

# MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**NOTICE – The August 9, 2022, meeting is to be an in-person meeting.**

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the Senior Activity Center on Shoalcrest Ave (29<sup>th</sup> and Lamar)

Coffee and Lunch (Pizza) will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, November 8, 2022



**Speaker:** Brad Wheelis  
Public Information Officer

**Topic:** TxDOT Highway Projects in Central Texas

Brad Wheelis is a public information officer, serving the 11 counties in TxDOT's Austin District. He is the communications lead for the Oak Hill Parkway project and the Loop 360 Program. Brad has an extensive background in journalism, sales, and marketing/public relations. During his 12 years with ABC News, Brad won the national Edward R. Murrow award for his political coverage. He is the author of *The Perception Myth; A Guide to Challenging Your*

*Personal Myths and Discovering Your Inner Greatness.* He managed a casino night for the annual Multiple Sclerosis Society Tiki Night fundraiser and founded the Pectus Excavatum Foundation for chest wall deformities.

**2022 /2023 Dates to Remember**

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

November 8    February 7, 2023      May 9                      August 8              November 14

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

October 11    January 10, 2023      April 11              July 11              October 10

Annual Picnic: Old Settler’s Park in Round Rock, date TBD

Christmas Party: **Wednesday**, December 14, at Maggiano’s again

Newsletter Article Deadlines:                      October 28

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

**GENERAL MEETING, May 10, 2022**

**Attendees:** The first in-person meeting of 2021-22 was called to order at the Senior Center at 10:05 A.M., by Sandra Lawell with >25 members and guests in attendance.

**Welcome:** President Sandra Lawell welcomed everyone and introduced Janet Tidwell as the new Membership Chairperson. The guest speaker, Mike Collins, was introduced by long-time friend Tom Starnes.

**Guest Speaker:** Mike Collins, “Just a Boy from Oklahoma”, spoke about his early years growing up in Tulsa and his interest in electronics and computers. His career began in the Petrochemical industry.

He joined Motorola semiconductor in 1978 as a Field Applications Engineer in Houston, moved to Austin in 1982, and became the Digital Signal Processing Marketing Manager in 1988. He discussed his career, and the Motorola Semiconductor Product line history. He also recounted many humorous incidents which occurred throughout his career; additionally, he included many of his activities after leaving Motorola. His presentation will be available on the MAAC website.

**New Business:** Sandra asked for recommendations for meeting speakers/topics. Jim B. has asked Brad Wheelis, Public Information Officer @ TXDoT, to speak at the August meeting about road plans/traffic in Austin.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Cal Gooden. Income: \$770; \$350 in scholarship donations and \$0.19 in Interest. The club balance is \$12,620.76. The MAAC scholarship amount is reflected/deposited in the savings account. Only 46 members have renewed their membership this year.

If you have not paid your dues and/or would like to contribute to either of the scholarship fund(s), please send your payments to Cal Gooden.

**Scholarship Report :** Jim Binneboese. MAAC scholarships recognize Motorola's contribution to the high-tech community and Gary Daniels' passion for leadership. Two funds are available: Motorola Gary Daniels' Leadership Fund and the General Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Committee will accept applications throughout the year. If you know anyone who may qualify for the scholarship, please provide the completed form to Jim B.

To contribute directly: Tax-Id: UT Austin – 76-6000203- contact your financial consultant for QCD details, Bill Pfaff or Jim B. After you have made your contribution, please contact Jim B. to let him know that you have chosen this option.

Please send your contribution to Cal Gooden and write MAAC on the 'PAY to' line. In the notes, designate to which fund you would like your contribution assigned (General or Motorola Gary Daniels Leadership Fund).

Bill Pfaff made a motion that we notify UT to assign all Gary Daniels/Motorola contributions to the Motorola Gary Daniels Leadership Fund; this endowment will be managed by University of Texas (UT) and UT will award scholarships after \$50,000 is collected. This motion was seconded and approved.

Seven people have committed to contribute \$1K per year for 5 years. If 3 or more people agree to do the same, we will be able to commence scholarship distribution in 5 years.

**Action:** Bill P: Inform UT of our decision with the Motorola Gary Daniels Leadership Fund.

**Action:** Jim B: Contact Motorola Solutions Group to determine if they will contribute to the endowment.

**Picnic Report :** Wayne Harned . The picnic was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Round Rock Old Settler's Park, Virgil Rabb Pavilion with 27 attendees. It was a good location and plans are to use this Park for the 2023 picnic.

Submitted by Pat Haner, secretary

### **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, July 12, 2022**

The ZOOM board meeting was called to order at 10:07A.M., by Sandra Lawell.

**Attendees:** Sandra Lawell, Wayne Harned, Jim Binneboese, Danna Redford, Obie Hasty, Norm Herr, Terry Lawell, Pat Haner, Ray Voith, Cal Gooden.

**General Information:** The August meeting will be an in-person meeting at the senior center. Our speaker will be Brad Wheelis from TxDOT.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cal Gooden will provide the treasurer's report at the general meeting. MAAC Total as of 30-Jun-2022: \$8,312.49; Scholarship Total: \$4,199.52; Club Total: \$12,512.01, representing a difference of **-\$108.75** from the last report on May 8, 2022.

**Scholarship Fund & Motorola Solutions Foundation Update:** Jim Binneboese

Monroe Seiter submitted a scholarship request, was interviewed and approved by the committee. She will be presented with funds to cover one semester at ACC. Her area of study is Digital Arts. The scholarship fund reflects an increase of \$305.

**Christmas Lunch:** Sandra Lawell secured December 14<sup>th</sup> (Wed) at Maggiano's Little Italy in the Domain. The restaurant has waived a deposit fee and will provide the lunch for the same cost as 2021, even though their prices have risen.

**Webmaster & Membership:** Ray Voith will ask for volunteers to replace him in his role as webmaster. Ray will provide a job description in the newsletter and in the August meeting announcement. He will provide training and assistance, as needed.

**Open Discussion:** All\_

**Newsletter:** Danna Redford: Deadline for inclusion is July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Pat Haner, secretary

## **Motorola Austin Alumni Club, 2022 Officers and Board Members**

### **Elected Officers:**

President Sandra Lawell, 7434 Fireoak Dr, 78759, (512) 663-1969  
V-Pres Norman Herr  
Secretary Pat Haner, P.O. Box 744, Smithville, 78957,  
Treasurer Cal Gooden, 1101 Castle Ct, 78703, (512) 658-0032  
Pres. Pro-tem Jim Binneboese, 209 Cherokee Rose Circle, Georgetown, 78626, (512) 251-8622

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

***Our Email address:*** [maacweb@yahoo.com](mailto:maacweb@yahoo.com)

### **Board Members (Committee Chairs):**

Newsletter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, 78703, (512) 371-7332  
Membership and Welcome Open  
Picnic Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, (512) 295-7041  
Christmas luncheon ??  
Programs Terry Lawell, 7434 Fireoak Dr, 78759, (512) 663-1969  
Communications/Membership/Webmaster  
Ray Voith, 7105 Shumard Cir, 78759, (512) 258-3230  
Scholarship Jim Binneboese, 209 Cherokee Rose Circle, Georgetown, 78626, (512) 251-8622  
(Includes Mary Jane Harned and Bill Pfaff)

**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**

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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 (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**