

## MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

### **THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 9, 2023**

**Attendees:** The in-person meeting was called to order at the Senior Center at 10:00AM by Sandra Lawell with 21 members and guests in attendance.

**Welcome:** President Sandra Lawell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Guest Speaker: Mitchel Wong, M.D.** His parents started their grocery business in 1937. Dr. Wong grew up in South Austin. 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.

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.

Dr. Wong's presentation was very entertaining and enlightening!

**Treasurer Report:** Cal Gooden

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:** Jim Binneboese/Bill Pfaff

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 & General Scholarship Fund.

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

There is a new contact at UT, Donna Dougherty. We must wait until 2024 to re-apply as our application was not accepted, as 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.

Action Item: With regard to the membership scholarship fund it was recommended that Norm send out a communication asking members if they have any grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc., who would like to apply for this scholarship fund.

**Picnic:** Wayne Harned

The picnic was held in Round Rock at the Virgil Rabb Pavilion on April 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Picnic results: 36 people, -\$111. Determine a way to encourage more people to attend. Bring restored cars may be a possibility.

**Membership:**

It was also recommended that each member present try to encourage one new member to attend next general meeting.

**Lunch:** Pizza (Terry picked up the Pizza, so we were finally able to dine on time).

Bingo & Scholarship Raffle (\$5 per ticket) **\$115.00 was donated to the scholarship fund.**

**Fun Other:**

Wayne and Mary Jane brought a PowerPC poster (which had been donated to the club) and Norm played "auctioneer" – The one of a kind poster went to Cal Gooden for **\$10.00 which was donated to the scholarship fund.**

**Sad News:**

The passing of Catherine O'Connell, wife of Kevin and also Ruth Reinhardt