

MOTOROLA AUSTIN RETIREES CLUB

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 8, 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, November 7, 2017

Speaker: **Jim George, former Motorola VP and now author**

Topic: **History of the Cell Phone from a Motorola Perspective**

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

CORRECTION: *Despite what was published in the last newsletter, **Leonor Soto** is alive and well and living in Austin. To paraphrase Mark Twain, rumors of her death were greatly exaggerated. The error was entirely mine, and I apologize abjectly for the misunderstanding.*
Ed.

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2017/2018 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (10 A.M., the 2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)

November 7 February 13, 2018

Board Meetings (10 A.M., the 2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)

October 10 January 9, 2018

Annual Picnic for 2018 – May be held at Bartholomew Park again.

Christmas Party: December 12, 2017 – at Maggiano’s again

Newsletter Article Deadlines: October 27 January 28, 2018

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Minutes of the General Meeting May 9, 2017

Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

PICNIC: Wayne reported that 40 had signed up for the picnic at Bartholomew District Park, and 41 attended. We had eight \$20 prizes for games and Bingo. Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ was \$463.97 for 39 people.

Treasurer’s Report: Obie said the Scholarship (raffle) fund has \$210 so far this year.

Secretary’s Reports were published in the Newsletter and approved.

Communications: We need to contact and recruit others to the club. Suggested means are Facebook, using a private (members only) page that outsiders can’t see. Other social media are LinkedIn, which may not be as easy to manage and use. Concern was expressed that some members won’t use social media.

New Business: We are considering whether to change the club name to Motorola Austin Alumni Club, as a means to be more inclusive, by not restricting age over 55, or requiring actual retirement from Motorola/Freescale/etc. Jim Binneboese is to work on a club advertisement.

Christmas Party will be December 12, 2017 at Maggiano’s

Speaker: Since the Texas Legislature had not finished yet, Ken Herman wasn’t available to come, so Mike Coley gave a presentation on the species of owls in the Austin area.

Owls have excellent hearing and night vision, hunt by sound, and fly silently. They eat whole lizards, snakes, bats, small rodents, etc., then regurgitate pellets of bone and hair. Owls generally don’t build nests, but use bird nests or hollow trees. You can find information online to build an owl house, the entrance should not face North because of the weather. If you find an owl fledgling on the ground, do not pick it up. You can find various animal webcams, including owls, at www.explore.org

Screech Owls are about 8-10”, grey and rust colored, and eat small mice, mosquitos, etc. They may catch small blind snakes to keep their nests clean. They vocalize with a “whinny” to mate, and a “trill” to scare off others. Barn owls are 15-18” tall, have a four foot wingspan, and are losing habitat. They can live over 15 years and eat 1000 mice per year. Barred Owls mate for life, nesting in the same place each year. They live along rivers and lakes, and eat fish and small mammals. With darker eyes, they can see in the daytime. Great Horned Owls are the largest species here and are apex predators.

Scholarship Raffle raised \$190. Obie won and donated his winnings to the fund. Thanks Obie!!
The meeting adjourned for Pizza and Bingo.

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

Fun and Frolic at the Annual Picnic

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, Motorola/Freescale retirees gathered at Bartholomew District Park Shelter B outdoor pavilion to enjoy food, fun and a general good time with other retirees and friends at our annual picnic. The weather was nice and cool.

We set up our standard games: kid's basketball (with bean bags), frisbee toss, golf putting, and lastly the water balloon toss. Pok-E-Jo's provided the wonderful BBQ lunch with more food than we could eat.

After lunch we continued with the games and awarded the game prizes which were \$20.00 cash for each prize this year. The game winners were as follows: Anjali Pai in Basketball, Bob Kohls in Putting, and Joann Kim in Frisbee Toss.

Also, we sold \$5.00 tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Remember, the winner gets 50% of the pot and the club's scholarship fund gets the other half. Carol Merry won the pot.

Next, we started Bingo which was called by Mike Coley. We played two games of straight bingo. The bingo prizes were \$20 for each winner. There were two winners in the second game.

We had four teams sign up for balloon toss. Wal-Mart's finest water balloons were used for this event. It took a distance of approximately 25 feet before the only balloon that was not broken was the one fielded by Ray and Laura Voith. This was the second year in a row that Ray and Laura have won the balloon toss. Their prizes were \$20 cash each.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the lunch setup and serving. Also, thanks go to my wife, Mary Jane Harned, who checked in all attendees and took the money of those folks paying at the picnic and thanks to Mary Jane Harned, Allan Alaspa, Kathy Alaspa, Mike Coley, Obie Hasty for helping set up.

I hope to see all of you next year at the April picnic in 2018.
Wayne Harned

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting July 11, 2017

(Note: All members are welcome to attend: 2nd Tuesday of Jan, Apr, July, Oct., at the Senior Center, 29th & Lamar)

President Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:14 A.M.

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the February 2017, general meeting were mailed to the Board. Minutes of the May 2017, general meeting will be published in the August Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Obie reported that our cash position is down \$359.95, in part due the \$500 deposit we made to Maggiano's for the Christmas Party. Our scholarship fund has \$400.

Membership Report: Jules created a spreadsheet **master list** with membership history and potential member contact information. However, due to the change of membership chairs, our records are unclear how many people have actually renewed their membership for 2017. We only have records of 34 members paying in 2017, so we will be using sign-in sheets at the meetings, to update contact information, and gather payment information.

As a reminder, Life Members owe \$10 per year, beginning in 2017, and general membership was raised from \$10 per year to \$15 per year. (As with everything else in life, our expenses are going up, and our reserve funds are declining. We need our membership to go up, to keep the club vibrant!!! Please encourage your ex-Motorola friends to join.)

Christmas Party: Betty Temple has made arrangements with Maggiano's again this year.

Communications: Ray Voith will be updating our website and establishing a (Club member only) Facebook page.

Scholarship Fund: It was suggested that the scholarship be named in memory of Gary Daniels, who passed away in June. He was a great leader in Motorola Austin and the Retiree club.

We need to develop a process to select the candidates for scholarships and Jim Binneboese will chair the effort.

Newsletter: Deadline is July 28th.

Programs: We need suggestions of speakers for future meetings. In lieu of gift cards, we will give \$15 cash prizes for Bingo at the general meetings.

Please call your friends to remind them of the next meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:30am.

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

Please inform me of any additions or corrections.

In Memoriam

R. Gary Daniels

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Elected Officers:

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Legend Oaks (6001 W. William Cannon Dr., Ste 100)

Return Requested
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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!

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