

Information about Greek Mom's and Dad's Clubs Compiled from the March 2009 Housemother's Meeting

This is not a synopsis of each housemother's report, but general ideas of services and monetary donations given to KSU Greek houses.

A majority of the houses have both a Mother's Club and a Dad's Group with separate leadership. One fraternity has a Mom's, Dad's and Parent's Club with separate weekends and meetings. In another house so many of the spouses attended both the Mom's Weekend or Dad's Weekend that they changed to a Parent's Club. Their meetings are in the spring and fall with activities for both groups. Another fraternity has both Mom's and Dad's Weekends and also a day in the Spring where all parents come to clean up the yard, plant flowers, shrubs, etc. This day includes a pot-luck dinner furnished by parents. The alums of one house come annually to provide weekend services both inside and outside of the house...painting, plumbing, etc.

Every house represented at the meeting had a Mother's Club and many of them have the traditional luncheon at the Alum Center, KSU Union, hotels, Country Club, or catered at the house. Both silent auctions and live auctions are popular at these affairs. (Note: Farm House has an auctioneer available.) Mothers furnish the auction items and also purchase the items. At several luncheons a T-shirt quilt is auctioned off or raffled. The quilts are made by a mother or by the housemother. Most of these weekends include other Mother type activities, such as Bunko or Bingo, mall shopping, Sunday brunches, or fruit and bagels in the AM. Each class in one house hosts a separate Saturday night dinner out on the town in Manhattan for the Moms and Daughters of a specific pledge class....four different sites. Older members often take their mothers to Aggieville for a Pub Crawl

Father's weekends usually include a K-State football or basketball game and other activities, such as Texas Poker, golf, bowling, pub crawls, etc. They are more likely to have a live auction.

A "wish list" from the members is the most popular way to decide what is needed in the house. Following is a list of some of the ways auction items and father's donations are spent; furniture, video equipment, televisions, computers and printers, and other needs of the house are usually on this list. Other innovative ideas: \$100 scholarship to each pledge with grades above the required GPA, outdoor lighting for safety, new mattresses for the dorms. One father's group keeps the computer lab up to date and pays for the wireless service each year.

Nearly every Mom's Club provides some type of food for final weeks, a meal, pizza, subs, or snacks. Some alum groups furnish cookies on one final week night. Both Dad's and alums have provided barbequed meat and the trimmings for tailgating on their weekend outing

For those who could not attend the meeting, please email me with other good ideas you might like to share.

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