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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

August 2008

Howdy Aggie Moms,

The end of August means our Aggies are preparing to leave for A & M - either College Station or Galveston. For some of these students, it will be their first year on campus. Other students are returning for their second, third, fourth (or more) years. Although the summer is drawing to a close, and our time with our Aggies is short, the San Antonio Texas A & M University Mothers' Club is beginning monthly meetings.

We welcome our new Aggie Moms, as well those with returning students, to join us on the first Tuesday of the month. Each Aggie Mom has unique talents and gifts. We will be asking you to share those with the Club as our year progresses. There are many ways to be involved, and we hope you find your niche.

Some new "opportunities" have arisen this year - we have Moms needing assistance with transportation or language issues. I know we can come together as part of the Aggie family and assist these ladies.

I look forward to serving as your President this year, meeting our new Aggie Moms, and seeing "experienced" Moms again.

*Mina Marsden '77*

San Antonio Aggie Moms President

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One song can spark a moment,  
One flower can wake the dream.

One tree can start a forest,  
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,  
One handclasp lifts a soul.  
One star can guide a ship at sea,  
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,  
One sunbeam lights a room.  
One candle wipes out darkness,  
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,  
One word must start each prayer.  
One hope will raise our spirits,  
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom.  
One heart can know what's true.  
One life can make the difference,  
You see, It's Up To You!

Don't ever forget how very  
Important You Are

- Author Unknown

## Welcome to the Family of Aggie Moms!

Whether this is your first child you are packing off to college, or your fourth; whether your Aggie is a Freshman or a Senior, watching our Aggies head off to College Station or Galveston is always a difficult time for us as parents. We are so proud to watch them grow, yet torn to let loose and see them sail off on their own. Don't miss an opportunity to network with other Aggie Moms who experience those feelings or have unanswered question. Please join us for our.....



*AGGIE MOM'S KICK OFF MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd at 6:30 pm  
At AGGIE PARK—6205 West Ave.*



A complimentary dinner "Build Your Own Hoagie" will be served.

## You Are Invited to Join!

Over 80 years ago, a small group of Aggie Moms decided to form a club that would support our students in their work at Texas A&M. A club whose purpose is to bridge that gap between home and college. Over the past 80 years, we have created a lasting legacy! The San Antonio Aggie Mothers Club not only supports our students in College Station & Galveston, but also provides a network of friendship for us, as Moms. Impressive! You bet! We invite you to see what Aggie Moms is all about. Join our network and gain new friends who share a common bond with you.

**You & Your Aggie are important to us!**

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an Aggie Mom's Membership form.

We hope you'll choose to join our organization or renew your membership!

If you have any membership questions, please contact our Membership Chairman :

Kathy Griffith at [kgriffith2@satx.rr.com](mailto:kgriffith2@satx.rr.com) or 545-1588

## Time to Tee off... with AT&T Golf Tickets

Every year the Aggie Mothers Club participates in selling tickets for the AT&T Championship Golf Tournament. Did you know that 100% of the profits, from selling AT&T Championship Tickets, are returned to our club and help fund scholarships for our Bexar County Aggie Students?

Perhaps you're not a golfer—it doesn't matter. You can help support this effort by purchasing a ticket(s) as a donation or take a packet of tickets and sell them to you friends, co-workers and family. Tickets will be available at our monthly meetings or contact Amy Thibodeaux at 231-0996 or [thibodeauxranch@aol.com](mailto:thibodeauxranch@aol.com)

### **2008 Tournament Facts:**

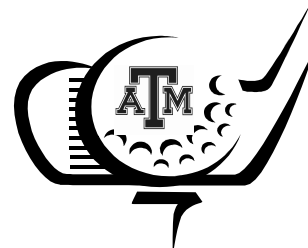
Where: Oak Hills Country Club

When: October 24-26th

Ticket Prices: \$10 for any 1 Day Ticket OR

\$25 for a 3 Day Weekend Ticket

**\* Our Ticket Sale Prices are 50% off the Public Sales Price!**



# The Fun is about to begin!

## AGGIE MOMS' CAMP '08

Summer may be ending and you may think camps are just for kids, after all our students had Fish Camp or T-Camp or Howdy Camp.....but now that our Aggies are hitting the books, it's time for us to have some fun! Pack up your favorite P.J.'s & stuffed Reveille and come to



**Aggie Moms' Camp**

**November 14, 15 & 16**

**At the Hilton Hotel in College Station**

In 1994, Aggie Moms saw a need to help new moms through the transition when their children leave for college. Aggie Moms' Camp provides an opportunity to spend time with other moms who are experiencing the same adjustments to the empty nest, plus a chance to learn more about the university their child has chosen. There are informative speakers and workshops, campus tours, meals and a lot of bonding. This is a weekend you will not forget and even better you'll return home with a host of new Aggie Mom Friends!

