



## Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

P. O. Box 302 Round Rock, Texas 78680

January-February 2013 Newsletter

### Howdy Aggie Moms!

Happy new year! I hope each of you had a restful, happy and healthy holiday. Spring semester has begun for our students and for Aggie moms! It was great to see everyone who was able to attend our first meeting of the spring semester last week. We have 3 more meetings for this 2012-2013 academic year and have some great speakers lined up to keep us abreast of what's going on in Aggieland. In addition, there are several exciting events on the calendar for this semester. I can't wait to see you all there! Gig 'em!

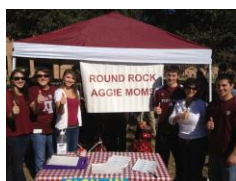
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### RRAAMC News and Events

#### RRAAMC Winter/Spring Activity Calendar

<b>Feb 18</b>	Aggie Mom Meeting
<b>Mar 2</b>	Anniversary Dinner
<b>Mar 18</b>	Aggie Mom Meeting
<b>Apr 12-13</b>	Aggie Mom Boutique @ Parents' Weekend
<b>Apr 15</b>	Aggie Mom Salad Supper and election of officers for 2013-2014

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**Thank you for a fun Aggie Mom Tailgate!** We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Round Rock Aggie Mom Club tailgate on

November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of the families who brought food, donated money and volunteered their time to make sure our students were well fed and happy before the game against Sam Houston State, which the Aggies won! Special thanks to Dana Hadaway and Laura McNeil for organizing this event for all of us! In case you don't subscribe to the Texas A&M Foundation web page, this picture of us was featured on their page the day after!

### Mark Troy visit at January Aggie Mom Meeting

Mark Troy was the featured speaker at

our last meeting and had some interesting information to share. Mark works for the Texas A&M Data and Research Service. TAMU has conducted research regarding whether or not newly admitted students should remain at TAMU after their first semester. What learning opportunities do students engage in and is there a goal we want to set for these students? Results of the research have led researchers to conclude that TAMU needs more graduate students, greater ethnic diversity and higher mandated credentials for 2020. The research measured the level of engagement of students, which included the amount of time & effort students put into educational activities, level of academic challenge and level of complexity of student work. 57% of students spend 16 hours per week studying. 46% engage in extracurricular activities. TAMU students rate in the top 10% when compared with other university students engaged in volunteer activities such as campus organizations and church groups. This results in applied learning for the students through direct experience with real world situations. TAMU students do not attend art events when compared with other university students, even though these activities are provided on campus. Freshman at TAMU tend not to get involved.

Overall, TAMU students rate the University highly, stating they are satisfied with academic and social needs. TAMU takes pride in the students' high contribution to community service. There is a sense of spirituality exemplified through volunteer efforts. First year students learn values and ethics. Senior's strengths include understanding yourself, solving real world problems, working effectively with others, values and ethics and community service. Overall, 62% of TAMU students get a job after obtaining their Bachelor's Degree and 85% of them work in a field related to their major. 25% of the graduates go to Graduate school and the rest go into specialized training.



## Aggie Mom Boutique at Parents' Weekend

We will be hosting our Round Rock Aggie Mom booth at Parents' Weekend April 12-13<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the MSC this year. It is a fabulous event involving Aggie Mom Clubs from all around Texas. Everything and anything Aggie can be found at this event! We need people to help organize and work the booths during the weekend. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Cindy Bordovsky-Stone at (512)921-1357 or email [rraamc@aggienetwork.com](mailto:rraamc@aggienetwork.com). See you there!

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## Anniversary Dinner & Silent Auction

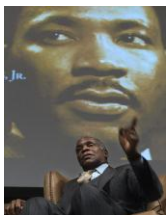
Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Anniversary Dinner & Silent

Auction which is coming up soon! It will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at United Methodist Church Family Center in Round Rock. Two Chicks Catering will be providing the meal and Freudian Slip, a group of Texas A&M students who deliver improvisational comedy, will be our featured entertainment.

The proceeds from this fundraising event go toward the scholarships our club awards to graduating seniors from our area high schools who will be attending Texas A&M in the fall. We need help with donations and baskets prior to the event, and then also during the event itself. If you are able to help or have questions regarding the dinner or auction, please contact Cindy Bordovsky-Stone at (512)921-1357 or email [rraamc@aggienetwork.com](mailto:rraamc@aggienetwork.com).

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## Texas A&M News and Events



## Danny Glover hosted breakfast honoring MLK

Actor Danny Glover captured the attention of hundreds on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast as he spoke on King's contemporary relevance. The

breakfast annually honors King by seeking to further his legacy of leadership in the Aggie community. Mr. Glover's speech can be found at [http://www.theeagle.com/gallery/news/collection\\_2d9bf8c8-60ea-11e2-8eb6-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.theeagle.com/gallery/news/collection_2d9bf8c8-60ea-11e2-8eb6-001a4bcf887a.html).

