

# MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**Reminder** -- The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, **August 12, 2003 at 10:00 A.M.**

**NOTICE: at the Senior Activity Center on North Lamar at 29<sup>th</sup> St.**

(We thought this would be a better venue for the planned program than a public cafe.)

RSVP is not required for Lunch

The following meeting is WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2003

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### **Program for the August 12th Meeting**

**Speaker:** Bill Walker, Senior Vice-President, Motorola SPS

**Topic:** Motorola and SPS - How are we doing, where are we going?

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### **President's Message**

From Al Alaspa

During our next board meeting we will be nominating candidates for officers and board members for 2004 to present at the November meeting for election. We are looking for people willing to participate as board members or helpers and we have a variety of needs. Please check the various descriptions and current board members in this newsletter and if you would like to participate next year, or nominate / recommend someone, please talk with a board member at the next meeting or email me prior to October 7, 2003. My email address is [aalaspa@austin.rr.com](mailto:aalaspa@austin.rr.com).

We were not able to find volunteers this year for the Events position, which organizes the picnic and the Christmas party. I would specifically like to encourage individuals or a small team, to volunteer to coordinate these events next year. These can be done together or we could have a team for each one. Let's hear from you.

We have come up with a method to give us a better chance of obtaining retiree address information so we can send this newsletter and other newsworthy information to all known central Texas based retirees. We are including a stamped, self-addressed post card in the Retiree Package that is handed out upon exiting. However, this is not fool proof and we have missed some people since the HIPAA rule changes impacted us. So if you know of a retiree who is not receiving this newsletter, please advise our Membership person, Lynne Bates, or me.

## **TRIP TO INDIA MAY 2003**

By Shambhu Pai

Arrived in Bombay on 15 May after a day and half of travel by air. Next day I visited three relatives scattered in different directions. Later, I purchased clothes for my wife, Anjali. In the evening my niece and her husband came to my apartment and we went to an Indian style Chinese restaurant. Arrived in Margao-Goa, my hometown, the next day.

Being a Hindu, I visited 3 temples and performed some of our rituals. The same day I went to Panjim, capital of Goa State, and visited two more of our relatives and their families. Also met a friend who came to the U. S. A. in 1971 and received an MBA from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Traveled to Belgaum, a city 100 miles from Margao accompanied by another niece. I went to school here for two years and obtained my high school diploma. Met some of my classmates and also visited a first cousin and her husband. The two helped me in purchasing some sweets and wooden carved items. Returned home the same evening.

My brother arranged a trip to our coconut plantation about 17 miles from Margao. I usually visit this plantation at least once when in Margao. Father bought the plantation, 16 hectares, in 1946. Besides some cashew trees and 1100 coconut trees, there were no other varieties of crops. Since 1996, an additional 200 coconut trees, 800 cashew trees, banana plants, papaya plants, 1000 black pepper vines, 750 pineapple plants, and several small fruit-bearing items have been cultivated. A few vanilla plants/vines were planted as an experiment a few years ago. Vanilla plants are between the coconut trees as they cannot be in 100% sunshine. Last month brother bought 1000 new vanilla plants. These plants have to be on a trestle, similar to grapevines, and under a lot of shade. The flowers have to be pollinated by knowledgeable personnel in order to produce vanilla pods that will later be dried and then sold at a good price. I noticed a pod of vanilla was for sale at H.E.B. for \$1.49 - an expensive item. The whole area looks like a beautiful greenbelt with all the tall trees and short plants. A much cooler place than my town.

Father's 101st birthday was celebrated on 7 June. This time it was a small function attended by about 100 people that were relations and well wishers. Every day my father visits the seashore, which is 3 miles from our house. A few days back I received an email from brother saying that monsoons have dampened his visits to the seashore. Besides that, he has lost use of his legs and has to be lifted into the car. After the birthday, I left for Bombay, arriving in Austin on 10 June.

