

MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, **August 13, 2002 at 10:30 A.M.**

<p style="text-align: center;">Special Location: Thomas Super Buffet, 2500 W. Parmer Lane #100, 78727 (512) 671-8882 (NE Corner, Parmer and MoPac)</p>
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(Note the **special time**: Thomas' normally opens at 11:00, but is making special arrangements for us)_

Cost for lunch will run ~\$5.55 plus tax and gratuity

The following meeting is November 12th, 2002

Agenda for the August 13th meeting

- 10:30 Call to order and General Business Meeting
- Business:
 Approval of Minutes of May Meeting
 Treasurer's Report
 Committee Reports
- 11:15 **Speaker: Jim Dunlap, Attorney at Law**
 Topic: Living Trusts
- 12:00 Adjourn, Social Time (**meet our Scholarship recipients**), Lunch
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President's Message

Mark your Calendars **Christmas Party 2002**

Date: December 10, 2002

Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Carmelo's Italian Restaurant, 504 East 5th Street

Cost? RSVP or sign up? We'll have time to put last minute details in the next newsletter, but might as well get what we can at this time. Jeanne's in charge

President's Message (cont'd)

We had a great trip to Kinder, Louisiana. If anyone "won big" they kept it quiet and that is just not typical of big winners. The accommodations were fine and the participants a lot of fun. Our bus driver got a round of applause when we pulled into the Motorola parking lot because he had driven us through a deluge of rain with lots of thunder and lightning. We were fortunate, as the rain had stopped by the time we left for home. Three cheers for Betty for another successful trip.

At our last board meeting, we all realized that we really need more participation from all of you to hold offices, or become an assistant to one of the officers to learn what to do and to fill in for them if an emergency arises. For next year, we are looking to have an "assistant" for each position to provide backup as needed and to be in a learning role for the assumption of responsibility for the following year. This should also provide, for those of us who think they retired, an opportunity to participate in leadership without feeling burdened by the responsibility. There are two positions that are still unfilled this year and that is scary for an incoming president. The board will be happy to have a working luncheon with anyone willing to participate so you have the opportunity to ask questions about the job you are most interested in. There is a list of offices and a brief description of responsibilities later in this newsletter. Call any other board member or me if you can help us out this coming year.

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting. Don't forget – it's at Thomas Supper Club at 10:30 am.

Jeanne

Visit to the Down Home Ranch

Finding the place is half the fun. Just pick a time when you are not in a hurry and enjoy the trip. My friend and I were very impressed with the grounds, but overwhelmed by the attention and service we received at the greenhouse. The plants were beautiful, well tended, and certainly in our price range. Imagine – 3 lush hanging baskets for \$14.00. We saw pictures of the poinsettias they had last year, so plan to borrow a neighbor's van and brighten up my home for the holidays. Hope to see you there.

Jeanne Morris

Motorola "Books are Fun" Book Fair - Update

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.

The remaining dates for the book fair are as follow:

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

Fall / Winter Event or Tour ?

See our Next Newsletter

Trip to India for Father's 100th Birthday

Submitted by Shambhu Pai

My wife Anjali, son Atman and I left Austin on 26 May 2002, and arrived in Bombay (Mumbai) on 28th. Same day we left for my birthplace Margao, Goa. Goa was conquered, by the Portuguese, in 1510 and was taken over by India in 1961. Goa is located 400 miles south of Mumbai. We went to Margao to attend the 100th birthday of my father. He was born on 7 June 1902.

Visit to Goa Governor's Palace: The governor, at one of my brother's request, invited my father and his retinue to visit the palace. On 29th May a caravan of 5 cars carrying 16 family members, including father, visited the palace. The Portuguese built it on the seashore 35 miles from Margao. The Palace has a verandah on the second floor, all around, and old furniture and planters cover substantial area. A beautiful chapel is within the palace, which can accommodate 40+ people. I took several pictures of the interior of the palace. My father cut a cake, written on it, "100 Blessed years." We were served the cake, tea, and other Indian dishes. We toured the grounds where old canons are placed, a special swimming area, and a boat ramp area.

Every day my father, come rain or shine, at 5:15 PM is taken for a drive to the seashore or at any other place at his discretion. I accompanied him many times. Twice he went to a chapel on a hill from where one could see the sea, homes, trees and the coconut groves - a very beautiful sight.

