholarships for our local students. This has not been finalized to-date, but we are working on it.

We will be sending our students \$10 gift certificates to Sonic and Freebirds closer to Spring finals. We have a drawing at every meeting and give away Aggie surprises to our students by having moms present donate \$1 if they want a chance for their child to win for the month.

We have a wonderful group of caring moms in Midland and we will continue to provide education and support to our new moms and to each other.

**Milam County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**Presidents: Rebecca Luckey & Cherylin Ellis**

We have 30 Aggie Moms that have provided support for 2008-2009 for scholarship fundraising. We provided 25 book scholarships to our Milam County Aggies and awarded three (3) new Aggie scholarships for 2008-2009.

We provide a support group for our Aggie Moms and Aggie students from Milam County. Besides monthly meetings and newsletters, we distribute Goodie Bags for Milam County students during Fall and Spring Semester finals. Milam County A&M Mothers' Club has a tailgate party during football season for our Aggies, families and friends. In December we have a Christmas Social and ornament exchange for both Aggie Moms and Dads. In April, we assist with the Milam County Aggie Muster and provide desserts.

Our fundraisers include an Aggie Mom back sale in March. We also participate in the Aggie Mom Boutique at Parents' Weekend with a craft booth and raffle table.

**Montgomery County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Kathleen Sims**

The Montgomery County Aggie Moms held our annual "Howdy Coffee" on July 26 from 1-3 at The Woodlands United Methodist Church in The Woodlands. We had a large group of enthusiastic new moms who were entertained by the A&M yell leaders. Snacks and drinks were provided by the board members who were also on hand. We started a mentorship program this year for all freshman moms to keep them better informed and to give them a contact person. A good time was had by all!

Our membership this year has increased to 206 members. We are encouraged about membership, especially since we were not able to hold our first formal meeting in September due to Hurricane Ike. Our building, where we normally hold our meetings was occupied by FEMA so we had to change our location for our October meeting.

Due to our increased membership we have delivered over 160 goodie/final bags to overjoyed Aggies. Our goodie bag committee has done a fantastic job of purchasing unique items to fill with all kinds of candy and supplies. They have also gone above and beyond their duty in trying to make sure everyone receives their bag.

Our Ways and Means group is busy making items to sell at the Boutique in the spring.

We were able to elicit two new members to make our "signature" elephants to sell. This should help spread some of the work out. Our craft meetings have been well attended due to our chairman sending out reminder emails. We also sold "Aggie Mom" spirit wear this fall which was a big hit.

At our November meeting, we hosted Benjamin Knox, the A&M artist who presented his works and gave us a brief history of how he got started. We were back at our normal location and we awarded 6 \$200 Book Scholarships to current full time A&M students. Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> where we will honor our graduating seniors and have a potluck supper. We have decided as a board to hold our dinner in 2009 the week before due to the hectic schedules of all involved.

Our general meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, board meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, and craft meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. We have rescheduled our Campus Security speaker to talk to us in January. We were able to award \$3,200 to campus organizations this past year due to fund raisers in 2007/2008. I am very fortunate to have an incredible board that takes care of all the little details to make my job very rewarding and a lot of fun!

**Nacogdoches County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Ginger Opperman**

We have 36 members. We are awarding two \$500 scholarships to incoming freshmen for the Fall 2009 semester. We are participating in the Aggie Moms' Boutique with a raffle item for the first time. We compiled a directory for all Aggies and Aggie moms including all pertinent information about each as well as useful information about A&M and College Station. We also provide Goodie Bags during exam week for both Spring and Fall semesters to our Aggies.

**Navarro County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Sharon Thomas**

This year, our club has 23 total members. We hosted a Garage Sale to raise money for scholarships.

**Northwest Harris County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Susan Canon**

Our club membership, as of December 31, 2008, is 331 members. Because of our size, we have unique challenges. How do we take advantage of the club size for fund raising and meetings while simultaneously helping members make those personal connections that are crucial in maintaining the club's growth momentum? How do we instill the Club's mission and vision to our new members for the current and subsequent year? We have a wonderful board this year who have given guidance for answers to these questions. I also have called upon board members from past years to give their insights into these haunting questions.

We began the year by hosting nine "new moms gatherings" during June and July to introduce our club to incoming Freshmen moms in a more informal gathering, prior to "Howdy Party" that occurs in August. These coffees or teas provide a vehicle for Freshmen moms to learn more about Aggie moms Clubs and our purpose—in a smaller and less intimidating environment. I believe these social events permit the Freshmen moms a better opportunity to become better connected and thus more involved in club events than what has occurred in the past.

Our Howdy Party did not feature the current Yell leaders this year as the number of Fish Camp sessions was expanded, thereby precluding the current Yell Leaders from attending. Our Program VP was able to secure Former Yell Leaders that live in the Houston area—and it was a smashing success. The young men who came were very entertaining. My Program VP has done a great job of securing interesting and relevant speakers for our monthly meetings. I believe that our programs must be relevant to our membership or the members will choose some other activity with which to be involved. With our very busy culture, the club must be relevant and purposeful.

