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Howdy from the President

As another school year begins and Aggie football is well under way, it seems fitting to pay homage to those beautiful, talented, special women who ensure that the Aggie Network lives on forever: Aggie Moms. Let's face it, without our Aggie Moms, none of us would be Aggies. And that would, indeed, be a tragedy!

Aggie Moms come in all shapes and sizes. From cities and towns, big and small, across America and around the world. From all walks of life. Working in every possible vocation. They didn't all attend Texas A&M, but somehow they got here as fast as they could. And I want to assure each and every one of them that they ARE Aggies.

Being an Aggie is about excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect, and selfless service. All qualities that we learn throughout our lives from our moms, whether the ones who gave birth to us or the ones we meet along our way. No one exemplifies these core values more than our Aggie Moms.

E.M. Forster once wrote: "I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars." Looking at all of the Aggies Moms that I have had the pleasure of knowing (and all those that I look forward to meeting very soon), I can assure you that Mr. Forster was right. So I urge you to take a moment – any chance you get – to thank the strong, intelligent, incredible women who are proud to be called Aggie Moms.

Thanks and gig 'em!
deborah lawson '92

HAMC Scholarship Recipients

Houston A&M Club President's Endowed Scholarship

Marie C. Evans '17, Chemical Engineering

Richard "Dick" Allen Endowed Opportunity Award

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The Houston A&M Club would like to thank everyone involved for their support in planning an exciting event. A special thank you goes to our special guests, sponsors and volunteers. Coach's Night was held on Friday, July 26th at Reliant Center. Texas A&M Head Coach Kevin Sumlin was our honorary guest as we celebrate our first year in the Southeastern Conference.

The event included appearances by Presidents Loftin '70 and Rear Admiral Smith '61 (Texas A&M Galveston), along with Aggie Football legends Sammy Williams '68, Bucky Richardson '92, Hunter Goodwin '96 and Hugh McElroy '71. Miss Reveille VIII and the 2012-2013 Yell Leaders were also in attendance. Special guests included notable Aggies: Greg Bailey '90 (as Master of Ceremonies), Senator Glenn Hegar '93, Commandant Joe Ramirez '79, David Nuno '99, Brent Zwerneman & Crystal Galny '01, Gabe Bock '03, Travis Herzog '04, Josh Wager '04, Justin Moore '04, Randy McIlvoy and Porter Garner '79, and beloved coaches Jason Cook '13, Mark Hagen, Terry Price '92, Jeff Banks '13, Jake Spavital, and Marcel Yates.

This event is about Celebrating Aggieland and our accomplishments both on and off the field. In addition, it provides funding to the Houston A&M Club scholarships and programs. The program was accompanied by a silent and live auction with Aggie memorabilia, packages and other great items.

Thank you to the members of our committee for the hard work and time spent putting together a successful event and the support of our HAMC President, Deborah Lawson '92

Julie Williams '04 – Program Chair
Rhonda Batke '84 – Auction Chair



HOUSTON AGGIE MOMS

HOWDY and welcome to an exciting year with the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club! I am so thrilled and honored to be your president this year. We have wonderful programs and activities planned and we hope you will join us. We are a diverse group of women bonded by our children's current or past involvement with Texas A&M University. The theme for our club this year is Jewels of A&M where we will explore some of the wonderful aspects of our beloved University.

The Houston A&M University Mothers' Club was formed in 1927 when six mothers decided to get together to bring chicken dinners to their "boys" once a month. Today our club is part of a larger organization: The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs. Over 125 clubs across Texas and other states comprise the Federation. You will hear more about Federation Events in this newsletter.

As mothers, we want to nurture and care for our children. We want to provide support during the years to our Aggies. At every meeting you will get information that you can use to help your sons and daughters. In turn, we help each other to answer questions and find resources for our students. Aggie Mothers' Clubs set Texas A & M apart from other universities. As far as we know, Texas A & M is the only university in the United States where mothers are organized for the purpose of supporting their students, each other, and the University. You will make life-long friends with other moms in this club because of our shared experiences.

We have fun during our meetings and special events such as the Christmas Luncheon, Bunco Night, shopping at Round Top and our Crazy Auction fundraiser. Through Houston Aggie Moms we will unify our individual talents and abilities to create scholarships, provide Finals Care Packages, support libraries, and other student organizations such as the Big Event and the Student Counseling Center. Together we have the chance to laugh, learn and broaden our experiences, just as our children are learning and growing, we will too!

As changes occur such as entering a new athletic conference, rebuilding Kyle Field and now choosing a new President for our university, we will be there to support and love our students. You can always find out more about our events on our webpage www.houstonaggiemoms.aggienetwork.org or find us on our private Facebook page at Houston Aggie Moms.



