

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

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REMINDER -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 12, 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, February 11, 2020

Speaker: **Ron George** (not related to Jim, Tommy, Bill or anyone else at Motorola), is a retired wildlife biologist with the Wildlife Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Topic: Ron will discuss the history of the Wildflower Center, the vision of Lady Bird Johnson, and the current relationship with the University of Texas. Ron will share the Center's current challenges, the importance of native plants, plans for the future and current volunteer opportunities for retirees. He will discuss their staffing and funding needs as well as upcoming events at the Center.

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

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2019 Christmas Luncheon

PLACE: Maggiano's Little Italy at the Domain
10910 Domain Drive
Austin, TX 78758
(512) 501-7870

DATE: December 9, 2019

TIME: 11:30 – 2:00 (dining room will open at 11:00 A.M.)

COST: \$35 per person

Sign up and pay at the November meeting or mail the form (with a check) below to Obie by **December 1st**. RSVP headcount NLT the November meeting to either **Sandra Lawell** (slawell@austin.rr.com) or **Sherry Sullivan** (sherry_sullivan@att.net).

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB Christmas Luncheon Sign-up

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS/ PEOPLE ATTENDING _____

PHONE: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MAAC

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

2020/21 Dates to Remember

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

February 11 May 12 August 11 November 10 February 9, 2021

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

January 14 April 14 July 14 October 13 January 12, 2021

Annual Picnic for 2020 – **TBD**

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

Newsletter Article Deadlines: November 1 January 31 May 1 July 31

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

General Meeting: August 13, 2019, at the North Lamar Senior Center

Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. with a hearty, “Welcome to all and thank you all for coming.” Mike announced the agenda for the meeting, gave a reminder to anyone who needed to pay their dues, and also announced that anyone could pay for the Christmas party now.

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

Speaker: Mike introduced Hector Ruiz as the speaker for the meeting with the topic as Artificial Intelligence – Really? Why are we being railroaded by Technology and How will the earth end?

Hector was born in Piedras Negras, Mexico and graduated from Eagle Pass, Texas High School. He earned his BS & MS in EE from U.T. Austin and his PHD in EE from Rice University. He is a former CEO for the Semiconductor Products Sector.

Hector started at Texas Instruments in the 70's as a research scientist when the inventors of the Mac Computers started building the first desktop computers. Hector stated that he was “Blessed” to start with them and that he “learned a lot working for them.”

Hector moved to Motorola in the late 70's as Operations Manager for MOS 1 in EKB, Scotland to produce the 68000 Microprocessor Chip for the European market. He next moved to Mesa, AZ, to build the new HMOS factory & took charge of the R&D for Gallium Arsenide compounds for fiber optics. He then moved to Austin as VP of Wafer MFG. He became President of SPS and moved the Sector headquarters to Austin. During the 1980's Motorola was the premier semiconductor company in the World. Hector worked for Motorola for 22 years. He moved to AMD in the 90's to run the startup company and used a lot of the information he learned at Texas Instruments and Motorola. He became COO of AMD & in 2002 was the CEO & Chairman.

Hector is the author of “Slingshot: AMD’s Fight to Free an Industry from the Ruthless Grip Of Intel” which was published in 2013.

From Good to Better, Hector said building better is easier and imposed the question: Is what we are doing today, Good or Better? Technology is making consumers use increasing Artificial Intelligence like Autonomous Cars, Cellphones and Computer run homes. Companies have spent over \$80 Billion trying to develop autonomous cars stating that (1) they will be safer, (2) traffic will be smoother with fewer congested areas and (3) stress free commute. Why would we want them? There would be no change in congestion, pollution, or safety. Driverless cars still have their reports of deadly accidents and people falling asleep while the car is doing the driving.

Why do we let technology make us consume more products? (1) Automated cognition – does what your brain does but faster. (2) Artificial Intelligence – does not make anyone smarter and (3) Augmented Wisdom – no real intelligence behind this. Someone had to think up the idea for the machines to make the products,

(the algorithms are created by humans.) When you buy the products, you are buying into the company vision. Machines are making people say or do things they never said or did using photos, speeches, movies with artificial intelligence trying to divide people. Technology is helping sway the outcome of elections because the internet is not secure. SmartLock is not secure. People can outsmart passwords, locks, computers and phones.