We are having only one fundraiser this year—our Dinner and Auction which is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2009. Our theme this year is Hawaiian Luau and our committee has been hard at work for months now—gathering items for our Auction, silent and live bid. This committee has secured the TAMU a cappella group, Apotheosis, as the entertainment for the evening. As in previous years, our committee is working diligently in offering auction items to fit all purses including themed dinners and week-end get aways.

The boutique committee has added new shirt designs to their repertoire this year. Of course, we continue to make our traditions tree, frames and wreaths for which our club is known. For a second year, we have continued to use a focused merchandising approach in our meetings, only bringing a portion of our boutique items to our meetings—reducing the work for the boutique group while maintaining sales volume. We also had a table at the Aggie Mom Camp boutique featuring our monogrammed shirts.

We will be awarding ten \$100 book awards, three \$1,250 endowed scholarships and five \$1000 scholarships this year, in addition making a significant contribution to our endowment. Last year, the club membership directed \$30,620 to about 84 recognized University organizations. I expect that our club will have a lesser amount to direct this coming year...partly because of the soft economy and due to the fact that we are only having one major fundraiser. Our club project for this year is "Change", the organization that assists needy Aggies in the purchase of their Aggie class ring.

Our care package group assembled the best packages ever this year! The famous NWHC hug line was in full force with as many as twenty Aggie moms being in attendance to wish our Aggies good luck with finals and assist with the distribution of 400 care packages. We expect to deliver about 300 care packages for the Spring 2009 finals.

Finally, this year we are again trying to add different social events for Aggie moms to participate---sporting events, craft shows and special work days. In March or April our club will have its 4<sup>th</sup> annual tailgate party in the Reed arena parking lot prior to an A&M baseball game. The plans for this tailgate include having members from the Calvary in attendance---another great way to become more familiar with the great traditions of A&M!

I appreciate all the support that I have received from my board and from previous boards. And I look forward to a productive and exciting Spring!

**Northwest Louisiana A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Rhonda Glass**

Our club was formed to promote camaraderie among the mothers of Texas A&M students from our area. Also, we provide encouragement and support to our students. We get together once a month. Once each semester, we put together Goodie Bags for our students before finals week. We recognize our graduating seniors with Texas A&M paperweights. Last May we joined with the Northwest Louisiana Aggie Former Students in our area for a barbeque. Current and new students and their families were invited. This year we plan to join with them again for Muster in April. We will probably make another donation to the Hannah Peterson Class of '05 Memorial Scholarship.

**Oil Patch Area A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Julie Bailey**

We have ten (10) members. We held two meetings this year to make Exam Packs in the Fall and Spring.

**Orange County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Judy Williams**

The Orange County Texas Mothers' Club has 66 local members, plus 10 adopted Moms for a total of 76 members. We are celebrating our 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary this year. We meet once a month September through May at the Salvation Army Building in Orange, TX. In appreciation for use of the facility, the Orange County Moms volunteer to "ring the bell" for Salvation Army on a designated Saturday during the Christmas holidays, and participate in their "Angel Tree Program".

Our special events held annually include a Howdy Tea for new moms in August. At this year's Howdy Tea, the Class of '12 Moms were treated to dinner, introduced to our officers and given "new Mom" bags packed full of information and gifts.

In the fall our Club was hit hard with "Ike". Our club bounced back by preparing meals for the thirteen families who lost their homes in the Bridge City area. We also helped an elderly couple one Saturday clean out their garage from the flood waters. We delivered first aid kits to needy families in the Orange area. We took up a collection for the thirteen families hit hard from the storm. We are grateful to the Young Aggie Club from San Antonio who raised money and took up a collection of household items to be distributed to anyone in need.

We had our traditional dad's dinner in February. Our guest speaker was Colonel Jake Betty from the Ross Volunteers. It was perfect timing because our annual RV breakfast was given to 125 Ross Volunteers in late February. The Ross Volunteers stop each year to receive a hot breakfast prepared by our club. The volunteers are on their way to New Orleans to march in the Mardi Gras parade. Our May banquet program will include honoring our class of '13 scholarship recipients, installation of new officers, recognition of our Aggies and their families and presenting a gift to our Aggies graduates. Our TLC bags are delivered to College Station at the end of each semester. Last fall we delivered 100 bags to all our Orange County Aggies and our adopted Aggies. We send birthday gift cards to our Aggies throughout the year.

Our major fund raiser is Boutique and the Raffle at Parent Weekend. We also participate in the Winter in Aggieland Craft Fair and the Aggie Moms' Camp vendor mini boutique. Our scholarships include four scholarships to area high school

seniors and a Memorial Scholarship; we give 24-\$100 book awards; and donate to TAMU student organizations based on request.

**Panola County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Charlene Johnson**

We have fifteen (15) members this year. We are a very small club, but we have emphasized the networking and fellowship of Aggie moms. We have also tried to be as informative as possible on Aggie traditions, events and news. On July 12<sup>th</sup> we held our Power of 12 Party. It was an ice cream social to welcome the class of 2012. It gives the old Aggies a chance to meet the new Aggies and exchange information or answer questions for the fish. The old Aggies enjoy the ice cream, fellowship and games. We had 12 toppings, 12 activities, and 12 prizes to complete our 12 theme.