Our three Fish Socials this summer were well attended by many enthusiastic new fish moms. Special thanks to Lisa Demiano and JoAnn Rucker our Fish Social Chairs, for coordinating the events and to our hostesses Susie Grace, Pamela Walker and Kim Wilson, you all were awesome! Thanks also to all of the moms who helped with food and refreshments. A big WHOOP! for our students Abby Demiano '15, Paul Colquitt '15, Parker Wilson '14, Alexandra Walker '14, Macki McKim '14 and Bryan Rucker '15 who were a tremendous help answering questions. If you couldn't join us it's not too late!

Please feel free to call any of the officers if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you and hearing about your Aggie(s)! So bring a friend and come join us! You will be glad you did!

Thanks and Gig'em! | Cheryl Dinwoodie | President | Houston A&M University Mothers' Club (Houston Aggie Moms) | cadinwoodie@aol.com



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Keeping the Spirit Alive Forever

If there is one thing that Aggies are known for, it's keeping our traditions. No one knows that better than John Q. Allen '93 who keeps the Spirit in the form of more than 500 pieces of Aggie history from yearbooks to photos from 1892 to original Corps brass. Those lucky enough to have seen the travelling exhibit have been treated to a history preserved like no others in the form of yearbooks covering almost the entire 20th century.

In 1895, Lawrence Sullivan Ross was still president of the Texas A&M College, when several Battalion editorials called for the creation of a yearbook. That first yearbook contained a "Public Explanation" for its creation: "Olio will serve both as a memento of our college days for future years and as a memorial of us to the classes which may follow." The Olio was a one-hit wonder, and when the second yearbook was published, in 1903, it was titled the and in 1949, amidst great contro- continues to elude John, and a 1903 but there's always tomorrow and explore.

John's collection started twenty of the pioneers of TAMC – including Harrison, and Walter D. Northcutt as John meets new Aggies. It now present, bonfire memorabilia, and



Long Horn, later written as Longhorn, versy, changed to Aggieland. The Olio Long Horn slipped through his grasp, another estate sale or eBay auction to

years ago with pieces donated by some L. Whaley, Edward E. Crain, J.H. I – and it continues to grow and evolve includes cavalry items from 1992 to the lots of historic Corps paraphernalia.

The collection is a natural extension of the work John does for A&M. While at A&M, John was a proud member of Company L-1 and Parson's Mounted Cavalry, the only active organized cavalry unit still surviving after WWII. John has served as President and program director for the Deep East Texas A&M Club. As an area representative, John facilitates communications between the Association of Former Students and the former students in his area. And, as a Corps recruiter, John seeks out students and shares his stories, rich in history, leadership and heroism. This collection is just one more way John gives back to A&M.

"I don't do it for myself," says John. "It's for staff, professors, alumni who are commissioned war officers. For the brave people serving from Texas Rangers to WWII soldiers to the Spanish American War to Iraq. For the first person to fly into Desert Storm. For a friend of mine who was killed on duty. For the seven Congressional Medal of Honor winners from the University. I do it for the military tradition."

If you would like to donate (or sell) an item to the collection, or want more information on where the collection will be displayed, please contact John at tamc93@yahoo.com or 903-241-0524.



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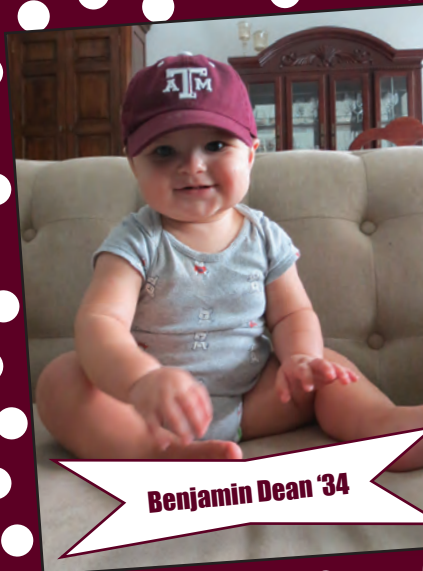
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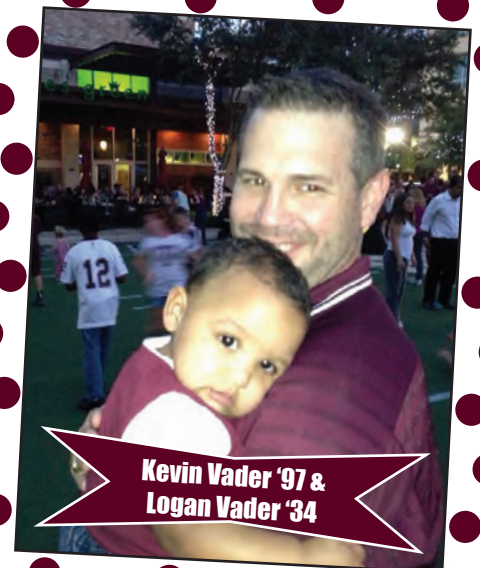
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"One year from today, August 21, 2014, the SEC Network will be launched, marking an historic day in the almost 80-year history of the Southeastern Conference," said SEC Commissioner Mike Slive. "One week later, the SEC Network will kick off the 2014 football season with a conference game between Texas A&M and South Carolina scheduled for Thursday, August 28 in Columbia, S.C."

