

MOTOROLA AUSTIN RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the Senior Activity Center on Shoalcrest Ave
(29th and Lamar)

Coffee and Lunch will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Speaker: **Teresa Sansone Ferguson**
 Executive Director, AustinUP

Topic: **The Future of Aging in Austin**

The non-profit organization AustinUP was formed as a result of the Mayor's Task Force on Aging, based on the fact that the Austin area has the nation's fastest-growing population of people between 55 and 64, and the second fastest-growing population of people 65 and over. AustinUP works with local and regional business and civic leaders, non-profit service organizations, boomers, seniors and caregivers on issues related to the future of aging in Austin

Teresa has built a career promoting causes, non-profit organizations and technology start-ups. From 1984 to 2007, she also worked at KUT Public Radio as local host of NPR's Morning Edition, producer/host of KUT's Femme FM (a music show featuring female artists), and producer/host of the Austin Music Minute.

Remember **spouses of club members are always welcome** at any of our meetings.

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ANNUAL RETIREES PICNIC

DATE: **Tuesday, April 18, or Saturday, April 22, 2017**

COST: **\$15.00 per member and guest**

TIME: **11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.**

LOCATION: Bartholomew District Park (same as last year)
Shelter B
5201 Berkman Dr.
Austin, Tx

We'll provide lunch, games (including BINGO!), prizes. So come out for food, fun, and fellowship with other retirees. Sign up and pay now or at the picnic. Fill out the picnic form below and mail to Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, TX 78610. Make out your checks to MARC. Call Wayne Harned at (512) 295-7041 if you have questions or other suggestions (like new games we may enjoy) for the event.

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE

Motorola Austin Retirees Club 2017 Picnic Sign Up and Payment Form

Name: _____
Motorola Austin Retiree Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____
Motorola Austin Retiree Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Contact Information:
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MARC**

Member & Non-member: \$15.00 per person

Total amount of check included with this mailing: _____

Mail to: **Wayne Harned**
16227 Oxbow Trail
Buda, Texas 78610

Minutes of the General Meeting, November 15, 2016

Jim Binneboese called the meeting to order at 10:08 A. M.

Programs:

Tom Honigschmidt introduced our speaker, Mark Lenz, Hydrologist for the National Weather Service. (NWS) Mark has a BS in Atmospheric Science and began work in Corpus Christi in 1989. He has been in New Braunfels since 2003.

The mission of the NWS is to protect lives and property via communicating with various media: Radio and Television stations, Emergency Management, Government Agencies, First Responders, and Amateur Radio Operators. The NWS has 122 offices with a staff of about 25. Mark's office has ten meteorologists, whose job is to make forecasts, watches and warnings, one hydrologist (Mark), and his duties are to forecast flash and river flooding, and stand in for the meteorologists, as necessary. In addition there are 3 hydro-met techs, 3 electronic techs, two meteorological interns, one IT officer, and 5 management and administrative personnel. The local office covers 33 counties in Central Texas. In addition to local offices, there is the Severe Storm center in Norman, OK, and the Tropical Storm center in Miami, FL.

The NWS uses dual polarization RADAR (vertical and horizontal) since 2012-13, and can distinguish bats, hail, rain, snow, and flying debris. Weather Spotters supplement RADAR information to determine weather severity. NWS issues **Advisories** for dense fog, winter weather, wind and flood. **Watches** are issued to indicate the potential for an event, e.g., thunderstorms or tornados. **Warnings** mean an event is happening or about to happen, e.g., tornado. A **Tornado** touches the ground, whereas a **Funnel** does not. In case of a **Tornado**: keep away from windows, go to an inner room on the lowest floor, and protect your head from flying debris with a bike helmet, blanket or pillow. Avoid mobile homes, school buses, vehicles and highway underpasses (flying debris). Tornados are rated EF0-EF5. Central Texas has mostly EF0-EF1 (can't see on radar). About 20% are EF2-EF3, lasting 15-20 minutes with winds up to 160 mph. Less than 1% are EF4-EF5, lasting 1-2 hours with a 20-50 mile path, causing fatalities. EF5 tornados can have wind speeds over 300 mph and a path wider than one mile.