The Aggie Moms (&Dads) had a Howdy Burger Dinner in September. The weather was pleasant, the food delicious, and the fellowship and speaker were great. We donated door prizes for Aggie Mom Camp and had our first Panola county Aggie Mom Camper this year. Susan Soape made a beautiful quilt square for the Federation President's quilt. We created an e-mail address to send occasional messages to the students/moms. We have monthly meetings with activities or speakers. We displayed a homemade PowerPoint presentation of Aggie landmarks and traditions. We send birthday cards to the students – all moms sign them each month at our meetings.

Our Fall fundraiser was a poinsettia sale. Thanks to many local churches we did well. We created Aggie emergency gifts for their Fall candy fix. We sent Sully poems and pennies for good luck during finals. We had our annual Aggie ornament exchange during the Christmas party. We had a cookie exchange to create Valentine care packages for the kids. We donated several sacks of items to help the Aggie ASSIST project to aid the military in Iraq. We have been collecting items all year to go in our annual antique dresser raffle held at boutique. We are selling tickets for the dresser/wood rocker/afghan/gold necklace raffle. We participate with the A&M Club in muster each year. We create final bags each semester. We give out Loupot's book awards and Knox prints to the graduates.

**Parker County A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Danielle Finch**

This spring our club expects to give four (4) scholarships, valued at \$200 each. Our fundraisers this year included a quilt raffle and silent auction at our "Howdy" Party and a bar-b-que fundraiser later in the year.

The Parker County Aggie Moms are 67 members strong. We had several memorable programs at our monthly meetings – speaker and artist Benjamin Knox, dinners, bunko night, our Christmas party and a card making class for Valentine's Day.

Of course, we also delivered Fall and Spring study kits to our students.

**Pasadena Area Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**  
**President: Sarah Dowling**

The 2008-2009 Pasadena Aggie Moms started the year with an Ice Cream Social for our August meeting. We recognized our 4 Scholarship recipients, gave out six (6) Book Donation Scholarships and presented paperweights to our six (6) graduates. Our guest speakers, MSC Director Luke Altendorf and MSC President Nick Petree, spoke about the MSC renovation.

In September our meeting was an Aggie Moms Question & Answer panel. We raised almost \$2000 with our Annual Outback Fundraiser dinner in October! At our October meeting we made Good Luck cards for Mid-terms for our Aggie students. We also delivered donations for the displaced Galveston Aggies. In November, our guest speakers were Susie Goodwin and Adele Hedleston from the Sterling Evans Library. In November we also delivered over 60 "goodie" boxes to our students to help them get through finals.

In December we celebrated with our annual Christmas banquet where we announced the winners of our raffle baskets and raised over \$300 for scholarships. January brought a new year and a Potluck dinner with our Aggies. Aggie Josh Byerly, a public affairs officer from NASA told us what it was like to be the "Voice of NASA". February's meeting included making

Valentines for our Aggie students. In March we learned about Study Abroad opportunities from the Study Abroad Programs Office.

We are preparing for our Raffle table at Aggie Moms boutique during Parents' Weekend. We hope to raise more money to support our Students and the University.

**Pearland A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Janye LeBouf**

The purpose of the Pearland Aggie Mothers' Club is to support the Aggie students in our area, support student organizations associated with Texas A&M and provide information and fellowship to local Aggie Moms. The benefit of joining the club is to network with other Aggie Moms, learn about Texas A&M University through guest speakers and raise funds to benefit local Aggie students as well as the student organizations on campus.

The Pearland Aggie Mothers' Club began the year with a Howdy Party in August 2008 in which over 100 Aggies in the local area were invited. In November, we participated in a local craft show and prepared and delivered finals kits to the students. In December, we met and had a Christmas social. At our club meeting in February, we will celebrate our Annual Aggie Moms' Birthday at a local restaurant. We will nominate officers in March for the next year. In April, we will install our new officers. Our largest fundraiser is in April on Parents Weekend at Boutique. We will also deliver finals kits in April to our Aggie students. In May, we have our dessert social for the Pearland Aggie families and award book drawings to students and identify the student organizations we choose to support.

We have 20 members. Our meetings are held the third Monday night of each month at various locations due to hurricane Ike damage to our regular meeting spot. We also meet on Monday nights throughout the year to work on various craft projects.

Last year we awarded 25 Book Donations to our students and sent donations to 6 Aggie organizations.

**Red River Valley A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Karen Ballard**

We have 30 members for the '08-'09 year. In December we were able to give out 5 book awards to local Aggies. Our club eagerly awaits Boutique that will be held during Parents' Weekend to sell our items to raise money for scholarships for our students. Our Boutique co-chairs work very hard each year to bring innovative and clever designs for purchase. We will have our hand-carved A&M Santas again this year along with several other surprises!

Our VP of Programs had a couple of great presentations for our club members. At our October meeting we had a local massage therapist who brought his massage chair to demonstrate and relax our lucky ladies! At our November meeting we had a local decorator demonstrate her bow making talents (& attempted to teach the rest of us) and gift basket making skills! We came away with lots of great ideas for gift giving for all occasions!

**Rio Grande Valley Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Chris Cowan**

Rio Grande Valley Aggie Moms' Club has 70 members. We actively support our Aggies from the four (4) county area – Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy and Cameron. We raise money for scholarships, donations to campus organizations and we give gifts to graduating seniors.