If there was any doubt left as to how the SEC felt about Texas A&M, that coffin was nailed shut with those words. When the 2014 schedule was officially announced, many A&M fans were giddy, and with good reason. Maybe they were thrilled about a primetime Thursday night game to kick off the college football season and the SEC Network. Maybe it was the confirmation of a Thanksgiving day matchup with LSU at Kyle Field, which had been rumored for a while. Maybe it was seeing Ole Miss on the home schedule for the first time. Whatever the case may be, the Aggies now know when and where their conference games will be played next year.

Aug. 28 - at South Carolina
Sept. 27 - vs. Arkansas (Arlington)
Oct. 4 - at Mississippi State
Oct. 11 - OLE MISS
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An Aggie Abroad: Living the Expat Life

When my husband moved to the construction group at Shell Oil in January of 2012, we knew we'd be destined for an international assignment. At least we hoped. Late that fall my husband hinted at an opportunity in Singapore. I grinned from ear to ear but then reality set in. I was several months into my pregnancy and our son would only be a few months old when we'd have to move overseas. I tried to imagine what life would be like several time zones away from home with no family, no friends and a young baby to boot!



Jeremy, Adriana '06 & Benjamin Dean
Anthony "Trey" '04, Ashley,
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The few months before our move were the craziest ones I ever experienced in my life! Imagine the stress of moving house in the city of Houston with an infant child. Now multiply that stress by ten and you'll get an idea.

Upon our arrival to Singapore, I immediately joined mother and baby groups and searched for Aggies in Singapore. I found a facebook group for Aggies in Singapore and within days I exchanged a few emails with an Aggie that had been living in Singapore for 3 years with his wife and two young children. He invited us for dinner at a nearby bbq restaurant and we became immediate friends.

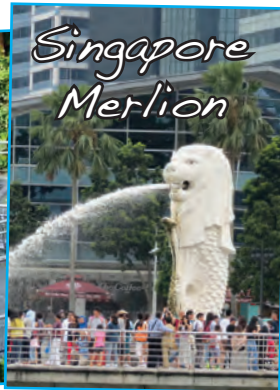
Singapore has one of the greatest expat communities! Expat families are welcoming and you're sure to make new friends within weeks of moving here. But finding another Aggie friend makes you miss home less! There's a camaraderie there that can't be explained. Trey and Ashley are our first new friends from abroad.

If you're coming down to Singapore make sure to try the Singapore chili crab, fish head curry and laksa at a local hawker stand for under \$5. Visit the beautiful temples of Little India and

eat delicious curries. Visit the Singapore Zoo and do the Night Safari. It is amazing! Trek the Mount Faber canopy walk to Hort Park. Visit Sentosa Island for a few days and experience the beach, Universal Studios or try your luck at the casino. Take a tour of Clarke Quay and see the national mascot of Singapore, the Merlion (head of a lion and body of a fish). And don't forget to get a breathtaking view of Singapore from the Marina Bay Sands observation deck! And that's not the half of it. This small island is so rich with culture and life that you'll want to stay as long as you can.

If you find yourself moving to a different country, do your research and find an Aggie somewhere nearby. Or, if you're coming down to Singapore, look us up and we'll be happy to show you what S'pore has to offer!

Adriana Dean '06



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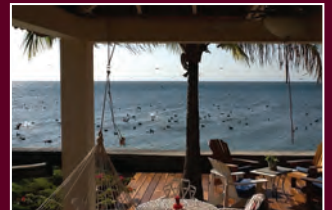
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Aggie Ring: Better Late Than Never



was contacted, an anonymous donation was made, and Tara was informed that her Ring was finally within her reach.

