

# Kingwood/Humble Area *Aggie Moms*Newsletter February/March, **2014**

#### **President's Corner**

Howdy!!! Thanks to all Aggie Moms, Aggie Dads and Aggie students who attended our January meeting and heard Paul Pausky, Associate Director of Career Services. He is always a favorite speaker for our Aggies because he offers specific information on networking, connecting with other Aggies and strategies for finding internships and jobs in your career field. He also reminded the group that the career services offered by the Association of Former Students is available to Aggies even after they graduate as they continue along their chosen career path. Good information!

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, Feb. 4 as we welcome Reid Joseph, this year's Student Body President. Reid is a wonderful speaker and you are sure to enjoy his remarks and his Aggie enthusiasm. Please arrive for refreshments and shopping at 6:30 pm as the program will begin on or before 7:00. We will not be holding a general meeting in the month of March due to Spring Break.

We want to thank all of the Aggie Moms who participated in the Federation of Aggie Moms Winter Meeting in College Station on Jan. 18. Our club was in charge of the District 4 meeting, hosting around 50 Aggie Moms from the area from nine clubs in 10 Texas counties. We had a wonderful time sharing activities and ideas for Aggie Moms projects and also had an opportunity for photos with the lovely Miss Reveille. In addition, we presented a check for \$1500 to the Library Endowment Fund in memory of past president, Kay Venable. Thank you to everyone who donated funds and made this special memorial possible.



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**Dates to Remember:** 

February 4th April 1 April 1 April 11-12<sup>th</sup>

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6:30 pm General Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church Deadline to Order Spring Goody Bags

6:30 pm General Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church Boutique at Parent's Weekend, College Station

# **Programs**

The Kingwood Humble Area Aggie Moms will hold their Feb/Mar meeting on Tuesday, February 4th, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 3803 Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood. The group would like to invite moms of all Aggies including current and former students. The featured speaker for the meeting will be Reid Joseph, Student Body President. Mr. Joseph is a Senior Industrial Distribution major at Texas A&M University from Springdale, Arkansas. Born in Dallas, he is a Texan and proud third generation Aggie. He is a member of the Corps of Cadets, the Ross Volunteer Company, and the Texas A&M Foundation Maroon Coats. The past three years he has also served on the Aggie Muster Committee, Fish Aides, Traditions Council, the Memorial Student Center Abbott Family Leadership Conference and the Professional Association for Industrial Distribution. He is also a Buck Weirus and Whos Who recipient. He was elected as the 70<sup>th</sup> Student Body President at Texas A&M and the first senior cadet to be elected in 22 years. For more information call Carolyn at 832-746-5254 or visit the club's website at: www.khaggiemoms.org.

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## Making an Impact on Our Future

Looking for a way to make our local Aggie Moms club even better than it already is? Step forward and say "YES! I can help. Where do you need me?" The club has many areas of participation, but one of the most fulfilling and rewarding is to be an officer on the Aggie Mom's Executive Board. I have been on the Aggie Moms Board for our Kingwood/ Humble club for six years and I have thoroughly enjoyed every year. Officers work side by side with the club membership on all club activities and events and have a great time! Officer position interest forms will be available at the January and February general meetings. The Nominations Committee will bring the officer slate before the membership for a vote at the April general meeting. Newly elected officers will be initiated in May and begin their duties in June. However, now is the time to let us know of your interest! Whether you have assisted one of our committees this year or you are new to membership, there is most likely a place for you to be involved! If you have any questions regarding a certain board position, please don't hesitate to contact any of our Board officers or call me. We would love to hear from you.

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# Scholarship & Philanthropy

The Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms were very excited to award two \$200 student awards at their General Monthly Aggie Mom meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. Winners were Bethany Hunter (Class of 2016) and Tim Roach (Class of 2014). We hope to see everyone at the February meeting. Make sure you stop by the Scholarship/Philanthropy Table to enter your Aggie's name for a chance to receive a student award. Two student awards are given at each meeting. Gig'em!

Scholarship & Philanthropy Co-Chairs:

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# Goody Bags – ORDER NOW!!! Deadline April 1st

We want to thank each and every one who made the Fall GOODY Bag such a success. We handed out over 163 bags and none of it would have been possible without all the help received. Gig'em to all the moms who came to pack the bags, provided an ENORMOUS amount of baked goods, broke down the boxes for trash, loaded the bags in the cars, drove our precious cargo to our campuses, and for all those that were able to help hand out the bags. Our Aggie students were so gracious and we are sure that finals were a success for each of them!

Have you ordered a Spring Goodie Bag for your favorite Aggie? The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 1st! A single Goodie Bag for the Spring semester is \$30. Goodie Bags also make great gifts for your Aggie's roommates or friends. Goodie bags will be hand delivered just in time for Finals Week. An order form is available on our website at <a href="www.khaggiemoms.org">www.khaggiemoms.org</a>. If you would like to help with the May delivery to College Station or to Galveston, please email us!

