



CLAM Newsletter

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Messages From our Co-Presidents

Howdy

This is my favorite time of year. The weather is a bit cooler and holidays decorations are around town. Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving celebration with families and friends. For us, it's a season to be grateful for many blessings from above.

We are almost halfway through the year and our spring chili cook-off is approaching fast. This is our first cook-off so we are very excited to try some new things for our club. In order to accomplish all of the plans, we need help in all aspects from all moms. So, I hope you all find a way to participate and make new friends along the way.

I wish you all a joyful holiday

season and remember those around us who are less fortunate and in need.

Lily



A Little History

We would like to share a bit of history on the tradition of Twelfth Man. His name was E.

King Gill. He was a football player but only played basketball. During a hard fought game against Centre College (the nation's top ranked team) in 1922, the Aggies were down in their limited reserved players. Coach Dana X. Bible remembered a squad man who was not in uniform. Gill was in the press box helping reporters identify players. So, the coach called Gill to suit up and stand by throughout the rest of the game which A&M finally won 22-14. When the game ended, Gill was the only man left standing on the sidelines for the Aggies. Gill later said: "I wish I could say that I went in and ran for the winning touchdown, but I did not. I simply stood by in case my team needed me."

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Calendar of Events

Dec. 14th: "Celebrate the Season - Aggie Mom Ornament Exchange." Come join us in welcoming the holiday season with some cheer! See Summary, p. 3, for info.

Jan. 11th: "December Graduate Dinner" Location TBA; Graduation Celebration and Ring Crest Presentation for Families.

Feb. 21st: "Chili Cook-

Off—Hullabaloo Scholarship Campaign." This event will be held at Walter Hall Park, in the Banquet Hall from 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

March: "Fiesta Dinner with Aggie Moms." Date and Location are TBA; Join us for a fun fiesta dinner at a local Mexican restaurant!

Apr. 11th: "Stuff the Bag and Speaker, TBA."

May 16th: "May Graduate Dinner/Aggie Mom Year in Review- Whoop!" Location is TBA; this is an evening to celebrate successes and present scholarships; we will also draw the Book Awards, present Ring Crests to our graduates, and install our new officers.

Messages From our Co-Presidents, cont'd.

His gesture was more than enough for the Aggie team and earned the name of Twelfth Man. The spirit of readiness for service, desire to support, and enthusiasm helped kindled a flame of devotion among the entire student body. Today, the entire student body at A&M is the Twelfth Man and they stood during the entire game to show support.

Elaine and I would like to initiate the Twelfth Mom Needs for our club. As a need

comes up, we will send out an email with the subject line "Twelfth Mom Needs # ___", it will list a specific need, date needed, any additional info, and contact name. A "Need Met" email will follow as soon as we have someone who can help with the task for our club. These tasks could be a simple one time help or an on-going committee help.

We challenge you all to be the Twelfth Mom for our club, standing by and readily to help when something comes

up. We hope that as we help each other and serve together, new friendships are formed and bonds created. A common sense of purpose and goal achievement is priceless.

We are very excited about this new initiative and we hope you all will take the opportunity to join us to do some great things for our students and have some fun doing them.

Lily Wren and Elaine McGough

Hullabaloo Chili Cook-Off

We are gearing up for our **Hullabaloo Chili Cook-Off** event that will be held on February 21st, 2016, from 2-5pm at Walter Hall Park in League City. Save the date for this awesome event!

There will be some exciting entertainment as well as fun music and good food and various gift bas-

kets that will be offered in a silent auction. This event funds our student scholarships. Last year, we were able to fund 6 student scholarships: 5 went to current A&M students and 1 went to a high school senior planning to attend A&M.

We were also able to fund nearly a dozen Book

Awards, where parents received a small rebate toward the books that they had purchased over the course of the year.

There should be some delicious chili cook-off competition. Hope to see you there!



Presentation from the A&M Traditions Council

Summary of Our Fall Activities

Our Fall activities began in **August** with a visit from three students from the Traditions Council. Each student spoke of how Aggies came up with the wonderful traditions and what each one means. It was a wonderful introduction to TAMU, for those

who were new to the school.

In **September**, we invited two officers from the TAMU Police Department speak to our group. J. Michael Ragan, TAMU Chief of Police, and Lieutenant H. Allan Baron '00, from the Community Service Division

of the TAMU Police Department, talked about "Safety in Aggieland." They gave us useful tips to help keep our students safe.

Information about the purpose of Code Maroon texts, Clery Report compliance, improved campus lighting upgrades, Thursday

Summary of Events, cont'd.



Speakers from the TAMU Police Department

– Saturday night free carpools (for students who may have need of a ride to get out of an unsafe situation), the Corps of Cadets Escort Service for helping students navigate safely around campus at night, and the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), were all discussed. It was very informative.

Shortly thereafter, Co-President Elaine McGough hosted our new Aggie moms in her home for tea. These moms got the opportunity to meet other parents of freshmen in a comfortable setting, where they learned about the club, about A&M traditions, and asked questions about how to facili-

tate the transition to college life as an Aggie.

In **October**, we hosted two speakers from the TAMU Academic Success Center. They covered the topic “Make it a Successful Year in Aggieland.” Kelley Hartnett and Megan McClure are Academic Coaches from the Center, and their talk was very enlightening.

The Academic Success Center was formed three years ago and is an umbrella organization, uniting the various entities that used to help with academic coaching throughout each of the separate university colleges. For example, the ASC can help students hone study skills, learn how to be better note-takers, figure out their career path, and help with goal-setting and motivation.

They can also refer students to other resources on campus, if the ASC isn’t equipped to handle a particular need. The ASC is located on the 9th and 10th floors of the Rudder Tower, and can be reached via

the website:

SuccessCenter.tamu.edu, or via email:

SuccessCenter@tamu.edu, or by calling **979-458-4900**.

In **November**, we created “Finals Survival Packs” for our students. Several moms traveled to College Station or Galveston to make sure that our students received their kits during the week before finals. Thank you, Cindy Walker, for doing a wonderful job of organizing all of the items in the survival kit. And thank you to each of the moms who volunteered to fill the kits, and distribute them.

We will meet once again this year on **December 14th**, at Murder By Chocolate, 18201 Egret Bay Blvd., in Nassau Bay from 7:00-8:30. That gathering will consist of a short meeting and an ornament exchange. More information will be forthcoming via email.

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The Results of our Efforts...

All of our fundraising activities during the course of single year go toward the a goal of giving back to the students in our community.

This fall, 6 students got a little break in tuition fees. The following students each received a \$750 scholarship for the fall semester. The scholarship winners are listed here: **Rachel Diehl,**

Juliana Hale, Grant McGough, Brad Sullivan, Ryan Swingle, and David Tate.

Another way we give back to our TAMU community, is to give parents a break in the fees they pay for books each year. By showing up at events, parents are given raffle tickets. At the end of the year, names are chosen

randomly, and those parents receive a rebate for some of the book purchases of their student. These students won book awards: **Adam Hetherington, Caroline Gates, Daniel Williams, Erin Nolan, Ross Bodeker, Kealy Roberson, Allie Johnson, Paige Bailey, Evan Meyer, Morgan Frakes, Katie Moffitt, and Olivia Hurley.**

“In 2015, we were able to give 6 - \$750 student scholarships, and 12 - \$200 book awards.”

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**Core Values of Texas A&M: Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty,
Integrity, Respect, and Selfless Service**



Students picking up their "Finals Survival Packs" in December, 2015