

MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, February 10 at 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: the Senior Activity Center on Shoal Crest Ave (North Lamar at 29th St.)

RSVP is not required for Lunch

The following meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Program

Speaker: Marilynn Carruthers, Elderhostel Ambassador

Topic: Elderhostel – What It Offers and How You Might Benefit

President's Message

From Danna Redford

Welcome to this New Year in which we hope to provide programs, events, and tours to dazzle and delight you.

Betty is starting us out with a CRUISE (talk about dazzling!) and, as we called and emailed the membership, I was impressed that folks signed on immediately for this adventure. It was a last minute bargain deal, so if you aren't a member (we don't have your phone number) or we don't have your email address, we couldn't contact you in time to meet the reservation deadline. She's working on some other spectacular things which we expect to know about in time to put in a newsletter, but – just in case – go ahead, cough up the ten bucks and join the club.

Allan and Betty did such a good job on our picnic last year that I can hardly wait to see what's in store for us this year. Brent is going after some great program and entertainment ideas, Pat's looking for a fun place for the Christmas party, Mike's already done the audit, and in general we're gettin' on with gettin' on.

Let us know if you've got an idea for a program or a tour, a game for the picnic, or whatever. I know lots of you are traveling and doing your own fun, retired-people kind of stuff and are busy, busy, busy, but we'd sure like you to tell us about it all for the newsletter.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP
AT THE ANTIQUE MARKET DAYS IN WARRENTON

For those who've never experienced this event, it has got to be the world's largest outdoor market! People from all over bring everything from real antiques to real junk, from art to arts and crafts, from furniture and books to clothing and plants, and anything else you can imagine. Wear comfortable shoes for tromping around and bring something in which to carry your loot.

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

TIME: 7:45 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Bus will leave at 8:00 A.M. sharp)

LOCATION: Parmer Lane parking lot by the Credit Union

COST: \$25 each. Lunch is on your own

SIGN UP: Sign up and pay at the February meeting or send your payment to Betty Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin, 78727. **Deadline: March 22.**

THE PAINTED CHURCHES OF TEXAS

See the nationally recognized Painted Churches in Schulenburg, Ammannsville, High Hill, and Praha. These churches have ornate altars, intricately painted columns, ceilings, and arches, and lovely stained glass windows. The workmanship is exquisite and wonderfully maintained. Even the organ pipes are beautiful. In addition to the churches, we will also visit three old courthouses. These restored turn-of-the-last-century structures have a beauty all their own, and are monuments to the character of small-town Texas.

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Ed Bluestein parking lot by the old "V" building

COST: \$27 each, lunch included

SIGN UP: Sign up and pay at the February meeting or send your payment to Betty Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin, 78727. **Deadline: April 14.**

2004 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)
February 10 May 11 August 10 November 9

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)
January 13 April 13 July 13 October 12

Annual Picnic: Tuesday, May 25, at the Parmer Lane Pavilion

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 14. Location TBD

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 23, April 23, July 3, October 22
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: January 28, April 28, July 28, October 27

Happy 2004!!!!

The current 2004 paid Membership stands at 69 of which 43 are Lifetime members. We ended 2003 with 194 paid members, leaving 125 to renew at the February meeting (the due date). I hope to see all of you at the February meeting renewing your memberships – or avoid the stampede and renew NOW. I hope also that there are a number of newsletter recipients that decide that this is the year to join YOUR retirees' Club. You may mail your renewal dues or your initial application and dues to the P.O. Box listed on the back of this Newsletter. Checks should be made payable to MLSRCT. It is going to be another fun, event-filled year and I hope to see you all!

Fred Thomas, Membership Chair

NOTE: We have a few – six to be exact – of the club T-shirts left (three mediums and three large sized). These will cost you \$2 and we'd like to dispose of them before we order any more (assuming there is enough interest to make it practical).

Minutes of November 7, 2003, General Membership Meeting

The MLSRCT general meeting was held on Friday November 7, 2003, at the Senior Activity Center. President Allan Alaspa called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Secretary Patricia Jett moved that the minutes be approved as written in the October 2003, newsletter, if there weren't any changes, additions or corrections. Virgil Howarth seconded the motion and the membership approved.

Treasurer's Report - Shambhu Pai's report was accepted as presented. The annual audit required by the Club constitution will occur in February or March.

Mike Temple reported that at this time we have lost the Book Fairs as a moneymaking activity. If anything about this situation changes in the future, we'll let you know.

Tours and Events – Betty Temple. Betty reminded the group of the up coming trip to Fredricksburg on November 12th, during which we'll also tour one of the Painted Churches and stop at the Wild Flower Seed Farm. Don't forget the Christmas Party at the Cool River Café on Tuesday, December 9th.