Rio Grande Valley Aggie Moms donated \$500 to five campus organizations, awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships and gave gifts to fourteen (14) graduating seniors. We held a raffle for a \$100 textbook certificate at each monthly meeting.

Rio Grande Valley Aggie Moms raised over \$10,000 at Boutique and over \$4,000 at a local raffle this year. We also collect snacks and study aids to deliver to students during finals.

## **Rockwall County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Shirley Stanley**

Our annual Howdy BBQ was held in July at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Yell Leaders Weston Wilcox (our very own Rockwall Aggie) and Casey Schaefer (from Katy) were present to lead yell practice. A silent auction was held to raise funds for scholarships. A very special request was asked of the Yell Leaders after the event. They were asked to deliver some BBQ to an Aggie Mom who could not be present at the event due to breast cancer surgery she had two weeks prior. The Yell Leaders did not hesitate and surprised our mom with balloons and food. They even held a mini yell practice for her and her family, which included "Beat the hell out of breast cancer!"

Our annual garage sale was held in the WalMart Market parking lot and was a huge success. We received a check from WalMart Market in the amount of \$2,000.

We had a blast selling pecans this year. And they were so delicious! We even created a Pecan Recipe Book. Yum!

We are currently gearing up for Boutique and gathering sale items.

## **Round Rock Area A&M University Mothers' Club**

**Presidents: Sharon Luedecke & Liza Glassco**

The Round Rock Aggie Moms' Club has 148 members this year. We meet each month on the third Monday from August to April. Each month, from September thru March, we have a program that highlights a group or speaker from Texas A&M. In August, we begin our yearly meetings with a salad supper and mini boutique, as well as welcoming our new moms. The month of November brings another salad supper, mini boutique, and the recognition of our fall graduates. In April, we will end the year with a salad supper and recognize our spring and summer graduates.

In June, we hosted our annual Howdy Hullabaloo for incoming freshman and their families to inform them about Texas A&M, as well as give the mothers a chance to join our club. We featured a panel of current and former students for a question and answer session that was informative as well as entertaining for all present.

In November, we hosted our annual Tailgate party at Spence Park. We enjoyed fajitas with all the fixings and served over 360 Aggies, their moms and dads, and guests before the A&M / Oklahoma game. All of us had a wonderful time. Also in November, twelve of our members "Danced the Night Away" at the Aggie Mom Camp in College Station.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our club's 12<sup>th</sup> year. We have a special Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser planned. We are excited to have Granger Smith as our entertainment for the evening. There will also be a catered dinner for our membership and invited guests, along with many items to bid on. The fundraiser pays for incoming Texas A&M student scholarships.

In April, we will again participate in the Aggie Mom's Parent's Weekend Boutique. Both the boutique and our mini boutiques provide the remainder of our scholarship funds.

We continue to support each other in our club by sending cards and congratulations through our cares and concerns committee, honoring our graduates, bringing excellent speakers to help our moms have a better understanding of Texas A&M University, and providing a website as an information resource.

Our Ag Bag sales continue to be very successful, with sales in the fall totaling 104 bags sold. Spring Ag Bag sales should be just as good. This activity supports our Recognition Award program. This program allows us to reward the students of moms who have participated in our club.

Since our last report, we have funded the following:

- Eighteen (18) \$500 scholarships to incoming freshmen chosen from seven area high schools,
- Three endowed scholarships,
- Ten (10) \$100 book grants along with a \$50 merchandise certificate to Loupot's bookstores in the spring of '08 with 10 more given in the fall of '08,
- Two student recognition awards of \$520 each that are paid directly to students' TAMU accounts, and

- Approximately 60 \$10 Fun Buck winners for which we send a ten-dollar bill to the recipient with the stipulation that they write to us and tell us something fun they did with the money.

In addition, we continue to support CHANGE, which provides senior rings to needy students, Student Counseling Helpline Services, 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation, and the Texas A&M EMS Services. It has been a fun and very rewarding year!

### **Rusk County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Elizabeth Minor**

We began our year with a Howdy Dinner for our new Aggies and their families.

At our October Meeting we made care packages for our students. We also made care packages for finals at our November meeting, welcome back and good luck packages/cards at our January meeting, Valentine cards in February and finals again in April.

At our November meeting we invited moms of students planning to attend next year and provided a packet of helpful hints from us and our students. We also opened the floor for any questions they had that we could help with.

We are giving ten (10) scholarships to Aggies for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **San Angelo A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Melissa Faubion**

The San Angelo A&M Mothers' Club serves a 10 county area. We are celebrating 82 years of support for our Aggie students. We currently have 112 members, including 2 adopted moms – one from Montana and one from Connecticut! These 112 members are proud to represent 68 current students and numerous A&M graduates.

The 2008-2009 year has been a busy one. We began the year in June with a planning meeting and followed with a Welcome Brunch in early August, to meet the incoming freshmen and their moms. Some of our programs have been:

- Aggieland Past and Present with presentations from some of our well known local former students
- Wildlife with a video presentation from Lange Helicopter Service about capturing and relocating wild game, etc. (this one for our Christmas party with our husbands in attendance)
- A presentation from a former student who graduated from the Bush School and now works in Washington for the CIA
- A program from a local physician about our students' health concerns, immunizations, etc.

