

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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REMINDER -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE MEETING!

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 13, 2019

Speaker: Karen Brice of Accent Travel.

Topic: **Accent Travel** has been in Austin since 1982 and has strong ties with various tour companies, cruise lines, airlines and car rental companies. With these connections and an affiliation with American Express, Accent Travel can offer discounts of 10% to 20% off the best rates currently available. They book travel within the U.S. and worldwide.

Karen will talk about how a travel agency works, highlight destinations in Alaska, Europe, and the Caribbean, including cruises. She will also discuss Senior specific tours, Group tours and travel suggestions such as packing, mobility, insurance and medical concerns.

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

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ANNUAL RETIREES PICNIC

DATE: **RESCHECULED TO TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2018**

COST: \$15.00 per member and guest

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

LOCATION: Bartholomew District Park, shelter B
5201 Berkman Dr.
Austin, Tx

We'll provide lunch, games (including BINGO!), prizes. Come out for food, fun, and fellowship with other retirees. Sign up spouses and former Motorolans who are not yet members of the club.

Sign up, and pay at our February 12th meeting or mail in form attached with payment or call Mike or Wayne to sign up and pay at the picnic. Fill out the picnic form below and mail to Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, Austin, Texas 78739, no later than May 14. Make out your checks to MAAC. Call Wayne Harned at (512) 295-7041 if you have questions or other suggestions (like new games we may enjoy) for the event.

2018/19 Dates to Remember

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

May 14, 2019 August 13 November 12

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

July 9 October 8

Annual Picnic for 2019 – **Tuesday May 21, at Bartholomew Park again.**

Christmas Party: Monday, December 9, at Maggiano's again.

Newsletter Article Deadlines: August 2 November 1

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

General Meeting: February 12, 2019, at the North Lamar Senior Center

Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Mike said, “Welcome to all and thank you all for coming.” Mike introduced 3 new members to the club. He showed the agenda for the meeting and announced that the day's speaker will be Mike McShane, and Mike would be moving up on the agenda to allow him ample time to speak about Big Bend National Park.

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

Speaker: Michael B McShane, a former Motorola/Freescale employee with over 45 years in the semiconductor industry, retired as leading technologist of their Intellectual Property Licensing Team and was a Life Fellow of the Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). Mike is married to Susan D. Madere and has 3 sons and 4 grandchildren. Mike is a distance runner and has run all 40 of the Austin Capital 10Ks starting in 1978, and in addition, he has also run 26 full marathons with the hope to run another one at age 75. He is active in the community, is a current member and recently retired as vice-president of The Friends of Big Bend National Park.

Michael spoke of the history of the Big Bend National Park area with the earliest inhabitants 12,000 years ago, and they have found Indian Petroglyphs in the park. The first Anglos arrived in the late 1800's and farmed, ranched and mined the land along with the Mexican people. In the 1930's two Texans, Everest Townsend and Amon Carter began buying up all the land from the farmers and ranchers and on June 6, 1944 presented Roosevelt all the deeded land in the Big Bend area to the United States for a National Park. The park is mostly desert, but does contain the entire Chisos Mountains Range with some peaks as high as 8,000 feet and 118 miles of the Rio Grande River which divides Mexico and the U.S. There are 450 species of birds, 156 species of insects, several types of snakes and spiders, 59 different species of cactus that can bloom

throughout the year as well as Maple, Pine and Oak trees. There are deer, javelina, mountain lion and Mexican black bears that have been seen in the park.

Activities to enjoy in the park include hiking, picnics, river rafting on the Rio Grande, camping, and birding. There are 3 RV Parks and a 172 room Lodge for places to stay while in the park. Places outside of the park where you can stay are Alpine on the North side, Terlingua Ghost Town and Lajitas on the West side and Boquillas to the South on the Mexico side. There are 2 gas stations and 1 restaurant within the park. The best time to visit the park is between September and February with August being the rainy month. Park Rangers give talks about the mountains, desert hiking and birding in the Park.

Mike said the Friends of Big Bend National Park restored the Dinosaur Exhibit and have produced a beautiful color DVD about Big Bend National Park which he showed to the club during the meeting. There are beautiful license plates representing the Big Bend National Park selling for \$24 which helps to fund projects in the park. Mike and his wife Susan stayed around during the pizza lunch to answer questions from club members interested in visiting the park.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Coley presented the treasurer's report for vacationing Obie Hasty. He reported that we ended the year with a deficit of \$500 working toward a goal of breaking even at the end of the year. He explained how the club spends its money, budgeting based on 54 active members He talked about the Gary Daniels Scholarship and how we collect money for the scholarship through the club raffles and individual donations, Mike said we hope to be able to give away 2 scholarships in the future. Wayne Harned made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Kai Wong seconded and the motion was passed.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese talked about the qualifications for the scholarship. Applicants must have a "C" average, be a High School Senior, talk about their work in the community and volunteer activities, and their plans for college or technical school. All children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Motorola, Freescale or NXP employees can apply. Applications are on the club website maacweb.org. Applicants will have a personal telephone interview from the selection committee of Mary Jane Harned and Bill Pfaff. Scholarship money is remitted to applicant's college of choice to help with first year expenses. Our plan for 2019 is to select candidates in June and make the Award in August

Picnic: Wayne Harned reported that the annual picnic will be Saturday April 13 from 10:00am till 2:00pm at Bartholomew Park Shelter B. It will be catered by Pok-e-Joes BBQ There will be Brisket and Sausage, 3 sides (Pinto Beans, Potato /salad and Cole Slaw), IceTea and Cookies. Cost is \$15 each. Payment or commitment to attend is due to Wayne by Apr:11 Games will be Golf, Basketball, Frisbee and Water Balloons. Danna also donated Croquet this year and we look forward to this. We will also have Bingo again this year.