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### **Membership**

We would like to welcome you to the Texas A&M family. Then the Aggie Mom's Club is the place to be. <a href="It">It's not too late!</a> We would like to invite you and your friends to join the Kingwood/Humble Texas A&M Aggie Mom's Club. Our club is composed of mothers, stepmothers and guardians of present and former students of Texas A&M - College Station and Texas A&M - Galveston who reside in the Kingwood/Humble area. If you are not an Aggie Mom but would still like to participate, you may join as an Associate Member. Membership dues for the entire year are \$20. You can find and download a copy of the Membership Form from our website, (<a href="www.khaggiemoms.org">www.khaggiemoms.org</a>). You may bring your form to the next meeting or mail it to the address on the form.

# **Benefits of Membership**

- Monthly meetings featuring speakers from campus groups with information on programs and services
- Community projects to fund student scholarships, awards and donations to A&M student groups
- Discounted "goody bags" each semester that you can send to your son or daughter during finals week
- Monthly newsletters, websites and emails to keep you well informed and aware of campus events
- Networking with other Aggie Moms- a valuable resource for any questions you might have
- Shopping at our great Boutique!

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to contribute to the comfort and welfare of the students at Texas A&M. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 7 @ 6:30 pm. **Thanks and Gig 'em!** 

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# **Boutique News**

Join us in College Station during Parent Weekend on <u>Friday April 11th</u> - <u>Saturday April 12th</u> in the Upper Level of MSC (Memorial Student Center) for the best Aggie Boutique in Texas!! Aggie Moms organizations from all over the state will come together on this one weekend to sell more Aggie merchandise than you could ever imagine in one place. Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms is a popular stop for many Aggies looking for ring boxes. We will have those and so much more, so plan to stop by and see us.

We are needing volunteers to man our boutique tables at Parents Weekend, April 11-12. If you love Nutcracker Market, you will love Aggie Mom Boutique at Parents Weekend. Looking for workers to sign up for a two hour shift. Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Meeting or contact Lisa Lawrence <a href="mailto:lisa2busy@gmail.com">lisa2busy@gmail.com</a> for a shift assignment.

We participated in a mini boutique at our Federation of Aggie Moms meeting January 18<sup>th</sup>. As a preview to Parents Weekend Boutique, you're going to see some awesome items from our other area clubs.

We will be crafting each week making lots of coasters and decoration game day shoes. So if your free during the day let Gayle, Patty and Lisa know your contact information and they can let you know when there will be crafting days that match your talents.

**Boutique Chairs:** 

Gayle Keller <u>keller6@suddenlink.net</u> Lisa Lawrence lisa2busy@gmail.com

Patty Amoruso amorusojpcd@embarqmail.com

#### **Historian: Photos Wanted!!**

Calling all photographers! If you have any Aggie Moms meetings, events, or student's photos you want to share for inclusion in our annual scrapbook, please email them to me at <a href="mailto:nolab81@gmail.com">nolab81@gmail.com</a>, or you can mail copies to Nola Ostrowski, 6207 Chestnut Peak Ct., Kingwood, TX 77345. Please remember to include the names of everyone in the pictures and what is going on in the photos.

Historian: Nola Ostrowski 281-797-3055 nolab81@gmail.com

#### Social

At each monthly meeting we provide refreshments and finger food for all the mothers that attend. We would like to invite you to participate by signing up each month to share your favorite finger foods or refreshments.. If you would like to help please contact us or we will have a sign up sheet at our table.

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#### **Student Activities**

#### AGGIELAND ATHLETICS, EVENTS AND GREAT PLACES TO EAT

#### **AGGIE ATHLEICS**

Basketball, Track & Field, Swimming/Diving, Tennis and Equestrian continue their seasons January and February. Softball and Baseball BEGIN in February...take your pick! And bring your AGGIE Spirit to cheer on these athletes. CHECK IT OUT at: AGGIEATHLETICS.com

#### **AGGIE ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT**

Lecture series, Art exhibits, Concerts, MSC OPAS and more!
WW1 Exhibit at Cushing Library
Aurene Steuben's Iridescent Art Glass at Forsyth Galleries
The Visionary Prints of Francisco Goya and Frederico Castellon; Fear & Folly" at MSC MSC OPAS: The 10 Tenors of Broadway (January 29) and
Moscow Festival Ballet performs Romeo and Juliet (February 19)
(MORE on OPAS at www.mscopas.org)

#### GOOD EATS in the College Station/Bryan Area

1541 Pastries and Coffee, 1808 Brother's Blvd (CS)

The Republic, 701 University Drive East (CS)

For more info: Browse the B-CS Convention and Visitor Bureau at: visitaggieland.com

#### What else is going on in AGGIELAND?...

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## Join us at our next Aggie Moms Club Meeting:

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm Christ the King Lutheran Church 3803 W. Lake Houston Pkwy Kingwood, 77339