On Friday 7 June, we celebrated father's birthday, which was attended by close relatives. On 8 June we celebrated again; this time neighbors, friends and out of town relatives were invited. About 250 came to the party including our drivers, servants, our security guards and that of Bank on the ground floor.

Atman left early, 10th June to join Hanipin County Hospital in Minneapolis for his one-year internship. Anjali and I spent two days in Mumbai. Anjali got sick and we could not make any purchases or visit our relatives. Travel in Mumbai, even in a taxi, is difficult and so we remained in our apartment. We were back in Austin on 20th June.

Coushatta Grand Casino Tour - Report

Casino Winners

A full busload of winners left bright and early Tuesday June 25th from Motorola Ed Bluestein in anticipation of lady luck smiling on them. Some experienced their luck early by winning the door prizes given out on the bus of rolls of coins to feed the hungry slots. The Grand Casino Coushatta has over 3100 slot machines to choose from plus poker, roulette, blackjack, and craps to name just a few. We were housed in the newly built Coushatta Grand Inn, which is just a short walk to the casino. We could partake of the buffet meals or choose from 5 other restaurants in the casino. Mike and I hosted a cocktail party in our room Tuesday evening and then it was back to the slots. A happy group boarded the bus at 2:30 for the return trip to Austin. With 53 people participating in this tour it was our largest overnight trip to date so I'm anticipating more involvement in tours as the club matures and grows. Keep your eyes peeled for more great adventures in the future.

Betty Temple, tour chairman

Summer Picnic

Wednesday May 29th over 70 people gathered at the Motorola Palmer outdoor pavilion for our annual picnic and to watch talented artisans demonstrate their skills. Many went home with purchased articles and information on classes to take or clubs to join. A walking around drink, provided by the club, was frozen lemonade made in a margarita machine? Barbecue brisket, roasted chickens, beans, 4 salads and strawberry shortcake was the fare that filled everyone up. Door prizes were given out with the grand prize of private fly casing lessons being won by Jeanne Morris.

Betty Temple, tour chairman

Fish Story

Submitted by Jim Wilson

Jim Wilson's Fish Tale

May 2nd--I remember it well. As I was having my first morning cup of coffee out on the deck, I thought it would be a nice day to go fishing. (There's not a bad day to go fishing--some are just better than others are.) It was slightly overcast and just a slight breeze.

After breakfast, I hooked up the boat trailer and headed out to Lake Austin. I put the boat in the water at the Walsh Boat Landing near Tom Miller dam and the Hula Hut. I motored up and slowly went down to the Hula Hut boat dock. I was going to let the southerly breeze then blow me back up past the boat docks and the boat launch area. That time of year, the bass are beginning to look for spawning areas and that portion of the lake is pretty shallow with cover from the boat docks. I was casting a Rattlin' Rogue running about three feet deep. At the end of a boat dock, I got a strong strike but missed it. I cast back into the same spot and WHAM!

My rod took a C shape and the drag was working. I just held on. Sometimes even a small bass will give a strong initial strike then give up. This one didn't give up so I knew I had a pretty good fish. Then it came up for a jump. I nearly fell out of the boat when I saw that huge mouth and body. I began to have bass (buck) fever. Careful now--don't horse it--don't break the line--let the rod and reel do the work--etc. It jumped twice more then began to tire. I worked it toward the boat. It still had some fight as it dove under the boat, which is usually when it might get off.



Again I just held on and she came out from under the boat and was ready to give up. I got my landing net in one hand while holding the rod with other. I had trouble getting her into the net, as she was almost too big for the net. I got her in on the third try. Finally, she was in the boat but I was still shaking.

I then noticed that only one hook remained in just a sliver of skin. Another lunge and she surely would have gotten loose. I got my scale and weighed her--8lbs.

Naturally I wanted to show off my catch. No one on the boat docks, no one at the landing, no one on the lake--where is everybody?? I put the bass in the live well and called my neighbor to come out with his camera. He showed up after about an hour. We took some pictures then I gave her a kiss and slipped her back into the water where she slowly glided into deeper water.

8lbs!!! That's my story and I'm stickin' to it.

Minutes of May 14, 2002, General Membership Meeting

The MLSRCT General membership meeting was held @ the Austin Senior Activity Center. The club president, Jeanne Morris called the meeting to order @ 10:05 A.M.