Membership – Fred Thomas. 192 paid members with 78 attending today. REMINDER: If you have not paid your dues for 2004, please remember to do so, they are due by the first meeting of the year.

Activities - Jim Wilson called attention to the poster that we used during International Diversity Day and spoke about the experience.

Election of officers for the year 2004. The slate of candidates provided by the nominating committee was presented and the uncontested nominees were elected. The only contested position was that of Treasurer, and Mike Temple squeaked out a win over Shambhu Pai. For next year, then, Allan Alaspa is President Pro-Tem and the elected officers are as follow:

President – Danna Redford
V-President – Pearl Burke
Secretary – Pat Jett
Treasurer – Mike Temple

Most of the 2003 Board will serve again in 2004, although with some switching of duties, and Brent Brown (Program chair) will be a welcome addition. A full listing of the 2004 Board members and their responsibilities is on page 9 of this newsletter.

Reyes Martinez spoke briefly. Filing of spin off documents (with the SEC) will occur next month. Note 2004 Health Care Changes:

New Insurance Provider
Changes in prescription drug benefit – 4th tier added
Rate Increases

Program: Randy Johnson, Director, Human Resources Strategic Initiatives for Motorola was our speaker for the day and his topic was “Impact of Medicare Reform on Motorola Retirees.”

Scholarships

This year, as you know, the club will be giving three \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors that are the dependents of Austin Motorola employees. The completed applications are to be returned by 28 February to the address on the application. These are available at each of the three Austin facilities. To get an application, contact Nikki Krueger (OHT) at 895-2040, or Jackie Garcia (EDB and PL) at 933-7851 (they can be emailed, too).

Christmas Party at Cool River

The Christmas party this year was – dare I say it – COOL! Space was limited due to a snafu by their Banquet Director, but in return we got some unexpected extras: beautiful decorations and four \$100 gift certificates Betty used to augment the door prizes! The food was excellent and we had seats for 80 with only one no-show. Jerre got some good pictures, too. (See below)



Rose Lee Stratton, Boots & Ron Montgomery



Mike & Betty Temple



Joan & Mike Bright



Larry Kosacz and Mrs. Kosacz



Vessie & Ezell Tutt, Jim Wilson



Jackie & Carl Givens



Ed & Kathleen Csoltko



Jim Reeves, Gordon & Sandra Annon



Janet & Michael Tidwell



Brent Brown & Ed Dasse



Pearl & Ted Burke



Mike Temple, Ron Racino, Allan & Kathy Alaspa

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, January 13, 2004

The MLSRCT Board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2004, in the Parmer Lane Activity Center Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by the President, Danna Redford. Members present were Danna Redford, Allan Alaspa, Shambhu Pai, Mike Temple, Betty Temple, Jim Wilson, Fred Thomas, Pat Jett, and Brent Brown.

Membership – Fred Thomas reported that we have 69 paid members - 43 lifetime members.

Financial – Mike Temple gave an overview of the 2003 expenses and a projected 2004 budget which – this year for the first time – includes an allowance for programs. During his audit, he found a \$400 discrepancy between our books and the credit union statement, so will resolve the

issue with TruWest and then submit his final audit report. He then asked that deposit receipts note the depositor's name and the source of the money before they give him the receipt. Authorized signatures for the checking account will be changed/updated.

We then had a wide-ranging discussion of the possible effects on the club of the Spinco event. For example, will the scholarships continue to be funded, what are some alternative plans for publishing the newsletter if the club has to bear the full cost, and what other ideas for fund raising might be workable. One idea for fundraising that we will research is a concession stand at some function(s) such as the Motorola Marathon. We will try to schedule Scott Anderson for one of our meetings to talk about our future relationship – if any - with the new company.

Program Plan – Brent Brown. Speaker suggestions: Scott Anderson, Elderhostel, AARP, local people of interest (Cactus Pryor, Rob Baylin, possible Chamber of Commerce Speakers' Bureau if there is one) and maybe asking Northern Trust to come speak about our funds. Betty will provide food for February, May, and November meetings on a budget of \$525.00 each (\$25 for door prizes), and we're searching for a good location for our August meeting.

Event Planning – Allan and Pat. Tentative dates for the Picnic and the Christmas party are May 25th, and Dec. 14th, respectively. Allan has booked the Parmer Lane Pavilion again for the Picnic and Pat will look for a Christmas party venue.

Danna moved to accept the budget as presented by Mike with an increase in the Programs budget. Betty Temple seconded and all approved. All the specifics will be on an overhead for you to review prior to the start of the next meeting, and this will be the future format. We'll present the budget initially and every meeting thereafter we'll present our performance to budget – all on an overhead before the meeting actually begins so you'll have a chance to review it in detail. We won't take up meeting time with it unless you have questions.

