

MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday,
February 12, 2002 at 10:00 A.M.
at the Senior Center on North Lamar at 29th St.
RSVP is not required for Lunch

The following meeting is May 14th, 2002

Agenda for the Feb 12th meeting

10:05	Call to order and General Business Meeting Business: Approval of Minutes of November Meeting Treasurer's Report Committee Reports
11:00	Speaker: Rich Bailey, Community Affairs Topic: Motorola Marathon Speaker: Bill Wodorski, Certified Travel Counselor Topic: Things to Watch For (Bargains and Scams) in Travel
12:00	Adjourn, Social Time, Lunch - Spaghetti

President's Message

I want to welcome all the new members, and thank all of you who have renewed your membership for this year. We encourage you to attend all of our meetings and to participate to the fullest. We need you!

A heartfelt thanks to all the out-going board members for their hard work, and a special thanks to Mike Temple - he's been an outstanding and innovative president and continues to serve the club as president pro tem.

Thanks also to those who have volunteered to serve on this year's board, especially those of you who are continuing from last year. We do, however, still have a couple of open positions, namely, Programs, Events, and Volunteers. "Events," as you may recall is a result of splitting the former "Social" function into its two components, the other of which is "Tours." Both functions were wonderfully handled last year by Betty Temple, but this year Betty will be focusing on tours only (see tour article in this newsletter).

The Program chair will be responsible for setting up speakers and entertainment for the remaining three general meetings. The Events chair will set up our two annual events, the picnic and the Christmas party. The Volunteer chair will be responsible for coordinating volunteer opportunities for the club, e.g., the marathon.

If you're hesitating to jump in solo, find a buddy, but we need your fresh ideas, so come on and get involved. This is YOUR club.
President, Jeanne Morris

Motorola Marathon February 17th

We've been asked to support the Motorola Marathon with volunteers again this year. Dates and events are listed below. A volunteer sign-up list will be available at the general meeting.

Packet pick-up at Palmer Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 15th, Noon to 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
Saturday, Feb 16th: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Finish Line at Auditorium Shores

Sunday, Feb. 17th, 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM; 8:00 AM to noon; and noon to 4:00 PM
We also have five (5) volunteers to assist with the 5K run on Saturday, Feb 16th.

The Christmas Gathering

Submitted by Betty Temple



Al Alaspa and Betty Temple at the Christmas Party.

Seventy-five festively attired retirees enjoyed a banquet of succulent dishes served up by the Chinatown restaurant. For our entertainment Madrigal singers from McNeill High School sang a variety of lively Christmas songs. Al Alaspa won the "Big" door prize: He and wife Kathy will be enjoying a night's stay at a lovely bed and breakfast in Fredericksburg. Another great Christmas party experienced by those in attendance.

Christmas Trip

Submitted by Bill and Helen Dunn

We decided to take a motor coach tour to Nashville, TN, to take in the Christmas lights and shows. The trip started in Temple, TX, and lasted seven days. First day out we stopped in Corsicana at the Russell Stover candy factory for chocolate snacks, stopped in Longview to tour the oil town museum, and then went on to Marshall where we stayed to take in their Christmas lights. The next day we made it to Little Rock, AR, where we toured the city. As it turned out, Bill Clinton was in town to start the building of his presidential library. It was raining and all the dignitaries were under a tent so we couldn't see too much. Next stop was Memphis where we saw more lights and visited Graceland (Elvis wasn't in town).

On the third day we carried on straight into Nashville to the Grand Old Opry Hotel. This place is spectacular! Besides having over 2000 rooms filled to capacity, you need a map to find your way through stores, bridges, rivers, and side shows. We spent three days taking in dinner-shows, breakfast on a showboat cruising down the river, and two shows at both the new and old Grand Old Opry locations. The best was the old location at Ryman Hall, which one was live on radio with Clint Black as one of the participants. There was a lot to see and do.

On the return trip we made stops at St. Jude's hospital and (back in Texas) at the Marshall Pottery, the bakery in Corsicana, and finally got back home. We met lots of people, made some friends, acquired some good memories, ate lots of good food, and gained weight – which added to our New Year's resolution to exercise and lose a little.

