Howdy!

The long awaited day finally arrives. Anticipation and nervous preparation have slowed time to a crawl in the months prior to the big event. But finally the day the entire family has anxiously looked for has arrived, it is time. The sky is sunny and brilliantly blue, the winds are calm, the temperature is mild. Life is glorious! The fish are biting faster than you can catch ‘em. The family members who opted for the golf course are astonished, their balls have never travelled as far or as true. Life is glorious and it is only mid morning, no one is contemplating lunch, things are going to well to stop. And then, the sky begins to darken, black clouds roll in as the wind begins to howl and the rain pelts down in sheets so heavy visibility is all but obscured. Months of hopes and dreams are shattered and the reality of the 2014 Aggie football season hits like a ton of bricks.

Wal-Mart shoppers that scour the racks for anything burnt orange would simply wilt on the couch in despair or find another meaningless excuse to guzzle beer and show their stupidity. But not us, we are Aggies, the pride we have for our school and our honor of tradition give us the will to stand firm and resolute in support of our alma mater. Certainly, we relish success on the gridiron, but we know elite colleges are defined by much more than the outcome of a Saturday game. It has been said that failure develops character in a way that constant success cannot. Win or lose, our honor calls us to stand in support of our team, our school and the members of our Aggie family. Win or lose we honor the traditions of our heritage. On January 2, 1922 the Fightin’ Texas Aggie football team was beatin’ the hell outta defending national champion, Centre College. The venue was the Dixie Classic in Dallas. It was the first post season football game played in the southwest and the forerunner of the Cotton Bowl. The game was hard fought and the Aggies were paying a steep price for victory. By half time the Aggies had lost so many players to injuries, Coach Bible wasn’t sure he had enough players left to finish the game. He summoned E. King Gill from the Stands. Gill went under the bleachers and donned the injured Heinie Weir’s uniform and took his place on the sideline. Gill never played in the 22-14 Aggie win. But he began one of the most revered Aggie traditions that day when he stood on the sidelines, ready to accept a call to duty. Aggies have stood at every football game since symbolizing their willingness to accept the call of duty. Whether it is in support of their football team, school or country, Aggies stand ready to except their call to duty, and have generated a legacy of honor, sacrifice and character that makes football seem insignificant. This football season may be a character building event, but I’m certain we’re all still proud to be Aggies and still proud to stand in support of that little college on the Brazos known as Texas A&M.

Gig ‘em,
J. Clay Deatherage ‘84
2014 Abilene A&M Club Calendar

November

November 5 - Regular Club Meeting
November 20 - Board of Directors Meeting
November 20 - Aggie Happy Hour, Mugshotz Bar & Grill
November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving

December

December 3 - Regular Club Meeting
December 18 - Board of Directors Meeting
December 18 - Aggie Happy Hour
December 25 - Merry Christmas

January, 2015

January 1 - Happy New Year
January 7 - Regular Club Meeting
January 15 - Board of Directors Meeting
January - Aggie Happy Hour

AGGIE FOOTBALL GAME WATCH PARTIES
LONG BRANCH SALOON
3252 North 6th, Abilene, Texas
Introducing our November Speaker

Dr. Jeff Savell

Jeffrey W. Savell is University Distinguished Professor, Regents Professor, E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal Chairholder, the holder of the Cintron University Professorship in Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, and the leader of the Meat Science Section in the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University. Jeff teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in meat science and has received recognition for his teaching accomplishments from the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M and the American Meat Science Association. Jeff's research efforts have been recognized by receiving numerous university, regional, and national awards for individual and team efforts to solve key issues in the livestock and meat industries. Jeff is a past-president of the American Meat Science Association, serves on the McDonald's Corporation International Scientific Advisory Committee on BSE and BBI Animal Well-Being and Food Safety Advisory Council, is a member of the Meat Industry Hall of Fame, and has been identified by ISIHighlyCited.com as one of the top 250 most cited researchers in the world in the field of agricultural science.

Dr. Savell has two passions Texas Barbeque and his students. He has committed countless hours to the meats judging program, served as an Aggie Mentor and a Saddle & Sirloin Club advisor. He actively promotes Texas beef and teaches classes and seminars on barbecue. Dr. Savell is one of the intangibles that makes A&M special, a world renown professor with time for his students.
By-Laws Revisions

The Board of Directors has reviewed our Club’s constitution and by-laws and identified some minor revisions that are needed to allow the Club to operate in the best and most efficient manner based upon our current programs and operating environment. Most of the proposed revisions are minor. However, one proposal that addresses the term of the officers is a major change. Historically, the officer’s term began on January 1, and we them at the January meeting. Simply stated, late December is not an optimal transitional period due to the holiday season. The Board is recommending the term in office be changed to February - January to facilitate the transition.

Article X of our By-Laws addresses the amendment process and states:

**ARTICLE X**

Amendments

Section 1/Two-Thirds Vote:

Following the meeting at which the motion was originally made and after notice of such amendment is published in a newsletter, the Bylaws of this Club may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the next regular meeting. The Board of Directors must approve such changes by a majority vote. All Bylaws changes must be submitted to The Association of Former Students and approved by the Director of Club Programs of The Association.

The current by-laws will be listed in plain text with the recommended revisions italicized below the current wording.