### **LITTLE TAX TIP?**

For those of you who are just now becoming eligible for Social Security benefits, remember that when you begin receiving your Social Security benefits, some portion (up to 85%) of these may be taxable (depending on your other income). If you want to avoid the possibility of late payment penalties, use the "Social Security Benefits Worksheet" in the 1040/1040A instruction booklet to estimate how much of your SS will be taxable in 2003 (use 2002 numbers or estimates for the income categories). Then if you need to have more tax taken out of your pension, you can submit a new W-4P to change your withholding. For the W-4P forms call the Participant Service Center at 1-800-585-5100 or just pull one off the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Minutes of General Membership Meeting May 13, 2003

The MLSRCT general meeting was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at the Senior Activity Center. President Allan Alaspa called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. Minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.

### Treasurer's Report - Shambhu Pai

Share Savings-----	\$	86.74
Traditional Checking-----	\$	2,307.21
Money Market-----	\$	22,830.73
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>25,224.68</b>

### 2003 Motorola SPS

(Forthcoming Contributions)-\$ 3,000.00

### Expenses:

Scholarship-----	\$	1,000.00
Donation to Senior Activity Center---	\$	50.00
Motorola Retiree Shirts-----	\$	464.00
Lunch Expenses & Prizes-----	\$	425.00
Club Picnic-----	\$	xxx

Membership update – Lynn Bates: 171 currently + more joining today

We can now make our own badges. Newsletter is mailed to all Retirees in Austin based area. If you know of any retirees in last 6 months, please let us know so we can add them to our list.

Allan said post cards requesting their addresses are being added to the information packets that are handed out to those currently retiring from (or otherwise leaving) Motorola.

### Tours – Betty Temple

On June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science to view the Vatican Exhibit. Details are in the newsletter.

### Events Chairperson: (Vacant) – Still vacant.

Picnic will be on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parmer Facility starting at 11:00am. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

### Volunteer Chairperson – Mike Temple

Places to Volunteer: RSVP Club, City of Austin, United Way, etc. Please advise Mike of any Volunteer work you participate in, as we would like to acknowledge it. (P.S. whenever possible wear your Club tee shirts to promote our club.)

### Sunshine Report – Susan Lightle

Advise Susan Lightle of any deaths or illness for our newsletter. Advise Susan Lightle, Danna Redford, or other members of the board of any changes of address or email.

### Scholarship Program Chairperson – Jim Wilson

\$1,000.00 will be sent to the Austin Community foundation for the scholarships of one of the students receiving the 2003 Motorola scholarship. As previously noted, we have \$1,000.00 credit that will be applied for the second scholarship.

A motion was made by Bill Dunn and seconded by Ron Racino for an action item to increase our scholarship donations.

Other information:

Encourage everyone to get access to the Motorola Benefits System.

Jerre Butler has volunteered to be our club photographer.

Boots Montgomery asked, “How do Phoenix and Chicago get their list of Retirees?”

Trips taken by club members.

Frances Ewing - went to France and took a tour.

Carl Givens – Appalachian Trail – did 50 miles hiking -went hiking and backpacking in North Dakota. Had a lot of fun.

Allan Alaspa – Camping in Big Bend

Bill and Jennie Calvert – Went on a cruise to the Scandinavian Countries.

Bill Dunn – Colorado Trip – Bad snowstorm

Roger Countryman – Skiing 29<sup>th</sup> March – Everything fine but were snowed in at Denver airport for 2 days and had to sleep on the floor.

Introduction of 2003 Scholarship Awardees

by Jim Wilson

**Russell Johns** –Stoney Point High School in Round Rock. University Choice – Cornell University. Parents are Jeff and Cheryl Johns.

**Chris Garyet** – West Lake High School. University Choice – Georgia Tech. Parents are Terry and Karen Garyet.



Program Chair - Lou Struble introduced our speaker for the day, **R. Douglas Pauley**, MBA, CFP, CSA, BCI, of Pauley Financial Services, Inc. Topic “Tying up Loose Ends,” Everlasting Love, Everlasting Gifts. For those who missed this informative presentation, you can visit his web site – [www.pauleyfinancial.com](http://www.pauleyfinancial.com) and click “forms.” He also has some good information in “Web Resources.”