In our area, **Thunderstorms** are a frequent occurrence, and Central Texas is known for **Flash Flooding**, which occurs when more than 6" of rain falls in a short time, causing fast moving water over roadways. Twelve to eighteen inches of water can move a vehicle off the road, leading to the need for fast water rescues. Further reading: **Flash Flood in Texas (1902-2002)**, by John Burnet. **Hail** falls at about 100 mph, and is dangerous when greater than 1" in diameter. **Lightning** accounts for about 30 deaths per year, and hundreds of injuries (81% males), and can strike over 10 miles from a storm. Lightning causes about 5 deaths per year in Texas during July, to golfers (28%) soccer players (41%), water sports (37%), and other sports (17%). If you hear **Thunder**, go inside a sturdy building, not a shelter.

El Nino occurs when the central Pacific Ocean temperature rises about ½ degree C, causing wet/cool weather, and more wind shear. La Nina occurs when the central Pacific temperature drops about ½ degree C, and causing hot/dry weather and less wind shear. Conditions must persist for 5 consecutive months.

Extreme Weather: Texas was in Severe Drought from 2011-2015, but the drought in the 1950's lasted 10 years. Due to the Balcones Escarpment there is a gentle rise of warm moist gulf air, which causes rain when it encounters Cold air. In June 2010, New Braunfels had 12" of rain, causing the Guadalupe River to rise 20' in 2 hours. A "Rain Bomb" dumped 19" on Burnet in 8 hours, causing \$130 million damage. Tropical storm Hermine caused 5 deaths with 8-15" of rain. A "Train" from SW to NE causes heavy rains, killing 143 people in Central Texas over 20 years, and 200 deaths throughout Texas. During Halloween 2013, 14" of rain fell near Wimberley, causing Onion Creek to hit record high water. In May 2015, all of Texas was wet. ABIA had 17.59" of rain and Blanco had 23 inches. In Wimberley, the river rose 30' in 2 hours, and crested at 45', with a flow of 175,000 cubic feet per second. Hurricane strength is a function of pressure and wind, not its size.

Be Prepared: know your evacuation route, have a plastic box with important papers, batteries, weather radio, etc.

Mark's email is; mark.lenz@noaa.gov

The local NWS weather office website is www.srh.noaa.gov/ewx.

Secretary's Report: The **Minutes** of the previous general and board meetings were published in the newsletter, and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Obie said that the Christmas Party will be at Maggiano's on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The cost is \$30 each. Dinner will be "family style". Please pay by Dec. 3, 2016.

Membership Report: Loy reported we have 35 paid members, 67 life members, 6 new members and 5 non-renewing. New dues for 2017 are \$15 for regular members and \$10 for life members. Meeting attendance for 2016 was 32 in February, 34 in May, 32 in August, and 34 in November.

Medicare Insurance: Mike Coley reported: Enrollment is Oct 15-Dec 7. Our Health Reimbursement Account, a.k.a. Your Spending Account (YSA), is \$500 per person. New insurance rates should be available 12/1/16, and take effect 1/1/17. To schedule counseling with Aon, call 844-779-9560, or go to www.retiree.aon.com, or you can enroll yourself online. YSA will cease in 2018.

Election of Officers: The proposed slate of officers for 2017 is: President-Mike Coley, VPs- Jim Binneboese and Warren Wiemann, Treasurer-Obie Hasty, Secretary-Jules Campbell. They were elected by acclamation.

Raffle: Jim Binneboese presented a proposal, similar to the Phoenix club, for a 50/50 raffle and each meeting. In our version, you can buy an unlimited number of \$5 tickets. The winner at each meeting gets 50% of the "kitty" and the club's scholarship fund gets 50%. Scholarships can be applied for by children or grandchildren of club members in good standing (dues paid), and will be awarded at the Christmas party. Payments will be made to the school attended - a trade school, junior college, or four-year college the student is attending.

The members were asked to consider giving \$250 to a local charity in 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 for Pizza and Bingo.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, Motorola Austin Retirees Club

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, January 10, 2017

President Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:07 A. M.

In Attendance: Jim Binneboese, Mike Coley, Obie Hasty, Danna Redford, Wayne Harned, Loy Buley, Warren Wiemann, and Jules Campbell.

Secretary's Report: Minutes will be mailed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Upon closer examination of the costs for the Christmas party, the food and restaurant costs were covered by the \$30.00 ticket price, but there were over-runs due to the prizes given out. The decision by the board was to keep the prizes as before, but raise the ticket price for the meal from \$30.00 to \$35.00. Obie will bring this up before the membership in the February meeting.

Although Wayne has in the past purchased discounted Gift Cards at Costco, not everyone likes the choices available. So in lieu of gift cards, cash seems to be the best choice and Obie can get \$50.00 bills in advance of the events. We discussed cash for the Christmas party, but had no final decision on the picnic or the quarterly meetings. Cash should work for all the functions.

