



## Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

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Fall 2012 Newsletter

### Howdy Aggie Moms!

Fall is well underway at Texas A&M! Football is in full swing and we are gearing up for our annual tailgate with our students. We hope to see everyone there. Our next meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and will be a Salad Supper. We won't meet again after that until January so make plans to join us!

Gig 'em!  
Cindy

### RRAAMC News and Events

#### RRAAMC Winter Activity Calendar

Oct 1 – Nov 5	Poinsettia sales
Nov 17	Aggie Mom Tailgate for TAMU vs. Sam Houston State
Nov 19	Aggie Mom Salad Supper meeting & Fall Graduate Recognition
Nov 27	Ag Bag Stuffing
Nov 28	Ag Bag Delivery
Jan 14	Aggie Mom Meeting

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### Congratulations to our Fall Semester Graduates!

Hearty congratulations to all of our Fall 2012 graduates and their VERY proud Aggie moms! All of the RRAAMC moms are so proud of each one of you! We wish each of you a bright, prosperous future! Whoop!

Jennifer Albee, daughter of Beth Albee  
Joshua Parker, son of Diane Parker  
Katie Phillips, daughter of Deborah Phillips  
Amber Scott, daughter of Anne Scott  
Melissa Schaffer, daughter of Tamara Schaffer

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### Aggie Mom Tailgate is coming!

Our annual RRAAMC tailgate will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It

will be held before the Sam Houston State game. It is always so much fun and our students are so appreciative of the great food we serve. There are lots of ways to help out if you are interested. Please contact Dana Haddaway or Laura McNeil if you are able to help with decorating, setup or organizing. We hope to see you all there!

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**Ag Bag Reminder!** Just a reminder that Ag Bags are here! Order deadline is November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Ag Bags will be stuffed on November 27<sup>th</sup> for delivery to our students on November 28<sup>th</sup>. If you can help with stuffing or delivery, please contact Diane at 761-3833 or Anne at 925-2552. This is a fun activity to get involved in as our students are always so grateful for their bags!

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**Poinsettia Fundraiser** Would you or your student love to have beautiful maroon poinsettias in time for the holidays? You can with our RRAAMC Poinsettia Fundraiser

which helps us raise scholarship money for next year's incoming freshman. Check out our website at <http://rraamc.aggienetwork.com> to download a copy of the order form. Orders are due by November 5<sup>th</sup>! Contact Connie Weeks at 773-8299 if you have any questions about ordering.

### Texas A&M News and Events

**TAMU Galveston** Did you know that Texas A&M operates two branch campuses? One is in the Middle East and the other is right here in Texas. Since Texas A&M has a broad system of schools, you might wonder what the difference between being a branch campus and being part of the Texas A&M system of schools is exactly. Being a branch campus means that the institution is under the management and control of the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, with degrees offered under the name and authority of Texas A&M University at College Station. The students pull tickets for games just like College Station

students and are afforded all of the same rights and privileges. Diplomas are awarded by Texas A&M College Station.

Texas A&M Galveston is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year this year! One of the things Sea Aggies (as TAMU Galveston students are called) are known for—much like their land-locked counterparts in College Station—are their adherence and loyalty to Aggie traditions. Sea Aggies take part in all of the time-honored Aggie traditions like Big Event, the Aggie Ring, Elephant Walk, Howdy, Muster and the 12th Man, but they also have their own traditions: Maritime Ball, The Anchor (which is kind of like the Sully statue), SALT Camp, Texas Clipper Training vessel. The Sea Aggies just began their own Century Tree tradition – they took a sapling from the Century Tree in College Station and planted it on the senior knoll in Galveston!

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**Century Tree** Andy Duffy, '75, is raising seedlings from the Century Tree on the A&M main campus, and selling them to raise funds for a President's Endowed Scholarship. Kevin Jordan, '96, purchased a seedling and graciously donated it to Texas A&M at Galveston. The Century Tree, a live oak, is located in the heart of the main campus near the Academic Building. It is believed to be one of the first trees planted on the campus of the state's first public institution of higher learning, which opened in 1876. The tree has been the site of numerous marriage proposals, weddings and tourist snapshots because of its immense size and its unique drooping branches. It's not just Aggies who consider the tree famous. The Century Tree has received "Famous Tree of Texas" designation by the Texas Forest Service. The "Famous Tree of Texas" designation is reserved for "an elite group of trees that have 'witnessed exciting times in Texas frontier history' and are alive today".

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**Code Maroon** A bomb threat prompted a 5-hour evacuation at Texas A&M on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Texas A&M University's campus was shut down for about five hours after an emailed bomb threat prompted an evacuation of more than 50,000 people and a building-by-building search. The evacuation order, posted on the university's website as a "Code

Maroon" warning, directed those on campus to immediately evacuate by foot and not to use a vehicle. After the evacuation, the campus seemed like a ghost town. People could be seen off-campus, sitting under trees or waiting at the local restaurants. No bomb was found and school resumed as normal on Monday.

