

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

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REMINDER -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

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 8, 2018

Speaker: Ken Herman, Columnist for the Austin American-Statesman
Ken has been a journalist for the past 42 years in Texas and
in Washington, D.C., covering state and national politics.

Topic: Challenges Facing the Newspaper Industry Today

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

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2018/19 Dates to Remember

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

February 13 May 8 August 14 November 13 February 12, 2019

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

January 9 April 10 July 10 October 9 January 8, 2019

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

Christmas Party: December 12, 2017 – at Maggiano’s again (see notice in newsletter)

Newsletter Article Deadlines: February 2 April 27 August 3 November 2
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Minutes of the General Meeting November 21, 2017

Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Obie said our balance was reduced by \$126.56 due to expenditures for the May General Meeting. We received \$70.00 in dues and \$70.00 was added to the scholarship fund.

Scholarship Fund: We received \$125 on November 21, 2017, bringing the total for the year to \$595. We have decided to name the scholarship in honor of Gary Daniels. Members can donate to the fund in addition to the raffles. Applications can be submitted by June 30, 2018, for children and grandchildren of current members, who are attending a post-secondary educational institution (university, junior college or trade school). The award will be made in August, 2018, and will be paid to the institution the winner is attending.

Communications:

1. Our new website is at maacweb.org
2. Our new club email is maacweb@yahoo.com
3. There is a FaceBook group “[We Worked at Motorola Semiconductor](#)” with about 1658 members.

Christmas Party will be December 12, 2017, at Maggiano’s and cost will be \$30* for members or guests. **Note that the fee was incorrectly stated as \$35.00 elsewhere.** Deadline for sign up is December 7.

Name change The word “Alumni” was substituted for “Retirees” in the club name to make it more obvious that one need not have officially retired to be a member. The constitution was changed accordingly.

Election of Officers: Officers were elected for 2018. They are:

President – Mike Coley
Vice President – Jim Binneboese
Treasurer – Obie Hasty
Secretary – Jules Campbell

Non-elected Chairpersons (volunteers):

Communications – Ray Voith
Membership – Warren Wiemann
Newsletter – Danna Redford
Event – Wayne Harned

Medicare: The insurance sign-up window will be from October 15, 2017, through Dec. 7, 2017. USAA offers health insurance to persons who aren’t veterans or their descendants. Each “letter plan” is [by law] exactly the same at all vendors, only the premiums vary.

Speaker: Jimmy Flannigan, Austin City Council Member, District 6

This was a very interesting and informative talk. The following is an attempt to summarize some of the points in the talk. Mr. Flannigan talked about the quality of life in Austin and problems facing the city council in promoting that quality. He indicated the following four factors involved:

Growth, transportation, infrastructure, and affordability

He said that many people only think about one of these factors when considering quality of life. He stressed that any solution for the city of Austin must be a comprehensive one and not one geared to individual locations or constituencies.

Some points in his discussion:

Income inequality Income inequality can be a problem. Austin has many earning over \$100,000 a year and also many earning only \$15.00 per hour. There is a need to provide opportunities to those in the middle of these extremes. The council would like to have Austin grow in such a way to allow current residents to continue to live here and not be priced out.

Housing Housing also presents problems. CODENEXT tries to solve these. Builders like to build expensive single family units in the range or high rises with retail on the first floor, since they can get loans for these. But this is not a solution for many. Some problems are:

Where to put houses

Build new homes or tear down/renovate old homes

How big

1. \$1 million homes

2. 5 story multi-family units
3. single family units

City developers like the first two options, since they are able to get loans to build them. This is less of a problem further out where developers can build many units with a small selection of plans.

Density

3. 10 homes on street vs. 20 homes on street
4. Same cost to support these, but different tax income
5. For city amenities need X people/acre

Again it is necessary to solve for all neighborhoods - not just localized solutions

Roads This is a regional problem. CAMPO members tend to be from rural areas - what's good for rural is not necessarily good for Austin. The city council has less power here.

An interesting point was made about the MoPac expressway lanes. Mr. Flannigan said that the main benefit is not for individual cars, but the use of those lanes by express buses, thus encouraging people to leave their cars at home in favor of a dependable transit option. He further stated that this process would be aided by extending express lanes elsewhere, e.g., 183 north.

Incentives for companies to move to Austin Mr. Flannigan said that there have only been about 10 such incentives offered in the last 10 yrs. The main goal is to optimize ROI for the city. Amazon may be a good case for Austin, in that it wants a city experience and needs less land. In addition, the jobs would tend to be in the middle income range. He also said that this is usually more of a state issue, with the council only coming in late in the game for a Yes/No decision.

Infrastructure problems Mr. Flannigan indicated that there are infrastructure decisions to be made. For instance, there are many swimming pools in the city that are leaking. It would cost \$130 million to fix them but there is no money to do so. With the leaks wasting thousands of gallons of water, the decision may have to be to close the pools.

