Howdy!

Hullabaloo Caneck Caneck, Hullabaloo Caneck Caneck, Good by to the A-bi-lene Coun-try Club. Yep, it’s official Ags, we’re moving uptown. Starting this month, Abilene A&M Club monthly meetings will be held in the Joe Allen’s Corral Room located at 301 South 11th Street. Like all Good Ags, I’m 110% committed to tradition. Meeting at the Abilene Country Club has been a long standing Abilene Aggie tradition and one that has served us well. Unfortunately, circumstances have forced that tradition to change.

Change and tradition are intertwined, for without change there would be no need to honor tradition. Rapid change was sparked in Texas in February 1836 at a place called the Alamo. Shortly thereafter, Texas became an independent nation, joined the United States, seceded from the US to join the Confederacy, and rejoined the US, all in a period of only 29 years. 11 years later in 1876, a little land grant college was formed. The Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas opened its doors to educate young men of a frontier state that was still embroiled in battle as settlers slowly pushed westward. The Texas AMC was a military school in every sense of the word. Texans understood the realities of war and the need for educated young men who could serve as settlers, farmers ranchers, builders and warriors. The conditions at the college were as harsh as those on the frontier. The faculty, many of which were former soldiers, instilled the values of honor, courage, duty, commitment and excellence in their students. Those core values of leadership have never been forgotten and continue to guide Aggies through the changes that are inevitable as our world evolves.

A&M has not only managed to survive this evolution, it has flourished and many of its graduates continue to lead the way. This month’s Did You Know column confirms A&M is no longer a small college on the Texas frontier, but a world class educational institution that is helping lead the way in the taming of a new frontier, a frontier called the future. Today’s Aggies will be well prepared to lead the charge that conquers this new frontier. They will be armed with knowledge and skills that would have been incomprehensible in 1876. But, they will be successful because they will have learned those same core, leadership values that were taught in 1876 at a little College on the Brazos, a College named Texas A&M.

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

February 4 - Regular Club Meeting - , Speaker, Colonel Samuell R. Hawes ’81
February 14 - Happy Valentines Day
February 19 - Board of Directors Meeting
February 19 - Aggie Happy Hour - The Mill

March 2015

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

April, 2015
April 1 - Regular Club Meeting -No Foolin
April 16, Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, Aggie Happy Hour

April 21, AGGIE MUSTER

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Introducing our February Speaker

Colonel Samuell R. Hawes ‘81 (Retired)

Colonel Hawes received his undergraduate degree in Business Management from Texas A&M University in 1981. While at Texas A&M, COL Hawes was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He achieved the rank of Cadet Major, commanded Company A-1 as a senior cadet, and was a member of the Ross Volunteer Honor Company. As an ROTC cadet he completed U.S Army Airborne and Ranger School, received the Marshall Award as the most outstanding Senior Army ROTC cadet at Texas A&M, and was recognized as an Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate.

Upon graduation from Texas A&M in 1981, he was commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant. He served 28 years in the Army in many of the Army’s most storied units including command of the Second Battalion, Twenty Eighth Infantry Regiment. He served his final three years at Texas A&M as the Professor of Military Science and retired from the Army in 2009.

Colonel Hawes is now the Assistant Commandant for Recruiting with the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets where he has helped to grow the Corps to over 2470 cadets, the largest Corps in 40 years. He also serves as a Class Agent for the Texas A&M Class of 1981. In 2014 he was selected by the Chief of Staff of the Army to serve as the Honorary Colonel of the 28th Infantry Regiment. He has been married to Linda for 29 years and their daughter recently completed 4 years in the Army as Captain in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.
Did You Know

Did You Know Texas A&M university is:

