

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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

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, May 12, 2020

Speaker: **Lance J Giambelluca, CFP, ChFC, CRPC**
Senior Resident Director, Davenport Office, Westlake
Senior Vice President – Wealth Management

As a Wealth Management Advisor, Lance assists clients with portfolio construction, liability management, estate planning services, philanthropy and concentrated stock strategies. He is a trusted resource to each of his clients who rely on him for advice and guidance in their pursuit of personal, financial and professional success.

Lance attended the University of Texas as a Dedman Scholar and graduated with a business degree in 1993. Lance began his career with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in New Orleans in October 1993. He relocated to Austin in 2005. During his career, Lance has been given the privilege to serve as both Sales Manager and PMD Trainee Coach. He holds the following designations: Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC)

Lance was named to Forbes' "Best in State" Wealth Advisors in 2019.

Lance is married to Jennifer Fritz and they have two children. He currently serves as Captain of Manresa Retreat House, and he is actively involved at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Legatus, and the Catholic Diocese of Austin.

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

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ANNUAL RETIREES PICNIC

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

COST: \$20.00 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. So 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 at our February meeting or mail in form attached with payment or call Cal or Wayne to sign up and pay at the picnic. Fill out the picnic form below and mail to Cal Gooden, 1101 Castle Ct. Austin, Texas 78703 prior to April 13th. 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.

DON'T FORGET, by being in April, the Picnic will be held before our second newsletter and meeting, so get it on your calendar now so you don't forget to sign up and attend.

Come on folks sign up now. We always have fun. Invite your spouses.

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2020 Picnic Sign Up and Payment Form

Name: _____
Motorola Retiree Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____
Motorola Retiree Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Contact Information:
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MAAC**
Member & Non-member: \$20.00 per person

Total amount of check included with this mailing: _____

Mail to: **Cal Gooden**
1101 Castle Ct.
Austin, Texas 78703

[2020/21 Dates to Remember](#)

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

May 12 August 11 November 10 February 9, 2021

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

April 14 July 14 October 13 January 12, 2021

Annual Picnic: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Bartholomew District Park (see announcement)

Christmas Party: **TBD**

Newsletter Article Deadlines: May 1 July 31 October 30

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

General Meeting: November 12, 2019

President Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M., with Jim Binneboese saying thank you to all the Veterans for your service. Mike announced the agenda for the meeting and a

reminder to anyone who needed to pay their dues, please do so and announced that anyone could also pay for the Christmas party.

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: Mike introduced Ron George as the speaker for the meeting to talk about the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Ron George grew up on a small farm near Greenville, Texas where he gained an early interest in native plants and animals. He has a Masters' degree in Range and Wildlife Science from Texas Tech University and served as wildlife biologist in Iowa and Texas for more than 13 years. Much of his early work involved pheasants, quail, doves and their habitats and later served as Deputy Director of the Wildlife Division of the Texas parks and Wildlife Department until his retirement in 2005. He is a Past President of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Past Chairman of the Migratory, Shore, and Upland Game Bird Subcommittee of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and guest lecturer on wildlife conservation in the People's Republic of China,

Ron is a former U.S. Air Force Captain, K.C-135 jet tanker pilot, and a Vietnam Veteran. He is currently a Texas Master Naturalist, President of Austin Fine Arts Photographers and a docent at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and is the author or co-author of more than 60 publications on wildlife science.

Ron talked about Texas native plants (those here before the settlement of Texas). Some have been around for 250million years, pines around 200 million years and flowering plants around 100 million years. There are over 5,000 species of native plants and many have beneficial properties such as Yaupon Holly which has caffeine in the leaves and can be made into a tea and still other plants can have medicinal qualities. The advantages of native plants: they are adapted to our soils and climate, need less water, fertilizer or pesticides and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

Ron gave a history on Lady Bird Johnson and the Wildflower Center. Lady Bird was born in Karnack, Texas, on December 22,1912, as Claudia Alta Taylor and was nicknamed Lady Bird by one of the family servants. She was married to Lyndon Banes Johnson who became President of the United States in 1963 following the death of President John F Kennedy. More than 200 laws related to the environment were passed during his presidency. She was known as the Environmental First Lady. In 1982, she founded the National Wildflower Research Center with actress Helen Hayes. The center was originally located in east Austin and offered tours to the public in 1985. In 1993, 42 acres were purchased to expand the Wildflower Center. When asked by the architect what it should look like, she answered "like God made it." In 1997, the Center was renamed for Lady Bird. And in 2007, it was named as the Research Center for the University of Texas Horticulture Program. Mrs. Johnson passed away in 2007.

The Lady Bird Wildflower Center is located at 4801 La Crosse Avenue in Austin, Texas and is a 286 acres site dedicated to inspiring the conservation of native plants. There are 2 miles of accessible trails, 12acres of native plant gardens, 52 large scale research plots, 4 acres of family gardens and a 16 acres arboretum, and the Center gets 200,000 visitors a year. The Center is planning a new entrance due to construction of an overpass at Mopac

Ron introduced Leslie Zachary, Assistant Director of Development, who had handouts for their magazine Wildflower, 2019 Fall/Winter guide of the Center's activities, and a Membership pamphlet. Memberships in the Wildflower Center help support the programs they have during the year. They also have scholarships available. She talked about 4 types of structured and non-structured school field trips for pre-K to 5th grade.