Cellphones have become a lifeline for many families to keep in contact but for some of the older generations, they are cost prohibitive and too complicated to use. Computer run homes can help save money and keep your home running more efficiently, protect from intruders and regulate the heating/cooling or security settings which help protect the house and family. There are still times when computers go down leaving everything unprotected. The Nest Ecosystem failure is an example of this.

How will the world end? Hector asked the members for their thoughts. Hector says “not in the usual way.” Be aware of what technology can do, but decide if you want to use it. Hector then took questions from the members.

Treasurer’s Report: Obie Hasty gave the members an update on the treasures report and briefly explained the changes in the scholarship fund numbers and the changes from in the picnic numbers and asked Jim Binneboese to explain the scholarship changes and Wayne Harned to explain the picnic changes.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese talked about the Gary Daniels Scholarship program and that the club did not receive any applications for this year. He also talked about the changes to the qualifications for all applicants. Applications are due in by the 31st of May. 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 2020 is to select candidates in June, and make the Award in August. Jim also mentioned we had and offer for a new \$1,000 scholarship to U.T, School of Engineering to go for a 1st year engineering student. The money would come from an anonymous donor and the scholarship would be separate from the club scholarship fund. Bill Pfaff volunteered to check into the U.T. Scholarship offer and tell us more by the next general meeting.

Picnic: Wayne Harned reported that the annual picnic rescheduled to May 21st was successful with 41 registered and 37 attending at Bartholomew Park Shelter B. Everyone enjoyed Pok-e-Joe’s BBQ with Brisket, Sausage and 2 sides (Pinto Beans, and Cole Slaw) Wayne thanked all

those who came to help set up and take down. He explained the picnic went over budget by \$181.60 for Bingo Prizes and expenses.

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.

Next Meeting: November 12th @ 10am at Lamar Senior Activity Center..

Job Descriptions: Mike Coley informed the club members that he will be stepping down as President at the end of the year. He asked for volunteers for any of the officer positions. Check out the club officers' job descriptions with time constraints that 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 11:30AM. Lunch and Bingo was enjoyed by all. We did have a drawing for the Scholarship raffle and presented the winner his prize.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Tidwell, Secretary of Motorola Austin Alumni Club

Slate of officers for 2020

President	Jim Binneboese**
Vice-President	anyone?
Secretary	Janet Tidwell
Treasurer	Cal Gooden

Executive Board Meeting, October 8, 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 and Terry Lawell, Danna Redford, Warren Wieman, Obie Hasty and Cal Gooden.

The meeting was opened by Mike Coley.

Treasurer's Report: Obie reported the beginning balance for August was \$10,436.13 and ended with \$10,635.30, a change of \$199.17. We received \$280 for the Christmas Luncheon and \$130 for the Gary Daniels Scholarship Fund. We spent \$186.21 for Pizza, \$60 for Bingo prizes and \$17.60 for various supplies to give us the \$199.17 changes

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese informed board members that the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$4,100. Jim stated the guidelines for the scholarships have been widened with the hopes of receiving more applications and possibly being able to award scholarships anytime during the year. We are still investigating the separate scholarship for 1st year engineering students from UT School of engineering.

Christmas Luncheon: Sandra Lawell gave the information for the luncheon to Danna for the newsletter. Some funds have already come in and we should get a good list of those who are attending and most of the money at the November general meeting. Ray Voight will send out an email regarding the Christmas lunch and need to get the headcount and money in at the Nov. meeting.

Speaker: Mike announced the speaker for the Nov. general meeting will be Ron George and the subject will be the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center. He will give a history, wildfire concerns, native landscaping, arboretum, plant sales, volunteer activities, tours and classes offered by U.T. The Wildflower Center is now a part of U.T. and the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Newsletter: Danna said deadline for the newsletter will be Nov. 1st.

Mike is stepping down as President for next year and will be holding elections at the next meeting. Discussion was made 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. Cal Gooden will be taking one of the open positions and the V.P position is open and will need to be filled.

Still looking for someone to line up speakers for the club meetings.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Coley at 11:10 A.M.

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In Memoriam

Clarence Mehlow

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2019 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

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Our NEW Email address: maacweb@yahoo.com

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Christmas luncheon Sandra Lawell and Sherry Sullivan (thank you very much!)

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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(eliminated, but with a reduced fee): **\$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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