



Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 17-18 Kendra Scott Fundraiser— online, phone or in person at The Woodlands Town Center
- Oct 6—Board Meeting
- Oct 13—General Mtg Check-in at 6:30, meeting 7:00
- Oct 25 & 26th—Round Top Collection Gallery Fundraiser. Fairfield Town Center. Online or in person
- Nov. 7th— Hullabaloo Huddle watch party!

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Northwest Harris County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club Newsletter

Howdy Ags!

September 2020

President's Corner

Howdy!

I love yell practice!!! It is always so exciting to start off the year with some SPIRIT and COMARADERIE! We had fun at the September meeting and hope more of you are able to attend the October meeting.

I am excited to work with our board and committees to bring you some fun and interesting speakers, activities and fundraisers. If you want to know about the board, I will be featuring some of them each month in this newsletter. The newsletter is also a time to show off some of the different aspects of our club and projects we have done over the years that still have impact.

Remember each meeting to sign in with membership and to fill out your book award form for you aggie(s). If you miss a meeting then you may fill out the book award form online so you do not miss your chance to win \$100.00 for your student for the next semester. We draw 6 names in December.

Also, look at the newsletter for information about the events and activities we have planned each month. This way we can spend more time during our meetings getting to know one another. The best part of the club is making lasting friendships!

I look forward to seeing you in October at our meeting!

Gig 'em & God Bless!

Karyn '92



Karyn Friesen '92
President 20-21

October Meeting Information

- 6:30 Registration, Pick up Howdy bags(if you did not get one) & Shop
- 7:00 Meeting is called to order
- Guest Col. Mike Fossum '80 Astronaut & COO TAMU Galveston Campus
- 8:00 Break outs & Games
- 8:30 Meeting adjourned

General meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Aug—May)
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Thank You Notes

To the Aggie Moms Club of Houston,

My name is Kyle Cooper and I wanted to express my gratitude and thankfulness for your generosity in awarding me the “General Funds Scholarship in memory of Diane Grey”. These funds are going to be extremely helpful in helping support my family. This year I am going to be a junior in the aggie band and in the corps. I will be serving as a section sergeant which means this year, I will be teaching the freshman how to march like aggie bandsmen. I will also be serving as the training sergeant for my outfit which means I will be in charge of planning and executing all activities for my outfit. I would like to thank you again for all your help and generosity.

Sincerely,

Kyle Cooper

Dear NW Harris Aggie Mothers Club,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Aggie Guide-Dogs and Service-Dogs. We greatly appreciate your support of our organization. Your donation is going to support Sailor. Sailor is a 6 month old double doodle being trained by Kendall Estridge. We would love to keep you informed on his progress through his personalized monthly letters that he writes each month. Please let me know if there is another email that you would like to receive these letters through. I have attached the most recent letter he wrote to the bottom of this email so you can catch up on what he has been up to. If you would like to learn more about our other dogs we are currently training, please visit our website at ags.tamu.edu and look under the current and past graduates page. We thank you again for your generous donation and support.

Sincerely,

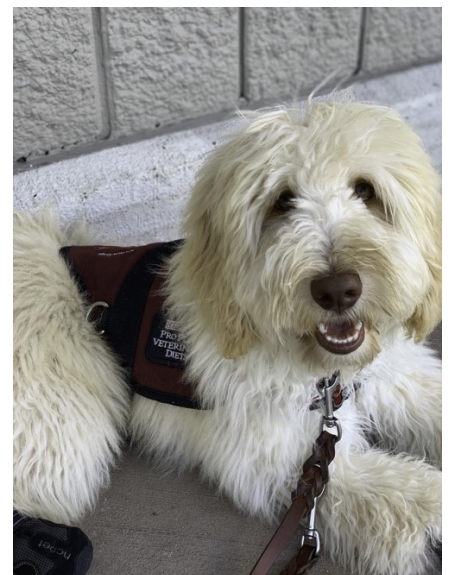
Sarah Kinzer

Howdy Friends!

This month has been SUPER busy for me and mom!! But first things first – I earned my jacket!!! This means I can go to new places with mom like grocery stores! I also got a haircut! Mom keeps telling me I’m super lanky and need to grow into my loooon-nggggg legs.

I’ve also got to spend a lot of time with my friends and play in the sprinklers which is one of my favorite things to do. My new favorite place to go though would have to be target. I also graduated from my puppy class!

