

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club HOWDY DINNER

July 30, 2017

The Howdy Dinner was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 5:00 p.m. with approximately 90 in attendance. A Mini-Boutique was set up for attendees to shop for Aggie-themed items. One of the special items available is a Pointillism.

A scrolling presentation listed the names of our **scholarship recipients** along with information about them and a picture with their Aggie Mom.

Chipper Adams

Brooks Conlee

MacKenzie Doke

Sarah Good

Taylor Hurst

Zachary Lawson

Steven McKnight

Joe Mohr

Timothy Schmitt

Caleb Wheeler

Savannah Allbritton

David Costanza

Garrett Farmer

Emily Hearn

Garrett James

Karley Lea

Courtney Merrell

Mason Motal

Ryan Sloan

Caleb Whitehurst

Rachel Cargile

Cassidy Doke

Cheyenne Gideon

Carter Henderson

Kurtis Kemper

Brett Martin

Cassidy Milam

Nicole Robertson

Joshua Waterman

At 5:20 p.m., Rebecca Mohr, President, welcomed everyone with a "Howdy". Rebecca thanked our sponsors: **Fabulous Flush, Vehicle Reman, Bruno's Pizza & Pasta, McAlister's Deli, Adams Law Firm, Paradigm Home Care, Katie's, and an anonymous donor.**

Tony Farmer, husband of Joni Farmer, said the invocation, and everyone enjoyed Bruno's lasagna, salad, and rolls provided through donations. Tea was donated by McAlister's Deli, and the officers brought desserts.

After dinner, at 5:50 p.m., Rebecca introduced the officers. Rebecca noted that Aggie Mom Clubs have been around since 1922, and our local Tyler club was formed in February 1949. The purpose of Aggie Mom Clubs is to help make sure that your Aggie has a successful time at A&M.

Rebecca made the following announcements:

- We will be having a Silent Auction right before Christmas for you to get "something for every Aggie on your list".
- The **Goody Bag** forms are available tonight. These bags are stuffed with all kinds of things and delivered to College Station right before finals in both the fall and spring semesters.
- Our club has a public **Facebook** page and a private page open to only our members
- Order forms for the **2017 Maroon Out T-shirt** are at the welcome table. The shirts are \$8 and will be available for pickup at the September meeting.

Rebecca encouraged everyone to make a donation toward our scholarship fund. She said we are actively looking for sponsors to which we are offering some advertising.

Lou Ann Viergever announced that our **Butter Braids** fundraiser would start next month. Save the Date cards are available on the tables. Order forms will be available at the September meeting (the 21st), orders will be due at the October meeting (the 19th), and delivery will be on November 2nd. Our club has been selling these frozen pastries for several years. New this year we will have a savory, four-cheese flavor along with cookies and apple dumplings. All-Star Fundraising donated several Butter Braids for attendees to sample and some to be given away as door prizes.

Rebecca recognized the incoming **freshmen Aggies and transfer students** present along with their **moms**. Each announced their name, class year and major, some by proxy by their moms. Each new Aggie was given a clear stadium bag as a gift. The moms received an Aggie “12th Mom” towel.

Norma Lawson, Vice-President at Large, introduced **Thelma Ruth Childs** and read her biography. Mrs. Childs was honored as the **first Honorary Member** of our club because of her obvious love for Texas A&M. (Note: The definition of types of members has changed. The three women (Patricia Cussen, Marsha Points and Jan Carter) that were previously known as Honorary Members are now called Life Members according to our bylaws and the Federation.)

Joni Farmer, VP - Programs, introduced **Ian Moss '18 and Connor Joseph '19, two of the current Yell Leaders**. Connor is the 19th Joseph family member to be an Aggie and the 4th in his family to be a Yell Leader. Connor and Ian taught the attendees the four parts of an Aggie Yell: the passback, the hump-it (“engineered” for producing the most sound), the hand motions, and the wildcat. They led the attendees in several yells. John Childs '53, a former Yell Leader, was called up to lead some yells. Ian and Connor answered questions, and they led the attendees in singing the Spirit of Aggieland and the Aggie War Hymn.

Tracye Martin (filling in for Wendy Milam, VP – Membership) and Rebecca held **Door Prize Drawings** with the Yell Leaders drawing the numbers. Three gifts and four donated Butter Braids were given out.

Rebecca reminded everyone to make a donation, pick up the various forms and shop the Boutique items. The next meeting will be September 21st in the Parlor. It will be a Welcome Social and the “secrets of Aggieland” will be answered.

The event was concluded at 7 p.m.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)