Dive Trek to Fiji

Submitted by Mike Temple

After 31 hours of travel I finally arrived at our SCUBA dive destination in Taveuni (Garden Island) Fiji (180degrees West and 18 degrees South). Our group of six male divers, it's a "Guy Thing", settled into our 12' x 18' air-conditioned rooms in preparation for 2 dives a day for the next six days. The diving was great though the visibility was not as hoped (30' to 50'). This visibility varied depending on the dive site, amount of sun, and the time during the week. We experienced some wind and rain which makes for cloudy water. On the dives we saw the following: Blue eels, Mori eels, Spotted eels, schools of Barracuda, a six foot long poisonous Sea Snake, Shark, Grouper, Unicorn Fish, Angel Fish, Blow Fish, Lion Fish, Leaf Fish, Dragon Fish, Sea Turtle, and many more types of fish large and small. The soft coral was abundant, striking, and colorful.

The weather in Fiji is warm and very humid like a day on the Texas coast in the summer. Almost every day there are short rain showers called "Sun Showers" keeping the temperature down and the humidity up. The Fijian people were very friendly as I rode my rented bike all around the island of Taveuni. The greeting you got as you met strangers was "Boula Boula." Yes, this is where the words to the song came from. The cost of this package dive vacation was approximately \$2100.00, which included air fair and everything. Business is slow and they are offering great deals.

2002 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the current year are due at the first meeting. They may also be mailed to the Membership Chairperson. Checks should be made payable to MLRST. Annual dues are \$10.00 per member (\$20.00 for a couple) since dues for current members will not be prorated this year. We want you all back so please get them paid! Currently there are 111 unpaid members from 2001. See the membership application on the last page of this newsletter for the mailing address, etc.

Motorola "Books are Fun" Book Fair

This year the Lone Star Retirees Club will be sponsoring the Book Fair within Motorola. We will be working with Gary May of Books are Fun. We will be contacting Motorola Security and Facilities to set up the Book Fair dates. If you are interested in purchasing any of this quality merchandise you can go to one of the facilities on the dates below. At Parmer, the location is in the hall outside of the Credit Union. At Oak Hill, the location will be at the cafeteria exit. The location at Ed Bluestein will be on the bridge between the buildings.

Currently the dates for the book fair will be:

Parmer -	Feb. 5 & 6,	August 26 & 27	Nov. 11 & 12
Oak Hill -	Feb. 12, 13 & 14	August 21, 22 & 23	Nov. 14 & 15
Ed Blue -	Feb. 19, 20 & 21	Sept. 4, 5 & 6	Nov. 26 & 27

Whooping Crane Tour

Tuesday and Wednesday March 5th & 6th the Motorola LoneStar Retirees club will embark on a two-day trip to Rockport.

Tuesday we will tour the 1872 town of Cuero, rich in small town history, it boast 50 structures on the National Register of Historic Places, three historic districts - two residential and one commercial - encompassing Main Street. The 1896 courthouse is among the most handsome in Texas. There are 5 churches marked by the Texas Historical Commission and National Registry. Making our way to Rockport we will be there in time to check into our rooms and then get ready for a delightful dinner. After breakfast Wednesday morning, it's get out your camera and binoculars time as we board the narrated tour boat to view whooping cranes and sea life. Those that choose to take up their fishing rod instead of bird watching can make their own arrangements to fish by boat or from the pier.

We will leave from the Motorola plant on 183 south at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday March 5th. We should be back into Austin by 6:00-6:30 P.M. Wednesday March 6th.

The EXPECTED cost is around \$150.00 per person.

Included in that price is the bus, boat tour, room (double occupancy) and some meals. Please note that this needs to be fine tuned yet, but if you are interested please let me know soon as I need at least 35 people to commit for this tour to take place.