The San Angelo Aggie Moms prepare Goody Bags in the Fall and Spring semesters prior to finals and send food gift cards twice a year to all of our students. We give graduating seniors a keepsake paperweight with the A&M seal on it. We award tutorial scholarships to several students each year. These scholarships are in the form of tutoring coupons to places like A-Plus or Tutor John. The nice thing about these is that you don't necessarily have to have the highest GPA to be eligible for these. We will be awarding another 4-year endowed scholarship again this year to an incoming freshman, as well as four or five 1-year scholarships of \$1,000 each. These recipients will be announced in May at our final club meeting. We also designated 10 different student organizations to donate \$100 each (at total of \$1,000). All of these things we do to hopefully serve all the local students and "spread the love" to as many kids in as many ways as possible.

We add to our scholarship funds in several ways. We hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> China Luncheon in October and are already planning number 4! We continue to sell our Aggie Traditions Cookbook and our beautiful wool A&M rugs. We added several new rug styles this year several of us attended the Aggie Mom Fish Camp and we sold rugs and cookbooks there as well as at several local festivals and venues. We will continue to sell these items, as well as our Aggie duffle bags, at the Aggie Mom Boutique in April. We will also host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Wine Tasting event at Divine Wines in San Angelo in March.

Our Aggie Mom Club is not only about fundraising, but emotional and practical support too. We offer first hand experience and advice on everything from doctors to hotels, auto repairs, housing and homesick kids. Our club is not just a group of women whose children happen to go the same school, but a place to foster friendships and support our wonderful Aggie students!

**San Antonio Texas A&M Mothers' Club**

**President: Mina Marsden**

We have approximately 250 members. Seventeen (17) students received "pass-through" scholarships for 2008-2009. Four of these are for four years. In addition, we have three Endowed Opportunity Award recipients and three Sul Ross Endowed Scholarship recipients from the Corps of Cadets. We are presently funding a Foundation Excellence Award. One of our scholarship recipients, Stephanie Burns is President of MSC for 2009-2010.

Howdy Night was held in July We held our first meeting with our Aggie students as guests in January. Our club co-hosted Dr. Murano's visit to San Antonio and Aggie Park in February. Fundraising activities include our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tennis Tournament, sales of AT&T Golf Tournament tickets, Winter in Aggieland Boutique and Parents' Weekend Boutique.

**Sandstorm A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Rhonda Gilliam**

Our club has 28 members this year. Each semester we give two \$250 scholarships to two students. We also give a \$50 gift to each graduating senior. One of the fun things that we do at each monthly meeting is a "pocket change" drawing. Each mom present puts \$1.00 in the "pot". The student whose name is drawn is the winner of the cash in the "pot".

We have a Hamburger and swimming party in July for all current parents and students and prospective parents and students. It's a great way to mingle and meet more of the Aggie families in Odessa. It also gives new students and transfers more Aggie connections at school.

For our annual fundraiser, we raffled a Texas A&M Football signed by Coach Sherman and a \$100 gift certificate to a local spa. Tickets were \$5.00 each.

We made donations to several A&M student organizations and events – March to the Brazos, The Big Event, Kappa Delta Sorority (child abuse prevention), a student raising funds for MS, Carpool, Grateful Nation Foundation, Aggie SAT (sending a satellite into space with NASA in April) and Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club. We plan to make more donations in April.

**Southwest Dallas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Kim Sanford**

Our club started off its 20<sup>th</sup> year by hosting a Howdy Social - complete with the Junior Yell Leaders – for new Aggies and their families. Our monthly meetings provided fun and informational programming and fellowship. A favorite over the past two years has been the game show "So You Think You're Smarter than an Aggie Freshman".

Our club has also been active in raising funds to award scholarships. We once again hosted a Ladies Luncheon and a Pampered Chef party to raise money. We also hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gig'em Golf for Scholarships Golf Tournament in April 2009 with positive results and a lot of fun and fellowship.

Last Spring we were able to award \$7,000 to deserving incoming and continuing Aggies and give a nice gift to Carpool, a worthwhile campus organization. To celebrate our club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, founding member Pat Daniel spoke about the club's history and initiated the 09-10 board members. This Spring we will award scholarships at our May meeting and honor our graduating Seniors with a family dinner. And we look forward to welcoming in the Class of 2013 this Summer.

**Stephenville Area A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Diane Smith**

Our club continues to struggle with only six members. In spite of our size, we have had a very successful fundraiser making about \$1,000. We were able to give seven \$150 Book Awards. We also contributed \$100 to CarPool. We have been very successful with all aspects of our club. We are just lacking in numbers.

