

# MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**ATTENTION – CHANGE IN DATE AND LOCATION - ATTENTION**

**The next regular Club meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

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Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at **NXP** at the **Oak Hill location**

**6501 W. William Cannon Drive, Austin, 78735.**

Lunch will be catered by NXP, so you will need to **RSVP** to Norman Herr or to Sandra Lawell ASAP  
(contact information later in the newsletter)

The following meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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**Program: Tour of the Smart Home Lab**  
(and possibly a guest speaker)

We look forward to seeing you!

## 2024 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 12                      February 11, 2025

Board Meetings (10 A.M., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> month of the quarter)  
October 8                      January 14, 2025

Annual Picnic: 2025 - TBD

Christmas Party: **MONDAY**, December 9, 2024, at Maggiano's (\$35per person)

Newsletter Article Deadlines:                      November 1    January 31, 2025  
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

### **THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, May 14, 2024**

The MAAC general meeting was held at the Austin Recreation Center at 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd. The meeting was called to order at 10:05A.M., by Sandra Lawell.

**Speakers:** Don McPhee, CFO, Austin Habitat for Humanity, presented on the organization.

Key items of note were:

- The local organization serves Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Hays and Travis counties.
- In the last 10 years, the gap between home prices and income has increased dramatically, making home ownership not viable for low and even medium income families in the Austin area.
- Habitat provides new single-family homes, row homes, condos, and town homes.
- Habitat integrates their affordable homes into higher priced home areas to avoid creating “low income project” neighborhoods. Their homes are of equal quality as other homes in the neighborhood, although they may be smaller in square footage.
- Habitat also operates the Restore stores in the Austin area.
- Habitat is significantly funded through Large Affordable Housing Bonds.
- Habitat uses a mix of paid contractor and volunteer labor for construction. Paid contractors are used where safety and code compliance are the drivers. Volunteers (over 8,300 in 2023) are used in other areas of the build.

Don fielded/answered lots of interesting questions during and after the presentation.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cal Gooden gave the treasury report update. The MAAC total balance is \$8,143.96, a net change of (\$2,588.39) since February, due primarily to the issuance of two \$1,500 scholarship checks during the quarter.

**MAAC Picnic Results:** Wayne Harned reported on the recent annual MAAC picnic, held on April 16 in Old Settlers Park. The BBQ lunch and desserts (especially the homemade cookies) were great, along with the antique car show and the frisbee, putting, and basketball toss competitions. All went well and there were 37 people in attendance. A special thanks to everyone who helped organize, set up and clean-up to make this year's picnic a success.

**Scholarship Fund & Motorola Solutions Foundation Update:** Jim Binneboese reported status of the member Scholarship Fund and the Motorola Solutions (Gary Daniels) UT Endowment Fund.

Since 2020, two previous recipients of (\$1,500) scholarships from the member Scholarship Fund have graduated and three new scholarships have been issued in the last two years.

The Motorola Solutions UT Endowment is currently funded at approximately \$44K. Over the last few years, five students have received scholarships (\$800 - \$1200 each). The MAAC is continuing efforts to increase the endowment to \$50K so it can receive enhanced financial status from UT, putting it's ROI on par with UT's very large multi-million dollar investments. MAAC members are encouraged to contribute to help reach the \$50k goal.

Jim met with NXP and discussed the viability of NXP providing a \$10K contribution to the Endowment Fund in the form of matching donations. So far, this is looking promising. Jim also noted that NXP offered the use of a conference room at their Oak Hill campus, for regular MAAC meetings. Jim is also pursuing National Instruments, to see if they might support the Fund as well.

**Entertainment:** Ray Voith and Mercedes Chung provided live (guitar, harmonica and vocal) entertainment. Songs on the playlist were:

- Engine 143
- Irene Goodnight
- Tennessee Waltz
- Blowin In the Wind
- Five Hundred Miles
- Pack Up Your Sorrows
- Bye Bye Love
- Today

Mercedes also led the group in a hula dance to Tiny Bubbles (Don Ho version). Everyone had a fun time.

**Bingo and Raffle:** The group played three rounds of Bingo followed by a raffle ticket selection.

**Membership:** Annual dues of \$15 (\$10 for life members) and are due in January each year. Everyone is encouraged to invite "new" Motorola alumni to join the club.

**New Business:** Next meeting will be at Austin Recreation Center at 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd.

**Newsletter:** If you are not receiving the newsletter, contact Danna Redford.

**Attendees:** There were 18 attendees (including one speaker).

## **THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 9, 2024**

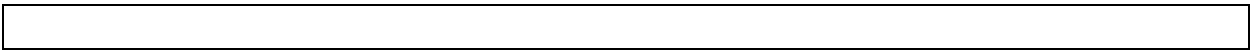
The Zoom meeting was called to order at approximately 10 A.M., by Sandra Lawell. In attendance were: Norm Herr, Jim Binneboese, Wayne Harned, Ray Voith, Danna Redford, Obie Hasty, Sandra Lawell and Roger Wood.

In advance of the meeting, Cal Gooden provided the treasurer's report.

Key items addressed at the meeting were:

- Jim Binneboese gave an update on the scholarship funds. He noted the MAAC Scholarship funds are very low and need replenishing. The good news is that NXP has set aside \$5K for the Gary Daniels fund. Jim is also continuing to pursue potential support from Emerson (formerly National Instruments).
- Discussion continued regarding the location of future MAAC meetings.
  - NXP (Oak Hill campus) has offered the use of their facility for MAAC meetings. Sandra Lawell will follow up with them (NXP contact Morgan Teal) to schedule the next MAAC general membership meeting in August, exact date/time TBD. The meeting could possibly include a presentation and tour of the new NXP Smart Home Lab at Oak Hill.
  - It was decided to terminate further discussions with the City of Austin Senior Activity Center as the center management has been very uncooperative regarding scheduling and use of the facility.
  - It was discussed that future meetings could possibly be rotated between the Austin Recreation Center (central Austin) and NXP Oak Hill campus (southwest Austin). Perhaps most of the meetings could be held at the Austin Recreation Center as it is centrally located and more convenient for most attendees.
- Speakers are needed for future general membership meetings. Some ideas included HEB and Engage, an organization that helps place volunteers where they are needed. Additional speaker suggestions will be appreciated.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IN MEMORIAM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diana George (Jim's wife)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Larry Pederzani</b></p>
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## **Motorola Austin Alumni Club, 2024 Officers and Board Members**

### **Elected Officers:**

President Sandra Lawell, 7434 Fireoak Dr, 78759, (512) 663-1969  
V-Pres Norman Herr, [lawrenceherr@yahoo.com](mailto:lawrenceherr@yahoo.com) (512) 496-1556  
Secretary Roger Wood, [roger.wood.7602@outlook.com](mailto:roger.wood.7602@outlook.com), (512) 731-7602  
Treasurer Cal Gooden, 1101 Castle Ct, 78703, (512) 658-0032  
Pres. Pro-tem Jim Binneboese, 209 Cherokee Rose Circle, Georgetown, 78626, (512) 251-8622

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***Our Email address:*** [maacweb@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
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(Includes Mary Jane Harned and Bill Pfaff)



**Return Requested**  
**6637 Whitmarsh Valley Walk**  
**Austin, TX**  
**78746**

**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!

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