

MOTOROLA
LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS
LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, **November 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 February 11, 2003

Agenda for the November 12th meeting

- 10:00 Call to order and General Business Meeting
- Business: (all business may be shortened to ensure time for the elections)
Approval of Minutes of August Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
- Elections** (see nominees below)
Nominations from floor
Discussion
Vote
- 11:30 Speaker: Bill Walker
- 12:00 Adjourn, Social Time, Lunch

Candidates Proposed by the Nominating Committee

President	Al Alaspa
Vice President	Danna Redford
Vice President	Fred Thomas
Secretary	Pearl Burke (until May – need candidate/volunteer for rest of year)
Treasurer	Shambhu Pai

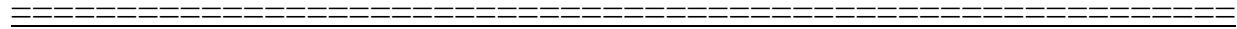
Christmas Party 2002

Date: December 10, 2002
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: Carmelo's Italian Restaurant, 504 East 5th Street
Cost: \$15 for members; \$25 for non-members
Latest Day to Pay/Sign-up: Monday, December 2, 2002

How to sign-up:

- a) Sign up and pay at the November 12th meeting
- b) Mail check to Betty Temple at 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727

Menu: House Salad
Choice of entrée: Roll Pollo (stuffed chicken breast)
Lasagna (beef & cheese)
Spaghetti with meat balls
Iced Tea
Dessert will be Tiramisu
(Vegetarian entrée also available – just ask waiter)



Lake Belton Lighting Tour

Come celebrate the holiday season with a drive around Lake Belton through 5.5 miles of illuminated and animated light displays. A visit to Santa's village will give us a chance to get in some early shopping, too.

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2002
Time: 3:00 PM – departure from Motorola's Parmer Lane location
Return around 9:00 PM
Sign-up: Pay Betty Temple at the November meeting or call her at 258-6960

2003 Meeting Dates

(for you planners in the crowd)

General Membership (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)

February 11 May 13 August 12 November 12 (Wednesday due to holiday)

Board (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)

January 14 April 8 July 8 October 14

Newsletter Information

Article deadlines:

Friday, January 24th for the January issue

Friday, April 25th for the April issue

Friday, July 25th for the July issue

Friday, October 24th for the October issue

These dates are the last Friday of the first week of each quarter, approximately 2.5 weeks prior to each General Membership meeting. We typically mail the newsletter on the first Wednesday of the 2nd month of each quarter.

If you've taken a trip, had a party, or done anything else fun that you would like to share with us, please submit an article to Danna Redford. Best method is email (djredford@earthlink.net), but regular mail works fine, too (3416 Hillview Road, Austin, 78703).

Finale of "Well-toberfest" at Motorola

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Health and Wellness Fair at Motorola's Parmer Lane location includes exhibits, games, and demos on the topic of health and wellness. This was a month-long 'happening' that ends Saturday.

Switzerland the Old-Fashioned Way – On Foot

Submitted by Danna Redford

For two weeks this summer, I was part of a small group of women hiking in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. We weren't mountain climbing, we were only hiking on well-maintained trails, but there were always mountains in view, e.g., the Matterhorn, the Monch, the Eiger, and the Jungfrau to name some of the more famous.

I had gone on a similar trek back in 2000, so I knew it really would be a wonderful "adventure." And we didn't just hike.



Getting from place to place and then to and from the different trails were adventures all their own. We traveled by train, by bus, by tram, by funicular, by gondola (small and large), by ski lift, and even by boat. Since it usually took two or three trains and/or busses, etc., strung together to get where ever we were going, and given that everything Swiss run exactly on time, each

day's travel was organized much like a military operation.

Wanna know how to really pack light? Imagine that you've got to manage for two weeks with what you can carry on your back. The best secret: Cool-Max T-shirts and daily laundry.

