

Thanks for the Road Trips!

Our January Aggie Moms' meeting was held on Sat. Jan. 26 at the home of Nancy Brockman in Sonora. This is the third year in a row that Nancy has so generously hosted the January meeting in her home with the help of many other Sonora Aggie Moms. Each year that we travel to Sonora, we are treated to a delightful meal and this year was no exception. These ladies seem to always out do what they did the year before as far as good food, fun and fellowship go. Thank you Sonora Aggie Moms for again hosting a wonderful meeting and brunch. Rev. Allen's talk on "First Cut" was also very moving and added much to the enjoyment of our meeting.

Also thanks goes out to J. Ann, Aubrey and Kyle Lange for hosting our Aggie Moms at the 5th Annual Aggie Mom Sleepover at their Lange Indian Spring Ranch Hunting Lodge near Mertzon. This is a great time for Aggie Moms to get together for some more good food and fellowship. As we said in the last newsletter, this is wonderful friendship building event. So next year, you will want to mark these two "road trips" on your calendar early, because you miss some wonderful opportunity for friendship when you don't attend them. Gig 'em! Valerie Sheppard '76, Pres.

Certificate Update

A food certificate will **NOT** be sent to your Aggie for Valentine's Day this year. We are planning on sending something at a future holiday.

Loan Money Funds?

It is time to be deciding what to do with the loan money fund. Right now these are the suggestions:

1. Combine with Scholarship CD and have a larger fund balance in this account.
2. Increase the number of scholarships given out.
3. Increase the amount of the scholarships.
4. Any other legal suggestions? - Bring your ideas to the meeting.

Next Year's Officers

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the local A & M Mother's Club, please call Susan Clark or Paula Sweeten to find out what is involved in holding an office in this club. They will be leading the nomination committee in its mission to find the best officers to lead this club next year.

Ring of Honor

The Ring of Honor (any Aggie Mom who has an Aggie who has graduated from TAMU) will meet for lunch at Cheddar's on Knickerbocker Rd. on Wed., Feb. 27 at 11:30 a.m. Please call J. Ann Lange or Valerie Sheppard to RSVP by Tues. Feb 26.

MEETING

Thursday, February 21

at 7:00 PM



Guest Speaker:

**Mr. Buzz Refugio '94,
from TAMU on "Mentors"**

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church,
3536 YMCA Dr.

DIRECTIONS: Exit off of West Loop 306 on Foster Road. Heading west on access road, Church will be on the right. Park in the front parking lot next to 306 access road.

Hostesses: Jet McGarvey, Charlyn Ocker, Yvonne Piwonka, Karen Ripple, Louise Shouse, Stephanie Socha, Cora McGowan, Alice Stultz, Paula Sweeten, and Shirley Petersen

Buzz Refugio currently serves as Senior Software Trainer I with the Training Center at Computing & Information Services on the main campus of TAMU. Buzz is an ATMentor for undergraduate students at TAMU and serves on the ATMENTORS Executive Committee. He is also a member of University Advisors and Counselors at TAMU. He is the advisor for several student organizations, and academic advisor to Company K-2 of the corps of cadets.

Mr. Refugio has another long list of other accomplishments and connections to TAMU, so please come out and hear this dedicated man speak to our Aggie Moms club about how he can help our students at TAMU.

Cookbook Report

(Contest Winner to be announced)

By the time you receive this newsletter, our Anniversary Cookbook has been mailed and is at the publishers. The print from Benjamin Knox is fantastic and will make the cover of this cookbook very special. To date, we have raised \$9,507.80 in sponsorships and early orders. Thank you so much for your continued support of this project. A special thank you goes to our proof reader Betty Baden; and Janice Escue, Karla Russell, Charlyn Ocker, Susan Clark, Vicki Wright, and Jane Wardlaw, our typists. We will announce the "Name the Cookbook" contest winner at the February meeting, so plan to be there. Thanks again.

Winter Federation Report

Susan Clark, Valerie Sheppard and Christine Hunter represented our club at the winter Federation meeting in Jan. A written report about the General Meeting from Chris will be available for reading at our Feb. meeting. Speaker Dr. K. Jackson, Director of Student Activities noted that there are 740 student organizations comprising 5000 leadership opportunities. Encourage your Aggie to become involved in one or several of these organizations.

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Howdy Aggie Moms!

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 2

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Santa Rita Gym

Bring your **PRE-MARKED** items for sale on Friday, Mar. 1 after 4:00 pm to the gym.

We will also be having a bake sale, please bring a packaged bread, cookies, or cake for sale.

WE NEED TABLES & RACKS, AND CLOTHES ON HANGERS, also please bring grocery sacks.

