

ROUNDUP



We're Back!

I don't think anybody would argue that it's been a rough couple of years.

Covid and the renovation of Aggie Park have provided historic and unique challenges to fulfilling the mission of the San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club. But we powered through because that's what moms do! Kudos and a heartfelt standing ovation to former President, Rosalynd Voss who deftly rose to the challenge and lead an amazing group of Aggie Moms

through the past two years. Adapt and overcome - in style. We are glad to be home again in a new and improved Aggie Park!

The newsletter is back as well!

Hopefully, you'll find it a great resource to stay on top of all things Aggie Mom as we celebrate and serve our Aggies as well as our dedicated Aggie Moms.

Gig 'em!



President's Corner

Howdy! Welcome to the San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club! I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as this year's President and am happy you're on this adventure with me.



I fell in love with Texas A&M University the first time I set foot on campus in 1983. After all these years, I still love Texas A&M. I don't think it's a stretch to say there is no other university like Texas A&M. No other campus has that spirit, that excitement, that energy, and the many traditions.

Aggie Moms are part of those traditions. I'm excited to see all that we will accomplish this year as we love and support our Aggies and build great friendships in the process. I hope to see you all soon!

Gig 'em!

Virginia McCleskey '88, President
San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club
2022-2023



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Parliamentarian: Rosalynd Voss
Poster: Open position

Please reach out to these ladies with any questions or concerns you may have.

Dates to Remember

Howdy! Aggie Moms keep busy! Please put the following dates on your calendar and look for details on the Facebook Page and Roundup.

- July 19 - Board Meeting
- July 22 - Howdy Night for incoming Aggie Freshmen
- August 2 - First General Meeting for 2022 - 23 at Aggie Park
- August 6 - Corps of Cadet Social

Howdy Night 2022

Howdy Night is our first event of the year and our way to welcome incoming Aggie Freshman Class of 2026. Doors will open at 6:00 for mingling and shopping at our Aggie Store before the program begins. Students will have a chance to hang out with the Galveston A&M Yell Leaders, learn Aggie Yells, hear from some of the major student organizations, win door prizes, and meet other incoming Aggies. Our first scholarship of the year will also be awarded! We will be serving a hamburger dinner. Membership forms and dues will be collected for new moms interested in joining the San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club.

Howdy Night

Friday, July 22 doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Program & dinner begin at 6:30 p.m. Aggie Park

General Meetings

Our General Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month at Aggie Park at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6:00pm for socializing and shopping at our wonderful Aggie Store. There is usually a simple meal and a guest speaker. It's a great time to learn more about Texas A&M, its history and traditions as well as many amazing services and opportunities that may be of benefit for your Aggie. A \$250 book scholarship is given at each meeting, so you won't want to miss a month !!



**Balloon Arch
Volunteers
needed!**

Looking for a couple of Aggie Moms to help put together a balloon arch for the Howdy Social.

We will start the balloon arch around 4:30 pm before the Howdy Social

Contact Alice Perez if you're interested in helping
210-473-0480
raulalice@sbcglobal.net



Corps of Cadets Social

From the outside looking in, you can't understand it, and from the inside looking out, you can't explain it.

Corps of Cadets Moms & Dads (Sorry, no fish students)

Please join us on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
at

Cody Library, 11441 Van Jackson (between Wurzbach & Huebner)

We will share tips, past experiences and encouragement for fish families, as we welcome you to the new adventure you and your cadet will be undertaking. We are here to support one another as our cadets travel this remarkable journey as the 'Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition.' Snacks will be provided.

We look forward to celebrating our Corps families, from fish to zips!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 3, 2022
Corps Liaisons - San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club
Kami Fiedler, 210-854-8160 kkfiedler@att.net OR
Alice Perez, 210-473-0480 raulalice@sbcglobal.net
Please include your cadet's outfit.



"KEEPERS OF THE SPIRIT"

Special Interests

Our Aggies are in a number of programs that have unique interests and needs. To serve these families and students, our club has several Aggie Moms serving as liaisons to be a resource, provide support and facilitate networking within these groups.

Blinn	Corps of Cadets
Engineering Academy	Galveston
McAllen	Qatar

Ring of Honor

Just because your Aggie may have graduated, that doesn't mean your journey with San Antonio Aggie Moms has to end. Ring of Honor Moms (ROH) still enjoy hanging out and being active members of Aggie Moms' Club. There are also special events just for ROH Moms. Look for events and updates. And remember, once an Aggie Mom, always an Aggie Mom!



