Howdy!

Happy New Year Ags! Unbelievably it is 2015 and a new year bringing new opportunities is upon us.

2014 was a great year for our Club. We created two new scholarships for white belts, revitalized coach’s night, hosted an admissions seminar for high school counselors, recognized a young Ag’s dedication by purchasing her Aggie Ring and revamped our newsletter. Additionally, Roxanne’s unwavering Aggie Spirit and commitment to the core Aggie values was recognized when she was honored and recognized as an Honorary Aggie. None of this would have been possible without countless hours of hard work by the Board members. Please join me in expressing our gratitude to these Ags for a fantastic job they did extremely well.

I have always believed that if you are not constantly progressing, you are automatically regressing, for time never stands still. 2015 provides the opportunity to continue our Club’s progression. We will add 3 more Class of ‘43 White Belt Scholarships this year bringing the total to 5, award 10 freshman scholarships and three more for a total of 18 scholarships. Some other things that could be on the horizon are a sporting clay shoot a howdy barbeque for the Class of ‘19 members in the Abilene area and expanding the admissions seminar to include students and parents.

Hopefully, we will see more speakers from the various colleges this year to increase our awareness of the projects going on to keep the departments that comprise A&M at the forefront of their respective fields and continue to propel A&M to the front of the “world class universities” pack.

Lastly, none of this would be possible without the support of each of our Club members. The Abilene A&M Club may not be the biggest, but it is still the best. I hope each of you share my pride in a Club that exemplifies the values we all learned at a little University on the Brazos, a University named Texas A&M.

Gig ’em
J. Clay Deatherage ’84
2015 Abilene A&M Club Calendar

January, 2015

January 1 - Happy New Year
January 7 - Regular Club Meeting - Pamela Jary Rosser & Dr. Robert Warden, Speakers
January 15 - Board of Directors Meeting
January 15 - Aggie Happy Hour - The Zone

February, 2015

February 4 - Regular Club Meeting - Steven Solari, Speaker
February 14 - Happy Valentines Day
February 19 - Board of Directors Meeting
February 19 - Aggie Happy Hour

March, 2015

March 4 - Regular Club Meeting - Sonny Presnal
March 17 - Saint Patrick’s Day Day
March 19 - Board of Directors Meeting
March 19 - Aggie Happy Hour

Scholarship Applications
Are Just Around the Corner
Introducing our January Speaker

Pamela Jary Rosser
Conservator at the Alamo.

Pamela has been a practicing conservator for over 20 yrs. Prior to working at the Alamo Pam was a partner with Restoration Associates Limited, traveling around the southern portion of the United States preserving and restoring various interiors of historic buildings.

Pam graduated from Univ. of Incarnate Word and is a Professional Associate of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. She also serves on the following boards; Los Compadres, Villa Finale and the Rose Chapter of the National Charity League.
Some of her past local projects include: San Fernando Cathedral, Mission Concepcion, the Aztec theatre and the Empire theatre.

Welcome to Abilene Pamela
2015 Officers and Directors

The nominating committee has developed the proposed slate of Club officers and directors that will be presented for Club approval at the January Meeting. A provision for a write in candidate will be provided for each position.

**Officers**
- President - J. Clay Deatherage '84
- President Elect - Andrew Turnbull '84
- Immediate Past President - Curtis Tomme - '78
- VP Activities & Programs - Holly Reedy '11
- VP Finance - Trey Todd '07
- VP Records - Marla Hanks '02
- VP Scholarships - Marta Hollowell '82
- VP Membership - Jessica Adams '05
- VP Special Events - Roxanne Schoen - ‘74

**Directors**
- 3 Year Term
  - Billy Berny ‘78
  - Marshall Morris 08
  - Bobby Odgee ‘84
- 2 Year Term
  - James Hughes ‘82
  - Ron Ingram ‘76
  - Allison Cowling ‘01
- 1 Year Term
  - Nick Arrott ‘00
  - Risha Sanders ‘91
  - Phillip Truitt ‘11

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**DID YOU KNOW:** the Thanksgiving day 1921 game between A&M and t.u. was the first live play by play broadcast of a college game in Texas? (I clarify in Texas because contrary to Aggie lore the first was the West Virginia vs Pittsburgh game broadcast on October 8, 1921.) The Thanksgiving game was broadcast play by play by amateur radio operators on equipment constructed by students. Most of the construction was done in the Electrical Engineering Lab under the guidance of Dean F.C. Bolton. The transmitting condenser was made up of 100 clear glass photographic plates, tinfoil, and paper condensers, and an oil filled copper-lined box. Aggie engineering at its finest.

The broadcast was not voice like we hear it today. It was transmitted to the other stations by code similar to telegraph code and then translated by the radio operator. W.A Tolson '23 was station operations manager of Texas A&M Experimental Station 5XB. “Doc” Tolson reached an agreement with t.u. Experimental Station 5XU to attempt to transmit the upcoming Thanksgiving game. The licensed radio operators who participated were Harry M. Saunders, 5NI – Greenville, George E. Endress, 5JA/5ZAG – Austin, W. Eugene Gray, 5QY – Austin, J. Gordon Gray, 5QY – Austin, Charles C. Clark, 5QA – Austin, and Franklin K. Matejka, 5RS – Caldwell. “Doc” Tolson and Station 5XB were not licensed but a little paperwork didn’t stop the broadcast.

During the broadcast amateur radio operators would call in on the same frequency to get the score. One Naval station in Galveston that normally complained about amateur radio interference called in at halftime to check the score.

There is a report that prior to the game William P. Clarke (now deceased) who at that time operated amateur radio station 5FB/5ZAF in Waco had with some difficulty persuading the editor of a local newspaper to permit him to put his radio receiver in his office. The editor relented and when he discovered that the play-by-play received by Clarke was so far ahead of the Associated Press reports ordinarily furnished to newspapers, that the editor put a loudspeaker in a car and drove to the office of a rival newspaper where Associated Press reports were being given to a large crowd in the street. He advised the crowd that the play-by-play reports of the game as they occurred could be heard at his office, resulting in most of the crowd rushing over to Clarke's office.

Roxanne Schoene
A&M Club Meetings

Aggies need no introduction to traditions. However, at various times, circumstances dictate some traditions must be altered. One such tradition is holding our monthly Club meetings at the Abilene Country Club.

The ACC is revising its policies and pricing for 2015. Some of their recently implemented policies may lead to our Club moving the location of the monthly meeting. Two items are of particular Concern. The first is pricing, the cost of lunch could increase to $16-$18 per meal. The second issue involves providing the ACC with a definite number of attendees each month with financial penalties for attendance lower or higher than the number we submit.

The Board will address the issue at the January meeting and determine a course of action that best serves the Club. This is not a decision we take lightly. We would value your thoughts, comments and recommendations prior to making a decision. Please contact me regarding your concerns.

Thank you, Clay

GOOD BULL

The Fightin’ Texas Aggies Beat the Hell Outta West Virginia and the referees 45–37 in the Liberty Bowl on December 29. this is the Ags 4th consecutive Bowl victory and Gave Coach Sumlin his 28th win in 3 years, which is the most successful start of any Aggie head coach.

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

Capt. Wallar Overton ‘61
Holly Nash Spencer ‘82

Prayers and Concerns

David, Sarah & Grant Spencer
Robert Adams ‘75

Please keep these Aggies in your prayers as we enter the Holiday Season.

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.
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BE INVOLVED — DON’T BE A TWO PERCENTER

☐ Membership
☐ Change of Address

Mail Newsletter to
☐ Home
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Name (please print)

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Spouse’s Class

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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!