



# Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

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March-April 2015 Newsletter

## Howdy!

We made it! Like our Aggies, we are winding down another year. And it's been a great one for our Aggie Moms' Club. We had several interesting programs and many successful events. We can't say it enough - thanks for your participation and contributions! Special thanks to our Board for all their efforts.

Please join us for our big finale - the Salad Supper on April 20th. We will present graduation gifts, give out book grants and student recognition awards, recognize our hard-working Board, elect new Board members and eat!! We hope to see you there to help celebrate our outstanding year.

Gig 'Em!  
Sherri and Beth

## RRAAMC News and Events

There are some exciting activities coming up in our club this spring!

### RRAAMC Activity Calendar

<b>Apr 17-18</b>	Parents' Weekend Boutique
<b>Apr 20</b>	Monthly Meeting Salad Supper & Graduating Student Recognition
<b>Apr 28</b>	Ag Bag Stuffing
<b>Apr 29</b>	Ag Bag Delivery in College Station

All Aggie Mom meetings and salad suppers are held at the Fern Bluff Community Center located at 7320 Wyoming Springs Dr., Round Rock, TX 78681.

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**In Memoriam** Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the passing of Karen Barnett, daughter of Aggie Mom Anne Barnett.

Our condolences go out to the entire Barnett family for their tremendous loss. We offer our prayers for the peaceful repose of her soul.

Please note that Karen will be on the roll call at both the College Station and Williamson County Muster Ceremonies on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Round Rock Aggie Mom Anniversary Dinner Thank You!

Thank you to all of the moms and dads who came out to the anniversary dinner. It was a fun evening with food catered by Olive Garden and entertainment provided by the Round Rock High School Jazz Ensemble. We raised \$ 1,900 for scholarships! Thank you also to all who donated items to our auction, helped build baskets, asked service providers to donate services, helped set up or clean up, helped with the auction or checking people into the dinner and anything and everything else you did to make this dinner a success. We are all so grateful for our wonderful club!

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## Aggie Mom Boutique

Parents' Weekend is just around the corner and with it comes Aggie Mom

Boutique! The boutique is a fabulous event with everything Aggie that you could ever imagine available for purchase. The Aggie Mom Boutique is held in the Upper Level of the MSC on Friday and Saturday of Parents' Weekend. Whether you are in College Station for Ring Day or Parents' Weekend, stop by to shop on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm or Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 5:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to help staff our table during the boutique. If you are able to spare a couple of hours, please click on the volunteer link below. All help is appreciated! <http://vols.pt/KGiWtJ>

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**Ag Bags for Spring Semester Finals** Finals are coming and so are our Round Rock Aggie Mom Ag Bags! The Ag Bags for this semester will be laundry bags filled with lots of goodies to help our students during finals week. Stuffing will take place April 28<sup>th</sup> and delivery will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The request form can be found at the link below. Please direct questions to Anne Barnett at 512-925-2552.

[https://rraamc.aggienetwork.com/sites/rraamc.aggienetwork.com/files/Ag\\_Bag\\_Order\\_Form%20Spring%202015.pdf](https://rraamc.aggienetwork.com/sites/rraamc.aggienetwork.com/files/Ag_Bag_Order_Form%20Spring%202015.pdf)

**Round Rock HS Band Golf Tournament** As a thank you for their wonderful performance at the Anniversary Dinner, we are sharing some information on a golf tournament hosted by the Round Rock HS band. It will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Teravista Golf Club. It is from 8am-2pm and is a 4 person scramble, \$125 per golfer. Check out the website at <http://dragonbandgolf.golfreg.com>.

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**Happy Birthday students and moms!** Our March and April birthdays are listed on the back page of this newsletter. If you see any of the students or moms, please wish them a happy birthday for their special day!

### Texas A&M News & Events



#### Parents' Weekend 2015 is just around the corner!

Parents' Weekend is a special time dedicated to Aggie parents and family, and gives Aggie students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives.

