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MARDI GRAS

Ross Volunteer Reception – Monday, Feb 12, 11 am

Continuing a tradition that began in 1951, the New Orleans A&M Club will host the RV Company for the 67th annual meeting of the two groups. The Ross Volunteer Company will be in New Orleans to serve as honor guard for Rex, king of Mardi Gras. The Krewe of Rex Parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am on Feb 13th. The parade starts at the intersection of Napoleon Avenue and S. Claiborne Ave. It proceeds south to St. Charles Avenue and turns left. The parade continues down St. Charles to Canal Street. The Krewe disbands at the intersection of Canal and South Peters Street.

On Monday, Feb 12, the RV Company will attend the Club luncheon at Hard Rock Café on the corner of Iberville and Bourbon in the French Quarter. The menu has a choice of hamburger, grilled chicken breast sandwich, veggie burger, bar-b-que pork sandwich or grilled chicken Caesar salad. French-fries, soft drink and a chocolate chip cookie are also included. The cost is \$22, inclusive of tax and tip. Club members are encouraged to attend.

Freshman Drill Team Luncheon – Saturday, Feb 10, 3 pm

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Fish Drill Team, Class of 2021 will arrive in New Orleans on Thursday, Feb 8th and will stay at Delgado Community College. On Friday, the 9th, they will compete in the Mardi Gras Drill Meet on Tulane's Campus. Information about the meet can be found online at <http://tulanenrotc.com/mardi-gras-drill-meet/>. The meet is considered the National Championship for drill teams. The FDT is the perennial favorite and draws close attention by the other teams. The FDT will be defending the National Title won by the class of 2020.

At noon on Saturday, Feb 10th, the FDT will march in the Krewe of Iris Parade which follows the traditional uptown route. After changing out of uniform, they will walk to the Club luncheon at the Hard Rock Café in the French Quarter for 3 pm. Club members and FDT family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. They can order and pay separately or prepay \$22 (tax and tip inclusive) for the group menu. The menu has a choice of hamburger/cheeseburger, grilled chicken breast sandwich, veggie burger, bar-b-que pork sandwich or grilled chicken Caesar salad. French-fries, soft drink and a chocolate chip cookie are included.

SILVER TAPS

Larkin, Class of '57

Frank Earle Larkin passed away on July 4, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Earle and Frank Ernest Larkin, his sister Martha Louise Larkin and his grandson James Peter Himbert. Frank is survived by his wife of 50 years Jerrie Mathis Larkin, two daughters; Ruth Anne Himbert (Trey) and Martha Sandidge (Grant) and grandchildren, Sarah Himbert, Lindley Sandidge and Reed Sandidge. He is also survived by his brother James B. Larkin (Mamie) and many nieces and nephews. Frank attended high school in Seguin, Texas. He was a graduate of Texas A&M University, class of 1957, and a loyal member and past-president of the New Orleans A&M Club. He served three years in the United States Air Force, receiving an Honorable Discharge and served another ten years in the United States Air Force Reserve. He was employed by the Exxon Oil Company where he retired after 30 years of service.

Last year at the Club's Muster meeting on April 21, the New Orleans A&M Club board and officers recognized Frank and Jerrie for their many years of service and sacrifice to fellow Aggies by establishing the Frank and Jerrie Larkin Service Award Scholarship Fund. You can read about their service here <http://nolaags.info/frank-larkin-57/>. Contributions can be made to the fund as follows:

Larkin Scholarship Initiative

4 Ways to Give

1. Check made payable to "New Orleans A&M Club"
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 - b. On memo line: "Scholarship"
 - c. P.O. Box 52263
New Orleans, LA 70152
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 - a. Tax deductible
 - b. P.O. Box 52263
New Orleans, LA 70152
3. GNOA Texas A&M Foundation online
 - a. <http://nolaags.info/foundation/>
 - b. Tax deductible
 - c. Send an email to foundation@nolaags.info designating the purpose of your donation
4. Check made payable to "Texas A&M Foundation"
 - a. Tax deductible
 - b. Company match processing available
 - c. On memo line: "NOLA A&M C Hldg A/C #: 0573675"
 - d. 401 George Bush Drive
College Station, TX 77840-2811

Mikulenka, Class of '58

It is with sadness that we report that Edward "Ed" J. Mikulenka, Jr. passed on the evening of October 23, 2017. Ed was President of the NOLA A&M Club for 1991 and was also awarded Lifetime Membership in the San Antonio A&M Club. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and two children, Edward "Eddy" J. Mikulenka III '90, a Club member, and Susan M. "Suzy" (Mikulenka) Kyle '86. Sandy and Ed lived in Gulfport, MS.

At A&M Ed was a member of Squadron 14. Ed was an active member of the Class of '58 Fifth Group Reunion Association and was an avid Aggie sports fan. Ed's remains were cremated, and a service and internment is being planned during the time frame of the next Sul Ross Group Reunion, 19-21 March 2018. The service will be at the Columbarium section of the Aggie Field of Honor in College Station. Additional details will be provided as they become available on the Field of Honor website: <http://fieldofhonor.cstx.gov/afoh.htm>

Ed was always generous to fellow Aggies and the NOLA A&M, and he will be missed.