We gathered in Zurich, and then went up to Arosa (a wonderful open-car train ride through a spectacular valley) for our first hiking. From there we went on to Zuoz, St.Moritz/Sils Maria, Zermatt (a major hiking/skiing center and NO CARS), Brienz, Grindelwald, and finally to Geneva airport. This time we stayed in each place for two or three nights which gave us a little rest from humping the backpacks from train to train and gave even the heavy socks time to dry.

Along the way, we hiked a trail which still shows evidence of its ancient Roman origins, walked through Meiringen (famous as the locale of Sherlock Holmes' last confrontation with Moriarity), went inside a mountain where the run-off from 10 different glaciers converges, wandered along a footbridge above the raging waters of a gorge that narrowed so at one point that you could touch both walls of the canyon, and got to enjoy the Swiss National Day parade in Interlaken. Way, way, waaaaay fun.

I think my favorite thing, though, was sitting in a meadow of wild flowers, eating lunch, just soaking in the mountains and glaciers across from us. Very "Sound of Music" – and yeah, I know, that was Austria – but you get the idea.

Report on Communications Meeting, October 15th

The major topic at this meeting was changes in 2003 to benefits for those retirees and/or spouses who are under 65. (There are no changes for those over 65.) Reyes Martinez from Motorola HR attended in order to review some of the material we received and to answer questions. Basically, we're moving from a "90-10" model to an "80-20" model, i.e., in the future Motorola will cover 80% of the "reasonable and customary" charges instead of 90%.

Since only the Health Advantage Plan will be available from now on, there is no need to participate in Annual Enrollment UNLESS you are changing your coverage or your dependents (NOTE: there are special cases when you may add dependents - see below).

For those about to turn 65, Reyes said the paperwork to change to the Motorola Share Plan should arrive about 30 days prior to this date, and that we should contact Medicare about 90 days prior to this date.

Reyes also provided the following article:

Retiree Benefits Corner....*did you know?*

The Post-Employment Health Benefits Plan allows a Retiree to change from Family to Single coverage or drop a dependent's coverage at any time. However, the reason for dropping a dependent from coverage will be required so that the Plan can determine if the event is eligible for COBRA coverage.

If Dependents are not added to the Plan upon retirement from Motorola, or are later dropped, the Plan allows you to **add** eligible dependents to your coverage only within 30 days of one of the following events:

- ?? For a Child: re-establishment of full-time student status
- ?? Your dependent's loss of other group health insurance due to a change in employment status or a significant change in coverage
- ?? For a Spouse or Same-sex partner: termination of employment, retirement, change from full-time to part-time, or going on/returning from an unpaid leave of absence.

For a Dependent to be added to the Plan at a later date, he or she must have been an eligible dependent at the time of your retirement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your dependents will **not** have access to continued Motorola retiree health coverage or COBRA coverage if they are not covered under the Plan at the time you experience a life event, such as Death or Divorce. In other words, any future coverage for your dependents will be lost permanently.

If you have questions, please refer to your 2003 Retiree Benefits Book which should be arriving in October, contact the Rewards Administration Center at (800) 421-3973, or email them at rewards@motorola.com Locally you can contact Jackie Garcia, Rewards/Benefits Administrator, at 933-7851.

Last Dates for the Motorola “Books are Fun” Book Fair

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 -	Nov. 11 & 12
Oak Hill -	Nov. 14 & 15
Ed Blue -	Nov. 26 & 27

Minutes of August 13, 2002, General Membership Meeting

The MLSRCT General membership meeting was held at Thomas Super Buffet, 2500 W. Parmer Lane. Meeting was called to order by President Jeanne Morris. Approval of minutes with correction to minutes of May 14th: “Scholar recipient should read Lori Robertson, instead of Gloria.”

Treasurer’s Report, read by Jim Wilson:

Share Savings	\$ 68.55
Dividend Checking	1,360.65
Money Market	<u>19,796.73</u>
Total.....	\$21,225.93

Membership, Fred Thomas reported that we’re at 181 members.

President solicited volunteers to meet with Gary Mays (book fair) to pick up signs and post them at each site two weeks prior to scheduled Book fairs. (See Newsletter for final dates in Nov.)

Volunteers are: OH - Jim Wilson; Parmer - Kai Wong; EB - Pat Jett.