While reporting on 2016 final expenses, Obie stated that there was no charitable gift given by the club in 2016. Funds for a charitable gift will be part of the 2017 budget.

Membership Report: Warren Wiemann will assume the club membership duties, and work with Loy Buley during the transition. Warren will review the six mailing lists for accuracy – adding new members and removing those who have moved or are deceased. He will show members a list of those names that bounce back and ask for help from the members. Loy will also send the lists to Mike Coley to possibly combine for easier sending. Constant Contact is the recommended software for large files. We need to focus on paid members and also the retired list of those who may join later.

Spring Picnic: Wayne Harned mentioned that last year, before the early rain-outs, the picnic date was April 19th. Wayne is recommending April 18th (Tues) or April 22nd which is a Saturday. The thought was that a Saturday date might be good if people wanted to bring more family members. We will vote on this at the February meeting. The committee wanted to keep Bartholomew Park as the venue for the picnic. Because of the tables and seating at the park, Wayne will need to bring extra tables and chairs as he did in 2016.

Website: The Domain Name MARC is taken, but we may be able to use MARCTX.

New Business: We will start the raffle at the February meeting. This is the 50/50 raffle with 50% of the winnings going to the person with the winning ticket and the other 50% going into a scholarship fund to be awarded at the end of the year at the Christmas party. Wayne Harned is sending Jim Binneboese the files he has that will help with the applications and the rules governing how the winner is selected.

Programs: Mike Coley's daughter works for Facebook Security. She may be able to discuss how Facebook works, pop-ups, fake news, etc. **Other ideas for speakers:** TV news checking, what city/state/fed representatives are doing for seniors; Insurance, Costs of Medication, Secret Service, e.g., Counterfeiting, Federal Marshals, ID Theft, etc.

Mike will bring soda and order Pizzas for 30 people, and adjust the order at 10:30 A. M. Pizza delivery should be by 11:30 A.M. because we have to clean and vacate the room by 12:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:53 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Jules Campbell, Secretary, Motorola Austin Retirees Club
(Please submit corrections and additions by email)

**In Memoriam
Ray Webb
Al Tasch
Ben Haner (Pat's husband)**

Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2017 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

President Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, 78739, michaelcoley67@gmail.com, 965-3232
V-Pres Jim Binneboese, 14306 Terisu Lane, 78728, jklbinn@gmail.com, 251-8622
V-Pres Warren Wiemann, 2001 Golden Bear Dr, Round Rock, 78664, whwnsx@aol.com
238-7353
Secretary Jules Campbell, 11015 Conchos Cove, 78726, jules-campbell@att.net, 656-8516
Treasurer Obie Hasty, 1610 Northumberland Rd, 78703, Obiehasty@yahoo.com, 771-2579

Our Website: <http://www.mflsrc.org>

Our Email address: mflsrc@yahoo.com

Board Members (Committee Chairs):

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, 78703, danna.redford@gmail.com, 371-7332
Membership Loy Buley, 9400 Cedar Forest Dr, 78750, loylbuley@sbcglobal.net, 258-7465
Tours [We've not had anyone willing to take this position since Betty resigned several years ago.](#)
Events Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, wharned@austin.rr.com, 295-7041
Program [open](#)
Webmaster Pat Haner, PO Box 744, Smithville, 78957, pbhaner@yahoo.com, 360-3537
Photographer Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147
e-mail accts Loy Buley, 9400 Cedar Forest Dr, 78750, loylbuley@sbcglobal.net, 258-7465

Other Clubs: Rich Enstrom Florida rdenstrom@gmail.com (954)214-2040
Don Harrison Phoenix dnhar@cox.net (480) 892-6598
[PNX Website: http://motorolaretirees.org](http://motorolaretirees.org)
James Kirk Schaumburg (815) 455-2469
Doug Wilkerson Colorado group doug.wilkerson@comcast.net

TruWest Credit Unions - main number for all: (512) 996-4000

Howard Lane (13609 Interstate 35, Frontage Rd #4)
12221 Riata Trace Pkwy
Legend Oaks (6001 W. William Cannon Dr., Ste 100)

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

MOTOROLA AUSTIN RETIREES CLUB
Application for membership

NAME: _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(Please note if you do NOT have computer access or email)

SPOUSE'S NAME (If applicable): _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB? _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MARC

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MEMBERSHIP: **\$15.00 per year**, due by February's meeting. NOTE: The dues are no longer pro-rated.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: **\$10.00 per year**, also due by February's meeting.

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: MARC at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766