MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

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The next regular Club meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2026

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 9, 2027**

Speaker: **Kelly Corbet,** a teacher and author in the field of neuroscience-based mindfulness and meditation.

Topic: **Super-Aging**

2027/28 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (10 A.M., the 2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)
May 11 August 10 November 9 February 8, 2028

Board Meetings (10 A.M., the 2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)
January 12 April 13 July 13 October 12 January 11, 2028

Annual Picnic: 2027 TBD

Christmas Party: December 8, 2026, at Maggiano's again. Cost will be $45 per person.

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 39 April 30 July 30 Oct 29
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – August 11, 2026

General Information: The MAAC general meeting was held at the Austin Recreation Center at 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78701. Norm Herr called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Officers Change: Norm Herr (current MAAC VP) is transitioning to MAAC President, giving Sandra Lawell (current MAAC President) a well-deserved rest as she has been President for the last approximately five years. Sandra will be transitioning to VP. Thanks Sandra and Norm for all you have done and continue to do for the Club.

Speaker Presentation: The speaker was Ava Voith, granddaughter of Ray Voith, our MAAC webmaster. Ava, a MAAC scholarship recipient, is currently a freshman in the UT Austin EE program. She is focusing her studies in the area of human brain/computer interfaces and robotics with interests in architecture as well. She discussed the courses she is currently taking (and will be taking) as she progresses through the UT program. Ava graduated from Leander HS and took several engineering preparatory classes there. As we all witnessed, Ava is very organized and a good communicator. Among her many activities, she is also an avid lacrosse player. A copy of the presentation will be available shortly.

Kelly Corbet will be the speaker at the upcoming November general meeting. Kelly is a teacher and author in the field of neuroscience-based mindfulness and meditation. For more details on her background, go to https://www.kellycorbet.com/.

We always need speakers, so everyone is encouraged to provide information on potential candidates. Rudan Bettelheim is also standing by to speak on cyber security.

Treasurer's Report (Cal Gooden): The MAAC July total balance is $6,532, down from $9,518 in April due mainly to payout of two $1,500 scholarships to the scholarship awardees. The report is attached.

NOTE

A Zelle account has been established so new/existing members can pay for (among other things) MAAC dues, tickets to MAAC picnics and Christmas parties, and contributions to the MAAC scholarship funds. This can be done using the Zelle phone app or on-line site. The MAAC Zelle account email is maacweb1996@gmail.com. When making Zelle payments, users should identify reason for payment by entering a memo or message below the "Amount" field.

Web Site (Ray Voith): The following items were noted that require attention/revision on the MAAC web site https://maacweb.org/.

- Scholarship Committee members need to be changed to be David Babin, Bill Pfaff, and Mary Jane Harned.
- The membership application form needs to be updated to include Zelle (with email address maacweb1996@gmail.com) as a payment method.
- The dues section on the site references "2022 dues". This needs to be revised to the current year, or leave off the year reference altogether.
- The MAAC scholarship application form needs to be updated to include an application deadline date. May 31 was suggested for the date with explanation that applications received after the deadline will be processed for the following year.
- The Treasurer report section is out of date, not including many/most reports. Do we actually need Treasurer's reports on website?
- The photos section was last updated with photos in 2019. Do we have more recent photos we can add?
- We need to promote somewhere on the web site that there is a scholarship raffle at the regular meetings with a raffle prize of $20.

Member Recruitment (Rudan Bettelheim/Paul Senecal): Rudan reached out to 39 ex-Motorolans who hold a happy hour meeting once a year. Also, he is contacting a list of Motorolans who (years ago) received what was called "Motorola Gold" training. In addition, there is an existing potential member list of 30 people with missing contact info that he is attempting to update.

Everyone is encouraged to invite new Motorola alumni to join the club. We currently have 36 paying members and are always looking for new members. We are hoping the new Zelle account will boost paying membership to a much higher level. Annual dues are $15 ($10 for life members).

Members are requested to reach out to companies that might want to host a MAAC meeting and/or company tour. Examples of local companies being pursued are TerraFirma and Tesla.

Pizza Lunch: The group enjoyed a delicious pizza lunch with soft drinks, tea, coffee, and chocolate kisses.

Bingo and Scholarship Raffle: Bingo and the usual scholarship fund raffle (with $20 prize) were enjoyed by all.

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

Attendees: There were 23 meeting attendees, including the speaker and her brother.

THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, October 13

See website…

Motorola Austin Alumni Club, 2026 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

President Norman Herr, lawrenceherr@yahoo.com (512) 496-1556
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Secretary Roger Wood, roger.wood.7602@outlook.com, (512) 731-7602
Treasurer Cal Gooden, 1101 Castle Ct, 78703, (512) 658-0032

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Board Members (Committee Chairs):

Newsletter Danna Redford, 3700 Payload Pass #223, Austin, TX, 78704, (512) 560-4622
Membership/Welcome – position open
Picnic Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, (512) 295-7041
Christmas luncheon Sandra Lawell (by default, but we're open for volunteers)
Communications Norm Herr, lawrenceherr@yahoo.com
Webmaster Ray Voith, 7105 Shumard Cir, 78759, (512) 258-3230
Scholarship Committee includes Mary Jane Harned, Bill Pfaff and David Babin
New Member Recruitment: Rudan Bettleheim and Paul Senecal

Return Requested
3700 Payload Pass #223
Austin, TX
78704-2254

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 Rev: 11/21/17

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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