

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

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REMINDER -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 8, 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, August 14, 2018

Speaker: John Hunewill, Cell Tex (Houston)

Topic: Harvesting your own stem cells for future treatment of neurological or joint diseases.

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 2019 – May be held at Bartholomew Park again.

Christmas Party: December xx, 2018 – at Maggiano’s again ????

Newsletter Article Deadlines: February 2 April 27 August 3 November 2

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

General Meeting: February 13, 2018, at the North Lamar Senior Center

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

Programs: Our Speaker was Ken Herman, columnist for the Austin American Statesman (AAS). Ken hails from Brooklyn, NY (but “he got to Texas as soon as he could”). He worked in Lufkin, the Associated Press in Austin, from 1979-1988, as Bureau Chief at the Houston Post, and joined the AAS in 2000. He followed the Bush presidential campaigns. He is also noted for his dry humor.

Ken discussed the challenges facing the Newspaper Industry. In the past, advertising could have allowed free circulation, and profit was 35%. However, the industry was slow to recognize the impact of the internet and cell phones providing “the collected knowledge of humanity”. Today, most classified ads are gone, and mostly those over 40 years old tend to read the paper, and bear the cost burden. The younger folks get news from the internet, and think news, like music, should be free.

Ken says his articles: “tell you what to think about, not how to think”, but today’s public tends to “read what it believes”.

Among the changes at AAS: the editing is done in Florida, the paper is now printed in San Antonio, the staff is smaller, the paper is more expensive, and the news deadline is earlier, so the news is “old” by the time we get the physical newspaper. Now the paper is better: news is updated several times per day online, videos are available, but the electronic version of the paper doesn’t update.

AAS was owned by Cox for 40 years. Cox is a diverse multi-billion-dollar company based in Atlanta, having newspapers in Atlanta, Palm Beach, FL, Dayton, OH and Austin, as well as, radio and TV stations. The main value of the AAS is the land its

offices sit on. A sale will probably hurt benefits, and cost jobs. (Since our meeting, the AAS has been sold to a new owner).

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$8,460 on hand. Our annual reserve losses were: \$3,200 in 2014; \$2038 in 2015. To compensate for declining membership, the board attempted to make activities more "break even" through higher dues and party fees. Thus, we reduced the decline to \$817 in 2016, and \$652 in 2017. Every meeting costs us \$200, so the club subsidizes about \$6/person, and about \$9/person for the Christmas party. We have closed our PO Box. Future contact should be directly to the appropriate officers.

Membership Report: None. (Note: we have changed the club name from Retirees to Alumni, to include more former employees, and we need to actively recruit new members.)

Picnic: Will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Bartholomew Park, Shelter B. Send checks for \$15 each to Mike, or pay at this meeting. If you tell us that you plan to attend, you can pay at the picnic.

Raffle: There are openings on the scholarship selection committee. The Scholarship will be named for Gary Daniels, and the family is proud of that. We currently have \$880 in the fund. Tickets are \$5 each, with no limit on quantity. The winner gets \$25. Donations will be accepted, and we would like to reach at least \$2,000.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20AM for Pizza and Bingo.

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

Executive Board Meeting, April 10, 2018 at the Lamar Senior Center

(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 10:00 AM

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

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the January board meeting were published in the February 2017 newsletter

Treasurer's Report: Obie reported that our assets increased by \$239, the scholarship fund now has \$1015, and our "income tax form" has been filed (no taxes owed, but we aren't a "non-

profit”). Jim Binneboese said it is easy to get 501C3 status, and then we don’t pay sales taxes. Ray asked Obie to reimburse him for postage to send update requests to former members (see Membership below).

Membership Report: Warren reported we have 53 paid members. Ray Voith sent about 90 letters to get updated emails. He received 7 emails, 3 address changes, and a few “drop me’s”. A few emails are still “bouncing”.

Newsletter: Articles should be submitted to Danna by the end of April. (Note: Danna was injured in a fall, others will complete the newsletters for her. Speedy Recovery, Danna!!!)

Website: Ray asked Obie for \$25 to pay for the MAAC.org domain name, and \$20 to pay for the server.

Programs:

Picnic: It will be held on April 14, from 11am-2pm, at Bartholomew Park. Wayne asked board members to come early to help set up. To date only 25 signed up vs. 39 in 2017. (About 34 attended) The menu from Poke-e-Joe’s is: Brisket & Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, and Cookies & Iced Tea. Food cost is \$10.55/person. We have eight \$20 prizes for games and bingo. We will have a raffle for the scholarship fund. The cost is \$15 per attendee.

Scholarship: We have \$1015 in the fund. We will send an email request to all “Alums”, including non-members, to ask for donations to the “Gary Daniels Scholarship Fund”

Speaker for May Meeting: Mike reported that John Hunewill, of Celltex will talk about his company’s technology to harvest one’s stem cells, for future treatment of neurologic (e.g. Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s, etc.) or joint disease (e.g. knee replacement, etc.) processes.

Speaker for August Meeting: Mike reported that Len Hause is scheduled to talk on Cyber-Security.

Old Business: Jim Binneboese has someone who will do the artwork and provide laminated Name Badges for our members, with the “Motorola Austin Alumni Club” name above the member’s name.

New Business: None

FYI: Mike McShane was interviewed on TV for running in 42 Capital 10K’s. Charlie Melear was interviewed on TV for donating over 100 gallons of blood.

In Memoriam: We are saddened to report the passing of fellow Motorolan, Henry Choe on March 11, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11am.

Respectfully Submitted by Jules Campbell, Secretary, Motorola Austin Alumni Club
Please inform me of any additions or corrections.

Picnic 2018

On Saturday, April 14, 2018 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 their friends at our annual picnic. The weather was nice and cool.

We set up our games, kid's basketball (with bean bags), frisbee toss, ring toss, and lastly the water balloon toss. Also, Jules Campbell brought a horse shoe game and many folks enjoyed this game. 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: Nancy Countryman in Basketball, Danielle Rye in Ring Toss, and Wayne Harned in Frisbee Toss.

Next, we started Bingo which was called by Mike Coley. We played three games of straight bingo. The bingo prizes were \$20 cash for each winner.

Also, we sold \$5.00 tickets for the Gary Daniels' Scholarship Fund raffle. Remember, the winner gets \$25 of the pot and the club's scholarship fund gets the rest. Michael Coley won the pot but donated his winnings back to the scholarship fund.

We had five 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 Danielle Rye and father. Their prizes were \$20 cash each for the winners. 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, Mike Coley, Obie and Lael Hasty, and Jim and Kathy Binneboese for helping set up.

I hope to see all of you next year at the April picnic in 2019.

Wayne Harned

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2018 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

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Our NEW Email address: maacweb@yahoo.com

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Christmas luncheon

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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
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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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