Parents' Weekend is a long standing tradition at Texas A&M. It began in 1919, when membership in the Corps of Cadets was mandatory. Mothers who worried about their sons formed the Aggie Mother's Club to help their sons get through the "fish" and underclassmen years. An open house program was started and held on Mother's Day, before graduation. In 1969, graduation was pushed up and the program was moved to April. Corps flower pinning, chapel services, military reviews, Parents of the Year receptions, campus tours and outfit award presentations have been part of the weekend since its beginning. New activities are continually being added to include a wider variety of students. Some of these new activities include a traditions program, concerts, Bevo Burn Barbecue, Maroon and White Football Game, All University Awards, and 'Ol Army Yell Practice.

Parents' Weekend will be held from Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> this year and there is surely something scheduled to please everyone in the family. Below is a list of activities scheduled for the weekend. To find out more information about locations, times and ticket info where required, go to <http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/>.

#### Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

10am-5pm	Aggie Moms' Boutique – MSC Upper Level
10am-9pm	Aggie Ring Day – Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center
10am-5pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Man Foundation Sneak Peek of Kyle Field & learn about becoming a foundation member
10:30 am	Communication Undergrad Honors & Awards Ceremony
12 pm	Men's' Tennis – SEC Championship
1 pm	TAMU Central Utility Plant Tours
3:30 pm	Who's Who Awards
6:35 pm	Baseball vs. Arkansas
7:30 pm	The Annual Women's Chorus Spring Concert

#### Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

8am	Aggies Abroad Breakfast
9 am	College of Geosciences Open House
9am-11 am	College of GeoSciences Open House – O&M Building
9am	Mathematics Fair
9am-5pm	Aggie Moms' Boutique – MSC Upper Level
9am	Health Fair
10am	The Downtown Street & Art Fair
11am-2pm	Taste of Aggieland
12 pm	Men's Tennis – SEC Championship
7:30 pm	Baseball vs. Arkansas
7:30 pm	The Annual Singing Cadet Spring Concert

#### Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

11 am	Buck Weirus Spirit Award Ceremony – recognition of student contributions through involvement in the university and its traditions
12 pm	Men's Tennis – SEC Championship
2 pm	Phi Kappa Beta Honor Society Induction Ceremony
3 pm	Baseball vs. Arkansas



### Texas A&M Quidditch team retires jersey of Karen Barnett

Karen began playing quidditch in her freshman year and has played every year since. To honor her life and what she meant to her teammates and the team, the team has retired jersey #55.

[http://www.thebatt.com/news/quidditch-team-retires-jersey-of-fallen-player/article\\_26198894-dda8-11e4-a5c8-5fafef2e4188.html](http://www.thebatt.com/news/quidditch-team-retires-jersey-of-fallen-player/article_26198894-dda8-11e4-a5c8-5fafef2e4188.html)

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**The Big Event 2015** The Big Event was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> this year. Over 22,000 students participated which is the biggest turnout in its 33 year history. The Big Event was started as a way for students to say “Thank You” to the surrounding community for its support of Texas A&M University and students. Below is a video of all 22,000 students singing the War Hymn before heading out to serve for the day.

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10152927166588172>

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**Camp Brisket** The Washington Post just featured an article on a unique camp hosted by the Meat Science Division of Texas A&M and

Foodways Texas, which is housed at UT Austin (ironically). This year marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the camp, which featured Austin’s own Aaron Franklin, owner of the famous top rated BBQ place in the US, Franklin’s BBQ. Other notable attendees/lecturers included Robb Walsh, author of “Legends of Texas Barbecue”; Bryan Bracewell of Southside Market in Elgin; Daniel Vaughn, Texas Monthly barbecue editor and Wayne Mueller of Louie Mueller Barbecue in Taylor. Run by Texas A&M animal science professors Jeff Savell and Davey Griffin, the event attracts participants from all over. Check out the link below to find out more. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/what-are-they-smoking-at-a-texas-barbecue-camp-its-gotta-be-brisket/2015/02/23/1e04d012-b7c1-11e4-aa05-1ce812b3fdd2\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/what-are-they-smoking-at-a-texas-barbecue-camp-its-gotta-be-brisket/2015/02/23/1e04d012-b7c1-11e4-aa05-1ce812b3fdd2_story.html) Note: Photo by Robert Jacob Lerma

