

Greetings from your 2015-2020 Class of '80 Class Agents, **Sara Beaves, Bill Jentsch, Jim Pratt, Mark Rhea,** and **Kari Moore Roush**. First and foremost, we want to thank **Phil Gougler** and **Carolyn (Storm) Kettenacker** for their service over the past five years!

We are here to serve as the liaison between you and our Class, and our Class and Texas A&M University. If we can help you with anything regarding TAMU, or assist you in getting in touch with Classmates, please feel free to contact any of us.

Also, if any of you are interested in volunteering or have ideas for the Class, please contact us. We are always looking for volunteers! You'll see specific volunteer opportunities for 1) The Selfless Service Scholarship Committee, and 2) the initiative to host TAMU medical students while doing rotations at Houston Methodist Hospital, later in this Newsletter.

Although we encourage everyone to participate in and communicate through various small groups, our Class of '80 Website (<http://classof1980.aggienetwork.com>) will serve as the official site/focal point for Class communication. Please visit the website where you will find a lot of interesting data including the following:

- Class Newsletters
- Previous Newsletters
- Class of '80 Tailgate – 2016 Football Season Home Games. **Tyke Martin** and the Brazos County Tailgaters again welcome the Class of '80 to join them for all home games during the 2016 Football season. The tailgates are in Lot "H" at the northwest corner of Wellborn Rd. and John Kimbrough Blvd. Each tailgate officially kicks off 2 hours prior to kickoff, but you are more than welcome to show up prior to that time. For more information, contact **Tyke Martin** at tykemartin@aol.com, or go to the fan page of

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the Brazos County Tailgaters on Facebook. The tailgate is open to all members of the Class, so come by!

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Our local groups are going and growing, so GET INVOLVED!

- DFW first Thursday dinners – contact **Dillard Stone** (dillardstone@sbcglobal.net)
- Houston's First Friday Lunch at the Americas River Oaks – Contact **Kyle Sears** (sears@mdjwlaw.com) or **Patty Rabel** (rabelpp@aol.com)
- Class Facebook page – Contact **Dillard Stone** (dillardstone@sbcglobal.net) or **Kari Roush** (kmroush@sbcglobal.net)
- Class of '80 LinkedIn Group – Contact **Kyle Sears** (sears@mdjwlaw.com)

SEND US YOUR UPDATES! We'll post to the website or place in the next Newsletter!

Gig 'em!

YOUR Class Agents,

[Sara](#), [Bill](#), [Jim](#), [Mark](#) and [Kari](#)

REUNION RECAP [back to top](#)

For all of you that were not able to make the 35 Year Reunion for the Class of '80 held Oct. 23-25, 2015 in College Station, we can assure you a good time was had by all! To see what you missed, or to look back if you were there, go to the Class website, click on the Reunion page and then click on the 2015 Reunion. You will find links to all photos taken during the Reunion. Several members of the Classes of '79 and '81 took us up on our invitation and joined us at the Reunion.

We kicked off the Reunion on Friday evening by mixing and mingling. Fish Camp Staffers required everyone to meet someone new. This was followed up with instructions for each of the Classmates that had just met to agree to have their photos taken at certain predetermined sites on Campus (yes, even in the rain) on Saturday. Once the required pictures were submitted, names were placed in a hat for a prize drawing - an expense paid (travel and hotel) weekend trip to the 2016 Albuquerque Balloon Festival. **Fred** and **Mary Killingsworth** were the lucky recipients! **Kari** set up a photo booth with everyone encouraged to have fun photos made which will be used in future Reunions and for other purposes... beware!

Kathy McCoy and a few of her Classmates from the
Houston area

Clowning around at the photo booth

Saturday morning began with the business meeting. During the meeting, several Class initiatives and actions were approved including:

- **Phil Gougler** and **Carolyn (Storm) Kettenacker** were recognized for their service over the last 5 years.
- It was approved to add **Ken McCullough** to the list of Classmates that have died in the line of duty. His descendants will be included as the first in line of eligibility for our Memorial Scholarship.
- All donors to the Pillar Campaign were recognized.
- Building on the symbolism of the 12th Man statue, the Class approved the creation of four Selfless Service Scholarships. They are to be established consecutively with each being funded with a \$25,000 contribution. **Barbara Cook** has volunteered to chair the committee. See more information on the Selfless Service Scholarship below. We'd like to add more volunteers that are willing to serve on the committee.
- New Class Agents were elected. Note that it took three people to fill **Carolyn** and **Phil's** shoes!!

