



## February 2010 Newsletter

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Our Howdy Hoedown is coming soon, but it is not too late to purchase tickets, donate an auction item, bring a dessert or volunteer to help at the event. Please invite your friends, family and anyone who loves Texas A&M to come and make our main fundraising event a big success! Tickets can be purchased at our February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Buy some raffle tickets for the beautiful Aggie quilt too!

Please remind your student and any Fort Bend County Aggie student to send in their scholarship applications. The due date has been extended to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Let them know they have a little more time! The application can be found on our Fort Bend Aggie Mom website at [www.fortbendaggiemoms.org](http://www.fortbendaggiemoms.org).

It's not too late to pay your dues to the Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club. If you know of someone who would like to join our club please have them contact Jane Hackemack, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Membership, at [jhackemack@pxp.com](mailto:jhackemack@pxp.com).

### 2010 Meeting Schedule

February 8: Dr. Ian Tizard, TAMU Vet School

March 8: Porter Garner '78, President -  
Association of Former Students

April 12: Dr. Rivers from the Richmond  
Bone and Joint Clinic



All Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club meetings are held at the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, across from the Post Office. Social time, Boutique shopping and refreshments start at 7pm. Meetings begin at 7:30pm.

The February speaker is Dr. Ian Tizard from the College of Veterinary Medicine who will speak about exotic birds and his research program with parrots in Peru.

### You Can Still Join!

Membership forms will be available for all new and returning Aggie Moms at the meeting. Dues are \$20 per year and questions can be directed to Membership VP, Jane Hackemack, [jhackemack@pxp.com](mailto:jhackemack@pxp.com). Should you want to fill out your form ahead of time, you can find it on our website: [www.fortbendaggiemoms.org](http://www.fortbendaggiemoms.org).

# Howdy Hoedown

February 27, 2010  
Fort Bend County Fairgrounds  
5:30-10:30 pm

## Last Minute Preparations! We Need Your Help!

We're on the final countdown to our Howdy Hoedown! Please join us for a fun evening of great music by **Cooper Wade**, dancing, barbeque, spirited bidding in the live auction led by **Constable Troy Nehls**, and our exciting silent auction. This event is our major fundraiser benefiting the Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club student scholarship program.

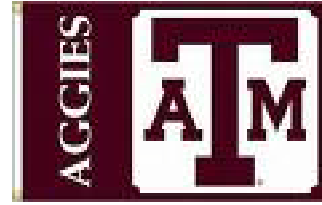
### HERE IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- ✓ **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!** Only \$30 per person! Contact **Debbie Cortez** at [holyspirit55@hotmail.com](mailto:holyspirit55@hotmail.com). Deadline is February 19.
- ✓ Be a table sponsor for \$100 - \$1000! Advertise your business in our program! Contact **Laura Conway** at [lconway5@comcast.net](mailto:lconway5@comcast.net).
- ✓ Buy lots of **RAFFLE TICKETS** to win the awesome Aggie T-shirt Quilt! They're \$1 each or 6 for \$5! You don't need to be present to win. Contact **Barbara Wall** at [bwmom@aol.com](mailto:bwmom@aol.com).
- ✓ **HELP US DECORATE** on Saturday morning, Hoedown day! Contact **Merry Adamcik** at [madamcik@msn.com](mailto:madamcik@msn.com).
- ✓ **AGGIE STUDENT HELPERS** needed as greeters, silent auction workers and hosts. Contact **Liz Darden** at [melizabethdarden@yahoo.com](mailto:melizabethdarden@yahoo.com) or **Merry Adamcik** at [madamcik@msn.com](mailto:madamcik@msn.com).
- ✓ **AUCTION!!** Donate a silent auction item! We need "Pamper Me" items, chocolates for "Eat Chocolate with Breakfast" baskets and garden baskets with tools, nursery gift cards, plants and seeds. Bring to the next Aggie Mom meeting or contact **Eileen Scamardo** at [wild5@aol.com](mailto:wild5@aol.com) to arrange a pick up time.
- ✓ **Bring your checkbooks and credit cards** and be ready to bid on some great live and silent auction items!
- ✓ **TALENTED BAKERS NEEDED!** Bring your favorite homemade dessert to share that's enough for 24 servings, pre-sliced and on serving trays. Contact **Kathy Stautberg** at [kstautberg@eprod.com](mailto:kstautberg@eprod.com), or call 281-342-5242, 713-381-8252.



### Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club Night At Skeeter's

Thanks to everyone who came to Skeeter's Grill for our Aggie Moms' night in December. We were able to raise over \$160 toward the scholarship fund. Plans are in the works to do it again, perhaps over spring break, so keep an eye out for more information.



## Looking for A Few Good People!!

Looking for a great way to get more involved in the club next year & meet new friends? Volunteer to be on our Board or serve as a Committee Chair. The following are the positions we are looking to fill for next year. If you are interested or have any questions about an opening, please contact Kathy Stautberg @ [kstautberg@eprod.com](mailto:kstautberg@eprod.com) or by phone: 281/342-5242 (home) or 713/381-8252 (work) before the February 8th meeting.