## Texas A&M Upcoming Key Dates of Note

### Upcoming Key Spring Semester Dates

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

Apr 9-24	Preregistration for summer terms and for fall semester
Apr 21	Last day to drop courses w/o penalty (Q-drop)
Apr 21	Muster
May 4	Prep Day, classes are held
May 5	Last day of Spring Semester classes
May 5	Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in May
May 5	Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes
May 6	Reading day; no classes
May 7-12	Final Exams
May 13	Grades due for all degree candidates in Howdy
May 14-16	Commencement & Commissioning
May 18	Final grades due

## Student & Campus Happenings



**Aggie Muster** “If there is an A&M man in one hundred miles of you, you are expected to get

together, eat a little, and live over the days you spent at the A&M College of Texas.” April 21<sup>st</sup> is Aggie Muster. Aggie Muster is a time honored tradition at Texas A&M that is held all over the world, wherever Aggies can gather. It officially began on April 21, 1922 as a day for remembrance of fellow Aggies. The "Roll Call for the Absent" commemorates Aggies, former and current students, who died during the year. Aggies light candles while friends and families of Aggies who died that year answer “here” when the name of their loved one is “called”. <http://muster.tamu.edu/> .

Muster is held at 7:00 PM in Reed Arena in College Station. In Austin, the Capital City A&M Club will be hosting muster at 6:00 PM at Hyde Park Baptist Church. Scott Whitaker '95 will be the guest speaker. A reception will follow. To find the location of other muster locations, go to this link. <http://www.aggienetwork.com/muster/search.aspx>.

ASK ME  
WHY I'M  
WEARING  
JEANS  
TODAY!

**Denim Day April 22** Denim Day is an all day event where everyone is asked to wear jeans to challenge Sexual Violence and raise awareness. 'Ask Me Why I'm

Wearing Jeans Today' buttons can be picked up in Cain Hall C-125.

Denim Day began as a response to the rape of an 18 year old Italian girl in 1992. The 45 year old driving instructor was convicted, however, an Italian appeals court overturned the conviction and the rapist went free. The reason was because the woman was wearing tight jeans and so would have had to help remove them, therefore, she consented. The women of the Italian parliament protested by wearing jeans to work and Denim Day began here in the United States that same year. See more at <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/wrc.denimday>.

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**Gallery Exhibit, Perspective '15: Pictures of Music** The J. Wayne Stark Galleries presents the annual student floral design exhibition where students will be inspired by Modest Mussorgsky's orchestral suite "Pictures at an Exhibition. The exhibit runs from March 26 – June 7, 2015. The Stark Galleries are located on the northeast corner of the Memorial Student Center on the main campus of Texas A&M University. Gallery Hours are from Tues-Fri 9-8; Sat-Sun 12-6. For more information, visit their website, <http://uart.tamu.edu/>.



# BIRTHDAYS!!!!!!



## March!

Our Students	
Amy Hammack	3/4
Peyton Bracamontez	3/9
Lauren Spikes	3/14
Justin Busby	3/15
Fred Henry	3/19
Marisa Gras	3/26
Maximilian Kirking	3/26
Raymond Brown	3/28

Our Moms	
Susan Hammack	3/4
Patricia Powers	3/16
Kim Bowen	3/25
Denise Hoelting	3/30

## April!

Our Students	
Mason Mansoor	4/5
Rachael Wells	4/10
Brandon Williams	4/10
Shealynn Gervan-Brown	4/15
Sierra Silla	4/15
Haley Ewing	4/19
Michelle Nzoiwu	4/20
Emily Tasker	4/23
Sam McDonald	4/26

Our Moms	
Francia Harutunian	4/4
Hallie Lowe	4/11
Pam Osborn	4/12
Lisa Stefani	4/12
Collette Bellville	4/25
Susie Eaves	4/27