Later in the morning, after a very enlightening tour of Kyle Field (there were also tours Friday afternoon), many of us assembled at the 12th Man Statue at Rudder Fountain to rededicate our Class gift to the University. The Traditions Council represented the Student Body, and Lilia Gonzales '94 represented the University in accepting the updated Class gift from the Class of '80. The new Class Gift consisted of the costs of relocating the statue to the Rudder Fountain area, the establishment of an endowed maintenance fund, and the new plaques for the statue referencing E. King Gill as a symbol of selfless service for all Aggies. And yes, as you can see, it rained during the entire ceremony!

The Class of '80 has two members that had personal experiences with E. King Gill, **Nancy Sims Meehan** and **Doug Verpahl**. **Doug** shared his family's history with Dr. E. King Gill

and personal correspondence between him, his family and Dr. Gill, along with photos of Dr. Gill with his family. As a close friend of Dr. Gill, **Doug's** father was the administrator of Dr. E. King Gill's estate.

**Doug Verpahl and Reed Hemley with Doug's personal
photos of E. King Gill**

On Saturday evening, the Class had the honor of having Dr. Jarvis Miller '50 , President of the University during our time there, and Dr. Daniel Pugh, the current VP of Student Affairs, join us for an evening of great BBQ cooked by a Class of '80 team led by **Mike Pack**.

Mike Pack, an artist in action, hard at work over the
cooker

F-1 led the volunteers assisting **Mike** as he prepared BBQ chicken to complement brisket with all of the trimmings. **Mark Schmidt**, head bean cooker, prepared his usual great pot of red beans.

work and NO play!

John Morton graciously let the Class use his phenomenal BBQ trailer for the fourth time. Under the direction of **Lu Harris**, the CAMAC committee from the MSC assisted the Class and served the meal as we sat down to watch the Aggies play Ole Miss.

CAMAC Committee

Unfortunately the rain and the outcome of the game didn't cooperate with the rest of the Class activities. But, just as in our days at A&M, the final score didn't keep us from having a good time! Thanks to **Greg Brewer**, we had a slide show of Classmates since our freshman year and a slideshow of our Class gifts including the recipients of our scholarships. **Greg** also prepared a touching video showing a recap of Silver Taps for each of our Classmates starting with our freshman year. Also, thanks to **Ann Brumley**, we had over 19 hours of hits that we all danced or listened to during our time at A&M!

Kirk '79 and **Ellen Marchand** at the 35 Year Reunion

George Black hanging out with friends in the MSC
during the Reunion

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1. SELFLESS SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Barbara Cook has graciously volunteered to chair this committee over the next four years with the goal of raising four Selfless Service Scholarships consecutively.

WE'D LIKE MORE VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE on the committee with **Barbara. Mark Murphy, Paul Gulig, Jorge Garza, Lu Harris, Scott Hutchins, Mark Rhea, Bill Jentsch, James Wendlandt, Jay Whitaker, Bob Bowden, George Black, Kyle Sears, Scott Terry** have volunteered to kick the committee off, but we want more Class

members to join in. As you will see in the note from **Barbara** below, if you are interested in volunteering, you can contact **Barbara Cook** at serve1980@gmail.com.

Note from **Barbara**: It's hard to believe that our 35 Year Reunion was almost a year ago. It was a great time and I appreciate all those who worked to make it such a success. Before the Reunion, the E. King Gill statue was moved from Kyle Field to Rudder Tower Plaza. Along with the University, our Class elevated the symbolism of E. King Gill's actions to Selfless Service of all Aggies in all aspects of life. At its current location, this message is made more visible. In line with E. King Gill's example, we voted to establish a Selfless Service Scholarship for current students. Numerous students give of themselves while also balancing class loads, jobs, and other commitments.

We want to recognize students who make this a better world for all of us. Our first goal for this scholarship is \$ 25,000... of which we already have \$17,000. We graciously thank **George Black, Jorge Garza, Paul Gulig, Lu Harris, Scott Hutchins, Bill Jentsch, Mark Murphy, Mark Rhea, Jim Pratt, Kyle Sears, Scott Terry, James Wendlandt,** and **Jay Whitaker** for their generosity. After funding our first scholarship we will work to fund three more – one at a time - for a total of four Selfless Service Scholarships. Some of you may want to sponsor your own service scholarship. It could be called "Your Name, Class of '80, Selfless Service Scholarship". In addition, we want to encourage other Classes to establish their own Selfless Service Scholarships. There is no shortage of students who could benefit from these scholarships. If you would like to help fund this scholarship, remember no amount is too small. Each dollar brings us closer to lightening the load of one student every year. Attached are both a pledge card and online giving instructions. If you would like to help on the committee, please contact me through serve1980@gmail.com by Sept. 15. I appreciate those who volunteered last fall: **George Black, Bob Bowden, Paul Gulig, Lu Harris, Mark Murphy, Kyle Sears,** and **Scott Terry**.