Tour Chairman, Betty Temple, 258-6960



Doll Making

Submitted by Betty Temple

My friend Barbara Racino and I can usually be seen checking out all the local antiques shops or trekking to Warrenton for their twice a year out door collectors' market. As avid collectors, Barbara in angels and Betty in Santa figures, we embarked on a fantastic journey into the world of doll making. Enrolled in an intensive 3-day workshop, we delved right into shaping and stuffing an armatured canvas body; but the real challenge was sculpting, with polymer clay, the head and hands. Capturing the minute details in the face and hands was made easier with the expert instructions from our teacher Marilynn Huston. A doll maker for 10 years, she has appeared on the Carol Duvall television show and is one of the featured artists in the March 2002 issue of the "Contemporary Doll Collector" magazine. We each went home with a fully dressed hand made doll of our own creation (see picture below).

What a fabulous experience. For those of you interested in viewing her dolls or taking a class from Marilynn, she can be reached at 252-1192.

NOW I've Been There, Done That

Submitted by Lester Formby

My brother-in-law secured a hunting lease on the King Ranch and invited me to go to the lease with him along with the preacher from the church he attends and our other brother-in-law. I am a non-hunter, but just wanted to be able to say that I had been hunting on the King Ranch. My brother-in-law has a nice mobile home, so I knew that I would not have to stay in a tent. In my retirement years, I don't want to rough it very much.

During the hunt we observed some of the largest deer I had ever seen, but they have very strict rules on which animals one can kill. If you kill one that does not fit the rules, you can be fined \$2000.00 and if you kill two that don't fit the rules, you can be kicked off the lease. The other animal they were hunting was called a "Naugi." It can grow to a size of 500-600 pounds. It does not have multiple prong horns, just two single horns that grow to about one foot in length. It has a long neck and it reminds me of a large laughing hyena with horns. It is a very wild animal. We only saw one or two at long distances. They were imported to the King Ranch from India some thirty years ago and thrived there very well.

We had great time. The preacher killed a coyote to practice his taxidermy on and my brother-in-law killed a wild pig. The weather was really nice, and we enjoyed a wonderful three days in desolate wild country away from it all.

Minutes of November 13, 2001 General Membership Meeting

The MLSRC General Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2001, at the Austin Senior Activity Center. The Club President, Mike Temple, called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. There were 53 members in attendance.

Agenda: General Business Meeting
 Nomination and Election of Officers for year 2002
 Guest speakers
 Adjourn, Social time and lunch

Meeting Dates for 2001

Meeting dates remaining for year 2001: 11 December (Christmas party)

Treasurers Report

Margie Dixon, the club treasurer gave the following report:

Checking account	\$53.72
Savings account	1,533.57
Money Market	<u>11,906.34</u>
Total	\$13,493.63

Newsletter activity:

President Mike Temple asked the membership if they would volunteer to give a brief description of trips they made this past summer. The members responded with describing interesting local and distant locations.

Social Activities:

Betty Temple described the Club's trip to the Texas History Museum tour as being great. Everything worked out well; she was very impressed with the IMAX and Texas Spirit theaters. She would recommend this trip to everyone.

Betty talked about the December 11th Christmas party, everything was covered in November's Newsletter. She will be taking payment and reservations today at the meeting. The deadline for payment and reservation is December 5th.

Nominations and Election of Club Officers for Year 2002:

Mike Temple gave nomination for Officers by the Executive Board. President Jeanne Morris, Vice Presidents Lester Formby and Alan Alaspa, Secretary Pearl Burke, Treasurer Shambhu Pai. Mike asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. He explained that two vice-presidents were named to fill the void of absenteeism if needed at any of the scheduled general or executive meetings. This will be discussed at the next scheduled Executive Meeting. Having no other nominations from the floor, a vote was cast by the attending club members to accept all the nominations without exception.

Those officers continuing into next year Executive Board will be:
Mike Temple President, Fred Thomas Membership Chairperson, Jim Wilson Scholarship, and Betty Temple as Tour Chairperson.

Christmas Family Sponsorship:

Mike asked for a volunteer to chair a committee and take responsibility for this activity. Having no response to this request he tabled this activity until next year.

Sunshine Club News:

Pearl Burke said she has sent out 65 cards to our members for various events. Now that she has accepted the Clubs Secretary's job she is looking for a volunteer replacement. She can stay on the job until next April but will need someone to take over.