Who doesn't like to shop?!

Howdy! The Aggie Store will be open before each General Meeting. There are some beautiful and one-of-a kind items as well as some that are unique to our club. Birthdays, weddings, Christmas... or a special treat for yourself, you never know what you might find. Items purchased help support our mission to raise scholarship funds for our Aggies.

Directory Ads 2022-23

The 2022-2023 Directory is in process. Any Aggie Mom who is a business owner is invited to purchase an ad in the Directory. For as little as \$50, you can have a business card-sized ad. Larger sizes are also available. An ad in the directory is great visibility for your business. These ads help offset the cost of producing the annual directory. Information will be available at the first General Meeting on August 2, or get an early start by contacting the Directory Coordinator, Christine Ketay. Text 210-639-7552 for details.



Scholarships!

It is our mission to help support Aggies from Bexar County. One way we do this is to award a **Monthly Scholarship** with three (3) ways to win!

1. **Become a member** - all members automatically get one entry
2. **Attend the Monthly Meeting** - everyone that comes to the meeting can enter to win
3. **Email no later than midnight the Sunday before the general meeting** - an email reminder is always sent!

The email address is saamscholarship@gmail.com.

The required info you can cut and paste into each month's message is

Mom's name:

Mom's cell number:

Parents mailing address:

Aggie's name:

Aggie's class year:

High school attended:

Aggie's cell number:

Aggie's email address:

A \$250 book scholarship is given at each meeting, so you won't want to miss a single month !!

A list of the current scholarships San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club has funded will be in the Directory.

Board Member Spotlights

This month's feature, our 2022-23 President, Virginia McCleskey.

Born and raised in Longview, Texas, Virginia has degrees from Texas A&M University ('88) and the University of North Dakota ('91). She married Matt McCleskey ('87) in 1988 and they moved with the U.S. Air Force from College Station to Arizona, North Dakota, back to Texas, Alaska, Arkansas, Belgium, and Alabama before settling in San Antonio in 2010. While Virginia didn't end up being the career woman she envisioned, she was just as happy being an Air Force wife, stay-at-home mom, and volunteer with many different organizations. She has enjoyed genealogy for over 30 years and still likes to research her family history when she has time. In the San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club, Virginia has served as goody bag co-chair, membership co-chair, directory chair, and now president. Her Aggie children are Megan ('17), Megan's husband Blake ('17), and Catherine ('21). Virginia's family bleeds maroon with 14 Texas A&M graduates among the many siblings, children, in-laws, nieces and a nephew with three more nieces who are currently enrolled.



Spotlight on Ann Sullivan, Treasurer 2022-23. Ann was born and raised in Michigan. Ann is the oldest of three siblings. She met husband, Brian, at General Motors and married him in 1990. Ann and Brian have three children, two who are Aggies. San Antonio has been their home since 2013. Ann has an accounting degree from Walsh College and has worked in both public and private accounting. Ann is excited to serve as our treasurer this year. In her spare time, Ann enjoys shopping, dancing and traveling.



Aggie Park Remodel

Aggie Moms' Club has been camping out for quite a while during the Aggie Park remodeling project. Covid and resulting delays turned it into quite a project! Those who were able to join us for Gala 2022, were able to see how it turned out the first week it was open for guests. While there were still a few little things to take care of, the finished project turned out nothing short of *AMAZING!*

We are so glad to be returning to Aggie Park for our General Meetings.

Congratulations to Aggie Park Director, Mark Osborn, and the team who made it happen!



● *The new exterior view of Aggie Park and the venue dressed up for an event.*

As we go...

It's been a while since we had a Newsletter. So, as we go forward, please help me ensure we include the things you're most interested in. I want to keep it fun, informative, and worth reading! It will evolve. Have a suggestion? Great! Let me know!

In general, anticipate updates from Board Members and a monthly feature with their bios so you get to know them better and recognize them at meetings. Have questions, and don't know who to ask? Drop me a note and I'll do my best to find out.

There will be updates for upcoming events so you don't miss anything. If you have an Aggie Brag, send it in. We love to celebrate and cheer our Aggies.

**Until next month! Gig 'em!
Christine Ketay, Editor**

