



Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

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November-December 2011 Newsletter

Howdy Aggie Moms!

Thank you to our Tailgate Committee and volunteers for the great event after the Missouri game. The Tailgate food was delicious and we had a good turnout of students and families. Also, the Poinsettia fundraiser went very well. We sold close to 200 plants and the revenue will be a big help to our club. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 14 at 7PM and will be a Salad Supper. We won't meet again until January, so make plans to join us! Look for an e-mail with more details.

Gig 'em!
Denise and Connie

RRAAMC News and Events

RRAAMC Winter Activity Calendar

Nov 11	Aggie Mom Camp
Nov 14	Aggie Mom Salad Supper meeting & Fall Graduate Recognition
Dec 5	Ag Bag Stuffing
Dec 6	Ag Bag Delivery
Jan 23	Aggie Mom Meeting

Congratulations to our Fall Semester Graduates!

Hearty congratulations to all of our Fall 2011 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!

Ryan Freidberg, son of Janet Friedberg
Kristen Kennedy, daughter of Julie Kennedy
Eryn Migl, daughter of Michelle Migl
Shane Young, son of Nancy Young



Thank you for a fun Aggie Mom Tailgate! Our annual RRAAMC tailgate was great fun as almost 200 students and families

joined us to share a delicious BBQ lunch. The football game didn't quite end as we had hoped but the tailgate helped make up for it with great food and great company. Thanks to all who volunteered and to all who attended. Some of the pictures from

the event are sprinkled throughout the newsletter. See you again next year!



Ag Bag Reminder! Just a reminder that Ag Bags will be stuffed on December 5th and delivered to our students on December 6th. If you can help with stuffing or delivery, please contact Renee Cardwell at rdcardwell@gmail.com or Susan Pair at spair8@yahoo.com. This is a fun activity to get involved in as our students are always so grateful for their bags!

Save the Date! The Annual Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction is scheduled for February 25, 2012 at First United Methodist Church in Round Rock. Mark your calendars as you do not want to miss this wonderful event. More details to come! Please see the list of donors from last year's dinner and auction attached to this newsletter. Thank you to our generous donors!

RRAAMC Website

Check out our Aggie Mom website for all kinds of TAMU parent information, campus happenings and our RRAAMC information. Please note the bulletin board feature on our website where apartment/home rental information, textbooks, athletic tickets, etc. are posted. Visit <http://rraamc.aggienetwork.com/> to see the latest.

Austin Area Aggie News

Local Aggie Business Che Bella is an Aggie owned gift boutique in Round Rock offering truly

unique and one-of-a-kind gifts, art, jewelry, apparel, and home décor. You have seen Che Bella's items at our Anniversary Dinner last year as the owners kindly donated to our silent auction. Che Bella is celebrating its one year anniversary and invites all Aggie moms to stop in to shop and say 'Howdy!' [Celebrate Che Bella's 1st Anniversary!](#)

Hockey Double Header Let's create the 12th man support in Austin by bringing a group of Aggies to support Texas A&M in a hockey match against UT. A 2011 Texas A&M graduate who works with the Texas Stars Hockey Team in Cedar

Park invites all of us come out and watch a Hockey Double Header featuring the Texas Stars vs. Abbotsford Heat AND Texas A&M vs. UT. Group discounted tickets and parking are available by contacting Kayla Eulenfeld at keulenfeld@texasstarshockey.com.



Texas A&M News and Events

The Big Event! [The Big Event](#), the nation's largest one day student run service project, held this year on March 24, 2012, was started at Texas A&M 30 years ago and has since expanded to other colleges across the nation. The event is eligible for a grant through Pepsi for \$25,000 and they need our help! Nathan Turner, the student chairman of the Big Event, spoke at our September meeting about the amount of fundraising required in order to pull off the event in March. The Pepsi grant will be a huge boost! It is awarded based on votes on the Pepsi sponsored website. So this is where we can help! The voting goes on for the **ENTIRE** month of November. You can help by

1. **Texting 109628 to 73774** (If you have a smart

phone you can type Pepsi into the To: Field)

2. **Going to**

<http://www.refresheverything.com/thebigevent>

3. **Registering** with an email address (takes 1 min) or use Facebook to vote (or do both). You can do one of these options, or ALL of them EACH day!