For anyone not familiar with Code Maroon, it is Texas A&M University's emergency notification system. Code Maroon uses multiple notification methods in a best effort to reach campus members in an emergency – by SMS text message, Texas A&M Email (Neo), KAMU-FM radio, campus cable television, Emergency Alert System radios, computer alerts, classroom alerts, Twitter and RSS. Students and parents can subscribe to Code Maroon in order to be notified of any emergency on campus. Visit <http://codemaroon.tamu.edu/> for more info.

### Texas A&M Upcoming Key Dates of Note

#### Key Fall Semester Dates

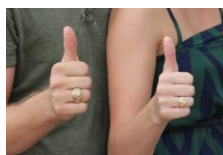
Here are the key dates your students should be aware of for fall semester at TAMU.

Nov 9	Aggie Ring Day
Nov 15-Dec 4	Preregistration for Spring Semester 2013
Nov 18	Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
Nov 20	Elephant Walk
Nov 22 -23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 4	Last day of classes for Fall Semester 2012
Dec 5-6	Reading Days
Dec 7, 10-12	Final Exams
Dec 14-15	Fall 2012 Commencement and Commissioning
Dec 17	Fall Semester Final Grades Due
Dec 24	Winter Break begins for Faculty/Staff

### Student & Campus Happenings

**Bonfire Remembrance November 18<sup>th</sup>** The Texas Aggie Bonfire has always symbolized every Aggie's "burning desire" to beat the University of Texas in football. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at 2:42 a.m., the Texas Aggie Bonfire collapsed. The collapse killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others. Every November 18<sup>th</sup>, Aggies gather at the Bonfire Memorial at 2:42 am to pay their respects to the 12 Aggies lost that fateful day. This year's

remembrance is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit <http://bonfire.tamu.edu/memorial>.



**Aggie Ring Day** Aggie Ring Day will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Clayton W. Williams Jr. Alumni Center. The Aggie Ring is one of

Texas A&M's most sacred traditions and is received once a student has earned 90 undergraduate cumulative hours with 45 being resident hours. For more information about Ring Day, visit:

<http://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/ringDay.aspx>

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**Elephant Walk /Junior E-Walk** Elephant Walk is one of the oldest traditions at Texas A&M, with its rich history dating back to the year 1926. This year marks the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event! Elephant Walk marks the end of the usefulness of the Aggie seniors to the student body. Like dying elephants, which wander the jungle looking for a place to die after their value to the herd is over, thousands of seniors will join hands and wander aimlessly about campus visiting landmarks for the symbolic "last time." The event occurs annually prior to the last regularly scheduled football game. Seniors meet at Kyle Field for a yell practice and presentations. Afterwards, senior yell leaders and redpots will lead the group through campus. The seniors will stop at Fish Pond, the Lawrence Sullivan Ross Statue, and the Corps Quadrangle for brief yell practices before heading out to the Bonfire site on the Polo Fields. Elephant Walk 2012 is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Note that this Aggie tradition is known to underclassmen as "E-Walk" since it is bad for underclassmen to say the word elephant as it is classified as a "senior word." For more information, visit

<http://aggietraditions.tamu.edu/classes/elephant.html>

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**Laughter & Reflection with Carol Burnett** A conversation with Carol where the Audience Asks the Questions. This event is planned for

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 7:30 PM at Rudder Auditorium.

### PIXAR Animation Studios Presentation

Representatives from PIXAR Animation Studios will give a presentation about their company on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 7:00 -9:00 PM in the Langford C105 room. Contact the Department of Visualization at 979-845-3465 for more information, or visit <http://bit.ly/Sm4cV5>.

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**Fightin' Texas Aggie Football** The Aggies' debut in the Southeastern Conference this year has been phenomenal! Although they are currently 6-2 (3-4 in the SEC), they have made a bold statement that they are competitors in the most competitive conference in the nation. We are so proud of our Aggies! Below is both the scoreboard to date and the football schedule for the remainder of the season.

SCOREBOARD	
Opponent	Outcome
Florida	L 17-20
Southern Methodist	W 48-3
South Carolina State	W 70-14
Arkansas	W 58-10
Mississippi	W 30-27
Louisiana Tech	W 59-57
LSU	L 19-24
Auburn	W 63-21

### Remaining 2012 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Nov. 3	at Mississippi State	Mississippi State , MS
Nov. 10	at Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
Nov. 17	Sam Houston State	Kyle Field
Nov. 24	Missouri	Kyle Field

