

# MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

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**ATTENTION – RETURN TO THE RECREATION CENTER - ATTENTION**

**The next regular Club meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

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Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the **Austin Recreation Center,**

**1301 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas, 78701.**

As a reminder: It is approx. 2 miles south of the Senior Activity Center towards town. You may want to allow a little extra time getting to this location -- the turn from N. Lamar to Shoal Creek is slightly hard to see. **Basically, stay on North Lamar until you get to House Park and the football field, then turn east (left - if you are traveling south).**

Parking is good, but members who have difficulty with stairs should park towards the right of the front entrance where there is a ramp.

Lunch will be provided.

The following meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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**Speaker(s): James Weimann** (Warren's son) and  
**Dr. Laura Marmolojo**, Dean of Advanced Manufacturing

**Program:** ACC and NXP have developed a strong collaborative partnership in education in Austin. James has been instrumental in connecting with Dr. Marmolojo regarding the Manufacturing Labs at ACC Highland. They will share with us the opportunities for students aspiring to enter the semiconductor industry or advance their careers by taking advantage of the current and future labs which are a premier training facility supporting hands-on experiential learning for students. The NXP lab was funded in part through a gift from the NXP

Foundation. They not only provided \$150K to expand the mechatronic training equipment for the classroom lab space, but also dedicated \$100K to establish the NXP Foundation Endowed scholarship for students working toward an associate degree in advanced manufacturing or engineering technology.

Opportunities for teaching and/or volunteer work through ACC Manufacturing will also be discussed.

We look forward to seeing you!

### [2025 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)

February 11, 2025    May 13    August 12    November 11?    February 10, 2026

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

January 14, 2025    April 8    July 8    October 14    January 13, 2026

Annual Picnic: 2025 - TBD

Christmas Party: **MONDAY**, December 9, 2024, from 11:00 A.M., to 2:00 P.M., at Maggiano's

Note price increase to **\$40 per person**

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 31, 2025    April 30    July 31    Oct 31

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

## **THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, August 6, 2024**

**General Information:** The MAAC general meeting was held at the NXP Oak Hill Site at 6501 W. William Cannon Drive, Austin, 78735. All attendees gathered in the site south lobby around 10 A.M., and were escorted by Morgan Teal of NXP to the NXP G Building Tejas conference room.

**NXP Company Presentation:** At 10:15 A.M., Carolyn Richards Chacon, NXP VP Operations Engineer, presented a high level summary of NXP organizations, locations, businesses, products, and financials. Some key takeaways from the presentation were:

- NXP has about 35K employees worldwide with 2023 annual corporate revenue of \$13.3B.
- NXP produces 35% - 40% of its own wafers, outsourcing the balance.
- The Oak Hill Fab operation has been shut down, except for an EPI operation.
- Population at the Oak Hill site is approximately 1,800 people, many of whom work from home at least two days a week. Some spaces in the site are being leased out to others.

- The Ed Bluestein ATMC manufacturing operation continues with no business groups located there.
- The NXP TJN (China) back end operation has expanded to additional space a few miles from the existing Tianjin site.
- The NXP KLM (Malaysia) back end operation will be expanded significantly over the next few years on property adjacent to the existing KLM site.
- NXP answered many questions by MAAC members. The presentation file is not available as it is an internal NXP document.

**MAAC Membership Meeting:** At 10:45 A.M., after the NXP presentation, MAAC held a brief meeting, called to order by Sandra Lawell. Key items of interest were:

- Bill Pfaff noted that NXP donated \$5K to the Gary Daniels scholarship fund. This pushes the fund total to \$48,100, just shy of the \$50,000 total needed for increased UT financial performance support.
- Jim Binneboese expressed appreciation for the support that NXP is giving to the organization. It was noted that Morgan Teal continues to be the key NXP contact person for the NXP/MAAC relationship. Jim noted the scholarships provided by the Gary Daniels fund are targeted to entry level students at the UT Cockrell School of Engineering. Jim highlighted the need for continued focus on building the fund even beyond the \$50K goal.
- The next MAAC general membership meeting will be on Nov. 12, at the Austin Recreation Center at 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd.
- All MAAC attendees introduced themselves, each providing a brief summary of their history at Motorola/Freescale/NXP.