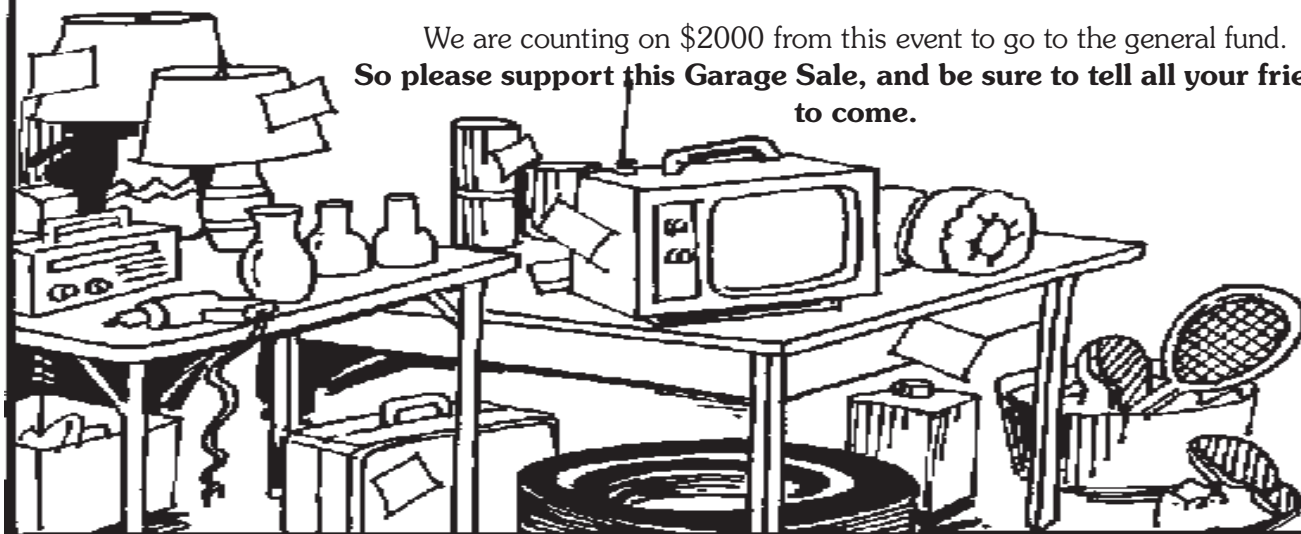
We will have a sign up sheet for Friday and Saturday shifts at the Feb. Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, call Paula Sweeten to sign up for a time.

We will also have a craft section, if you make crafts and would like to donate them to the club to sell, please let Paula know so that she can mention them in the ad.

We thought A & M related items might do well at this booth.

We are counting on \$2000 from this event to go to the general fund.

So please support this Garage Sale, and be sure to tell all your friends to come.



Important Upcoming Dates

Mar 2 – Garage Sale (**BE SAVING THOSE GARAGE SALE ITEMS**).

Mar 11-15 - Spring Break

Mar 21 - Meeting - Goody Bags

Mar 23 – Midland - District Federation Meeting

Apr 12-14 - Parents Weekend

Apr 18 - Meeting

Apr 21 - Aggie Muster (www.aggiemuster.tamu.edu)

Apr 27 - 75th Celebration

PRAYER CHAIN

Please remember our students as they drive back and forth to & from A & M for the spring semester.

Also please pray for **Jim Bob Bailey** (recovering from surgery), **Carmen Behrens** (recovering from a recent surgery), **Joey Beldon '05** (recovering from an auto accident) **Joe Flores '05** (Joe is still recovering from his lung surgery this fall, right now he has the lungs of a 56 year old), **Sally Grafa** (in rehab. at Shannon Hospital), and **Vicki Tankersly** (recovering at home after a recent stay at Shannon Hospital).

Brags

Jason Anderson, son of Shirley Anderson, has accepted a job with the engineering firm of Earth Tech., Inc. out of Dallas. He started work on Jan. 7 and really likes his work. Yes Aggie Moms, your Aggie do graduate and get jobs!!! WHOOP!!! Mom and Dad are very proud!!!

Tres Bailey was Aggie Rep for College of Agriculture & Sciences to A & M Student Council for Fall 2001.

Katy Cooke received a distinguished student award for the fall semester.

Curt Dempsey passed the professional engineering exam.

Joe Flores received the Seidler Trophy for excellence in playing and marching.

Kevin & Joanne Ripple are expecting a baby girl in 3 weeks!

Scholarship Information

Scholarship applications will be available at the February meeting. They need to be turned in by the April meeting. Winner will be announced at the May meeting. Any questions contact Donna Multer.