Treasurer's report by Shambhu Pai:	Regular Shares	\$ 68.34
	Traditional checking	3,656.97
	Money Market	<u>19,695.78</u>
	Total	\$ 23,421.09
	(Incl lunch & casino trip deposit)	

Projected Expenses

Donation to Senior Activity Center for May	\$ 50.00
Student Scholarships (2 @ 1000.00 ea).....	\$ 2000.00

Newsletter, Danna Redford: Requested that attendees fill out brief "lunch" questionnaire and leave it on the entry table.

President announced that since there were no volunteers for planning lunches, Betty Temple agreed to provide lunches for this meeting and the November meeting @ a cost of \$300 for each meeting. Included will be entrees, drinks, dessert and coffee.

Membership chairman - Fred Thomas, 171 paid up members.

Sunshine - Susan Lightle, 34 assorted cards sent out since first of year.

Scholarship - Jim Wilson reported that 21 applications were received; the two 2002 scholarship recipients are: (1) Jennifer Cox who plans to attend the University of North Carolina; parent is Philip Drake from Oakhill, and (2) Gloria Robertson who plans to attend UT Austin; parent is Kay Robertson, also from Oakhill.

(Temporary) Volunteer chairman - Ted Burke reported on the arrangements with Thomas Super Buffet for our August general meeting (See details in the meeting announcement).

President - Jeanne reported that our Christmas Luncheon is confirmed for December 10th from 11A.M. – 2 P.M. at **Carmelos**. Watch for details in the newsletters. Entertainment is needed.

Tour chairman - Betty Temple reported 47 signed up for Coushatta (Gambling trip), June 25-26. Cost is \$37/person. (Refer to newsletter for details). Summer Fair/Picnic - 29 May, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00p P.M. at Motorola Parmer Lane Pavilion. Lots of vendors; \$5/member; \$10/non-member. (Details in newsletter).

Program chairman, Lou Struble introduced Guests:

- (1) Eileen Navarro and Jason Brooks: Motorola Credit Union.
- (2) Mike Nelley, Louise Smith and Mary Gayle Stromberger: Seton Volunteer Services
- (3) Jerry Horton: Down Home Ranch

Meeting adjourned & lunch was served.

Prepared by Pearl Burke, Recording Secretary

Description of Officer and Committee Responsibilities

President	Presides over the general and executive board meetings; directs/coordinates the activity of all the committee chairs.
Vice-Pres.	President-in-waiting. If the President is absent, the VP fills in, but is mainly learning the ropes before becoming President the following year.
Secretary	Takes minutes at the meetings and writes them up for the newsletter.
Treasurer	Handles the club finances, receiving and disbursing funds as authorized.
NewsLetter	Puts together four (4) newsletters per year and arranges the printing and folding/labeling. Requires about two or three days' work for each issue, mostly in proofreading and formatting.
Membership	Maintains the membership roster and makes periodic status reports. Deposits dues in the MECU (or submits to Treasurer).
Tours	Plans outings for the club.
Volunteers	Coordinates volunteer opportunities for the club. These can be anything from the Motorola Marathon to KLRU fund drives.
Events	Plans our two annual events: The Picnic and the Christmas Party
Scholarship	Works with Motorola to screen and select two scholarship recipients.
Program	Acquires speakers/entertainment for the quarterly meetings.
Sunshine	Sends cards to members to recognize birthdays or other special events.

Motorola Retiree Web Site Registration

In June Motorola sent a letter announcing it's new U.S. Retiree web site and procedures for registration. Several retirees had difficulty registering and we emailed Motorola to make them aware of these problems. We have been advised that there were some bugs that should be cleaned up by now. If you tried and were unable to register, please try again. If you still have problems, please email me at aalasp@austin.rr.com and I will pass your problems on.

Allan Alaspa

Hear, Hear

Feedback from the Membership Questionnaire

Overall, the main reasons for attendance are friends and fellowship. Speakers are important as a “draw” (who wants to go to a boring meeting?), and lunch seems to be important both as a convenience and as an inducement to stay around and socialize.

Reasons for Attendance:

Rank:	#1	#2	#3	#4
Friends	13	13		
Fellowship	14	9	5	1
Friends & Fellowship	3			
Speaker	6	9	12	2
Food	1	4	10	7
Info & Other	1		3	

Importance of Lunch:

Rank	Responses
0	1
1	1
2	3
3	3
4	2
5	12
6	1
7	2
8	1
9	5
10	5
Very	1

Willing to Pay:

Dollars	Responses
0	1
4	2
5	12
6	4
7	6
8	5
10	6
15	1
Reasonable	1

Suggestions for Improving Meetings: Provide more interesting speakers/programs/entertainment (7), Provide more information on Motorola – State of the Business/Outlook, etc. (5), Provide more information pertinent to retirees (2), Start meetings later (2), and be more organized, spend less time on admin stuff, keep door prizes, do a Pot Luck lunch, have different locations, provide information on other members, do some activity besides the Scholarship (one each).

