

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

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REMINDER -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 13, 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, November 12, 2019

Speaker: Hector Ruiz, former President of Motorola SPS and CEO of AMD

Topic: Artificial Intelligence Really?

Technology has become so powerful that we have become numb to the fact that we do things because we can, whether they are needed or make sense or not. Hector will be discussing the pitfalls of not asking the right questions as companies embark on “the next new thing” without regard to these questions. He will also discuss how by asking the right questions, we may be able to channel our enormous technical capability for the good of mankind.

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)

August 13 November 12

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

October 8

Annual Picnic for 2020 – **TBD**

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

Newsletter Article Deadlines: November 1

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

General Meeting: May 14, 2019, at the North Lamar Senior Center

Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M. and introduced the speakers for the meeting as Karen Brice and Kathleen Pechukas from Accent Travel and Jeanne Robertson of Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. He said the speakers had their program set up and ready to go so he would put the club agenda up when they were finished.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous general and board meetings will be published in the newsletter to be sent out by Danna Redford.

Speaker: Karen Brice has over 43 years of Travel Industry experience including 34 years with Accent Travel and previous travel experience in San Antonio and Homestead, Florida. She is currently the Accent Travel Director of Leisure Sales and Group Travel needs and has been in Austin since 1982. They have strong ties with various tour companies, cruise lines, airlines and rental car companies. With these connections and an affiliation with American Express, they can offer discounts of 10% to 20% off the best rates available.

Karen began by giving each member of the club an informative handout from Accent Travel. She explained how Accent Travel works with American Express and explained the importance of travel insurance. The information sheet covers the types of insurance needed such as trip insurance which protects in case of trip cancellation or interruption, missed flights or travel delays. It also covers medical protection in the event of an emergency or the need for emergency evacuation. She explained the importance of having a list of your medications and emergency contacts and phone numbers, the importance of carrying your meds in their original containers, and the importance of carrying them in your carry-on luggage and not in your regular baggage. Baggage protection covers loss or baggage delay.

Kathleen Pechukas has been an Accent Travel team member for 20 years and handles Vacation Travel. She explained that travel insurance does not cover lack of documentation. Passports need to be up to date with more than 6 months remaining before expiration. For Visas you will need to submit your request months in advance. Kathleen talked about senior travel options and group travel such as escorted or non-escorted tours and the advantages and disadvantages of each type.

She talked about options on land like rail travel in Alaska and Canada and river cruises. Cruises can include your meals, and offer a lot of ship entertainment and options like casinos, spas, gyms pools and hot tubs. A few destinations to consider: Alaska, Australia, Canada, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Cuba, the Mediterranean, Scandinavia, Russia, the Norwegian Fjords, the South Pacific, Asia, and Dubai.

Jeanne Robinson from Royal Caribbean handed out catalogues about Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and presented senior cruise options. She introduced the different countries they cruise to and even have a couple of private islands just for Royal Caribbean use only. She mentioned that for seniors traveling with needs for medical equipment that most medical equipment could be arranged in advance and be waiting at your destination. Jeanne also discussed group tours and travel suggestions such as packing, mobility, insurance and medical concerns. She talked about the different classes of cruise ships and which ships travel where. Royal Caribbean has the largest cruise ship with features including movie theaters, autism specialty areas, water parks and supervised play areas for kids to help them enjoy cruising while their parents are off doing excursions. There are Broadway shows, and nightly entertainment for both kids and adults. There is something for everyone on the ships. There are different size staterooms and different classes with different benefits and Jeanne explained the differences.

Treasurer's Report: Obie Hasty displayed the treasurer's report and briefly explained the differences in the changes in the scholarship fund and the charges for the upcoming picnic.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese talked about the scholarship program, and the need to have all applications in by the 31st of May. As of this date, we have no applicants. 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 had been rescheduled to May 21. Payment or commitment to attend is due to Wayne by May 17th. Games will be as the usual plus croquet for the adventurous.

Christmas Party: Michael gave an update on the Christmas Party for any new members. Our Christmas Party will be on Monday Dec. 9th at Maggiano's and the cost is \$35 per person. Dec 2nd is the last day to get your reservations in. New volunteers to Co-chair the MAAC Christmas Party: **Sandra Lawell & Sherry Sullivan**. Please thank them for stepping into this position.

Job Descriptions: Mike Coley informed the club members that the club officers' job descriptions with time constraints have been posted to the website for anyone interested in applying for one of these positions. Please look them over and consider the opportunity to relieve someone who has served several terms in their position. The meeting adjourned for pizza at 11:45 AM. Due to the interesting presentation from Accent Travel and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines we didn't have time to play Bingo. We did have a drawing for the Scholarship raffle and presented the winner his prize.

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

Executive Board Meeting, July 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).

ATTENDEES: Mike Coley, Jim Binneboese, Wayne Harned, Janet Tidwell, Sandra Lawell, Danna Redford, Warren Wieman, Obie Hasty and Ray Voith. The meeting was opened by Mike.

Treasurer's Report: Obie Hasty reported the beginning balance for May was \$10,582.25 and ending with \$10,582.68 a change of \$146.57 stemming from picnic funds used.

Picnic Report: Wayne reported that we had 41 guests signed up with 37 actual attendees at the annual picnic. There was plenty of help both to set up and clean up afterward. Wayne said we were \$181.60 over budget, and also suggested we change from sausage to turkey as there was a lot of sausage left over. Susan suggested covers for the food to keep the flies off. A suggestion was also made to see if Poke-e-Joes could provide some leftover containers for people to take home extra food.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese informed us that we received one application for the scholarship, but the candidate did not meet the guidelines. Jim said he and Mike discussed getting a meeting together to open up the guidelines for the scholarships with plans for 3 categories including 1st year engineering students from UT School of engineering & NXP employees.

An anonymous donor has come forward offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified student that plans on attending the Electrical Engineering programs at U.T. only. Applications for that scholarship will run through the scholarship committee just like before. In effect, there will be two running scholarships. People will be given the option of donating to the regular scholarship fund (with the criteria we have in place) or the U.T. designated E.E. fund – High School seniors can apply.

The Gary Daniels 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). Jim will go to the scholarship committee with suggestions and we will vote at the Aug. General Mtg on changes. Mike brought up the opportunity to video the previous recipient to put on our website.

Speaker: Mike Coley stated that Hector Ruiz is scheduled for the August general meeting, and Ky Wong has a potential speaker for our November meeting about the problems Ageing Austinites face. Mike will contact the speaker directly to get further info.

Communication: Ray handed out copies of the job descriptions for discussion and changes.

Other Business: Travel: Anjali Pai suggested we look into travel opportunities for the club.

Mike is stepping down as President for next year and will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting. We talked about several board positions being held for several years and how to get new people to volunteer. He asked the board members to think about people in the club who might be interested in replacing some of the positions. Still looking for someone to line up speakers for the club meetings.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Coley at 11:00 A.M.

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

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2019 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)

In Memoriam

**Bob Gooch
Jackie Givens**

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

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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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