### 2010-2011 Officer positions open:

- President
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Fundraising (tentative)
- 4<sup>th</sup> VP Publicity
- 5<sup>th</sup> VP Boutique (2 positions)
- Treasurer

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### Committee Chairs open:

- Aggie Bags
- Aggie Mom Crafters
- Benevolent Fund
- Mad Money/Door Prizes
- Member Recruiting
- Poinsettias (1 or 2 people)
- Refreshments (2 people)
- Room Set Up
- Special Events

## 2010-2011 Scholarship News

The Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club 2010-2011 college scholarship applications can be downloaded from our website, [www.fortbendaggiesmoms.com](http://www.fortbendaggiesmoms.com).

Scholarships will be awarded to Fort Bend Aggies who are currently full time undergraduate students at TAMU, College Station, Galveston or Blinn TEAM. They must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at time of application and classified a sophomore, junior or senior, in good standing, for the fall semester following the award. Students in 5-year undergraduate degree programs are eligible in the fifth year. Freshman may apply for the 2010-2011 scholarships, provided they would have achieved sophomore classification. Completed applications, including transcripts with fall 2009 grades, must be received by March 1, 2010. **This is an extension of the original deadline of February 8, 2010.** For further information contact Linda Casey at 281-980-3189 or [scholarshipchairman@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipchairman@gmail.com).

## Heavenly Hash

This is an easy dessert to make and take anywhere!

- 1 can cherry filling
- 1 can crushed pineapple (drained)
- 1 container Cool Whip
- 1 small bag shredded coconut
- 1 small bag chopped pecans

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Be sure to drain the pineapple! Put in refrigerator for one hour to chill. Serve in individual bowls.

**Provided by: Debbie Cortez**

## Apricot Chicken

This recipe is from my son, Steven '11. It is his specialty for dinner when it is his night to cook for his three roommates.

- Mix --- 9 oz. apricot preserves
- 1 cup bottled Russian salad dressing
- 1 envelope Lipton Onion soup mix

Pour ingredients over 1 & 1/2 lbs of chicken tenders that have been arranged in a baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes at 325 degrees. Serve with rice. You can also use boneless, skinless breast that is cut into bite size pieces.

**Provided by: Cindy Grillo**



## Whoop, Brag & Hullabaloo Board

Please bring photos of your Aggies to share by posting them on the portable bulletin board provided by our club Historian, Cindy Laursen.

Photo requirements are:

- Size limited to 6x8 including the info and captions.
- Info should include name, class & major. Other information or captions can be the brag/whoop or just a funny caption, i.e. on a grandchild's picture it states "LOOK OUT Class of 2023!"
- The pictures will be put on the board with **thumbtacks.**

The pictures can be exchanged at any meeting.

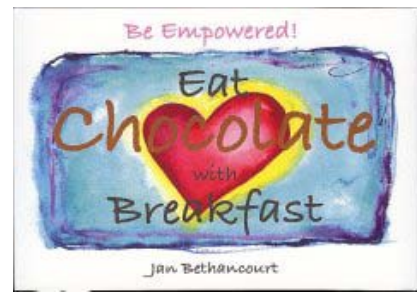


### Emergency Contact Information TAMU Student Accounts

The University has asked that all students update their emergency contact information in their student account. Keeping this information current helps the university contact parents and others in case of an emergency. Students are now able to update their information at <http://howdy.tamu.edu>.

To update their emergency information, students can follow these instructions:

1. Go to the Howdy portal at [howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu)
  2. Log-in with Net ID and Password
  3. Go to "My Record" tab
  4. Go to "Records and Grades"
  5. Click "View/update emergency contacts"
  6. Click "Update emergency contacts"
  7. Follow instructions to fill in all desired fields
- Students can add up to nine (9) emergency contacts.



The January speaker was Jan Bethancourt, who wrote the book, **Be Empowered! Eat Chocolate With Breakfast** as a result of short sayings she created over the years to help her daughter, Sarah, cope with the many challenges she faced while away at TAMU. Jan uses chocolate as a metaphor for confidence, courage and compassion, which are qualities that inspire from within. We were all inspired by her daughter's words about her mother and her life experiences.

The book is still available for purchase by contacting Jan at [info@janbethdesigns.com](mailto:info@janbethdesigns.com) and would make a great Valentine's Day gift for your student, family members or friends.

Delivery of the book can be made to the club location. Jan has agreed to donate a percentage of the proceeds she makes from the book sales back to the Aggie Moms' Club, so be sure to mention that you are an Aggie Mom!

### Bacterial Meningitis Vaccinations for Students Living On Campus

Beginning on January 1, 2010 Texas House Bill 4189 requires that incoming students who live on campus must provide either (1) evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis or (2) a signed affidavit declining the vaccination prior to living on campus. Students will not receive a housing assignment until one of these two documents is received by the Department of Residence Life. Specific information on how to provide this documentation will be provided by the university after a student has been admitted and has applied for housing.

TAMU Student Health Services can provide the vaccination (additional cost) to admitted students. For details see:

<http://shs.tamu.edu/services/prevmed.htm>

For more detailed information about bacterial meningitis and the bacterial meningitis vaccination requirement, students and parents can read the document found at:

<http://reslife.tamu.edu/current/safety/notifications.asp>