Officers:

President	Mike Coley
Vice President	Jim Binneboese
Treasurer	Obie Hasty
Secretary	Janet Tidwell

Continuing their role in Volunteer Positions:

Newsletter	Danna Redford
Membership	Warren Wiemann

**Picnic
Website**

**Wayne Harned
Ray Voith**

New volunteers to Co-chair the MAAC Christmas Party Sullivan. Please thank them for stepping into this position.

Sandra Lawell & Sherry

Members are welcome to attend the board meetings, usually held on the second Tuesday of the first Month of each quarter, at the North Lamar Senior Center. Verify the date with a board member before attending, as it sometimes changes.

Our newsletters are posted on the web.

Please let us know of any changes in your name, address, email, phone, etc.

Janet Tidwell

Executive Board Meeting, April 9, 2019 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). This was an exception to the normal schedule.

ATTENDEES: Mike Coley, Jim Binneboese, Wayne Harned, Janet Tidwell, Sandra Lawell, Sherry Sullivan, Danna Redford, Warren Weiman, Obie Hasty and Ray Voith.

The meeting was opened by Mike Coley with a welcome for all who came.

Picnic Report: Wayne reported we have 35 guests signed up to attend the annual picnic. Pok-e-Joe's increased the plate price from \$10 to \$12, but we will still be able to cover everything. He said they still had the best price and included 2 meats (Brisket and Sausage), 3 sides (Pinto beans, potato salad and cole slaw) and Ice Tea and cookies. Mike suggested we may need to increase our price for the picnic next year. Wayne stated set-up will start @ 9:30 Saturday morning to get tables and chairs and games set up. The picnic will be held at Bartholomew Park, Shelter B, from 11am until 2pm. There will be the games of Bean bag basketball, Golf, Frisbee toss Croquet & water balloon toss. There will be 8 \$20 gift/prizes (5 for games and 3 for Bingo). Plans were made to contact those signed up in case of rainout. Board members will help with clean-up.

Treasurer Report: Obie Hasty reported the beginning balance for April was \$11,062.33 and was attributed to money from club dues, scholarship raffle and picnic funds collected. Expenses for last general meeting were \$281.18 and included expenses for Papa John's Pizza, Bingo cash prizes and supplies. Discussion was presented by Mike about splitting out Scholarship Funds to the Savings Account to collect interest on the money. Obie said he would check into this. Discussion was also present for Obie to talk to our CPA about not filing Income Tax or changing to a 503c to help save money since we are a non-profit group.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese informed board members that we have \$3625.52 in the Scholarship Fund and that the applications have been updated on the website. Unfortunately, we have not received any applications yet for this year. The deadline for submission is May 31st so we can award the scholarship before the school year begins. We may move the deadline to June 31st to allow more time. The scholarship is available for University, Junior College or Trade School. and helps with the expenses the student can experience during their first year of college (ex: books, expenses, dorm supplies and dues) We would prefer more than one application.

Christmas Lunch: The board welcomed Sandra Lawell and Sherry Sullivan who volunteered for the position of Christmas Lunch Committee. This dynamic duo met with the representative

from Maggiano's and with no price increase and the same menu as last year we will be having our annual Christmas Lunch with them again this year. They were not able to secure the 2nd Tuesday in December due to availability so they went with Monday Dec. 9th. We will again be in the big room. Our cost will be \$35 per person and will announce that all money needs to be in by the November general meeting. Sherry will be delivering the \$500 deposit today. There will be \$150 in raffle prizes.

Newsletter: Danna said deadline for submissions for the newsletter will be May 3rd.

Speaker: Mike Coley stated that we don't have a speaker secured for the general meeting on May 12th. A suggestion was made by Jim to check out Travel Agencies for a speaker about travel and cruises and mentioned the one he has used, Accent Travel. Mike will stop by there today. Other suggestions were for a TV personality possibly a weatherpersons or Sports reporter. Hector Ruiz is scheduled for the August general meeting.

Other Business: Mike is stepping down as President for next year and will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting. Discussion was made about several board positions being held for several years and how to get new people to volunteer. A suggestion was made for each board member to write down their job responsibilities and the time constraints. Need these in to the group by May 1st so we can have feedback to the people by May 7th. Still looking for someone to line up speakers for the club meetings. A mention was made to remind club members that they are welcome to join our board meetings. Ray Voith brought up for discussion the removal from the newsletter the information about Motorola Retirement Insurance and Pensions since this is not relevant anymore.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Coley at 11:10 am.

Janet Tidwell. (512)913-0039 mikejanet2@att.net

In Memoriam

Dan Chase

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!

MAIL TO: Obie Hasty, 1610 Northumberland Road, Austin, TX 78703