State preemption of city decisions Often, the city will set in motion laws that can be beneficial for the city, only to have the State come in and override them.

Red tape bureaucracy Bureaucracy causes problems for small companies. The approval process to add companies/locations is complex and sometimes requires multiple passes through the system to get approval. Some companies have decided not to build more due to this difficulty.

The climate Austin is on the cutting edge of beneficial actions to protect the climate.

One person asked about solar panels. There are too many trees in some neighborhoods to put up panels. He asked whether the city might help promote allowing individuals to pay to put panels on industrial buildings and get benefit from the generated power. Mr. Flannigan thought that this is a good idea. Maybe the city is involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 for Pizza, Bingo and the scholarship fund raffle.

Respectfully Submitted by Ray Voith for:

Jules Campbell, Secretary, Motorola Austin Alumni Club

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting January 9, 2018

President Mike Coley called the meeting to order around 10:10 AM

In Attendance: Mike Coley, Danna Redford, Wayne Harned, Warren Wiemann, Ray Voith, and Jules Campbell.

Secretaries Report: Minutes were published in the November 2017 newsletter

Treasurer's Report: Obie will not be able to participate until April. Membership Dues and other payments should go to Mike C., or made at the Feb. General meeting. Mike gave Obie's budget report. Last year we budgeted \$20 for the Picnic, but collected only \$15, and \$35 for the Christmas Party, but collected only \$30, per Mike's decision. There was an additional "room fee" charged by Maggiano's. Mike/Obie are to inform Warren Wiemann and Ray Voith of paid memberships, to update the attendance sheets, and archival records.

Membership Report: Warren Wiemann will have two lists at the sign-in desk. One will contain names of members who were paid/active in the last two years, to verify their contact info, and record their 2018 dues payment. The other will be for recording the inactive or new members paying at the meeting, and collecting their contact information (address, email, phone, etc.).

We have 137 names without emails, and we will make one "snail mail" effort to contact members for whom we don't have emails. After that, we will only mail a limited number of printed newsletters to active members without email.

Since it was rarely used, the Post Office box has been closed to save money. Dues and other payments can be made at the General Meeting, or mailed to Mike Coley, until Obie returns.

Several people paid at the Christmas Party, for the party, 2017 or 2018 dues. (If you can, please help us correct our records and tell us for what you paid.)

Newsletter: Danna needs inputs for the newsletter by 2/2/2017 to publish in early February.

Website: The Domain Name is now MAAC. Ray needs the speaker's name for the Feb. General Meeting reminder. Ray will send an email to everyone, to see if any have emails for those for whom we don't have emails.

Programs:

Picnic:

Saturday was chosen last year for working family or grandkids to attend. We had three grandkids attend.

Wayne plans to schedule the picnic at Bartholomew Park (off 51st St) again, on either Tuesday April 10, or Saturday April 14. We plan to vote on which day at the General meeting in February. We will again have Pok-e-Joe's BBQ, games, etc. Please Pay ahead at the Feb. meeting, or at least indicate intent to attend (and number of people), for planning purposes,

Christmas Party:

Betty Temple doesn't want to be responsible for the 2018 Christmas party. We need a volunteer to organize the 2018 party.

Jim Binneboese suggested (by email) that a Pot Luck might attract more people to the Christmas Party. However, we would have to find a venue, and the board felt "no one would want to cook for a large group during such a busy time of the year", and also that the fee probably wasn't stopping anyone from coming.

Scholarship:

Jim Binneboese will discuss at the General Meeting. Candidate evaluations will be anonymous. We need at least one more member for the evaluation committee. The board voted to change the meeting raffle from 50%/50% split to a winning prize of \$25, and the balance added to the scholarship fund.

Old Business: We still believe some people may not have paid their 2017 dues, or have dropped out of the club. Some people paid their dues at the Christmas party, but, in some cases, there is confusion whether it was for 2017 or 2018. If you paid then. Please let us know.

New Business: Mike checked with the North Lamar Retiree Center, and the new rental for the room we use will be \$50/hr. for private meetings. However, since our meetings are open to the public, there will not be any charge.

Len Hause was to speak about cyber security at our Feb. General Meeting, but he cancelled for personal reasons. Jules will attempt to contact other speakers on that topic. (Note: one was not available at this time, and the other person didn't respond).

The meeting was adjourned around 11:30am.

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

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2018 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

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Howard Lane (13609 Interstate 35, Frontage Rd #4)

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

Return Requested
1610 Northumberland Road
Austin, TX
78703

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI 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: MAAC Rev: 11/21/17

MEMBERSHIP: **\$15.00 per year**, due by February's meeting or \$7.50 if joining after July (new members only)
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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