So What IS the Big Deal about Lunch?

Several members have pointed out that we have quite a bit of money in the bank and wonder why we seem to keep agonizing over the cost of lunches. Both of these observations are true; however, the current financial situation is not typical of the club (as recently as 2 years ago we were essentially broke). Moreover, it is a largely the result of our Benevolent Benefactor's contributions to the club, contributions which could be in jeopardy given the economic situation. Just so you all know. However, the point is still well taken, and we will try to control our paranoia. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, yes?

Minutes of Executive Officers' Meeting, July 9, 2002

The MLSRCT Executive Officers' meeting was held on Tuesday, 9 July 2002, at the Parmer Facility in the Activity Center conference Room from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Meeting was called to order by Jeanne Morris, President.

Those Present were: Jeanne Morris, Jim Wilson, Shambhu Pai, Danna Redford, Susan Lightle, Ted Burke, Allan Alaspa, Lou Struble, Lester Formby, Fred Thomas and Pearl Burke.

Club Officers for 2003: Jeanne polled those present to volunteer for the same or other positions.

Discussion/brainstorming on ways to motivate future board members/committee members. We currently have 176 paid-up members; we are in need of **volunteers** so that the same people don't keep rotating positions.

Newsletter - Danna stated that after July 11th newsletter articles should be sent to Al Alaspa and Jim Heinchon who will be putting together the next issue while Danna is off hiking in Switzerland. Deadline for articles is 26 July. Newsletter folding date is Wednesday the 31st.

Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by Pearl Burke, Recording Secretary

Hi again!

It's that nagging, persistent voice of your Membership Chairman. I got to thinking (don't laugh) that perhaps the tone of my message in the last newsletter was perhaps a little too brash. So I will try again this month ----- same message/different approach.

The paid membership number for OUR Club as of 09 July 2002 is 176. This is three fewer members than we had at the end of 2001. This is good, but the number was achieved with the addition of several new members. My records show that there are 94 former members that have not renewed in 2002. This gives us the potential to grow the Club to 270 members in 2002. That would be GREAT!

As I stated in the last newsletter, this is ***YOUR retirees*** club. It can be what you want it to be only if you are an active member. If you feel things should be different, rejoin and step up to the podium and say I'll be President; I'll be Vice-President, I'll chair a committee or an activity! Lets make the Club a viable activity for all present and future Motorola retirees.

If you have any doubts as to your 2002 status please contact me by:

Phone at 512.528.8972 (Home) or 512.497.1059 (Cell)

E-mail: fwtatx@texas.net

Snail mail: Fred Thomas; PO Box 10252; Austin TX 78766

Finally to you 94 LOVELY People that have not rejoined us ---- PLEASE COME BACK!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks and I hope to hear from and/or see you very soon!
Fred Thomas, Membership Chair.

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, aalaspaa@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

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Membership Fred Thomas, 1504 Rio Bravo Loop, Leander 78641, fwtatx@texas.net, 528-8972
Tours Betty Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960
Volunteers Open – need a volunteer
Events Open – need a volunteer
Scholarship Jim Wilson, 1208 Wilderness Dr, Austin 78746, aggiejim57@email.msn.com, 327-3040
Program Louis Struble, 11802 Buckingham Rd, Austin 78759, ltstruble@ev1.net, 258-2742
Sunshine 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, at Parmer PL14, nancy.cherwitz@motorola.com, 996-4031

DID YOU GET YOUR LETTER?

New web site for US retirees: <http://www.motorola.com/benefits/usretiree>

You have to go through the steps to create an ID and password, but this extranet site will provide access to retiree benefit news, forms, publications, contacts, and other web resources such as “find a doctor” and the Northern Trust Retirement Passport site.

Return Requested
P.O. Box 10252
Austin, TX 78766

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: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MLSRCT

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MEMBERSHIP DUES:

JAN ---- DEC	\$10.00/MEMBER OR NEW MEMBER	APR --- DEC	\$7.50/NEW MEMBER
JUL --- DEC	\$5.00/NEW MEMBER	OCT --- DEC	\$2.50/NEW MEMBER
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!

MAIL TO: MLSRCT at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766