Following the presentation, the meeting adjourned and we enjoyed lunch and a social hour.

Submitted by Patricia Jett, Recording Secretary

**2003 Motorola Book Fair Dates**

Parmer (hall outside MECU)	Aug 25 & 26	Nov. 10 & 11
Oak Hill (Cafeteria exit by MECU)	Aug 21 & 22	Nov. 13 & 14
Ed Blue (K & E Bldg bridge)	Sept. 3 & 4	Nov. 17 & 18

Call Lynne Bates (Parmer), Jim Wilson (OHT), or Pat Jett (EDB) to volunteer.

## Annual Retirees Picnic

By Al Alaspa

Tuesday, May 27, over 60 people gathered at the Motorola Parmer outdoor pavilion to enjoy food, fun and frivolity with other Motorola retirees. Many participated in a variety of retiree-oriented games with friends cheering and jeering. Again our walking around drink, provided by the club, was the popular frozen lemonade made in a margarita machine. Betty Temple filled everyone up with an excellent barbecue brisket, roasted chicken, beans, salads, salsa, chips, and strawberry shortcake.

After lunch, Bingo was back by popular demand. Game prizes were given out for Bingo and the “winners” in the other games. The awesome team of Jerry Vetter and Carl Givens, to be outlawed from competing together next year, won the prize as overall game winners. The day was concluded with an entertaining water balloon team-tossing contest – complete with the almost indestructible Motorola Blue water balloons. It was a fun time for all. Jerre Butler, our club photographer, took pictures to tell the rest of the story. While some are included here, be sure to see your email version where they’ll be in color (and there may be more).



The Bingo Players



Strategy Planning



Food: It's what we do best



Then: Water Balloons at High Noon



The Golfer's Prayer?



And We're Aiming at What?



Just TRY crossin' this line, Buster!



It was THAT big - honest!

**2003 Dates to Remember – Mark your Calendars**

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 9, at Cool River Café 4001 W. Parmer Lane.

General Membership Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the quarter)

November 12 (Wednesday due to holiday)

Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> month of the quarter)

October 14

Newsletter Article Deadlines: Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Qtr)

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

## **Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, July 8, 2003**

The MLSRCT Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in the Parmer Activity Center Conference Room. In attendance were Lynne Bates, Allan Alaspa, Fred Thomas, Jim Wilson, Shambhu Pai, Danna Redford, and Nancy Lesch. President Allan Alaspa called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Treasurer Shambhu Pai reported that we had actually received a check from Motorola for \$3000 for this year and deposited this along with monies received at the picnic and from the sales of our T-shirts. Questions: do we need to pay taxes on the Book Fair sales and what about getting set up as a tax exempt organization. Fortunately, we have several members who are CPA's and can advise us on this. Action: Al to query Mike (Temple) as to the outcome the last time these questions came up.

Membership chair Lynne Bates reported 183 paid up members as of June 17. She plans to mail available badges by the next general meeting, and any not already mailed will be available to pick up at the meeting. We also received a nice "thank you" note from scholarship recipient Chris Garyet.

Scholarship chair Jim Wilson reminded us that the membership had voted to increase the number of scholarships from two to three. We will implement this, since our financial position at the moment clearly makes it possible. If at some future time the situation changes we would need to retrench and go back to two and/or reduce the amounts. We also discussed ways and means of providing the applicants with some expert advice on filling out the application. It is evident that some students are getting this expert advice from some of their High School counselors while other make some basic mistakes in providing the required information. Jim is reworking the form to make things clearer and we'll modify the notices about the scholarships to include contact information (for advice and questions). Question: What process can we use to distribute the application forms now that there are no long HR offices at EDB and Parmer. Will follow up with Nancy.