Help the Class of '80 lead this initiative for ALL Aggies!
Thank you and gig 'em,
Barbara Cook (serve1980@gmail.com)

As part of the committee serving with **Barbara, Paul Gulig** has issued a challenge to all Classmates.

Note from **Paul**: Howdy Class of '80 Ags! Some of you may know that for our Reunion last fall, I was part of a committee to develop the next phase of our Class' philanthropy to Texas A&M in the form of a new scholarship in line with the rededication of our Twelfth Man statue. The new plaque on the statue says that the Twelfth Man is "A symbol of Selfless Service for all Aggies", meaning it's not just an athletic thing. The scholarship is aimed at recognizing Aggie students who have demonstrated selfless service to the university and community. At our Reunion, I pledged to contribute \$1,000 to the fund, and I recently followed through on that pledge. Some of you (you know who you are) made similar pledges. I challenge everyone who can to match my donation to get this scholarship fund active. If you can't give at that level (or if you can give more), please give what you can. Our Class has always been one of the most generous, so let's keep this going.

Gig 'em!
Paul Gulig, Class of '80, (Class Gift Chair during our senior year)

2. INITIATIVE TO HOST TAMU MEDICAL STUDENTS

Howdy! Don't know if you have heard the news, but Texas A&M Medical School has arrived in Houston and is affiliated with Methodist Hospital Houston. The arrival of almost 50 future doctors has spurred a few Ags (along with the Foundation and Methodist Hospital) to gather and plan a group that will be the "Aggie Network" for these students in clinical rotations. We are just now formulating the organization and are looking for volunteers. Your involvement can be in a variety of areas, including but not limited to serving on the founding board, helping to host welcome dinners, "mentoring/adopting" students as host families, or just giving through membership.

Here's what we need:

- We are asking for interested Ags to contact me so I can put you on our mailing list (and hopefully a volunteer list). You might be interested in helping if you work in the medical field, like helping Aggie students, or just need someone to ask you to serve.
- We are wondering if there is enough interest that our Class would want to host a proposed event during the week of Sept. 6-9 when the students finish their current rotation – PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS EVENT.
- We need you to spread the word about this growing affiliation. We need to get the word out about this great partnership between Houston Methodist Hospital and Texas A&M's Medical School, and their vision to transform health care in our community!

Thanks,

Anne Gibbs Hamilton, Chair. Email: anne.hamilton@sothebyshomes.com. Cell: (713) 503-2902.

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Richard Zdunkewicz has been named Executive Vice President at Acclaim Energy where he oversees all aspects of operations and finance and will increase his time commitment to business development activities. **Zdunkewicz** joined Acclaim Energy in 2006 in a finance and operations role, managing all aspects of transaction pricing, price risk management, accounting controls, data management, human resources, finance and client services. Earlier in his career, he was Vice President of Enron Energy Services where he led deal structuring for its Bundled Energy Management Solutions Group and managed the retail product development effort. Prior to Enron, **Zdunkewicz** served in various roles with Pennzoil Company, including finance and marketing functions in both domestic and international operations. **Zdunkewicz** began his career as a commercial banker at First City National Bank and then with MBank. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in economics.

Jerry Gump - Audubon Field Solutions, a global pipeline and field services company, is pleased to announce that **Jerry Gump**, P.E. joined the team as Director of Pipeline Engineering. **Gump** earned a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University and also attended Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business. He continues to actively serve in several industry organizations, such as American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), and is currently the Chairman of Technical Section A - Facilities Design & Optimization of the GPA Midstream Association.

Charlie Shaver - Axalta Coating Systems has endowed the Axalta Coating Systems Chair in the Artie McFerrin Department of Chemical Engineering in the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University. The \$2 million chair will also receive funding from the Office of the President of the University. The endowment is a response to the university's multi-year campaign — themed Lead By Example — which is designed to provide adequate resources to help solve a variety of real world challenges which its students are being equipped to address.