- A) Learning stations for groups of 30-60 students with fun, enriching structured experiences for children to learn about plants, wildlife and ecology while exploring the Center.
- B) Small Group Guided Walk Field Trip provides classes from 5-29 students with structured nature walks through the Center focusing on a variety of natural habitats.
- C) Nature Play and Explore Field Trip for pre-K classes up to 44 students featuring structured hands-on activities, story time and a nature walk.
- D) Self-Guided Field Trips for pre-K through 12th grades are for unstructured visits of groups of 5-180 students and allow school groups to create their own curriculum to match their current areas of study.

They also have Summer Wildflower Camp. At Camp Wildflower, children become conservationists, botanists, horticulturist, citizen scientists and ecologists as they explore native plants and the environment. Activities include hikes, arts and crafts nature games science labs, outdoor explorations and learning sessions with Wildflower Center experts. Scholarships are \$325 per week.

The Wildflower Center can always use volunteers to help around the center with a variety of activities such as planting new gardens or helping with tours.

Officer Elections: Mike Coley displayed the slate of New Officers to be elected for the coming year. Mike is stepping down as President and Obie Hasty is stepping down as Treasurer.

President	Jim Binneboese (1 year term only)
Vice President	Sandra Lawell
Treasure	Cal Gooden
Secretary	Janet Tidwell

Continuing their role in Volunteer Positions:

Newsletter	Danna Redford
Membership	Warren Wiemann
Picnic	Wayne Harned
Website	Ray Voith
Christmas Party	Sandra Lawell & Sherry Sullivan.

Treasurer's Report: Obie Hasty gave the members an update on the treasurer's report and the changes in the scholarship fund numbers and the changes for the money collected for the Christmas party.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese passed out papers with the new criteria talked about the Gary Daniels Scholarship program. The changes in the criteria should bring in more applications for this year. Applications are due in by the 31st of May. All children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Motorola Austin Alumni Club Members in good standing 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 candidate(s) in June and make the Award in August. Jim also mentioned we had an 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. Outside donated funds can also be made to this account to increase its value.

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.

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.

Website: <http://www.maacweb.org/index.html>. Our newsletters are posted on the web. Please let us know of any changes in your name, address, email, phone# etc.

In Memoriam: Jim Monaco, Clarence Mehlow, and Jerry Munch

The meeting adjourned for pizza at 11:20 AM. 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

In Memoriam

Debi Montgomery
Jim Monaco
Jerry Munch

Executive Board Meeting, January 14, 2019

ATTENDEES: Mike Coley, Jim Binneboese, Wayne Harned, Janet Tidwell, Terry Lawell, Danna Redford, Ray Voith and Cal Gooden.

The meeting was opened at 10 A.M., by newly elected President Jim Binneboese. Jim thanked Mike Coley and Obie Hasty for their years of service in their positions as President and Treasurer. Jim also thanked Sandra Lawell and Sherry Sullivan for the great work they did planning the annual Christmas party.

Treasurer Report: Cal Gooden presented the Treasurer's report for the 4th Qtr. 2019 that was prepared by previous treasurer Obie Hasty. Cal reported the beginning balance for November was \$10,77556, and beginning January 2020 balance of \$10,957.42, a change of \$181.86. We have turned a corner and are starting the year in the black. We took in \$425 for club dues, \$365 towards the Scholarship Fund and \$1,260 for the Christmas Luncheon for a total income of \$2,050. Our Expenses were Papa John's Pizza for \$186.21 and Bingo cash of \$60, Christmas Lunch at Maggiano's was \$1,462.97 with prizes of \$150 and various Supplies cost of \$9.46 for a total Expense of \$1,868.64. This is a net change of \$181.86. Our Gary Daniels Scholarship Fund balance is \$4,485.52. Cal also presented the new budget for 2020 which Obie prepared before

heading off to vacation. Discussion about increasing the cost of the Annual Picnic and Christmas Party was brought up and Wayne Harned said he would discuss the picnic later in the meeting.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese informed board members he was not able to reach Bill Pfaff. He checked the phone number he had with other board members and came up with another phone number to try. We are still investigating the separate scholarship for 1st year engineering students from UT School of engineering and want to find out if the money has already been collected and if this will be an annual award. We also want to know who will make the selection, UT or MAAC. Mary Jane Harned has also agreed to serve on the scholarship committee again this year. There is also the possibility of 2 scholarships being awarded.

Picnic: Wayne and the board scheduled Tuesday April 21st for the Annual Picnic. Question of changing the price from \$15 to \$20 per person and the Board approved the increase to \$20. Also discussed was changing from sausage to Turkey as the second meat since there has been a lot of sausage leftover the last couple of years. The Board also approved sides of coleslaw, pinto beans and potato salad and there will be Iced tea and cookies. We will be asking for volunteers to help with set up and take down like last year and we will have the same games that we usually have.

Speaker: Terry Lawell announced the speaker for the February meeting. He will be discussing investments, IRAs, and changes starting this year for inherited IRAs. Terry also spoke about getting Marc Pryor, Assistant DA, for the May general meeting and maybe a speaker on auto restoration for the following August meeting.

Newsletter: Danna said deadline for the newsletter will be Jan 31st.

Other Business: Mike Coley brought up Warren Wiemanns' recent hospitalization and felt that he could use some help on the table at the back door. Some meetings he is working like three people collecting money for Club dues, Scholarship Fund, and Annual Picnic or Christmas Lunch. We will be asking for a volunteer to help Warren and Mike Coley said he would help when he is able.

Meeting adjourned by Jim Binneboese at 11:10 A.M.

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

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2020 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

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Our NEW Website: <http://maacweb.org>

Our NEW Email address: maacweb@yahoo.com

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Picnic Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, wharned@austin.rr.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!

MAIL TO: Cal Gooden, 1101 Castle Ct, Austin, TX 78703