On 10 May 2013, Tara and her friend, Lisa Read '79, arrived at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center ready to pick up that little box that every Aggie treasures. Instead of the regular pomp and circumstance, however, fellow CAMP volunteers Freddie Wong '69, Allison Rosen, Lara Sterzing, Ryan Vance, and Dan Hunsucker presented Tara with the ring in a private ceremony. For the first time in twelve years, Tara didn't hide her right hand, but displayed it proudly, treasuring the undeniable proof of friendship that she will wear for the rest of her life.

"The Ring is a matter of pride, the Aggie Spirit and being part of the Aggie family—people recognize it everywhere," Tara said. "I just know I can count on my Aggie friends. . . . I know I can trust the people because I know what we are made of. I know there's the loyalty, the honesty and the trustworthiness."

On 10 May 2013, something wonderful happened in College Station. An anonymous donor granted the wish of one very luck Aggie. Twelve years after graduating with a master's degree in educational technology, Tara Rollins '01 finally got

By day, Tara is a school librarian at Kujawa Elementary School in Aldine ISD. In her free time, Tara is a group leader for the CAMP Program (Caring Aggie Mentoring Program). In short, Tara spends almost all of her time helping children be the best they can be, whatever it takes.

One day, at a CAMP event, Tara happened to mention that she had never been able to afford an Aggie Ring. This troubled some of her fellow volunteers, who decided something had to be done. The specific details are being kept a mystery, but thanks to a few generous Aggies, another Aggie legend took shape. The Ring Office



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Bonfire Remembrance Traditions Meeting

Monday, November 18th, 2013
12 PM to 1 PM

Hess Club - 5430 Westheimer Rd.

Remembering the joys and sorrows of Bonfire
throughout its history, on and off campus.

Tomball HAPPY HOUR!

1st Tuesday

starts at 6:00p.m.

Lone Star Ice House

10801 Spring Cypress Rd.
Houston, Texas 77070



The Woodlands HAPPY HOUR

1st Thursday

























starts at 5:00 p.m.

Luca & Leonardo on
Waterway Avenue
The Woodlands


























HOUSTON AGGIE EVENTS

OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  	2 	3  	4 Aggie Night at the Dynamo 	5 
6	7 	8 	9	10  	11	12  Ole Miss
13 	14 	15	16  	17 	18	19  Auburn
20	21 	22	23	24 	25 Greek Weekend (College Station)	26 Greek Weekend (College Station)  Vanderbilt
Greek Weekend 27 (College Station) 	28 	29	30	31 HOWDY @PROOF 		

NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  UTEP
3	4 	5  	6 	7  	8	9  Mississippi State
10 	11 	12 	13 HOWDY Club Opens Scholarship Applications 	14 Aggie Moms' Kendra Scott Event  	15	16
17 Bonfire Remembrance	18 	19	20  	21  	22 Aggie Moms' Fish Camp (College Station)	23 Aggie Moms' Fish Camp  LSU
24 	25 	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY	29	30  Missouri

GREEK FORMER STUDENT NETWORK

The Greek Former Student Network connects current and former Greek students, stimulates interest in and loyalty to Texas A&M, and provides inter generational programs that further the educational and charitable interests of the Greek letter organizations, Texas A&M and The Association. Build your Aggie Network by getting involved with the Greek Former Student Network.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Aggie Moms' Finals Care Packages Delivery 	 		 		Aggie Moms' Holiday Luncheon SEC Championship Game 
8 	9 	10 	11	12  	13	14
15	16 	17	18  	19  	20	21 Lone Star Showcase
22 	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE				



Traditions Lunch

12pm, Hess Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd



Downtown Meet & Greet Lunch

12pm, Artista Restaurant, 800 Bagby St



Wh30p! Happy Hour

Locations on whoophouston.com



Ol' Army Cocktail Hour

5:30pm-?, Sheraton Brookhollow, 3000 N Loop W Fwy



Houston Food Bank

6pm to 8:30pm, 535 Portwall St



The Woodlands Lunch

12pm, Americas, 21 Waterway Avenue



Tomball Happy Hour

5:30pm, Lone Star Ice House, 10801 Spring Cypress Rd



Reveille Club

6:30am, Cafe Express, 1101 Uptown Park



Houston Aggie Women's Lunch

12pm, Maggiano's, 2019 Post Oak Blvd



Howdy Club Happy Hour

Locations on howdyclub.com



Houston Aggie Moms' Club

6:30pm, Church of Christ, 1910 Bering Dr



Cypress Happy Hour

6:30pm, Cork Cafe, 25712 NW Fwy, Ste C



42 Tournaments

4pm, Luke's Ice House, 903 Durham St



The Woodlands Happy Hour

5pm, Luca & Leonardo, 20 Waterway Avenue