Camp Fee includes 2 nights Hotel Room, Catered Meals, Aggie Mom Camp T-shirt, Tote Bag & Souvenirs, Bus Transportation for Special Tours, and University Related Guest Speakers. Fees are \$150 with 4 moms/ room, \$160 with 3 moms/room, or \$180 with two moms/room or \$265 for a single room.

Registration is already in progress and the final date to reserve your spot is October 20th! Event details and registration forms are available on the Aggie Moms' Federation Website at [www.aggie moms.org/](http://www.aggie moms.org/) then click on the link in the left column labeled Aggie Moms Camp.



**Plan Ahead...upcoming Aggie Moms' Meetings Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th & Dec. 2nd**

## "I got a little story for ya', Ags!"

Does this greeting sound familiar? Recited at Midnight Yell, its roots reach back to 1907, when the tradition of Aggie yell leaders began as a ruse to keep female fans from leaving a football game as the Aggies faced defeat. Upperclassmen ordered a group of freshmen to don white janitor's coveralls and gather on the field, leading yells to keep the ladies entertained. The yell leaders became so popular that the upperclassmen reserved the position for juniors and seniors.

Harry E. Allen, class of 1934, said he inspired the tradition of Midnight Yell in 1932 when he suggested to "Peanut" Owens that they gather the freshmen outside the YMCA where senior Yell Leaders "Horsefly" Berryhill and "Two Gun" Herman from Sherman, Texas, led an unofficial yell. The tradition has evolved since the unofficial yell in 1932, becoming an official tradition and growing to include the entire school, but still retains many core elements from that first yell.

In October 1959, The Battalion reported that the class of 1960 voted to eliminate fables and jokes from Midnight Yell practice altogether because they had gotten too "spicy," and weren't in keeping with the spirit of Midnight Yell. The outcome was ignored, and stories persist to this day.

Credit: Tiffany Tran - The Battalion

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## We're Just a Click Away - The Aggie Moms' Website

It's easy to stay in touch!  
[www.sanantonioaggiemoms.org](http://www.sanantonioaggiemoms.org)

Stay informed about the San Antonio Texas A&M Mothers' Club by checking our website! The site contains information about the history and purpose of the club, our monthly meetings, special events, membership, board contacts and links to other Aggie websites. You may also access the monthly newsletter and register for special events.

**SALE!**



### SEPTEMBER SPECIAL AT OUR AGGIE FAVORITES TABLE

#### Aggie Keepsake - Club Exclusive

James Avery Silver/Gold Pendant

Reg. \$260 Sale: \$221 (includes sales tax)

Stop by the Favorites Table and see other  
Exciting Aggie Items! Watch for upcoming  
information on Add-A-Charm!

### HOWDY NIGHT - WELCOMES CLASS OF 2012!

Our Annual **HOWDY NIGHT**, welcoming the **CLASS OF 2012** and incoming transfer students, was held on Sunday, July 20th at Aggie Park. Future Aggies and their families enjoyed BEVO burgers and yell practice, lead by the A&M Yell Leaders. A **HUGE THANKS** to all the moms, dads and even students who made this event a success, plus an extra special thanks to Prospective Student Center who sponsored our awesome door prizes!

If you are interested in helping on the Social committee, please contact Marla Ripps, [bearlybaskets79@yahoo.com](mailto:bearlybaskets79@yahoo.com) or (210) 627-2169. You would not be cooking (unless you love to cook and want to) but would help set up, serve and clean up on meeting nights.

### FIRST YELL 2008

First Yell, hosted by the Yell Leaders, since 1999 is a way of welcoming all Aggies, current and former students, back to campus to begin a new school year.

**Friday, August 29, 8:00 Reed Arena**

#### An Evening with Bill Cosby

With opening performances by the Singing Cadets, Aggie Wranglers, Percussion Studio & Fade to Black

Tickets are on sale at Reed Arena or by calling (979) 845-2311 or on-line  
[www.12thmanfoundation.com](http://www.12thmanfoundation.com)