Thanks for helping me get to where I am today! I can’t wait to pupdate y’all next month!
Love, Sailor



Howdy NW Harris Aggie Mother's Club,

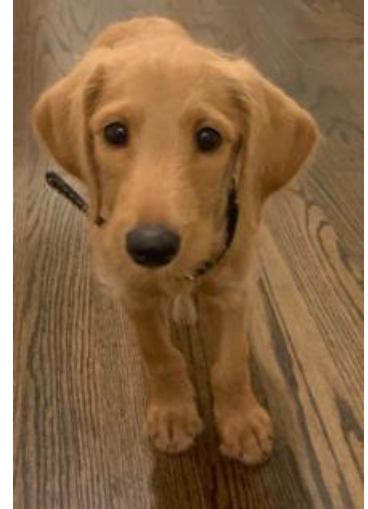
My name is Sarah Knizner and I am the current president of Aggie Guide-Dogs and Service Dogs. A new puppy has entered our program and the name Penny that you gave us was selected to be her name! Penny is a 12 week old labradoodle that will be trained by Jordan Hannah. We would love to keep you updated on her progress through her monthly letters she writes each month.

Thank you,

Howdy Friends,

WOW! This month has been so much fun!!! I have absolutely loved my first month in Aggie Guide Dogs and Service Dogs. When I met my mom for the first time, I became very excited to learn what my future held. In fact, my first week in the program, I got to move to college with my mom. So far, the college life has been treating me well! I cannot wait to earn privileges because then I can go to campus and show off my tasks and skills to all of my fellow Aggies! It is going to be so much fun and rewarding!

My mom has taught me many new commands. I LOVE training, because when I train, I get kibble and let me tell you... I absolutely love my kibble! I am a hard worker and I have fun practicing commands. I am always eager to learn new things and get better on introduced commands. I have to say, my favorite command is a "down stay" because I get to sleep and occasionally get some kibble when I do not break my command... so I try very hard to be the best girl possible!



A moment, this month, that I was very proud of was when I did my first kibble challenge! My mom put out all of my tasty kibble into a design on the floor, while I just watched! I wanted to eat it at that moment, but I stayed strong. Needless to say, my mom and I were very impressed that I did not lunge to get the yummy food. Just like I left my kibble alone, I have been working on not giving into distractions. Whenever I see squirrels, dogs, or other humans, I do my best to pay attention to my mom and listen to my commands... and when I do, I get kibble... so you can imagine I try very hard not to give into any distractions and I have been getting very good at this! Woohoo! Besides, those are just silly disruptions.



Some things I have loved this past month, besides my kibble, is my mom, our roommates, and my toys! My mom and our roommates cheer me on during my training sessions and throughout the day. They are so supportive of me. They also give me lots of attention, which I LOVE! Also, my toys are super fun. I especially love my coffee squeaky toy, because I feel like I am drinking my morning coffee, just like my mom! I also love my squeaky red ball, because it bounces in all different ways, so I love to chase after it! Overall, my life here in Aggie Guide Dogs and Service Dogs is amazing because of the support system I have! I have loved this month in the program, but I cannot wait to face new challenges and have more fun this next month!

Have a pawsome month,
Penny



Howdy NW Harris Aggie Mothers Club,

My name is Sarah Knizner and I am the current president of Aggie Guide-Dogs and Service-Dogs. I **am pleased to announce that your name "Reed" has been selected for our newest puppy!** Reed is an 11 week standard poodle being trained by Ashlee Both. We would love to keep you informed about his progress through monthly letters he writes. Please let me know if there is an email you would prefer me to receive these. If you would like to learn more about the dogs in our program please visit our website at ags.tamu.edu and go under the our dogs tab. Thank you again for naming Reed! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Hi friends!!

Mom told me I get to write these letters every month and tell you all about what I've been up to, I'm so excited! I met my mom this month and took a road trip all the way to Dallas to my new home until school starts. I spent a couple days settling in and meeting new friends and then got right to training. So far I have learned sit, down, wait, release, heel and I just started learning stay. Mom says I am such a smart boy and that I catch on very fast!

When I am not training, I love to spend time playing with my toys and taking LOTS of naps! I've also started playing outside in the front yard and I have so much fun running around and catching some sun rays while I'm at it. Sometimes I even train outside! I think I'm supposed to be bothered by the sounds of cars and airplanes but those don't phase me one bit. The thought of getting kibble for being a good boy is just too great, I won't let anything get in my way! I stay super focused during my training and follow corrections with ease. And the best part about training? I get lots of pets and love from my mom after! Don't get me wrong though, I like my own space and try to act like an independent poodle pup. Mom claims she needs to watch me at all times but i think she's exaggerating... she does it anyways.



I've seen a cat and dogs in my house too, new friends!! I like to try and play with them and I do so good with not barking at them. I've trained around the dogs just to test my focus even more! Update: Laser focused still, the bestest boy ever.

I can't go anywhere yet because I'm not fully vaccinated but I have taken a couple car rides to practice for when I can leave. I eventually fall asleep, I love love love my naps. The front yard is as far as I can go but I love to watch cars and people (especially little kids) and look forward to when I get to explore the world... that's like the end of the street right? My first couple weeks with mom have been so fun and I can't wait to see what the future holds!