Scholarships: Jim Wilson reported that Lori Robertson and Jennifer Cox were not able to be at the luncheon. Jennifer is already in North Carolina, and Lori is currently working as a pharmacy intern at Walgreens (she plans to attend UT Austin this fall).

Motorola Advisor, Nancy Cherwitz gave an update on Cindy Present’s status. She had her baby boy on Sunday (11th) - Family is doing great!

Upcoming Motorola Events:

“Well-toberfest” - Fun event will take place on November 2nd, watch for details.

Also watch for opportunities to volunteer with the Motorola marathon in February.

President: Members are asked to volunteer to hold positions/partner with someone. Election slate will be announced in November.

Guest Speaker: Jim Dunlap, Attorney @ Law: Living Trusts

Meeting adjourned; Buffet lunch was enjoyed.

Prepared by Pearl Burke, Recording Secretary

Minutes of Executive Officers' Meeting, October 8, 2002

The Board meeting of MLSRCT was held on Tuesday, 8 Oct 02, at the Parmer Facility in the Activity Center conference room from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Meeting was called to order by Jeanne Morris, President.

Those present were Jeanne Morris, Danna Redford, Susan Lightle, Fred Thomas, Jim Wilson, Allan Alaspa, Betty Temple, Mike Temple, and Pearl Burke.

Officer Slate for 2003:

Allan Alaspa, President

Danna Redford, 1st V.P.

Fred Thomas, 2nd V.P.

Shambhu Pai, Treasurer

Jeanne Morris, President ProTem

Pearl Burke, Secretary/needs an assistant who will be able to take over after May30th.

Committees:

Events – need volunteer to head this up

Membership - Lynne Bates

Newsletter - Danna Redford

Programs - Louis Struble

Scholarships - Jim Wilson

Sunshine - Susan Lightle

Tours - Betty Temple

Volunteers - Mike Temple

October 25th is the deadline for getting newsletter information to Danna. Newsletter folding date is 30 October at Parmer Activity conference room, from 10:00 AM until finished.

Betty Temple mentioned a possible upcoming pre-Christmas tour to Belton (watch for more details in the newsletter). Also, don't forget our Christmas Party; scheduled for 10 Dec., from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Carmelo's. Details will be in the newsletter.

Fred reported that we are currently at 183 paid-up members for 2002.

Mike Temple indicated that Book fair sales netted \$1536.

Betty Temple reported that the club Treasury has, so far, netted \$200 from our Tours.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Prepared by Pearl Burke, Recording Secretary

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

Elected Officers:

President Jeanne Morris, 2007 Millay Dr, Austin 78752, jmorris4@austin.rr.com, 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 Irongate Ave, Austin 78727, Peace69@aol.com, 339-2431
Treasurer Shambhu Pai, 1908 Holly Hill Dr, Austin 78746, shambhuanjali@yahoo.com, 327-2602

Board Members (Committee Chairs):

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, djredford@earthlink.net, 371-7332
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 Mike Temple (or will find someone)
Events need volunteer
Scholarship Jim Wilson, 1208 Wilderness Dr, Austin 78746, aggiejim57@email.msn.com, 327-3040
Program Louis Struble, 11802 Buckingham Rd, Austin 78759, lstruble@inetport.com, 258-2742
Sunshine Susan Lightle, 9414 South Hwy 183, Austin 78747, susan_lightle@ev1.net, 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

HELP NEEDED

Most of the current committee chairs have agreed to continue for 2003, but we could sure use some back up. None of our duties are onerous or require very much time, and if you help out a little this year, then you can see for yourself what's really involved so that you might be not only prepared, but willing to take over a committee yourself in 2004.

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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This will be my last update as the Membership Chair for MLSRCT. It has been a great experience and I appreciate all of the support I have received. Barring any last minute changes, the paid Membership for the Club will be 196 members going out of 2002. I wish to thank all that re-joined/joined the Club in 2002. I encourage all of you that receive this Newsletter and are not members to please consider joining those Motorola retirees and their spouses that are.

Thank You
Fred Thomas

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!

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