Mark Swarthout - **Mark W. Swarthout** recently published two books under the pseudonym Mark S. Wellington. These detective mysteries are based in the Detroit area where **Mark** lives with his wife, Cathy. Available through your bookseller or for the Kindle, look for [*The E-Mail Murder*](#) and [*Mystery on Woodward*](#).

John W. Wallace was named Chairman of the Board and CEO for DeGolver and NacNaughton, a Dallas-based petroleum industry consulting firm. **Wallace** replaces James W. Hail, Jr., who retired on December 31, 2015, after 38 years with the firm.

Eric D. Long, president, chief executive office and director at USA Compression Partners LP was named Ernst and Young's (EY's) Entrepreneur of the Year in the emerging category for 2015.

Don Constantine - **Don Constantine** and his wife, Cynthia, have been busy enjoying life. Pictured below are **Don** and Cynthia when they spent some time with Class of '79 members Lyle Lovett and Robert Earl Keen at the Northern Quest Casino in Spokane, WA, on March 20, 2016. "Oh what a night".

Rick, Sandra and Erin Hoelscher

Pete Greaves and crew ready to
yell for Aggie Baseball

Don and **Pat Chilton**

Bruce Cummings and **Tom
Rheinlander** at a monthly '80
dinner in Fort Worth

Larkin O'Hearn catching a little
Aggie Baseball

**David Hyde and James
Wendlandt** at a very hot Aggie
Baseball game

Mike Pack is all grins after he
wins a shotgun at Coach's Night
in Fort Worth!

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We hope you watched our 28 Aggie Athletes representing 14 countries (United States, Australia, Bahamas, Canada, France, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, and Zambia) as they competed in the XXXI Olympiad Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, airing August 5-21 on NBC. A record total of 206 countries were entered with more than 10,500 athletes competing. Five Aggies were part of Team USA in three sports: three in track & field

(Maggie Malone '16 - javelin; Ameer Webb '15 - 200m; Shelbi Vaughan '16 - discus); one in basketball (DeAndre Jordan '11); and one in swimming (Cammile Adams '14 - 200-fly women's swim team). Aggies competed in basketball, soccer, swimming & diving, and track & field. Eighteen Aggie Athletes competed in track & field, seven in swimming, one in basketball and one in soccer. Gig 'em, Aggies!!!

On Saturday, July 23, ABC's 20/20 aired a documentary featuring the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse, including a reenactment and interviews by survivors John Comstock '03, Bill Davis '03, and Mandy Nakai Lucke '03.

On May 2 the TAMU System Board of Regents approved new stadium projects for the Aggie softball and track & field teams with completion dates projected prior to the 2018 season. The current Aggie Softball Complex was built in 1994, and the Frank G. Anderson Track and Field Complex opened for competitions in 1986. The two projects will be funded by donor gifts to the 12th Man Foundation and through the TAMU Athletics Department. Both the softball and track & field projects will require the moving of several of TAMU's existing intramural fields, which are under the purview of Rec Sports, to a new location. This separate project is expected to cost approximately \$10 million and will be funded by the Athletics Department. The softball diamond will move west from its current location at the corner of Olsen Road and Tom Chandler Drive to the corner of Tom Chandler Drive and Penberthy Road. At a cost of \$28.6 million, the new stadium will seat 2,000 fans and include premium club seats, staff offices, locker rooms for home and visitors as well as an umpires locker room, press box, full broadcast capabilities and service areas. Additionally, the softball complex will include a 6,750-square-foot indoor hitting facility. The facility will be similar in appearance and function to baseball's Blue Bell Park.

CAMPUS STATS:

- Incoming freshmen: 9,600
- Total flagship enrollment: 60,826
- Total graduate students: 15,000
- Graduation percentage: 54% within 4 years, 80% within 6 years
- Number of Presidential Endowed Scholars: 1,063
- Number of first generation students: 14,327
- Number in Corps of Cadets: 2,570

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We as a Class should be proud of what we have given back to the University. The Class has given the following Class gifts to date:

- **The 12th Man Statue.** It now resides at the west side of Rudder fountain facing the 12th Man Hall. Its symbolism has been elevated to that of selfless service for all Aggies! The relocation and new plaques noting the greater symbolism was a second class gift to the University.
- **President's Endowed Scholarship.** Laura Blount '16, our most recent PES, graduated in December 2015 in health. Grace Piper '20, a biomedical sciences

(plans to go to veterinary school) major from The Woodlands has been named as our current PES recipient. She also will be playing soccer for Texas A&M. Check out the Class website for more information on Grace.

