

MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 9, at 10:00 A.M.**

Location: Senior Activity Center on Shoal Crest Ave (North Lamar at 29th St.)

The following meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2005

Program

Elections for 2005 – These will be our first priority

Speaker: To be provided by KLBJ-AM

President's Message

From Danna Redford

Well, it's official: Roger Countryman was right and freescale has taken over our medical benefits. We asked about it and they couldn't (or wouldn't) tell us anything. And I don't understand it. We never worked for freescale. In any event, we're going to hold a special board meeting to discuss our options and – working with our sister club in Phoenix – decide what, if any, action to take. We'll keep you apprised of any action taken.

This may just be the first shoe. When the other one drops, it's anybody's guess what will happen. Remember that only members will receive the newsletter unless we're supported by freescale (which may be an issue), so get your membership current – and update your email address. That may be the only way to get information.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Where: **The Tree House Italian Grill**
2201 College Avenue
(Live Oak and South Congress – take Oltorf exit off I35; turn
right on Congress and then right again at next light, which is Live Oak.
Restaurant is on the right between College and Park Streets.

Time: **11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

Cost: **Members. \$15.00**
 Non-members \$20.00
 Cash Bar

**Pay at the November 9th meeting or mail checks, made out to MLSRCT, to
12426 Deer Track, Austin, 78727, BEFORE noon Wednesday December 1st or
call Betty Temple at 258-6960.**

Menu selection from the Tree House Italian Grill:

Cannelloni - beef, Pasta stuffed with meat, artichokes, mushrooms and spinach in a cream sauce.

Vegetarian cannelloni, pasta stuffed with mushrooms, artichokes and spinach in a cream sauce.

Lasagna, layers of pasta with meat and cheese.

Chicken Picatta, marinated chicken breast, sautéed with garlic lemon wine sauce.

Grilled Chicken, served with fresh vegetables and spaghetti.

(All of the above are served with garlic bread and garden salad with choice of two dressings.)

For dessert: Chocolate chip cannoli

Ice tea and coffee

ICE CREAM AND ROSES TOUR

Located on an early settler's homestead, the nationally renowned 8-acre Antique Rose Emporium garden center features romantic old garden roses, native plants, old-fashioned cottage garden perennials, and a wildflower meadow. You'll have time to wander through an 1855 stone kitchen or an 1840's log corncrib. There will be plenty of room on the bus to stow any purchases.

Then it's on to Brenham's "Main Street" district. Recognized as a National Register District for 3 years running; the downtown buildings reflect the town's early history. Antique and gift shops line both sides of Alamo and Main streets with a sprinkling of eating places like, Must Be Heaven, Fluff Top Roll Restaurant, and the Funky Art Café and Coffee Bar. Last but not least we'll head to the Blue Bell Creamery. The creamery has been cranking out ice cream since 1911! On the tour we will follow the process of ice cream making from the time the milk is received to the time the cartons are sent to the blast freezer. And of course we will end with a serving of ice cream.

Date: Tuesday November 16, 2004

Time: 7:15 AM-5:00 PM

**Bus: * Leaves from Highland Mall 1-35 side
(Dillard's back lot)**

Cost: \$30.00 each (lunch is on your own)

***Note the new bus meeting place.**

Pay Betty Temple at the November meeting or mail a check to 12426 Deer Track, 78727. Deadline is November 1st. The tour is open to non-Motorolans. Call if you have any questions (258-6960). Make your checks out to Betty Temple.

2004 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Submitted by Fred Thomas, Membership Chair

My thanks to all of the members that returned for our 2004 year and thanks to all of you that joined as new members in 2004. The Club is going out of 2004 with 203 paid members. It is my hope that all 203 current members renew their membership for 2005. I would also encourage all of you that know any eligible non-members to ask them to join YOUR Club. Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2005.

2005 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)

February 10 May 10 August 9 November 9

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)

January 11 April 12 July 12 October 11

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 7. At the Tree House Italian Grill, 2201 College

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 21 April 22 July 22 October 21

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: January 26 April 27 July 27 October 26

Minutes of August 10, 2004, General Membership Meeting

I'm sorry to say that our scheduled speaker, Scott Anderson, was a no-show for the meeting. His administrative assistant called Brent just an hour before the meeting was to start and said he would not be coming. She had no one else to suggest at that time. Two days later, however, she called Danna to say that Scott suggested David Doolittle.