## Texas A&M Upcoming Key Dates of Note

### Key Spring Semester Dates

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

Jan 14	First day of spring semester classes
Jan 18	Last day for adding/dropping courses
Jan 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; school holiday
Feb 15	Last day to apply for degrees to be awarded in May
Mar 4	Mid semester grades due
Mar 11-15	Spring Break
Mar 29	Reading day – no classes
Apr 2	Last day to drop courses with no penalty
Apr 11-26	Preregistration for 2013 first term, second term, 10-week summer semester and fall semester
Apr 21	Muster
Apr 30	Last day of spring semester classes. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in May.
May 1-2	Reading days – no classes
May 3, 5-8	Final exams
May 10-11	Commencement & Commissioning

## Student & Campus Happenings

**MSC OPAS Present** The Memorial Student Center Opera and Performing Arts Society (MSC OPAS for short) was founded in 1972. It is an organization of the MSC which presents professional productions of theatre, music and dance programs that enlighten, entertain and inspire audiences. OPAs programs are funded entirely by revenue generated from ticket sales and contributions. OPAS focuses on variety as you can see by the upcoming schedule of events. There are several terrific events coming up:

**Women of Ireland** is a spectacular stage show inspired by the landscape, music song and dance of the old country.

**The Knights with Wu Man, pipa** is the world's premier pipa virtuoso, the leading ambassador of Chinese music. The pipa is a lute-like instrument with a history of more than 2 thousand years.

**Ramona Quimby** the exasperating but lovable third-grader, has delighted young readers for over fifty years through the books of Newbery Medal-winning writer Beverly Cleary. Now, she comes to life at Texas A&M on Feb 23.

**Hooray for Hollywood** Take a nostalgic journey through the most popular movie musicals of the last 50 years. Featuring a cast of 14 wonderful singers and dancers, a 6 piece band live on stage, and over 300 costume changes, enjoy film clips of your favorite movies from *Singing in the Rain* and *The Glenn Miller Story* to *Grease*, *Dirty Dancing*, and *Titanic*. March 1-2, Rudder Theatre.

**Neil Berg's The Phantoms of the Opera** Brad Little has played the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera more than 3,000 times on Broadway and around the world. He will be gracing the stage at Texas A&M in a world premiere all star theatrical concert celebration. Join us on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Rudder Theatre.

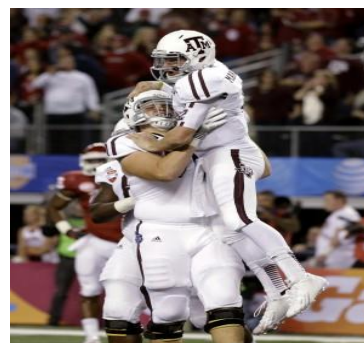
Event	Date	Location/Time
<a href="#">Women of Ireland</a>	Feb 12	7:30 PM Rudder Theatre
<a href="#">The Knights with Wu Man, pipa</a>	Feb 21	7:30 PM Rudder Theatre
<a href="#">Ramona Quimby</a>	Feb 23	2:00 & 4:00 PM Rudder Theatre
<a href="#">Hooray for Hollywood</a>	Mar 1-2	7:30 PM Rudder Theatre
<a href="#">Neil Berg's Phantoms of the Opera</a>	Apr 4-5	7:30 PM Rudder Theatre

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### Other Student Events of Interest

[An Acoustic Evening with Lyle Lovett and Robert Earl Keen](#) February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, Lyle Lovett '79 and Robert Earl Keen '78 are coming back to where it all started. For ONE NIGHT ONLY, these two Texas singer-songwriters - who, as friends here at Texas A&M, spent many a night performing together on their front porches - will perform acoustic, stripped-down versions of their most well-known songs, and share the humorous and heartwarming stories behind them. Tickets on sale beginning Fri Feb 1 at 10am, MSC Box. See <http://msc.tamu.edu/happening> for more info.

**Fightin' Texas Aggie Football** The Aggies' had a phenomenal first year in the SEC! They went 11-2 and upset the number 1 team in the nation, beating Alabama in Tuscaloosa! It was a terrific game all the way to the end. Then, as you all know, Johnny Manziel won the Heisman Trophy! Just in case you did not watch the ceremonies and hear him thank the 12<sup>th</sup> man, you can read his words here... <http://www.kbtx.com/sports/headlines/Johnny-Manziels-Heisman-Trophy-acceptance-speech-182694761.html>. If you'd rather watch it, check out YouTube. The Aggies went on to win the Cotton Bowl, beating Oklahoma! 2013-2014 has lots of promise! Gig 'em, Aggies!



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**Fightin' Texas Aggie Basketball** Basketball season is well underway and the Aggies are playing well! The men's basketball team is currently 12-5 in play and is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the Southeastern Conference. Both the men's and women's schedules are listed below.

### Remaining 2013 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb 13	vs. Mississippi	7:00 PM ET
Feb 16	at Vanderbilt	6:30 PM ET
Feb 20	at Auburn	8:00 PM ET
Feb 23	vs. Tennessee	4:00 PM ET
Feb 27	at Mississippi	9:00 PM ET
Mar 2	vs. South Carolina	7:00 PM ET
Mar 6	at LSU	8:00 PM ET
Mar 9	at Arkansas	2:00 PM ET



## Remaining 2013 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb 10	at South Carolina	3:30 PM ET
Feb 14	vs. Florida	9:00 PM ET
Feb 18	vs. Kentucky	7:00 PM ET
Feb 21	vs. Ole Miss	8:00 PM ET
Feb 24	at Vanderbilt	5:00 PM ET
Feb 28	at Tennessee	7:00 PM ET
Mar 3	vs. LSU	2:00 PM ET