- **Memorial Scholarship.** This was set up to honor fallen Classmates that died while serving in the line of duty. The descendants of the fallen Classmates are first in line to receive this award with the descendants of any Classmate being second in line. In the event neither the descendants of the fallen Classmates, or of Classmates apply for this award, the scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman.
- **MSC Pillar.** The Class contributed \$100,000 to the renovation of the MSC. The Class of '80 pillar recognition is located on the West hall of the MSC just south of the location of the old hotel desk.

A few of our Classmates posing at the '80 pillar during our
Reunion

That's all we have for now. Remember to send us your Class news and let us know

if you are interested in volunteering.

Gig 'em,

Your 2015-2020 Class Agents,

[Sara Beaves](#), [Bill Jentsch](#), [Jim Pratt](#), [Mark Rhea](#) & [Kari Roush](#)

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We are currently lacking email addresses for 37 percent of our Classmates. To be more cost-efficient, email is our primary means of communication, so it is important that we collect email addresses for as many Classmates as possible.

Help us find them! Forward this email to them. Then, they can give us their information by emailing a Class Agent or by visiting AggieNetwork.com.

* Totals are as of August 2016. They are updated daily to include up-to-date donations.

Listed below are Classmates whom we have recently lost. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers. **Click on a name for the full Silver Taps listing online. Visit our [Class Page](#) for updates on Silver Taps.**

<u>Stephen P. Korkmas</u>	July 15, 2016
<u>Lynn J. Schulte</u>	June 23, 2016
<u>Paul C. Barton</u>	June 06, 2016
<u>Dr. James Dean Cook</u>	May 24, 2016
<u>John R. Weaver</u>	April 29, 2016
<u>James M. Brewer</u>	April 8, 2016
<u>Rena McGhee Boggs</u>	March 27, 2016
<u>Sandra L. Secor</u>	February 19, 2016
<u>Stephen L. Austin</u>	February 07, 2016
<u>Delancey Crittenden Spain</u>	December 01, 2015
<u>Gary W. Hein</u>	November 03, 2015
<u>Dr. William H. Mast</u>	October 06, 2015
<u>LTC Edwin S. Arrance</u>	September 29, 2015
<u>Thomas E. Schneider</u>	September 25, 2015
<u>Thomas M. Wadley</u>	September 15, 2015
<u>Kyle R. Lawson</u>	September 14, 2015
<u>Steven R. Sampson</u>	August 15, 2015
<u>Lisa F. Demack</u>	July 07, 2015
<u>Michael B. Sartor</u>	June 29, 2015
<u>Deborah A. Harrington</u>	June 18, 2015
<u>Daniel O. Hoffmann</u>	June 13, 2015
<u>Robert L. Dimmick</u>	May 31, 2015
<u>Brenda J. Austin</u>	May 09, 2015
<u>Patricia L. Johnson</u>	April 25, 2015

<u>David L. Y'Barbo</u>	April 10, 2015
<u>Ronald R. Behrend</u>	April 07, 2015
<u>Darrell R. Watkins, Jr.</u>	April 04, 2015
<u>Jeffrey L. Fincher</u>	March 18, 2015
<u>Ina R. Rickard</u>	March 07, 2015
<u>Kelly V. Coffman</u>	February 28, 2015
<u>Carolyn L. Wright</u>	January 04, 2015
<u>Thomas C. Fain</u>	December 11, 2014
<u>Kathryn B. Gill</u>	December 05, 2014
<u>Robert M. Quast</u>	November 29, 2014
<u>Dr. Doyle J. Horne</u>	September 14, 2014
<u>Dr. Joseph A. Kuhn</u>	July 20, 2014
<u>Laura C. Smith</u>	June 02, 2014
<u>Jerry D. Kline</u>	May 08, 2014
<u>Patrick K. McBride</u>	March 08, 2014
<u>Kenneth H. Nelson</u>	March 07, 2014
<u>Jeri L. Badgett</u>	February 14, 2014
<u>George E. Gries</u>	February 04, 2014
<u>Jeanette Hennigan</u>	December 20, 2013
<u>Jack A. Demack</u>	December 08, 2013
<u>Elise S. Brooks</u>	November 27, 2013
<u>Dr. Reynaldo Casares</u>	August 03, 2013
<u>*Gary Bruce Perrenot</u>	May 19, 2012
<u>*Billy B. White</u>	October 17, 2008
<u>*Dr. Ray G. Peterson</u>	November 28, 2001
<u>*Rosslyn B. Wright</u>	January 10, 1997



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