**Tri-County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Arlene Zapalac**

The Tri-County Aggie Moms' Club serves an area between Houston and Austin that encompasses Colorado, Fayette and Lee counties. We currently have 56 members and are proud to have reached our 11<sup>th</sup> year. Our meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month throughout the school year. We begin with a light supper and social time, a special devotion and then conduct our business. We end our meetings with Aggie brags and prayer requests. In early September, we hosted our second Howdy Party, with information packets for our freshmen and transfer students' moms and a chance to informally get to know our club and ask questions that had not yet been concerns during new student orientation. At our meetings this year we have welcomed various student centered organizations from Texas A&M University including our homegrown Aggie recruiter for central Texas, Traditions Council, a breast cancer awareness group, a special program about A&M's satellite campus in Qatar, and Tri-Fecta Realty to inform us about financing student housing in College Station. In October, our club hosted a tailgate party in Spence Park serving delicious Aggie Mom specialties. We also successfully organized a Fall fundraiser dinner and bake sale.

In the Spring we look forward to selling raffle tickets. Our local fundraising has been enough to sponsor almost \$5,000 in scholarships. We proudly present each of the seniors from our club a \$350 scholarship. Around the beginning of December, we assembled 85 goody bags to help our Aggies get through their finals. In January we also organized a wine tasting party at our secretary's home; Aggie moms brought their favorite bottle of wine and all enjoyed samples. This February, we once again honored our recent graduates and elected officers. March and April will see us wrapping up our fundraising and once again preparing goody bags for finals. In May, we will help our local A&M Club with a golf tournament, and present scholarships to students and ring crests to the May graduates, as well as install our new officers. We hope to give \$300-500 in donations to TAMU organizations.

**Tyler A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Karen Garrett**

Our year began in August, 2008, with a Howdy! Dinner for all Tyler area Aggies and their families. It was a great night spent getting to know each other.

In September we had the opportunity to hear the Traditions Council who informed us of those wonderful Aggie traditions.

November was a busy month. We worked hard on our garage sale fundraiser. Several members of the club attended Aggie Mom Camp. Our speaker for the monthly meeting was the President of the Smith County A&M Association, who told about their organization and the support they give to students.

December was our annual Christmas dinner. We had the privilege of having U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert, Class of 1975, for our speaker. He was very informative and gave great insight to the recent political happenings. We also had in attendance General James Brown, Class of 1980. We wanted to honor him on his recent promotion. We raffled a T-Shirt Quilt and gave door prizes.

In January we had a Dad Appreciation Chili Supper. We honored our Dads and had our Aggies that were home for the holidays tell us about what is going on in their lives. We also recognized graduating seniors. We had a great turnout in spite of the fact that it was the night of the BCS Championship game! I attribute the big attendance on the fact that we established a phone committee this year that calls our 107 members prior to meetings to give them a personal reminder.

We look forward to the rest of our year with board nominations in February, elections in March and working on items to sell at Boutique in April.

**Tyler County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Nancy Pilgrim**

This year we have ten Aggie Moms in our club. We try to give every Aggie that we have a scholarship as they graduate from High School and enter A&M. We also participate in two successful fundraisers – our local Dogwood Weekend and Aggie Moms' Boutique on Parents' Weekend.

**Upshur County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Leanne Way**

The fourteen members of the Upshur County A&M Mothers' Club work to support our Aggie students as well as provide social events to visit and have fun. We started our year by hosting a bar-b-que send-off and get acquainted party for our new members and their Aggies. Also, some of our members hosted a tailgate party at an Aggie football game. We also hold an annual Christmas "potluck" for our Aggies and their families in December. We provided two \$500.00 scholarships to incoming freshman Aggies from our county, and also two \$100.00 book scholarships. This year, we were also able to give two \$50.00 "just for fun" gift certificates from Loupot's .

Raffles are our primary fund-raising source, and for the last several years we have raffled a Benjamin Knox print. During "dead week" in the fall we provide goody bags, and in the spring, we have found that they enjoy receiving several \$5.00 gift cards to local restaurants in College Station. We also send graduation cards to recognize our graduating seniors.

This spring we have been focused on planning and preparing for the District XII meeting. We welcome everyone to yam country and look forward to learning about other clubs who Y'am an Aggie Mom!!

**Uvalde Area Texas A&M Mothers' Club**

**President: Joy Spencer Jechow '82**

The Uvalde Area Texas A&M Mothers' Club has 33 members for the year 2008-2009 and 36 students at Texas A&M University. The club meets three times per year and holds two bake sales. We prepare and distribute goody bags to our A&M students twice a year, prior to semester finals.

**Victoria County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Anna Daniels**

The Victoria County TAMU Mothers' Club has 72 members.

Our Howdy Party was held on July 30, 2008 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Hall. All current students and their families were introduced and Former Students were recognized. Door prizes were given and a book allowance drawing for students was held. The book allowance was \$100 to each student. Dr. Kim Simmons '76, associate pastor of Parkway Church, delivered the invocation. A buffet style meal was served. The 2008-09 officers and committees were introduced. Our guest speaker was Dr. Joann Bludau '94, aunt of Amy Kocian '08. Dr. Bludau is superintendent of Hallettsville ISD. Fall scholarships were awarded to 10 students in the amount of \$250 per scholarship.

Goodie bags were given away at our October, January and March meetings.

A book allowance drawing was held at the November meeting. Each book allowance was worth \$50.

There were eleven Spring 2009 scholarships awarded in December in the amount of \$250 per scholarship. A memorial scholarship was awarded from donations received in memory of Scott Crow '94.

