



LAREDO A&M MOTHERS' CLUB FEBRUARY 2026

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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## 33 YEARS OF TRADITION J.J. SANCHEZ MEMORIAL MASS



*What began as a simple act of faith by a devoted Texas A&M student has grown into a lasting tradition that continues to unite Aggies in prayer.* In January 1993, Jose Juan "J.J." Sanchez, a senior at Texas A&M University and a cadet in the Corps of Cadets, approached the priest at St. Augustine Church in Laredo with a heartfelt request. Sanchez, a devout Catholic, asked whether a special Mass could be held for Laredo Aggie students returning to College Station for the semester. Tragically, after the first-ever mass, on March 17, 1993, Sanchez was killed in a car accident. Determined to honor their son's faith and commitment, his parents, Juanita and Jose Sanchez, along with the Laredo A&M Mothers' Club, ensured the Mass would continue.

Since then, the J.J. Sanchez Memorial Mass has been celebrated annually, becoming a meaningful tradition of Aggie students and families. The Memorial Mass now held at *Christ the King* in Laredo. It serves as both a remembrance of Sanchez's life and a blessing for students preparing to return to Texas A&M University. This year's Mass was celebrated on Jan. 3 and was officiated by Father Toribio Guerrero, marking the 33rd anniversary of the tradition.

*Your 2025-2026 Board Officers*



In this newsletter you can expect:

Here's what happened last month



Next Meeting at St. Augustin School Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 11 from 6 -8:00 PM

Club Highlights

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# Club Highlights

A special thank you to our meeting host:



St. Augustine High School  
HOME OF THE KNIGHTS  
Established in 1927 • Laredo, TX



The Laredo A&M Mothers' Club wrapped up winter with a productive January meeting. Thank you to all who attended, and we wish all our members a very Happy New Year! During the meeting, minutes were approved, the treasurer's report was presented, and regular monthly business was conducted. We also shared highlights from the many community service projects completed during the holiday season. It truly was a packed month full of activities. Updates were given on the scholarship committee, and we discussed Valentine care boxes, which were delivered as planned. We also took time to celebrate our January birthdays. Among the main topics discussed was our upcoming golf tournament on **Saturday, February 28th, which is our largest fundraiser of the year.** We informed members about the many ways they can help make this event a success.



### Support can be given by:

- Forming a Team
- Volunteering at Event
- Securing a Sponsor
- Donating \$25 gift cards
- Donating items for Goodie bags
- Purchasing shout-outs

### Drop off any Monday in February at McDonald's Jacaman 6-7:30PM

Thank you to all Aggie moms who have already donated! Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available at our next meeting. Last year's turnout was incredible, and we are hoping to see that same level of support again this year. **We truly cannot do it without you.** We also had our NEW pillowcases displayed, which were available for pre-orders, with delivery expected between February and March. Upcoming events were reviewed, including the rummage sale scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, and plans surrounding Family Parents Weekend, including Boutique, and a piñata update.



January Birthdays "Moms of the Month"

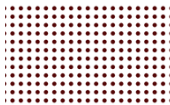
## GOOD BOWL Tournament Thank you for making it a success!



# Serving with a purpose

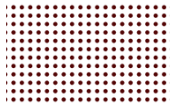


## From our President

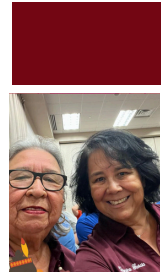


This holiday season was nothing short of extraordinary for our Laredo A&M Mothers' Club members. It was busy, full, and purpose-driven! Aggie moms rose to every moment with heart and grace. Through the Veterans in Need Food Drive, the H-E-B Feast of Sharing Festival, Food Distribution at our Laredo VA Clinics, and Wreaths Across America, these incredible Aggie moms didn't just meet their "Serving With a Purpose" goals—they exceeded them. Each event reflected the true spirit of Aggieland: selfless service, unity, and an unwavering commitment to community. The time they gave, the energy they shared, and the compassion they poured into every effort speak volumes about who they are and what they stand for. Their generous hearts and willingness to serve, especially during such a demanding season, made a real and lasting impact on so many lives. To our Laredo A&M Mother's Club moms: thank you for leading by example, for serving with a purpose, and for showing our community what it truly means to live the Aggie Spirit.