Membership:

Chairperson Fred Thomas stated the Club has 175 Members. He passed out new rosters to the members and asked everyone to check the address and other pertinent data, phone numbers, E-Mail, etc. He needs volunteers to contact Motorola's newly retired employees and pass on information about our club. Any and all information will be helpful.

Volunteers

Chairperson Ted Burke stated that the MLSRC has been contacted by the powers that be and they would like to have us take over the Motorola **2002 Book Selling Project** because they don't have the required manpower. The new volunteer chairperson will need volunteers, and there will be more information coming. This will help our future activity funding programs.

Guest Speakers:

Our Program Chairperson Betty Heinchon introduced our guest speakers: Motorola's Rick Baily and Ken Davis.

Rick Baily discussed The United Way program that was focused on informing and educating Motorola employees as to where the monies were going and what the effect of their donations are to their community.

Ken Davis talked about the financial impact on the marketplace. It seems that previous inventories have been consumed and that reorders are now being placed. This is an indication of growth in the 4th quarter of this year.

There is an anticipated growth of 5 to 10 percent or better in the next fiscal year. The emphases will be on security and communication markets.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Prepared by Bill Dunn, Recording Secretary, November 13, 2001

Reprinted from the Phoenix Senior Voice

Meet Mr. R. Heardsome, your inside source on Chicago's high tech community. And, as usual, a close, reliable source relayed this information to him in one of their afternoon chats. Here is what the source said:

1. Ed Breen, former CEO and chairman of General Instruments, will officially become Motorola's COO on January 1st. This is public knowledge.
 2. The current CFO is retiring. Ed is planning to bring in a new CFO from outside the company; the plan, as I understand it, is for the new CFO to bring in a new team, mostly from the outside. Some of this is known, some of it is not.
 3. Here is the scoop: Ed Breen has been studying General Electric as a model for company organization. He has concluded that Motorola is a top-heavy, bureaucratic organization. Motorola has over 500 officers; GE, which is three times the size of Motorola, has fewer officers. Ed Breen plans to eliminate 20-30% of Motorola's 500 plus officers, starting right away. Most of them will be gone within 30 to 45 days.
 4. In making decisions on who will be eliminated, Breen is looking at numbers like revenue per officer and net per officer. In other words, what kind of profit margin do they have associated with that officer?
 5. The basic business strategy of Motorola is likely to significantly change. There will be a huge--and I emphasize the word "huge"--reduction in emphasis on cell phones. Cell phones have become commoditized; there is no margin and it is a business that Motorola should have sold off ten years ago. They have lost out to others in that area.
 6. Motorola will emphasize embedded applications. It may not be common knowledge, but most of the embedded chips in appliances, etc., are produced by Motorola. Additionally, Motorola will focus on custom engineering, which is where its natural strength lies.
 7. The word I am getting is that the employees will be happy about the changes because the result will be a less stagnant, more responsive, dynamic and efficient organization. The employees will be happy to see cuts if they bring about a transformation of the organization, I am told.
- That's all I have for now.

Minutes of Executive Officers' Meeting, January 2002

Meeting was held on Tuesday, 15 Jan 02, in the conference room of the EB Activity center, located in "S" bldg. Meeting was called to order @ 1015 by Mike Temple.

Those present were: Mike Temple, Betty Temple, Jim Wilson, Margie Dixon, Jim Heinchon, Bill Dunn, Susan Lightle, Ted Burke, Shambhu Pai & Pearl Burke.

Board Meeting dates for 2002:

15 January; 9 April; 9 July & 8 October.

General Meeting dates for 2002:

12 February; 14 May; 13 August & 12 November.

Budget for 2002: Proposed budget, which included potential Events/Expenses for 2002, was submitted appropriately by Mike Temple.

Membership: Our paid-up head count @ end of 2001 was 177 of which 31 are Lifetime members. At present our paid-up membership for 2002 is 66, (35 plus the 31 Lifetime members). Fred will provide additional details in the newsletter & @ the February General meeting.

