Howdy!

Spring has Sprung and April is here, bringing 2 very important days. On Sunday, April 5, Christians around the world will celebrate Easter Sunday. We will enjoy Easter egg hunts and family gatherings, but most importantly, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It baffles me that in a nation founded upon Christian values, with a motto of “in God We Trust”, that there seems to be a concerted effort to remove all segments of Christianity from our society at the very same time radical Muslims are aggressively trying to conquer the world.

On April 21, Aggies will celebrate Muster world wide. I’m certainly not implying that Muster has the same significance as Easter, but I carry great pride knowing the same Christian values our Nation was founded upon are an integral component of the core Aggie values that have been instilled in students since 1876.

Many institutions of academia are symbolic for their anti-Christian and anti-American views, teachings and protests. Thankfully, Texas A&M is not viewed in the same light. I’m proud to be associated with a University that represents the exact opposite view of these enlightened institutions, and fully equals and in many cases exceeds their academic standings.

Aggie Muster is the epitome of what sets us apart. In a word that difference is respect. Respect for the principles of honor, duty and commitment to our Country, State, School and most importantly each other. On April 21, Aggies will gather and pay our respects to those we have lost in the last year. While we honor our departed, we will also be paying homage to those core principles that define a Good Aggie, the principles we all learned 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

April, 2015

April 1 - Regular Club Meeting - No Foolin, Dr. Paul J. Bastista, Speaker
April 15 - Fish Scholarships Due
April 16 - Board of Directors Meeting
April 16 - Aggie Happy Hour

April 21, AGGIE MUSTER

May, 2015

May 3 - Fish Scholarship Interviews D1 Sports
May 6 - Regular Club Meeting - Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith, Speaker
May 21 - Board of Directors Meeting
May 21 - Aggie Happy Hour

June, 2015

June 3 - Regular Club Meeting
June 18 - Board of Directors Meeting
June 18 - Aggie Happy Hour, Winery at Willow Creek
Coach’s Night - Whooooop!

Scholarship Applications Are POSTED ON THE WEBSITE!

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Introducing our March Speaker

Paul J. Batista, Attorney at Law

Paul J. Batista, J.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Texas A & M University. He received his B. S. in Business Administration from Trinity University in 1973, and his law degree from Baylor Law School in 1976. He has practiced law for over 38 years, and is a former County Judge of Burleson County, Texas. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, is a certified Mediator and Arbitrator, and has been elected a Life Fellow in the Texas Bar Foundation. He earned a Certificate of Advanced Studies in European Sports Law and Policy presented by the Faculty of Law, University of Leuven, Belgium.

Dr. Batista is a tenured professor, and has taught graduate and undergraduate courses involving the legal aspects of sport and various related courses in the Sport Management program at Texas A & M since 1991. He is the faculty leader of both the summer Sport Business in Europe study abroad, and the spring break graduate field trip to Munich. He has received the Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching, the Student Led Award for Teaching Excellence, and has been named a Montague Center for Teaching Excellence Scholar. He is a member and Past-President of the Sport and Recreation Law Association, was named a member of the inaugural class of Research Fellows, and is the recipient of the Betty van der Smissen Leadership Award. Dr. Batista was a NCAA scholarship athlete (baseball) and has served as an agent to various professional athletes. He currently serves on the A&M Pro Sports Panel.

His primary research interest is sport related liability issues in school settings, with particular emphasis on First Amendment religion and free speech issues. He has delivered research presentations at numerous conferences throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, China, Germany, Slovenia and South Korea.

From 2010 – 2014 he served as Division Chair of the Sport Management program, and Associate Department Head of the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Texas A&M.

Welcome to Abilene, Paul

Aggie Muster
April 21, 2015
Joe Allen’s Lytle Bend
A&M Has New First Lady

It is early 2015 and Texas ladies have been featured prominently in the news. A new First Lady of Texas moved into the Governor's Mansion, and Alyssa Marie Michalke was selected as the first woman to command the Corps of Cadets. Michalke may serve as Corps Commander, but she will be out ranked by a fish in Company E 2. **Reveille IX** will begin her tenure as the First Lady of Texas A&M, and, the ranking member of the Corps at Final Review in May.

**Miss Rev**, is a 16-month-old collie, that will serve as the next Aggie Mascot. She was selected from a pool of 15 prospects nationwide, including those from collie breeders and collie rescue shelters.

Members of the search committee as well as several other university representatives, including members of Company E-2 who will be responsible for her daily care, had an opportunity to engage with Reveille IX. The Reveille IX Search Committee all agreed that she is ideal for the representative and highly public role in which she will be placed for the next several years.

While Reveille IX won't officially begin her role until May 9, she will become accustomed to campus and get acquainted with Reveille VIII before then. Reveille VIII will retire to the Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center operated by Texas A&M’s College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, where she will continue to be treated with special care.

Reveille IX was donated by Overland Collies, a highly respected kennel in the collie-breeding world headquartered in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb. The establishment’s owners, Marcy and Mike Fine, have been called “pillars of the collie community” and are typically well-represented among finalists at the annual Collie Nationals.
Did You Know

Texas A&M Health Science Center is Transforming Health through innovative research, education and service in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and medical sciences. As an independent state agency and academic unit of Texas A&M University, the health science center serves the state through campuses in Bryan-College Station, Dallas, Temple, Houston, Round Rock, Kingsville, Corpus Christi and McAllen.

In September 1997, the Texas A&M System Board of Regents approved organization of the health-related entities throughout the A&M System into one university—Texas A&M Health Science Center, which officially began operation on Sept. 1, 1999. Original academic units in the consolidation included College of Medicine, Baylor College of Dentistry, Institute of Biosciences and Technology, the then-proposed School of Public Health and School of Graduate Studies. Located on the Texas A&M University-Kingsville campus, the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy joined TAMHSC in 2006, and the College of Nursing opened in 2008. On July 15, 2013, TAMHSC transitioned to become a unit of Texas A&M University.

Our School of Public Health is consistently ranked in the top 25 schools of public health in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

The Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry leads the nation with the most diverse student body of any dental school. 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 Rangel College of Pharmacy is the only professional school located in south Texas; it is ranked 48 among the best schools of pharmacy, according to U.S. News & World Report.

From the mid 1970s to the early 1980s the Cyclotron Institute, in cooperation with Houston’s M.D. Anderson Hospital and Cancer Institute, pioneered the treatment of certain types of cancer with neutron bombardment.

The Rural and Community Health Institute serves 118 counties with services to hospitals and physicians, seeking to improve the quality of health care delivery in Texas.

The Coastal Bend Health Education Center’s medication assistance program has helped more than 1,000 people get access to free medication, saving them more than $2.8 million in prescription costs.

The College of Medicine is efficient and effective in addressing the state’s physician workforce shortage, and was ranked as second most affordable medical school in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in 2012.

Roxanne Schoen
GOOD BULL

The 2015 scholarship applications are out. We will award a total of 18 scholarships this year including 5 for white belts. Fish interviews will be held on Sunday, May 3rd.

Billy Berny is working hard on our ad sales for the newsletter & Aggie football broadcasts. If you would like an add, give him a call. Our graphic designer is working hard, the new & revised adds will be up next month.

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
Roxanne Schoen is recovering from a knee replacement
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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☐ $250 ☐ $500

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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.

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