**ARTICLE III**

Section 1/Purpose:

The purposes of this Club are: To assist the University and The Association of Former Students in any worthy undertaking to the best of our ability as a Club and as individual former students, to strengthen and renew friendship formed in student days and when possible to establish and maintain scholarships for needy and worthy students attending Texas A&M University.

*The purposes of this Club are: To assist the University and The Association of Former Students in any worthy undertaking to the best of our ability as a Club and as individual former students. To strengthen and renew friendship formed in student days and to serve as a local liaison for former students and Texas A&M University. To establish and maintain scholarships for needy and worthy students attending Texas A&M University. Provide all feasible assistance to students seeking enrollment in Texas A&M University.*
ARTICLE V, Officers

Section 1/Officers:
Suggested officers of the Club also include:
6. Vice-President/Membership
7. Vice-President/High School Relations - Scholarship
8. Vice-President/Publicity
9. Vice-President/Records
10. Vice-President / Special Programs

Section 3/Method of Election:

The officers shall be elected by membership ballot prior to the beginning of each calendar year. All elected officers will assume their respective office on January 1 following the election. The officers shall serve for a term of one year. All officer elections or changes must be reported to the Club Programs Office of The Association of Former Students immediately.

ARTICLE VI, Directors

Section 3/Method of Election:

The Directors shall be elected by membership ballot at the January Club meeting of each calendar year. All elected officers will be installed assume their respective office at the February meeting following the election. The officers shall serve for a term of one year. All officer elections or changes must be reported to the Club Programs Office of The Association of Former Students immediately.

Section 4/Duties of the Officers:

Vice President / Special Programs: Serves as chair of the annual French Fry booth and assists the chairperson of other income generating activities such as golf tournament, coach’s night and all other future programs the Club may adopt to support the Club’s scholarship programs. Additionally shall also assist with projects pertaining to assisting students seeking admission to Texas A&M University.
GOOD BULL

Events at the October meeting epitomized the term “Good Bull”. Dub Pritchett surprised Roxanne with a bouquet of roses as a token of his appreciation for her help when he was hospitalized and was going to miss the first Aggie football game of the year. Roxanne spent most of the day trying to rig up a way for Dub to watch the game. When that failed, she resorted to Plan B. Dub didn’t get to see the game but he did get to listen to it streamed to Roxanne’s iPad. However, the biggest surprise of the day came when Scott Jarvis presented Roxanne an Aggie flag that had been flown over the Williams Alumni Center and a certificate from the Association. In recognition of her unwavering commitment and support to Texas A&M and the Aggie Family, the Association honored Roxanne by proclaiming her an Honorary Aggie.

We all know Roxanne is 110% Aggie, now it’s official. She is registered and has the papers to prove it.

Congratulations Roxanne, the recognition was way overdue!

Got any Good Bull? Send it to us!
Abilene A&M Club Silver Taps

Please notify the Club of the passing of any members of the area’s Aggie family so that we may express our condolences and ensure the Association is notified.

Prayers and Concerns

Robert Adams ‘75 will undergo surgery in Houston on November 6. Robert is Jason’s father.

Wallar Overton ‘61, a Good Ag from Haskell is battling cancer. Please keep these Aggies in your prayers as we wish them a speedy recovery.

Memorial Contributions

There are many ways to honor departed family members and friends. Should you select a memorial contribution that embodies the Aggie Spirit as a method to celebrate the life of a loved one, the Abilene A&M Club will consider it an honor to help ensure your wishes are met.

Local Club options include the Senior Ring & Boot Fund, the Freshman Scholarship Fund and the Class of ‘43 White Belt Scholarship Fund. If your preference is one of the numerous organizations on campus or an affiliate of the Aggie network, please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.
ABILENE A&M CLUB, INC.
P.O. Box 884, Abilene, TX 79604

BE INVOLVED - DON'T BE A TWO PERCENTER

Mail Newsletter to
☐ Home
☐ Work

Name (please print) ___________________________ Class ___________________________

Spouse's Full Name (if Aggie) ___________________________ Spouse's Class ___________________________

HOME Address ___________________________________________ City & State ___________________________ ZIP ___________

Home Phone ___________________________ Home Fax ___________________________ Co ___________________________ Home E-mail ___________________________

WORK Address ___________________________________________ City & State ___________________________ ZIP ___________

Work Phone ___________________________ Cell ___________________________ Work E-mail ___________________________

Annual Dues:
☐ $35/yr Individual ☐ $35/yr Aggie couple

I want to help with:
☐ Scholarship Selections ☐ Muster ☐ French Fry Booth ☐ Golf Tournament ☐ Board of Directors

Optional Reveille Donations:
(above & beyond dues)
☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100

Golden Reveille Donations:
☐ $250 ☐ $500

I wish to be acknowledged:
☐ in the Newsletter $75.00/yr ☐ on Aggie Football Radio $400.00/yr ☐ at the Golf Tournament

Total Paid: $ ___________________________

Statement of Purpose: Primary functions of the Abilene A&M Club are serving as the focus of all organized alumni activity in the Abilene area, and providing scholarship funds for deserving area students who are attending Texas A&M. The Club currently offers scholarships funded by your Membership Dues, Reveille Donations, Newsletter Sponsorships, the Aggie French Fry Booth at the West Texas Fair, A&M Football on radio and the annual Golf Tournament. Donations may also be made directly to the Abilene Community Foundation Texas A&M University Scholarship Fund (tax-deductible) which is a perpetual fund using only the income generated for scholarships.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!