**Lunch:** After the MAAC meeting, NXP provided lunch in the NXP cafeteria on the site. The meal included beef and chicken tacos with all the fixings.

**Smart Home Innovation Lab Tour:** At approximately noon, NXP provided a tour of its relatively new Smart Home Innovation Lab. The large space included lounge, garage, kitchen, entertainment, and bedroom lab areas where smart devices, controllers, and communication devices were being developed and integrated into appliances, equipment, and furniture used in those areas. The lab is important for understanding the benefits and limitations of technical innovations in these areas. The tour was enjoyed by all and lasted until 1:45 P.M.

**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:** The MAAC Christmas party will be on Dec. 9, at Maggiano's.

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

**Attendees:** There were 39 MAAC attendees at the meeting.

## THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, October 8, 2024

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

**Treasurer Report:** In advance of the meeting, Cal Gooden provided the treasurer's report . The MAAC total balance is \$9,143.66, a net change of \$677.15 since July. The MAAC Scholarship fund balance is \$1289.52.

**Scholarship Funds:** Jim Binneboese gave a status update.

- Due to recent contributions, the UT Gary Daniels Scholarship Fund is now funded at \$56K, elevating it to UT's enhanced investment management program. UT contact person is Dean Clement.
- Funding efforts (via Morgan Teal) with NXP have been fruitful and are continuing. Work is continuing (via Norma Durst) to get support from Emerson/National Instruments. Previously, Gary Daniels served on the company's BOD. Funding efforts with Motorola Solutions have reached an impasse with no plans to pursue further.
- Send notice to general membership to keep contributing to the Gary Daniels Scholarship Fund and the MAAC Scholarship Fund. – Bill Pfaff

**Christmas Party:** Sandra Lawell gave a status update.

- The party will be at Maggiano's from 11 A.M. – 2 P.M., on Monday, Dec. 9.
- Due to increased Maggiano's cost (\$43.87/person), ticket price for the party will be raised from previous years \$35/person to \$40/person.
- Provide a list of MAAC 2024 dues payers (in advance of the party) to help facilitate dues collection at the party. – Cal Gooden
- Send notice about the party to the general membership. – Norm Herr

**November General Membership Meeting:**

- The meeting will be at the Austin Recreation Center at 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd.
- We still need a speaker for the meeting, recommendations needed.
- Get the projector working and bring to the meeting. – Norm Herr
- Check if the Lamar Senior Activity Center management has changed and are receptive to cooperating with MAAC again. – Sandra Lawell
- Provide a list of MAAC 2024 dues payers (in advance of the general meeting) to help facilitate dues collection at the meeting. – Cal Gooden

**Speakers for Meetings:** We continue to need speakers for future meetings. Some ideas include:

- NXP/ACC labs – Perhaps James Weiman (NXP) could identify NXP or ACC person to provide a presentation.
- Lifetime Learning Group - Independent group that provides educational courses in various areas. Courses are 8 weeks and cost \$40. The next session is Jan – Mar/Apr. Provide web site link. – Ray Voith
- Hula presentation by the Hula Ladies
- Car Restoration – Terry
- HEB
- Engage - an organization that helps place volunteers where they are needed.

**MAAC 2025 Officer Positions:** Since there were no volunteers for any positions, everyone agreed to continue in their existing positions for another year, but volunteers should be solicited again at the November meeting.

**Jim Binneboese Leaving:** Jim notified the group that he and wife are moving to St. Louis to be closer to family. He was encouraged to stay in contact with the group as we can certainly benefit from his knowledge and support moving forward. Bill Pfaff will be carrying on with Jim’s MAAC duties. We all hate to see Jim go, but wish him well.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Tom Gunter**

**Janet Mays**

**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 Whitmarsh 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 Herrlawrenceherr@yahoo.com  
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**  
**6637 Whitemarsh 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!

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