The required annual audit has been completed and, once the discrepancy has been resolved, Mike will prepare a final report and Danna, as president, will sign off on it.

Tours- Betty Temple. Starting with a bang, the cruise on February 21st has 32 participants (25 Motorola Retirees) who will board the Norwegian Cruise Lines out of Houston for a week of fun in the sun in Cozumel, Cancun, Belize City, and Roatian Honduras. A planning meeting is scheduled for January 26, at 12:30 P.M. in the Parmer Lane Cafeteria.

Next will be a trip to the semi-annual Antique Market in Warrenton on March 31, and on April 21 – back by popular demand – will be a Painted Churches tour. See the details for these in this newsletter. Then on June 2-3, we'll have another overnighiter to the Coushatta Grand Casino – look for details in the next newsletter, but pencil it into your calendars.

Betty showed us the two MLSRCT signs that she bought. One is on a hard board for use on a tripod; the other is magnetic to be used to identify our tour bus. We unanimously approved the \$43.30 expenditure (although she was prepared to pay it herself).

Danna recommended that we drop the Sunshine position until we have someone who will develop a process for collecting the information so that it can be administered more uniformly. Jim Wilson moved that we drop position for now. It was seconded by Fred Thomas and all approved.

Scholarships – Jim Wilson. Applications are out this month at the facilities and due back to Jim by the end of February. Allan, Jim, and Fred (or possibly Danna) will go through the selection process to identify our three to recipients.

Project – Danna will mark up a copy of the constitution for review. It needs updating mostly to achieve internal consistency.

HEALTH ADVANTAGE PLAN SCREENINGS

On-site HAP screening is available free of charge for Motorola retirees and their Dependents. HAP registration can be completed on line via the retiree website or by calling the registration line at **877-637-0351**. **NOTE:** the following are **TENTATIVE** dates subject to change, and not even loaded to the website yet; firm dates will be posted within the next couple of weeks.

TENTATIVE HAP SCREENING DATES, PLACES, TIMES

March 22	Ed Bluestein	5:30 – 10:00 AM; 5:00-6:30 PM
March 23	Oak Hill	5:30 – 10:30 AM; 5:00-6:30 PM
March 25	Oak Hill	5:30 - 10:30 AM
March 26	Ed Bluestein	5:30 AM – 10:00 AM
March 29	Parmer Lane	7:00 -11:00 AM
March 30	Parmer Lane	7:00 – 11:00 AM
Pending	Sequin	Not yet available

In Memoriam

Bernard Vise	January, 2004
Dave Craine	December, 2003
Randall Lilly	July, 2003

Motorola Marathon Volunteer Opportunity

The Mini-Moto 5K on **February 14** and the full and half marathons on **February 15** benefiting the Capital Area United Way are once again asking for volunteers. Call 323-1898 or go to the main website at www.MotorolaMarathon.com. And don't forget to wear your club T-shirts.

Fall Fun in Fredricksburg

The “Get Out of Town” trip in November carried about 25 of us down to Fredricksburg where Johnson Newman Gifts and Antiques welcomed us with coffee and cake, after which we roamed around on our own, shopping and lunching until time to return to the bus. We then toured through old St. Mary’s, a Painted church right there in town. On our way home, we visited the Wildseed Farms Market Center, a good example of the kind of delightful surprises one finds lurking around in rural Texas.

Motorola Lone Star Retirees Club of Texas 2004 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

President Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, djredford@earthlink.net, 371-7332
 V - President Pearl Burke, cell (512) 799-5606
 Secretary Pat Jett, 1302 Althea Ct., Austin 78753, patjett45@aol.com, 837-6609
 Treasurer Mike Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960
 Pres. ProTem Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, aalaspa@austin.rr.com, 258-1408

Board Members (Committee Chairs):

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, djredford@earthlink.net, 371-7332
 Membership Fred Thomas, 2201 S Lakeline Blvd #15101, Cedar Park, 78613, fthomas6@austin.rr.com, 219-1077
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 Volunteers Louis Struble, 11802 Buckingham Rd, Austin 78759, ltstruble@ev1.net, 258-2742
 Events Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, aalaspa@austin.rr.com, 258-1408
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Motorola Contact List

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Nikki Kreuger	895-2040	OHT	OE 58	Community Affairs
Sandi Aitken	895-7888	OHT	OE 24	Director, Premier Employee Services
Sheila Nunley	895-7447	OHT	OE 322	Food Works – OHT
Chris Pitts	996-4054	PL		Food Works – Parmer Lane
Nancy Lesch	996-4031	PL	F3	Premier Employee Services
Elizabeth Parker	(830) 372-7014			HR - 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	934-6228	EDB	H 1	
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OHT	996-4003			Anita Palmieri
EDB	933-7320			Ellien Navarro

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