

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

May 2023 Issue, Volume 28 Number 2

- The Lone Star News is a publication of the Motorola Austin Alumni Club. Motorola is not affiliated with the club and neither endorses, nor is responsible for, any of the content in this newsletter.

NOTICE – The May 9, 2023, meeting is to be an in-person meeting.

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

NOTE: *We will not be in the usual room – turn left, not right, when you enter and go all the way down to the other end of the center.*

Coffee and Lunch (Pizza) will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Speaker: **Mitchel Wong**, M.D. was born in Austin. His parents started their grocery business in 1937, and he grew up in South Austin and attended William B Travis High school. Following this he attended the University of Texas from 1957 - 1960 graduating in 1960. He received his M.D. from Baylor Medical School graduating in 1964. He completed his ophthalmology residency and fellowship prior to starting Austin Eye in 1969. He and his wife Rose have 4 sons. All of his children chose to stay in Austin. 2 of them are ophthalmologists, one is an attorney and one an architectural photographer.

Topic: Dr. Wong will speak of his childhood and the chain of events that led him from the grocery business to specializing in Ophthalmology to establishing the Department of Ophthalmology at Dell Medical school to land development in Austin. And most recently Mitchel and Rose Wong, along with their sons and their families, came together to create a more than \$20 million eye institute at Dell Medical School.

2023 Dates to Remember

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

May 9 August 8 November 14 February 6, 2024

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

July 11 October 10 January 9, 2024

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

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 12, 2023, from 11 AM to 2PM at Maggiano's again

Newsletter Article Deadlines: July 29 November 3 February 2, 2024

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses
--

ANNUAL PICNIC submitted by Wayne Harned

On Tuesday, April 11, 2023, thirty-six Motorola/Freescale alumni gathered at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock, Texas at the Virg Rabb outdoor pavilion to enjoy food, fun and a general good time with other alumni at our annual picnic. The weather was perfect for a picnic.

We set up our games, kid's basketball (with bean bags), frisbee toss, putting, and lastly the water balloon toss. Rudy's General Store and Bar-B-Q provided the wonderful BBQ lunch with more food than we could eat.

After lunch we continued with the games and awarded the game prizes which were \$10 cash for each prize this year. The game winners were as follows: Joy Gooden in Basketball, Cal Gooden in Frisbee Toss, and Kathy Rye in Putting.

Next, we started Bingo which was called by Norman Herr. We played three games of straight bingo. The bingo prizes were \$10 cash for each winner.

We had four teams competing in balloon toss. Wal-Mart's finest water balloons were used for this event. It took a distance of approximately 15 feet before the only balloon that was not broken was the one fielded by Wayne and Mary Jane Harned. Their prizes were \$10 cash each for the winners.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the lunch setup and serving. Also, thanks go to Janet Tidwell who checked in all attendees and took the money of those folks paying at the picnic and thanks to Sandra and Terry Lawell, Norman Herr, Janet Tidwell, Brenda Scholin and Mary Jane Harned for helping set up and pack up. Also, thanks go to Allan Alaspa for providing the basketball and putting games.

I hope to see all of you next year at the picnic in April of 2024.

GENERAL MEETING, February 14, 2023

We didn't take minutes due largely to all the confusion (at the SAC) concerning the room change (Norm had to resolve that and then run around getting it all set up) and the pizza non-delivery (Terry actually had to go pick it up), but our speaker, Jessica Leman from AARP, made a very good presentation.

THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 18, 2023

The ZOOM board meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Sandra Lawell.

General Information: Discussion regarding Senior Activity Center and May GM. The general meeting will be held on May 9th.

At the August meeting, we will add officer discussion to the agenda to see if anyone is interested in any of the officer positions. Descriptions regarding officer responsibilities are located on the web site.

Actions:

Cal: Bring checkbook to pay for pizza; bring 3 cash prizes for Bingo (\$20 each); scholarship raffle prize (\$20)

Norm: Send newsletter to distribution. Danna will send Newsletter to Norm.

Speaker: Dr. Mitchel Wong, an Austin ophthalmologist and Founder of Austin Eye will be our speaker at the May 9th meeting. He is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including St. David's Medical Center and Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis Hospital. He attended the University of Texas and received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Wong, Founder of Austin Eye, will be telling us about his introduction to the medical field, and his association with Baylor College which led him to his medical specialty and his first steps towards becoming a prominent Austin ophthalmologist.

Treasurer's Report: Cal Gooden will provide the updated/EOM treasurer's report at the general meeting. Scholarship Fund Balance: \$2564.52; Club Total: \$10,725.40. Since Jan: Total acct decrease **-\$1281**; Dues Collected: +\$360; Scholarship: +\$245

Scholarship Fund & Motorola Solutions Foundation Update: Jim Binneboese

There is a new contact at UT, Donna Dougherty. Must wait until 2024 to re-apply as our application was not accepted, but the inquiry form did not create an application. Jim and team will spend more time on improving the understanding of Gary Daniels' contribution at UT and the tie to Motorola.

\$500 was awarded to a student in March, 2023. More information to follow.

Find a way to reach our members to encourage their Grandsons/Granddaughters to apply for the scholarships. Also encourage donors to accelerate their contribution(s) so we can reach our goals in less than 5 years. We now have over \$30,000 (of the \$50k goal) in the fund.

Picnic: The picnic was held in Round Rock at the Virgil Rabb Pavilion on April 11th. Picnic results: 36 people, **-\$111**. Suggest we pay a bit more person to eliminate deficit or increase the number of attendees. Determine a way to encourage more people to attend. Bring restored cars.

Membership: Dues are \$15; \$10 for lifetime members and are due in January each year.

Christmas Party: Dec. 12, 2023. Same cost will be honored by Maggiano's.

Newsletter: Danna Redford: Deadline for inclusion is April 30th. 2023

Attendees: Jim B., Danna, Obie, Cal, Norm, Wayne, Sandra, Janet, Pat

In Memoriam

Fuad Hanna Musa

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, (512) 360-3537

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

Board Members (Committee Chairs):

Newsletter Danna Redford, 6637 Whitemarsh Valley Walk, 78746, (512) 560-4622

Membership/Welcome Janet Tidwell, 14910 Johnson Rd Trail, Manor, 78653, (512) 913-0039

Picnic Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, (512) 295-7041

Christmas luncheon Sandra Lawell (by default, but we're open for volunteers)

Programs Terry Lawell, 7434 Fireoak Dr, 78759, (512) 663-1969

Communications Norm Herr

Webmaster Ray Voith, 7105 Shumard Cir, 78759, (512) 258-3230

Scholarship Jim Binneboese, 209 Cherokee Rose Cir, Georgetown, 78626, (512) 251-8622
(Includes Mary Jane Harned and Bill Pfaff)

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

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