Volunteers: Upcoming Book Fair. With Mike out of town, Lynne Bates will handle Parmer, Jim Wilson will handle Oak Hill, and Pat Jett will handle Ed Blue. Among other things, this requires setting up the posters and contacting Security and Facilities at the various locations to ensure we're all set up. Jim Wilson will contact the Book Fair people (Gary May) to see if they can just bring all the posters to us at our May meeting, then they only have to make one trip into Austin.

Programs: Al suggested that someone from Elder Hostel might be interesting since this is something we might take advantage of while traveling, and they also sponsor trips. He will also investigate Scott Anderson or Bill Walker as potential speakers. We discussed having the August meeting at Thomas Super Buffet again. Al will see if we can get the same arrangement as last year. We'll charge \$5.00 for members and full price (whatever that turns out to be) for non-members. We still plan to have the Christmas Party at Cool River.

Al closed the meeting by reminding us that it's time to think about a slate of candidates for next year's Board (Amen to that). Elections will be at the November meeting.

Danna for Pat Jett, recording secretary

## Motorola Lone Star Retirees Club of Texas 2003 Officers and Board Members

### Elected Officers:

President Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, aalaspa@austin.rr.com, 258-1408  
 V - President Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, djredford@earthlink.net, 371-7332  
 V - President Fred Thomas, 10707 Lake Creek Pky #135, Austin 78750, fwtatx@texas.net, 219-107  
 Secretary Pearl Burke, 12902 Irongate Ave, Austin 78727, Peace69@aol.com, 339-2431  
 Pat Jett, 1302 Althea Ct., Austin 78753, patjett45@netscape.net, 837-6609  
 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  
 Members Lynne Bates, 50210 Eagle Trace Dr, Georgetown 78626, lynnebates@earthlink.net, 868-5245  
 Tours Betty Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960  
 Volunteers Mike Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960  
 Events Still need 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, susan\_lightle@ev1.net, 243-2430  
 Pres Pro-Tem Jeanne Morris, 2007 Millay Dr, Austin 78752, jmorris4@austin.rr.com, 454-6908  
 Mailing Lists Mike Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960  
 Photographer Jerre Butler, 1104 Hermitage Dr., Austin 78753 jbutler@onr.com, 837-7925  
 Motorola Advisor Nancy Lesch, at Parmer PL14, nancy.lesch@motorola.com, 996-4031

### Motorola Contact List

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Loc</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>Service Center</b>
Reyes Martinez	895-2653	OHT	OE 24	Rewards/Benefits
Nikki Kreuger	895-2040	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 Lesch	996-4031	PL	F3	Premier Employee Services
Elizabeth Parker	(830) 372-7014			Premier employee Services - Seguin
Jackie Garcia	933-7851	EDB	F 9	Rewards/Benefits Administrator
Tina Ramsey	895-8675	OHT	OE 24	ETC/Premier Employee Svcs Admin
Richard Strauss	895-2699	OHT	OE 11	Security
Earl Jordan	933-6949	EDB	K2	Security
Shawna DeShazo	895-3096	OHT	OE 342	Manager, Austin Activity Centers
<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>				
All locations	996-4000	OHT	OE 13;	EDB H6; PL PL



<b>2004 Dates:</b> General Mtgs – Feb 10, May 11, Aug 10, Nov 9 Board Mtgs – Jan 13, Apr 13, Jul 13, Oct 12
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### **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, disbursing funds as authorized and filing Federal income tax returns.
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.
Photographer	Photographically records meetings and events for the club newsletter

**JUST SO YOU'LL KNOW:** Our planned tour to the Houston Museum of Natural Science to see the Vatican Exhibit had to be canceled since not enough of us signed up. However, the Bettys (Heinchon and Temple) found out that St. Thomas More Catholic Church also had a trip planned and so we had a number of Motorolans on their tour, including Barbara Racino, Betty Temple, Jim and Betty Heinchon, Brent Brown, Danna Redford, and Stan and Jo Groves.

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**

**Photo Addendum:**



**Red Rover, Red Rover...**



**Club Shirt being passed out to Members.**



**Doug Pauley Speaker 5/13  
Tying up Life's loose ends!**



**May meeting lunch being enjoyed by our members in attendance 5/13.**