Bonus: This month, specially marked Pepsi Products (Bottles and 12 pack cases) have a chance for a POWER vote. The selected products will have a code that can be used to vote for an organization and the organization will receive 100 votes from the one POWER vote.

Texas A&M CARPOOL! Texas A&M's Carpool organization is also eligible for the same Pepsi grant as the Big Event, but is not competing against the Big Event since they are in different tiered categories. In case you haven't heard, CARPOOL is a student-run safe ride program at Texas A&M University that provides free, safe, and non-judgmental rides to the Bryan/College Station community. They operate during the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. To vote for the Texas A&M Carpool Organization to receive the Pepsi grant, Text 109864 to 73774 (Pepsi) or <http://www.refresheverything.com/tamucarpool>.

Texas A&M Engineering's rescue robotics featured by MSNBC MSNBC's Future of Technology featured Texas A&M Engineering's rescue robotics work as well as a unique training facility that is part of Texas A&M Engineering. Dr. Robin Murphy, a pioneer in the field of rescue robotics, has been working on developing technology to help emergency responders during a disaster. Dr. Murphy joined the faculty of Texas A&M in 2008. She was named one of the [2011 Most Influential Women in Technology](#) by *Fast Company* magazine. Dr. Murphy is best known for her work with search and rescue robots. Her robots have been used in the rubble of the World Trade Center following the Sept. 11 attacks.





with a yell practice, followed by ring distribution at 2:00 pm. For more information about Ring Day: <http://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/ringDay.aspx>

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. For the graduating class of 2012, Elephant Walk will be held on November 22nd. Senior Step-Off is planned for 2:12pm from the 12th Man Statue and Junior Step-Off is at 2:13 from the Corps Arches. More information on this year's walk can be found at:

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

Fightin' Texas Aggie Football The Aggies are currently 5-3. The remaining 2011 football schedule is:

Remaining 2011 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Nov. 12	at Kansas St.	Manhattan, KS
Nov. 19	Kansas	Kyle Field
Nov. 26	Texas	Kyle Field

The Aggies join the SEC! As most of you know, Texas A&M has officially left the Big 12 football conference and joined the SEC. The move becomes effective in July 2012. This affects all sports, not just football! It was announced that Missouri is following Texas A&M's lead and has officially announced that it, too is joining the SEC. A lot of changes are underway!



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 17-Dec 6	Preregistration for Spring Semester 2012
Nov 18	Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
Nov 18	Aggie Ring Day
Nov 22	Elephant Walk
Nov 24 -25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 6	Last day of classes for Fall Semester 2011
Dec 7-8	Reading Days
Dec 9-14	Final Exams
Dec 16-17	Fall 2011 Commencement and Commissioning
Dec 19	Fall Semester Final Grades Due
Dec 23	Winter Break begins for Faculty/Staff

Student & Campus Happenings

Bonfire Remembrance November 18th The Texas Aggie Bonfire has always symbolized every Aggie's "burning desire" to beat the University of Texas in football. On November 18th, 1999 at 2:42 a.m., the Texas Aggie Bonfire collapsed. The collapse killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others. Every November 18th, 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 18th. For more information, visit <http://bonfire.tamu.edu/memorial>.

AGGIE RING DAY Aggie Ring Day will take place on November 18th, 2011 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. Ring Day will kick off at 1:45 pm



Many thanks to the Silent Auction Donors for the 2011 Round Rock Area Aggie Moms Club Anniversary Dinner for your wonderful generosity!

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 Victoria's Gifts and Collectibles
 Eric Waggoner, Pastry Chef
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 Wordyisms
 Andee Young, Personal Photo Organizer
 Z Tejas (Parmer Lane)

And last but not least, a special thank you to all of our Aggie Moms who donated items to the silent auction!