1st in Texas in student retention and graduation rates — overall and for minorities
1st in nation in "payback ratio" — what graduates earn compared to the cost of their college educations, *Smart Money* magazine
1st in Texas and 8th among public universities in *New York Times* survey of business leaders worldwide based on the top institutions from which they recruit, 2011
1st in Texas and 17th nationally as "best value" among public universities, *Kiplinger*, 2013
2nd in nation for preparing graduates for the workforce, *The Wall Street Journal*
Top 10 in nation for return on investment, or what graduates earn in their careers compared to their college costs, *PayScale*
Top 10 in nation among public schools in earnings of alumni with 10-20 years of experience, *Forbes*
2nd in nation in a survey of top U.S. corporations, nonprofits and government agencies, based on graduates recruiters prefer to hire, *The Wall Street Journal*
4th among U.S. public universities and 10th overall with an endowment of more than $5 billion
4th nationally among public universities in affordability combined with high quality education and high return on investment, *AffordableCollegesOnline.org*, 2013
Top 10 nationally for number of National Merit Scholars
45th in best colleges worldwide based on academics, instructors, and affordability
96th in the world as chosen by students who are admitted at more than one top tier universities
Home to one of the nation's largest chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most respected undergraduate honor society in the U.S.
The Dwight Look College of Engineering is the largest college on the Texas A&M campus with more than 10,500 engineering students enrolled in 12 departments. The undergraduate program is ranked 9th overall among public universities in the country and the graduate school is ranked 6th (*U.S. News and World Report*, 2010)
Mays Business School is ranked 16th among public universities in the country (U.S. News and World Report, 2010); the MBA program is ranked 1st in "Best Value for Money" (Financial Times, 2010) and 2nd in "Placement After Three Months" among public universities (U.S. News and World Report, 2011).

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences awards about 1,200 bachelor's degrees and 200 graduate degrees annually, making it the largest of its kind in the country.

The College of Nursing ranked first in the Texas jurisdiction, first against comparable programs and first among nursing graduates nationwide based on percentage of graduates passing the NCLEX-RN in 2012.

The College of Education and Human Development is the largest producer in the state of teachers in the high-need fields of bilingual education, math and science.

One out of every ten veterinarians in the United States graduated from the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

International study centers in Italy, Mexico and Costa Rica.

Top 25 nationally in "what colleges do for the country" (Washington Monthly).

Largest student-run one-day service project in nation: The Big Event — 13,000 participants in 1,450 projects in Bryan/College Station in 2010.

Largest National Association of Eagle Scouts (N.E.S.A) in the country.

Consistently commissions more officers annually from the Corps of Cadets than any school outside of the military academies.

Top 25 nationally in number of graduates in the Peace Corps.

Ranks as the 7th most "veteran-friendly" college in the country (Military Times EDGE).

More than 800 student-led clubs and organizations.

Among the most Facebook fans of any university in the country.

1st public university in nation — and by far the largest — to introduce iPhone apps mobile suite with up-to-date information for Texas A&M students, faculty and staff. Broad and extensive use of social media includes Facebook, Twitter, iTunesU, Tamu Mobile Apps for iPhone and Blackberry, etc.

One of a select group of universities to hold federal land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant designations.

Roxanne Schoene
GOOD BULL

The 2015 scholarship applications are out. We will award a total of 18 scholarships this year including 5 for white belts.

Jason Adams is currently opening 2 new businesses. Due to time constraints, he needs a little assistance contacting our newsletter advertisers. Please let us know if you can lend a hand.

A&M Club Meetings Are Moving

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 revised its policies and pricing for 2015. There were two items are of particular concern, pricing and the requirement to provide the ACC with a definite number of attendees each month with financial penalties for attendance lower or higher than the exact number submitted.

The Board addressed the issue at its January meeting. It considered the cost of each meal including facility use fees, location, food quality, willingness to accommodate our needs, parking and accessibility. Venues evaluated were the: ACC, Abilene Women’s Club, Bee Hive, MCM Elegante and Joe Allen’s Corral Room. The cost of lunch at the ACC, Women’s Club and the Bee hive would be about $20 per person. The Elegante and Joe Allen’s meal pricing was comparable, however, the Elegante required a facilities usage fee. The Board opted for Joe Allen’s as there was no room fee and the current lunch cost of $13 could be maintained.

We hope to see you there on the first Wednesday of each month Ags.
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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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.