Faust, Class of '47

Col. Edmond Lawrence Faust, Jr., 95, of New Orleans, Louisiana, died peacefully on June 28, 2017 at home in Lambeth House. A private burial was held at Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Virginia Marie Whiteman Faust, his brother, Dr. Richard Alan Faust, and his sister, Consuelo Faust Walk. He is survived by three devoted children, Edmond L. Faust, III (Judy), Judith Faust, and Olive Elizabeth Faust (Frazer Rankin); by five grandchildren, Edmond L. Faust, IV (Mitzi), Jeffrey Arthur Faust (Katrina Glover), Kimberly Dorsey, Heather Dorsey, and Cristina Marie Faust Mueller (Ethan Nosowsky); by five great-grandchildren, Matthew Faust, Olive Beatrix Faust Nosowsky, Rose Oona Faust Nosowsky, Gabriel Glover, and Devin Oakey; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Col. Faust was born in 1921 in New Orleans, the son of the late Dr. Edmond L. Faust and Consuelo Abaunza. Ed's early years were spent in New Orleans where he attended Henry Allen School and Alcee Fortier High School, graduating in 1938. He attended Tulane University for one year. In the summer of 1939, he was on board the battleship USS Wyoming as a Naval ROTC student when he was admitted to the US Military Academy at

West Point. His class time at the Academy was shortened by six months because of World War II. He was commissioned in the Army Corps of Engineers at graduation on January 19, 1943, and was married to Virginia Marie "Ginny" Whiteman five days later in Fort Worth, Texas. Lt. Faust's unit supported the Allied armies advancing against Germany until VE day. He was crossing the US on his way to the Pacific theater in the summer of 1945 when the Japanese surrendered.

After a tour at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, SC, he attended **Texas A&M University** where he earned an MS in Civil Engineering. Ed was Assistant Professor of Military Science at LSU. Ed then served in Korea while the family stayed at Ft. Ord, CA until the summer of 1954 when they reunited for tours in Japan and Okinawa. After assignments in Texas and Pennsylvania, he served as Assistant Chief, Nuclear Power Division, Office of The Chief of Engineers in Washington, DC. He was assigned to Armed Forces Southern Europe (AFSOUTH) in Naples, Italy for three years. AFSOUTH is the NATO command for Italy, Greece, and Turkey, and Ed's job took him to the three countries to survey, inspect and approve projects being built by NATO. Ed's next tour was as Deputy Post Engineer at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. After only one year, Ed was selected to attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA. Graduating in 1966, Ed was assigned to the Weapon Systems Evaluation Group under the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. At the conclusion of that tour, Ed retired from the Army after 26 1/2 years of service. Ed came home to New Orleans, where he worked for the Dock Board/Port of New Orleans and then the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company (ODECO), later to become Murphy Oil, from which he retired. Ed & Ginny enjoyed many years in New Orleans. During those years, Ed was a member of the Boston Club and the Society of American Military Engineers. In 1973, Ed was President of the Society of American Military Engineers, Louisiana Post, when it was selected as one of the outstanding posts in the United States.

Daspit, Class of '71

Katharine "Kay" Daspit, 97, born on September 29, 1920 died peacefully on November 7, 2017. She was the sixth child of Robert Valentine Daspit and Margaret Butler Daspit of Bayou Blue. After graduating from Terrebonne High School, Katharine attended and graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a degree in education. She taught school in Cut Off until she enlisted in Air Force during WWII. During her 20 year Air Force career Katharine worked as a photographer, a squadron commander, recruiter and administrator. She retired as a Major.

Later in life, Katharine attended Texas A&M University and received a Masters in Business and Computer Science. Katharine then returned to Terrebonne Parish and worked at First National Bank in Houma. She began a long career of volunteering and being an active member of several local organizations. Katharine was the founding board president for the YWCA, a member of the Houma-Terrebonne Arts and Humanities Council Board, a member of the advisory board of Terrebonne's Vocational-Technical School, a member of the Terrebonne Historical Society, a Salvation Army board member, a member of the Friends of the Houma Public Library and a board member of the United Way of South Louisiana.

After her retirement, Katharine and her sister Carolyn traveled the world together. Katharine was an avid gardener, reader, card player, and brownie baker. She enjoyed sharing her flowers, books and brownies with family, friends, and people who helped her. She was fondly called "the brownie lady".

Katharine is survived by her sister, Louise Daspit Geary and many nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Katharine was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Margaret Daspit, her brothers, Robert, John and Woodson, and her sisters, Margaret, Carolyn, Annie B. and Agnes.

Whitson, Class of '45

Edwin Pierce Whitson Jr. passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, December 24, 2017 at his home in Amite, Louisiana at the age of 94. He was born on September 22, 1923 in Cleburne, Texas. He was a resident of Amite, Louisiana after spending 58 years as a resident of the Lake Charles and Sulphur area.

Edwin was a World War II Veteran having served his country in the U. S. Army – Corps of Engineers. After leaving the service in 1946, he returned to Texas A&M to complete his degree in Mechanical Engineering. He met his wife on a blind date in College Station, and they married at her home on Himalaya Plantation on September 2, 1947.