A work party was held in January to work on items for Boutique. Some of the items for this year include dresses, ring dunk bibs, and "bling" ring dunk pitchers.

In February we hosted a breakfast for the Parson's Mounted Cavalry. The Cavalry was in Victoria to participate in the annual Livestock Show Parade. Logan Westerman '10 from Victoria is a member of the Cavalry

We awarded graduate scholarships in the Spring.

Our major fundraiser is our participation in Boutique. We reserve eleven tables on the floor of Reed Arena to sell our handmade items. We are known for our beautiful Aggie quilts, Aggie t-shirt dresses, ring dunk bibs and ring dunk pitchers, elephant pillows, and wood items. Our raffle table on the concourse of Reed Arena has an Aggie Quilt, our popular Aggie Margarita Machine and other donated Aggie items.

We have an Adopted Aggie Serviceman Project and accept donations to send our deployed Aggies care packages in support of their service to our country. In January, we sent 15 boxes consisting of phone cards, snacks, and anything and everything Aggie we could stuff in a box.

Each year we also donate to at least three organizations at Texas A&M University.

### **Waco-McLennan County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Kim Deal**

The 2008/2009 year began with our Howdy Party, an annual get together for all Aggie parents and their students to greet new freshmen and welcome them to the Texas A&M family. We held a hot dog social, with our special guests, the Aggie Yell Leaders. The event culminated in the presentation and introduction of our twelve \$500 scholarship recipients.

In August we held our New Mom Reception at our monthly meeting facility so that our moms could become acquainted with our meeting location and time. Over 40 moms attended. Our total membership is 117 this year. One of our two \$250 book drawings was held at this meeting. This money is used to help defer the cost of books for the upcoming semester.

In September our club held a Membership Dinner at a local high school. Memorial Student Center President Nick Petree was the guest speaker and informed our guests of the upcoming improvements to the MSC.

In October we had our bi-annual Aggie Mom Tailgate Party at Floyd Casey Stadium when the Texas A&M football team came to Waco to play the Baylor Bears. Sausage, hot dogs and all the trimmings were served, and a good time was had by the many Aggie fans who attended.

At the December meeting this year we "stuffed" our Exam Survival Packs and took them to A&M to distribute during the week of finals. Our fundraising chairmen had a pre-sale of boutique items at this meeting as well. Our club had a booth at Winter in Aggieland, and a large number of moms and students participated in the set-up, take down and selling of our boutique items. The event was a huge success.

In January we invited our Aggie Students who were home for the holidays, to attend our monthly meeting. Dinner was served and the second of our two book drawings was held.

This year we have had many great speakers at our monthly meetings, including Dr. Martha Dannenbaum, Dr. Carol Binzer, a T-Camp representative, John Maldonado with the Office of Admissions, and Di Fontenot, the Director of the Becky Gate's Children's Center. Our meetings are very well attended each month, and provide valuable information and social networking for all our moms. Our club makes a donation each month to the speaker's organization, or to the organization of their choice.

At this time, our Nominating Committee has been appointed and a "Willingness to Serve" form has been distributed to all members. The new slate of Officers will be presented at the April meeting, and the slate will be voted on, and installed at the May meeting. We will also prepare our ESP's for the Spring semester at our May meeting.

The Waco-McLennan County Aggie Moms was formed to help contribute to the comfort and welfare of our Aggie students, and we continue to achieve that goal very successfully each year.

**Walker County Texas A&M Mothers' Club**

**President: Diane Cushman**

Walker County Aggie Moms' Club currently has 35 members. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. We have considered 2008-2009 as our building year with hopes of gaining more members. The year began in June with a large turnout to our Howdy Party. Snacks and drinks were provided by our members. We welcomed our new Aggies and also honored our 3 scholarship recipients. These scholarships were made possible by the great success of our raffle ticket sales at Aggie Mom Boutique. In fact it was such a success we have decided to do a repeat of the same items for this year's boutique. Several of our members helped with New Student Conferences and donating items for Hurricane Ike.

We have also been able to donate to three A&M organizations with hopes of that increasing this year. One of those organizations was the Student Government Association Brick Campaign. Now you can find us outside of the Koldus building! Each semester we send birthday cards with food cards included to our students and this year we gave 6 paperweights to our December seniors and implemented giving Loupots book certificates. One of the most rewarding things for us is giving out the Finals Bags each semester to our Aggies. These are always such a big hit and seeing the big smiles and watching them as they graciously endure the hugs coming from each Mom is the best.

Our really big event for 2009 will be hosting the District 4 Meeting on January 31. This has certainly taken up a lot of our fall meetings in preparations, but it will be a great time for everyone attending. Our District Meeting Chairman and Secretary have certainly done an outstanding job in getting this together and we are looking forward to introducing everyone to Walker County Aggie Moms.

In the middle of all of this we did manage to get together in December for an ornament exchange and dinner and in February we will be attending the Aggies women basketball game honoring Aggie Moms. The rest of the time will be spent preparing for Boutique and the end of another great year. I must say thanks for such a wonderful board working with me to help make this year so productive and so much fun!

