May 2011

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Muster 2011. It was truly an uplifting occasion. Special thanks to Roxanne Schoen, Muster Chair, and those who helped make this a successful event. We were delighted to welcome Bill Jones, an excellent guest speaker, who inspired us and renewed our appreciation of the Aggie Spirit.

We have a special Club Meeting planned for Wednesday, May 4th as we welcome our guest speaker, Ann Marie Melson Higginbottom, and get to meet our new A&M Club scholarship recipients. Let’s give them both a warm West Texas welcome!

Ann Marie Higginbottom was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and is Ed Melson’s granddaughter. As the second of four children, she grew to love family dinners, vacations and general chaos. In the midst of the noise, Ann found her sanctuary early on in the peace and quiet of writing.

After graduating from Highland Park High School, she attended Texas A&M University, following in the footsteps of her grandmother and older brother. Ann made the most of her time at A&M, involving herself in Chi Omega, the Muster Committee and as an Aggieland Tour Guide. She was a 2005 recipient of the Buck Weirus Spirit Award for involvement, experiences, and impact on the student body.


Show your Aggie Spirit at the Western Heritage Parade on Thursday, May 12th. Join local Ags at an Aggie Yell Practice at 6:30pm at the corner of N. 3rd and Cypress or you’re invited to ride on Ted Evans’ famous A&M Trailer in the parade. To ride along, please meet at the parade route start at 4:45pm. Check out this event and more on the Abilene A&M Club Facebook page.

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**The 10th Annual A&M Club Golf Classic is coming up on Friday, June 24th at Diamondback Golf Club. Get your 4 person team together and invite a friend to enter a team to ensure a successful tournament in support of our scholarship program. Enjoy a delicious lunch and compete for Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and Hole-in One Awards! We are also counting on you as a Tournament, Hole or Range Sponsor. For more info call or email Bobby Ogdee at bogdee@att.net or (325) 513-1007.**

Unfortunately, Thomas Hatfield, author of Rudder: From Leader to Legend, has had to postpone his trip to Abilene for the book signing originally scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. We will let you know if he reschedules.

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Gig ‘Em!
Allison Cowling ‘01

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