

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

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NOTICE – The August 11, 2020, meeting is to be a ZOOM (video conference) meeting.

The following meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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2020/21 Dates to Remember

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

November 10 February 9, 2021

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

October 13 January 12, 2021

Annual Picnic: **cancelled, but may rescheduled for October. Will advise.**

Christmas Party: Monday, December 14, **currently on-hold waiting to see what happens.**

Newsletter Article Deadlines: October 30

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

General Meeting in May was cancelled due to the pandemic

Next meeting scheduled for August 11, will be held as a Zoom meeting. Details to follow in another message.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, July 14, 2020

Attendees: Mike Coley, Jim Binneboese, Sandra Lawell, Mary Jane Harned, Cal Gooden, Bill Pfaff, Danna Redford, Janet Tidwell & Ray Voith.

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mike Coley at 10 AM and Mike started the meeting agenda with Cal Gooden.

Treasurer Report: Cal Gooden displayed the Treasurer Report on the screen for all to view as he went over the report. MAAC Checking account increased from \$949.94 to \$1,084.94 due to some members sending in their dues. MAAC Savings account increased from \$5262.29 to \$5277.54 due to dues and interest accrued. The total Scholarship fund increased from \$4635.53 to \$5645.52. The Member's Fund portion is at \$4445.52 and the Gary Daniels Scholarship for Leaders Fund portion is at \$1,200.00. We received a special donation of \$1,000.00 for the UT Engineering Scholarship Fund. Cal mentioned that we did receive the refund from Austin Parks and Rec for the Picnic that was cancelled. There were no expenses for Pizza, Bingo cash or Supplies from March thru June 30,2020. Jim Binneboese and Mike Coley mentioned that donations for the UT Scholarship will be excepted as well as for the MAAC Scholarship Fund while we are not able to attend our regular meeting schedule. Club dues are still being collected.

Picnic: Mary Jane Harned filled in for Wayne with information on the status of the annual Picnic temporarily rescheduled for Tues. Oct. 13th if the Covid19 is gone. The board members will keep the club informed as to the status of the Picnic for Oct. after the Sept. Board Meeting.

Christmas Lunch: Sandra spoke to Maggiano's and they will refund our \$500 deposit as the Christmas Lunch has to be postponed, at least temporarily. Maggiano's says they are always getting updates on new guidelines because of the pandemic. The board said they will decide by the November meeting whether the Christmas Lunch will be cancelled or a be a coming out party after the pandemic.

Newsletter: Danna said the Club Newsletter will go out as soon as possible so everyone will know about meeting cancellations.

Scholarship Funds: Jim Binneboese stated 4 applicants have applied for the club scholarships. They are Nicholas Martin, Sara Barlow, Morgan Hall and Hailee Maxfield. The scholarship committee members (Jim, Bill Pfaff and Mary Jane Harned) have conducted their Zoom interviews with each candidate. Jim said they were amazed at how much Community Service and Extra-curricular courses and activities for college courses the applicants had completed. They are trying to make their decisions and award the scholarships by the end of July. Mike mentioned he was trying to get some extra donations in for the scholarships and the club is planning on awarding 2 scholarships.

The Gary Daniels Motorola Scholarship For Leaders: We are pleased to announce the name of the scholarship fund for UT that we have spoken about for nearly a year: The scholarship is funded through the Motorola Austin Alumni Club to acknowledge the contribution of Motorola to the Austin high technology community in honor of one of our most esteemed leaders, Mr. Gary Daniels. Mr. Daniels had many passions but prided himself on developing future leaders in high technology. The requested name will be: The Gary Daniels Scholarship for Leaders in

Electrical and Computer Engineering and is intended to be used in full as a scholarship to an undergraduate in the Cockrell School of Engineering within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering for the AY20—21 and will be awarded to an undergraduate who has clearly demonstrated a passion for leadership. Original funding for this scholarship was anonymous but club members may also contribute to this scholarship fund. Just note which scholarship fund you are donating to.