**Washington County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Connie Merten**

County Aggie Moms kicked off the year with our Family Picnic at Fireman's Park in conjunction with the Washington County Association of Former Students. Two of the Aggie Yell Leaders joined us and enjoyed a hot dog meal complete with Blue Bell ice cream and door prizes. Several scholarships were awarded to our Aggies by the Association of Former Students.

Our September, October, and November meetings were held at the Blinn College Student Center on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. We enjoyed various speakers from Texas A&M at each of them. This year our fundraising committee has put together a calendar to sell with beautiful pictures of Washington County, and they plan to hold a raffle at the Boutique in April. In November, we also made a trip to College Station to hand out goodie bags to our Aggies and enjoy dinner with them.

Our January meeting was our Family Awards and Scholarship night. Everyone enjoyed a catered chicken fried steak dinner. We were treated to a wonderful presentation from Dr. Joe Townsend of Texas A&M University. We were also able to award five \$500 scholarships to our Aggies and gave out a number of ring crests to our Aggie graduates. We also recognized a number of our Aggie Moms with continuous memberships beginning with 5 years all the way to 35 years!

Several of our members and their families participated in attending the Women's Aggie basketball game on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> on Aggie Mom Day. The event was enjoyed by all. At our regular February meeting we enjoyed hearing about the Aggie Library System from Adelle Hedleston.

We look forward to our March meeting when we will discuss what organizations we will be awarding donations from our Club and we will also be accepting nominations for our 2009-2010 slate of officers. We will be doing another goodie drop to our Aggies sometime in the spring and will end the year in April with a FISH orientation for our incoming Fall 2009 Freshmen and also by participating in Boutique at Parents' weekend.

We currently have 81 active members and 38 associate members.

**Wichita County Area Texas A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Cyndy Schenk**

For the year 2008-2009 the Wichita County Area Texas A & M Mother's Club had 54 members.

We awarded seven \$500 scholarship to: Anne Lindley, Baylie Miller, Tyler Schroeder, Morgan Schenk, Christopher Allison, Kyle Rogers and Kaitlyn Heiman. We drew from our attendance from this year and awarded a \$250 book scholarship to Cyndy Schenk. Last, we donated \$50 to four organizations: The Big Event, Carpool, Parsons Mounted Calvary, and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Our major fundraiser was the Texas A & M Singing Cadets, who performed at the First United Methodist Church in February.

**Williamson County A&M Mothers' Club**

**President: Paula Ashby**

We currently have 70 active members. We hold monthly meetings, supporting our students and new Aggie moms. Our club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our meetings include informative speakers from many of the various organizations at Texas A&M. In addition to monthly meetings, our club invests in our community by helping with the annual "Keep Taylor Beautiful" workday regardless of inclement weather. The Williamson County Aggie Moms are also proud sponsors and participants in the Cancer Relay for Life Walk in our area.

We begin our meetings in September of each year and immediately begin planning our only Fundraiser, our annual turkey supper held in November. Our members bake turkey, dressing, beans, potatoes and cakes. We normally serve over 900 people and sell over 1,000 tickets. This year, we successfully raised approximately \$7,900. We will use the money raised to award ten to twelve \$500 scholarships to worthy students at our May meeting. Beyond scholarships, our club also donates approximately \$1,000 to various student organizations. The Williamson County A&M Mother's Club is dedicated to contributing to the welfare of the students attending Texas A&M University. Our club includes the communities of Bartlett, Bertram, Cedar Park, Coupland, Florence, Georgetown, Granger, Hutto, Jarrell, Leander, Liberty Hill, Taylor, Thorndale and Thrall. We have three members from Pflugerville and Round Rock who stayed with our club when Round Rock started their own club. Our membership of 70 is made up of Aggie moms both past and present, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends and one Aggie dad!

Our club enjoys a Christmas social where we encourage husbands and students to attend. We also meet in March to prepare Goodie Bags for our students.

Our club has a wonderful past full of pride and tradition.

**Wilson County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Janet Thelen**

Wilson County Aggie Mothers' Club presently has 16 active members. The ladies have been busy preparing items for Boutique in April. Several workshops were held painting Christmas Aggie ornaments for A&M Christmas Trees that we sell at Boutique. We also sell our popular chambray shirts mad to order with embroidered Aggie Mom, Aggie Grandma or Aggie Aunt on the back of the shirt surrounded by Aggie bonnets. And we sell Aggie embroidered T-shirts.

Local scholarships are awarded in June along with our Howdy Party to welcome incoming Aggie Freshmen.

**Wise County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Rene' Fuller**

We are a proud new Aggie Moms' Club with 17 members this year.

**Wood County A&M University Mothers' Club**

**President: Beth Drinkwater**

Our club has twenty-one (21) members. We gave a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who has been accepted to A&M. We also gave three \$100 and two \$300 book scholarships to current students each semester.

In Fall, we send containers of goodies during finals week. In Spring, moms purchase gift cards at local restaurants for their Aggies and we will give them out during Boutique.

We will attend boutique and raffle a Benjamin Knox signed print and an Aggie living room Futon with pillows, blanket and side table. We will also sell Aggie Teddy Bears, T-shirts, caps, necklaces and various other items.

Our December meeting is a dinner at a local restaurant with our spouses. Our January meeting is a get-together with our Aggies.