Love,
Certified Lovebug Reed



June 19, 2020

**Northwest Harris County Texas A&M Mothers' Club
P.O. Box 11404
Spring , TX 77391-1404**

Dear Northwest Harris County Texas A&M Mothers' Club:

Thank you for your gift to the T. R. Greathouse-Judging Team Travel Fund within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

At times like these, knowing there are others that embody the Aggie Core Value of Selfless Service in inspiring. The fact that you are thinking of others, at what is a worrying and difficult time for us all, speaks volumes of your kindness and compassion. Your generosity of spirit is what will give current and future Aggies more possibilities than ever and help us get through this current crisis together.

Texas A& M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is the largest of its kind in the nation with nearly 7,800 students and more than 300 distinguished faculty across 15 academic departments. With society facing increasingly complex problems in the coming decades, our college is focused on addressing several grand challenges - feeding our world, protecting our environment , improving our health, enriching our youth, and growing our economy - by conducting exceptional research and educating our future leaders. Thank you for the confidence and trust you place in us to shape a brighter future.

With my best wishes for healthiness for you and the people close to you,

A handwritten signature in dark red ink that reads "Allyson Tjoelker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allyson Tjoelker '02 '03

Assistant Vice President of Development

Aggie Mom Camp

- Feb 5-7, 2021– Save the Date
- TAMU Hotel & Conference Center
- The number of campers is limited at 300 currently.
- Learn about A & M, tour the campus, make friends, shop and have fun!!!



Help a Student with a project!!

Tyler Hoskins is on the Battalion Staff (the student newspaper) and he is writing an article for class and the Battalion on the financial issues at the start of the Fall semester 2020. If you had issues with Financial Aid, SBS, Tuition, Scholarships and would like to let him interview you. Then please email him at:

tylerhoskins26@gmail.com

Club Purpose

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote Texas A&M University, to contribute to the welfare and happiness of our students attending Texas A&M University, and to provide a support unit for mothers, stepmothers or guardians of students and Former Students of Texas A&M University. This Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purposes as the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3).

Boutique– Items we make & Sell for scholarships

Tradition Line

Frames- 5x7 or 8x10



Corkboards– These are decorated with different sayings.



Insulated Bags



Tradition Line Trees



Pillows- range in price from \$135—\$165.



T-Shirt Pillows– various sizes and cost.



And several other items!!!

Tradition 101—Silver Taps

Silver Taps is held for a graduate or undergraduate student who passes away while enrolled at A&M. This final tribute is held the first Tuesday of the month following the students' passing.

The first Silver Taps was held in 1898 and honored Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the former governor of Texas and President of A&M College. Silver Taps is held in Academic Plaza. On the day of Silver Taps, a small card with the deceased student's name, class, major and date of birth is placed at the base of the flagpole. Around 10:15 that night the lights are extinguished and hymns chime from Albritton Tower. Students gather silently at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross. At 10:30 the Ross Volunteers firing Squad marches into the plaza and fires a 21 gun salute. Buglers then play a special rendition of Silver Taps by Colonel Richard Dunn, three times from the dome of the Academic Building: once to the north, south, and west. It is not played to the east because it is said that the sun will never rise on that Aggies' life again. After the buglers play the students leave in complete silence.



Spirit of Service

October— We are gathering items for 12th Can a student organization.

<https://www.the12thcan.org/donate-food.html>



Care Packages

The order form is attached to this newsletter.

Cost: \$25 per package per semester

Delivery Date: Nov. 8, 2020 or Nov. 10, 2020

Location: Thomas Park or our Nov. Meeting

Time: 1:00– 4:00pm or 7:00 pm



If you can help assemble or deliver— let the Care package Team know!

Buy a Care Package for YOUR Aggie! And buy an extra for their roomie or a friend!



Join us for a **Kendra Gives Back Party** for
NWHC Aggie Moms

Thursday and Friday~September 17th and 18th

Three ways to shop

Online with the code GIVEBACK9313

On the phone at 281-528-1174

**In person at: Market Street, 9595 Six Pines Dr,
Suite 960, The Woodlands, TX 77380**

Mention NWHC Aggie Moms on the phone or in person or use the giveback code online and 20% of the proceeds from purchases will be donated to our club to fund scholarships.

<https://www.kendrascott.com/>





"Round Top , Rust, and Refreshments"

Round Top Collection Gallery

20% of the proceeds benefit your cause

Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club

October 17 & 18, 2020 Tell them you are with NWHC Aggie Mom's

Round Top Collection Gallery Cypress Fairfield Town Center

28802 Hwy 290, Cypress, Texas 77433



From our heart to your cause, we want to give back!

Contact us to host your next fundraising event

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