Membership Meeting: The August general membership (in person) meeting is cancelled due to Covid19. We will make announcements 2-3 weeks prior to the next meeting. We have talked about a possible General Zoom meeting and Ray is checking about how to make this happen and who would be interested in attending a Zoom meeting.

Speaker: Sandra has Mr. Mark Pryor on the back burner for our next general meeting once the pandemic is over. Mr. Pryor is a British mystery writer and Assistant District Attorney for Travis County, Texas. He is best known for his mystery novels featuring Hugo Marston, a former FBI agent from Texas and now head of security at the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

Mark grew up in Hertfordshire, England, and now lives in Austin with his wife and three young children.

Over the years, he has been many things: ski instructor, journalist, personal trainer, and a bra folder (he lasted one day: fired for giggling at the ridiculousness of the job. If it is any excuse, he was just nineteen years old.)

His first real career was as a newspaper reporter in Colchester, Essex. There, he covered the police and crime beat for almost two years. He also wrote stories on foreign assignments, including accounts from Northern Ireland while with the British Army, and from Romania where he covered the first-anniversary celebrations of that country's revolution.

Mark moved to America in 1994, mostly for the weather. He attended journalism school at the University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill, and then law school at Duke University, graduating with honors, a lot of debt, and a wife.

He is currently an Assistant District Attorney with the Travis County DA's office. Or as he tells his kids, "I help catch bad guys." Simplistic, yes, but you try explaining the judicial system to six-year-old twins!

Phoenix Retirees Club: Mike said he has received notice that the Phoenix Motorola Retirees Club has disbanded. We don't have any information but it may have something to do with declining membership and the COVID19 Pandemic. We are trying to find a way to keep our club going. We are suggesting for our members to call people you know to call and keep in touch and if they don't belong to the club, invite them to join. This pandemic will end eventually.

Scams: Mike Coley said he is getting emails requesting donations for COVID19 relief. He said to check the email sender to verify the sender name and if it is not from someone you know, it is a scam. Ray is going to take the email information off the newspaper and the website.

Next Meeting: Possibly a Zoom training meeting for the board to practice for a General Meeting on Zoom.

Motorola Austin Alumni Club Scholarship Funds
by Jim Binneboese

Just as a review for all our members – there are two separate funds set up to help High School graduating seniors entering a college/university, trade school or a Junior College. The first scholarship fund is the MAAC Gary Daniels scholarship fund. The scholarship awards go to deserving High School graduates who are related to current MAAC members. The fund creates a direct connection to Motorola/Freescale. During the year at our club meetings, our membership donates money into the fund. Applications are due by the end of May and awards are made by the end of July. As of this printing, the scholarship committee is reviewing information and interviewing the 4 seniors who have applied. Award(s) will be made at the end of July.

The second fund is the Gary Daniels Motorola Scholarship for Leaders. This scholarship is funded through MAAC members and acknowledges the contributions of Motorola to the Austin high tech. community in honor of Gary who was a senior manager at Motorola for many years and was part of the faculty at U.T. before his retirement. Gary prided himself on developing future leaders in the technical community and at Motorola. The award is made for a fall semester incoming freshman student within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. MAAC works with U.T. Cockrell School of Engineering to make this award to qualified incoming freshmen. As of the printing of this newsletter, we do not yet know the name of this year's applicant.

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2020 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

President Jim Binneboese, 209 Cherokee Rose Circle, Georgetown, 78626, (512) 251-8622
V-Pres Sandra Lawell, 7434 Fireoak Dr, 78759, (512) 663-1969
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Pres. Pro-tem Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, 78739, (512) 965-3232

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Our NEW Email address: maacweb@yahoo.com

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Newsletter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, 78703, (512) 371-7332
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Picnic Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, (512) 295-7041
Christmas luncheon Sandra Lawell, 7374 Fireoak Dr, 78759, (512) 663-1969
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Cliff Peterson Has disbanded
PNX Website: <http://motorolaretirees.org>
James Kirk Schaumburg (815) 455-2469
Doug Wilkerson Colorado group

Return Requested
3416 Hillview 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 (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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