Tours: Mike gave examples of some of the Phoenix tours. Some discussion took place, nothing definite. Betty is planning 4 or 5 tours this year. Watch for more details later.

Prepared by Pearl Burke, Recording Secretary
January 15, 2002

Motorola Lone Star Retirees Club of Texas 2002 Officers and Board Members**Elected Officers:**

President Jeanne Morris, 2007 Millay Dr, Austin 78752, jeanne.morris@att.net, 454-6908
V - President Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, aalaspa@austin.rr.com, 258-1408
V - President Lester Formby, 2550 West 1st St, Lampasas 76550, lformby@n-link.com, 556-0159
Secretary Pearl Burke, 12902 Iron Gate Ave, Austin 78727, Peace69@aol.com, 339-2431
Treasurer Shambhu Pai, 1908 Holly Hill Dr, Austin 78746, shambhuanjali@yahoo.com, 327-2602

Board Members:

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, djredford@earthlink.net, 371-7221
News Letter Jim Heinchon, 11922 Brookwood Cir, Austin 78750, jheinchon@aol.com, 258-2193
Membership Fred Thomas, 11500 Powder Mill Tr, Austin 78750, fwtatx@texas.net, 250-5771
Tours Betty Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960
Volunteers Open – need a volunteer
Events Open – need a volunteer
Program Open – need a volunteer
Scholarship Jim Wilson, 1208 Wilderness Dr, Austin 78746, aggiejim57@email.msn.com, 327-3040
Sunshine Club Susan Lightle, 9414 South Hwy 183, Austin 78747, 243-2430
Pres. Pro-Tem Mike Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960
Motorola Advisor Nancy Cherwitz, nancy.cherwitz@motorola.com, 996-4031

Motorola Contact List

Name	Phone	Loc	MD	Service Center
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Linda Garrett	895-8866	OHT	OE 58	Community Affairs
Sandi Aitken	895-7888	OHT	OE 24	Director, Premier Employee Services
Laura Lozano	895-2779	OHT	OE 322	Food Works
Nancy Cherwitz	996-4031	PL	F3	Premier Employee Services
Jeff Hahn	895-8879	OHT	OE 58	Community Affairs

Chet Freda	895-8933	MB410	Comm Donations, Comm Affairs
Jackie Garcia	933-7851	EDB F 9	Rewards/Benefits Administrator
Tina Ramsey	895-8675	OHT OE 24	ETC/Premier Employee Services Admin. Support
Richard Strauss	895-2699	OHT OE 11	Security
Earl Jordan	933-6949	EDB K2	Security
Nicole Schulze	895-3096	OHT OE 342	Manager, Austin Activity Center
<u>Activity Centers:</u>			
OHT	895-3069	OHT OE 342	
EDB	934-628	EDB H 1	
Parmer	996-7129	PL PL 41	
<u>Credit Unions:</u>			
OHT	996-4000	OHT OE 13	
EDB	996-4000	EDB H 6	
Parmer	996-4000	PL PL 09	

HAP REGISTRATION

HAP screening is available for Motorola retirees and their Dependents.

HAP registration can be completed by:

1. By calling the registration line at **877-637-0351**

Please check with HAP hot line about cost which depends on your insurance coverage. 877-305-6602

HAP DATES, PLACES, & TIMES

March 4 th	Ed Bluestein	5:45-9:30am
March 5 th	Oak Hill	5:45-9:30am; 4-5pm
March 6 th	Parmer	7:30-10am
March 7 th	Ed Bluestein	5:45-9:30am; 4-5pm
March 8 th	Oak Hill	5:45-9:30am

**Return Requested
12426 Deer Track
Austin, TX 87827**

**MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS
Application for membership**

NAME: _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (If applicable): _____

RETIREE'S BIRTHDAY: _____ SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY: _____

MAIL TO: FRED THOMAS
11500 POWDER MILL TR.
AUSTIN TX 78750

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MLRSCT

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

JAN ---- DEC \$10.00/MEMBER (This means \$20 for a couple)

LIFETIME \$100/MEMBER or NEW MEMBER

Don't forget that Spouses need to be members also. We need your other half as part of our club, so sign them up!