## Laredo A&M Mothers' Club participate in



Rocio Mares-Rubio '98



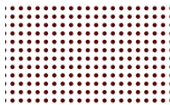
## Ready to Serve:



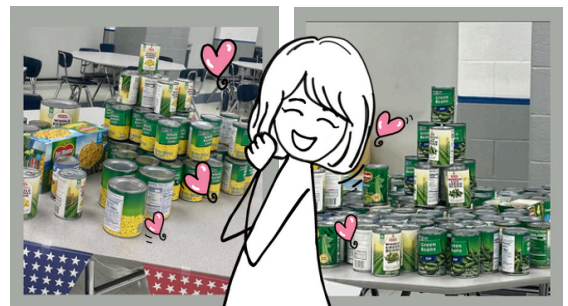
## Aggie Moms Support Veterans with Food Distribution!



## Aggie Moms



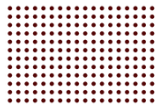
## Team up with St. Augustine School for Veterans in need food drive!



Full on display at our November Monthly Meeting we saw the results of what we can accomplish as a group. Thank you to Crafty Committee, Hospitality Committee, Membership Committee & Sponsorship Committee for your donations! **Gig'em!**



# Fundraising Update



**Aggie Moms, we need your help!**  
 We're officially almost halfway to our \$40,000 goal. Our biggest Fundraiser, the 9th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is around the corner! Happening Saturday, February 28, 2026, help us push hard to make this fundraiser a success. *Every player, team, or sponsorship registration truly matters and will make a difference!* Please come to our membership meeting on February 11th at 6:00 p.m., ready to turn in all team and player registrations, shout-out requests, gift cards and sponsorships. As many as you can gather. Your support, energy, and Aggie spirit make all the difference, and *we truly cannot do this without you.* Thank you in advance for stepping up. For any questions, please contact Sheri or Brisa.



## Crafty is finishing up Piñatas!



Our Crafty Committee has been hard at work every Monday from 6:00–7:30 PM, putting the finishing touches on 100+ mini piñatas for the upcoming Aggie Parents' Boutique. Their dedication, creativity, and teamwork are truly making this fundraiser come to life—thank you to all of our crafty moms for giving their time and talent to support our scholarship efforts!

**There is still time to order your pillowcase!**

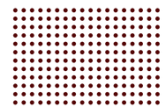
Pre-Order Now 

# Goal \$40K

- GOOD BOWL Tournament \$7,468.69
- Maroon Market \$625
- Christmas Ornament \$383
- Kendra Scott \$639
- Christmas Raffle \$5,986
- Tremendo Taco \$619
- Chipotle \$448
- Vacanza Pie Slice \$400
- Howdy Party buckets \$1,020



## Membership Update



**Howdy Membership Committee!**  
 Please reach out to Brisa or Lupita, we need volunteers for our *monthly meetings.*

Update: Valentine's Day Care Packages sent to all currently enrolled Aggies!

Celebrate Your Aggie Pride!