He was a deeply devoted husband and father, a friend to many, and made a lasting impression to all who knew him. Edwin was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golf. He was a man of deep faith and served his church as an usher and religious education teacher.

Edwin is survived by his children David Lee Whitson, Priscilla DiLorenzo and her husband Stephen DiLorenzo, Alice Regan and her husband Jeffrey Regan, his eight grandchildren Michael Whitson, Jason Whitson, Katherine Whitson, Jennifer Gallagher, Megan Gallagher, Emily Prescia, Kelly Regan, and Ryan Regan, and two great grandchildren Emma Grace Prescia and Brooklyn Marie Jefferson. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law Margie LeBlanc and Carolyn Landry and a host of nieces and nephews.

Edwin is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years Hattie Landry Whitson, his son Theodore Edwin Whitson, his parents Edwin Pierce Sr. and Mattie Lee Whitson, and his sister Judith Whitson Amps.

DeMarcay, Class of '86

Gary Blake DeMarcay, a native and resident of the city of New Orleans, passed away peacefully at age 66 on December 2, 2017 after a brief illness, surrounded by family and close friends. Gary was born on August 30, 1951, the son of the late Earl J. DeMarcay and Audrey H. DeMarcay of New Orleans. He attended East Jefferson High School and received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Orleans and his Master's degree from Texas A&M University. Gary worked as an archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Forestry Service, and the Navajo nation. His work took him to many places, including Rawlins and Laramie, Wyoming, Las Cruces and Gallup, New Mexico, Galveston and Fort Worth, Texas, before finally returning to his beloved New Orleans. Gary is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn Reese-Taylor, his mother, Audrey H. DeMarcay, siblings, Susan Copping (Russ), David DeMarcay (Jayne nee Chernetz), and Melanie DeMarcay. Gary also deeply touched the lives of his many nieces and nephews, Stefan DeMarcay, Megan Moore (Jeremy), Thais Copping, Peter Copping (Dixie nee Kimball), Audrey Mire (Stephen) and Emily Richardson (Carter Bordelon), his three step-children, Elizabeth Reese Baloutine, Schuyler Reese-Taylor, and Benjamin Reese-Taylor, his close cousins, and a multitude of dear friends, who will all cherish his memory.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Christ Church Episcopal Covington Chapel, 129 N. New Hampshire Street Covington, LA 70433. A celebration of life reception will follow. For more information about the memorial service and celebration of life reception, please contact garydemarcaymemorial@gmail.com.

CLUB PRESIDENT

Angela Piper '87 will serve as the Club president this year. Angela is married to Jim, also class of '87. They live in Belle Chasse, and Jim is the Technical Services Manager at the Phillips 66 Alliance Refinery. In the past 30 years, she and her family have lived in Bryan, TX, Ponca City, OK, Lake Charles, LA, Victoria, TX, Billings, MT, Edwardsville, IL and ,of course, now in NOLA. Angela has worked as a social worker, teacher, administrative assistant for an outdoor church camp and as a volunteer recruiter for CASA in Southwestern Illinois. Wherever her family has landed, she has been involved in the local community and volunteered for many organizations.

Baton Rouge is where her Aggie son, Michael '16, resides. He is an Electrical Engineer and works for Albemarle. His older sister, Ashley, received her law degree from the University of Montana in 2017 and, after passing the Bar Exam, became licensed in the state of Washington. She is an immigration attorney for NWIRP (Northwest Immigration Rights Project) in Seattle. Angela and Jim are very happy to have two 'adulting' offspring!

Angela is hoping to learn more about the history of the New Orleans A&M Club and to reach out more, through social media, to the Aggies in the area, (hopefully, with the help of a millenial or two.) She looks forward to meeting more of the current Club members and participating in the events planned for 2018.

The first event is particularly meaningful to her family, the Ross Volunteer Reception, since both her husband's father, Larry Piper '57, and uncle, Larry Crutsinger '64, marched as Honor Guard for Rex. The 'Old Ags' remember the hospitality of the Club, and that the meal (in those days) was dinner at Antoine's on the Monday night before the parade. Jim's father recalled enjoying the Rex Ball on the Tuesday evening after marching, and that one year, the famous actor, Gary Cooper attended and was on the dance floor! Angela and her husband are excited to participate in this great New Orleans Texas A&M Club tradition that has continued since 1951.



The New Orleans A&M Club providing a meal for the '56 Ross Volunteer Company



Pictured above the Ross Volunteer Company march in the 1956 Krewe of Rex Parade. In this picture, Larry Piper '57 was in the first rank of the first platoon. In the 1957 march he was the first platoon leader.

MEMBERSHIP

Please take this opportunity to pay your 2018 dues. Annual dues and payment for your meal at the luncheons should be made to **“New Orleans A&M Club”**. Tax deductible donations for scholarships or to help with the expense of the RV and FDT luncheons may also be made by separate check and made payable to **“GNOA Texas A&M Foundation”**. Financial reporting is done during the Club business meeting at Muster.

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