**ORDER YOUR SHOUT-OUT!**



If you are interested in receiving a calendar for the year 2025-2026 and a list of all Fundraisers, email us at [laredoreporter@aggiemoms.org](mailto:laredoreporter@aggiemoms.org)



## January Hospitality Committee!



**Thank You**

Please join us in thanking these ladies for their effort and contributions to our club: Vicky Cardenas, Maricella Castillo, Laura Guzman, Teri Ramos, Francis Fletes, Lupita Casas, Monserrat Vargas, Juanita Peña, and Briseida Hinojosa. This committee sure knows how to wrap up winter... **BIG Shout-out** to



Bris Hinojosa for treating our members to the BEST coffee cart experience. Very cute Set-up! The January Hospitality Committee paired our snack to perfection with this wonderful treat from Bris. Bringing warm & delicious tamales with beans and doughnuts to finish off our snack. Special thank you to Mrs. Rubio for sharing with us her delicious coffee cake. **Whoop Whoop!**

A BIG Shout-out to McDonald's for hosting our Crafty, Officer & Fundraising Meetings!






# Community News Helpful links

Upcoming Events at A&M College Station!  
<https://calendar.tamu.edu/>

Parent & Family Resource <https://tx.ag/familyportal>

Don't want to walk around campus alone at night? The Corps of Cadets offers an escort service on campus for safety & security call (979) 845-6789  
 <https://www.tamu.edu/emergency/procedures/safetySupport.html>

Learn about Code Maroon Mobile app <https://youtu.be/Klsx-sgo3L0>

How Aggies get involved outside the classroom and make new friends: find a club or organization  
<https://studentactivities.tamu.edu/>

When Aggies need non-emergency medical help, there are options on campus. Visit <https://uhs.tamu.edu/index.html>

Utilize Student Services!  
From help in classes, writing papers, or just needing someone to talk to.  
<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/services/>

Texas A&M Athletics <https://12thman.com>

Family Weekend Resources Visit <https://uhs.tamu.edu/index.html>



*Giving back to the Club!  
Thank you Josie Soto for donating your raffle win to our Bowling Tournament!*



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**COMMERCE BANK**

## Community Healthcare Resource Listings



Texas A&M  
University Health Services



### Feb 2026

- 02/04 Board Officer's Meeting
- 02/11 Monthly Meeting 6PM at St. Augustin Cafeteria
- 02/28 **Laredo A&M Mothers' Club 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament**



### Mar 2026

- 03/04 Board Officer's Meeting
- 03/07 Rummage Sale
- 03/09-13 **Spring Break!**
- 03/18 Monthly Meeting 6PM at St. Augustin Cafeteria
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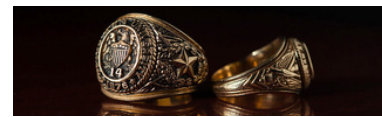
# Thank you for choosing to be a member!



Back Row: (L-R) Paula Letty Geronimo-Historian, Brisa Perez-Alvarado-Secretary, Laura Zarate-Parliamentarian, Sheri Porras'95 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Maria A. Kirkpatrick-Reporter, Blanca Lopez'00-Treasurer, and Lupita Cisneros-2<sup>nd</sup> VP.  
Front Row: (L-R) Rocio Mares-Rubio'98-President and Gabby Luna-Vice President at Large

## It's an honor and a privilege to serve as your 2025-2026 Elected Officers. Thank you for your trust!

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**Ring Assistance** is awarded to the son or daughter of a Laredo A&M Mothers' Club member who is in good standing with membership dues, active participation in meetings and events.


**Ring Crest** is awarded to the Aggie graduate, son or daughter, of a Laredo A&M Mothers' Club member who is in good standing with membership dues, active participation in meetings and events.

**Questions** please reach out to Sheri Porras, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president.

## We want to hear from you

For any questions and/or concerns please email [laredopresident@aggiemoms.org](mailto:laredopresident@aggiemoms.org) or [laredoreporter@aggiemoms.org](mailto:laredoreporter@aggiemoms.org)  
Feel free to share with us information that you think might help our Aggie moms and their families.  
*Thanks and Gig'em!*

## Follow us

**Whoop!**  
Our current facebook   
Laredo-Texas A&M Mothers' Club  
Private Facebook Group



**Howdy!** Our WhatsApp group is for members only. If you are not included please text:  
Brisa (956) 693-1814

## Contact us

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