The time wasn't entirely wasted, however, as we heard from several members about the trips they have taken – several with Elderhostel. The Hollisters even sent pictures of their flying trip to Australia (you have to be a pilot). See pg. 6.

Candidates for Office, 2005

President	Danna Redford
Vice President	Clarence Mehlow
Secretary	Frank Pribble
Treasurer	Mike Temple

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Thomas (wife of Fred)
Harold "Bud" Hesch

Motorola Retirees Dental Insurance Head's Up

Submitted by Alan Alaspa

For those of you who are under 65 and still have Motorola Dental you may be interested in the experience I am going through on "major dental" insurance.

The first surprise that shouldn't have been a surprise was the coverage of my root canal. Since I haven't had major dental done in years, I had forgotten that the deductible has doubled to \$200 and major dental now covers at only 50%. So that's more than double what I would have paid in 2002 before the coverage change.

My bigger surprise came after finding that I would need an additional treatment to the root tips – called Apicoectomy. Upon getting my Motorola Explanation of Benefits, I had a significant portion not covered as it was over Motorola's "reasonable and customary" charge. I am being asked to pay the total for this difference. While I am trying to resolve this issue, I have several recommendations if you are having significant dental work or working with a new dentist where you don't have a track record.

1. Reread your 2003 dental plan in the 2003 U.S. Retiree Benefits Book.
2. Ask your dentist or specialist to do a "pretreatment estimate". They can do this via their normal electronic filing process to Motorola Insurance but they need to note it is for estimate and not a bill. You should get a copy of this.
3. If they won't do it for you, but they should, get the procedure names, billing codes and you can call or send in this yourself. They will only tell you if you are fully covered or over R&C (reasonable and customary) – no specific numbers.
4. In either case above, I'd recommend trying to get a commitment from your dental office to honor R&C if any additional work is required while the procedure is in process.
1. Call around. Once I got the procedure codes for my operation, I called several other places. Some were similar to what I was charged, but the range in rates was over two to one. You may not just go to the lowest cost place, but you now have the basis to decide.

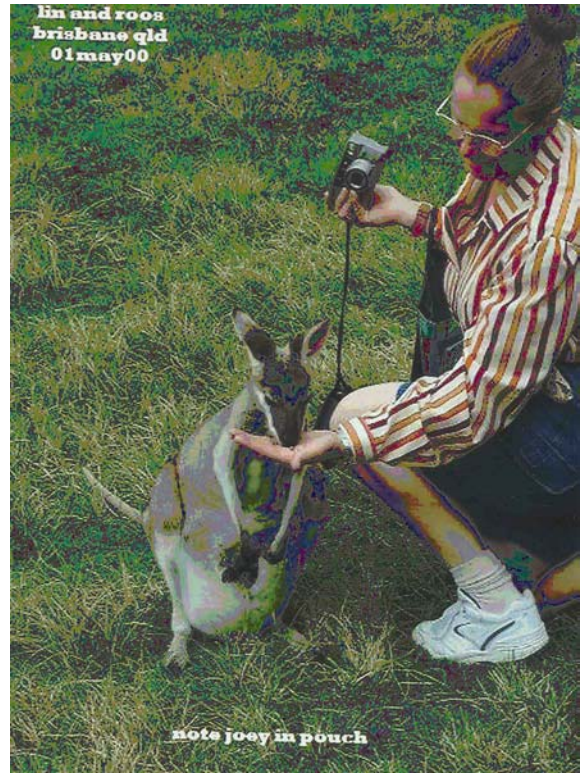
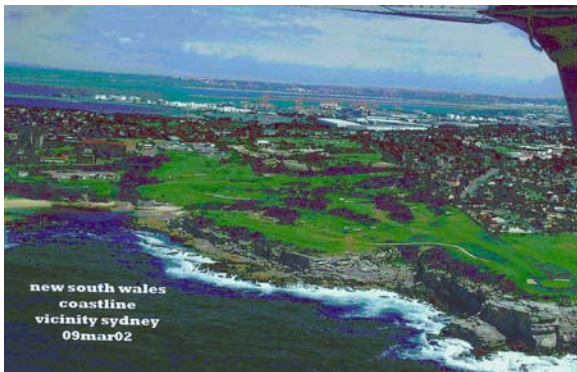
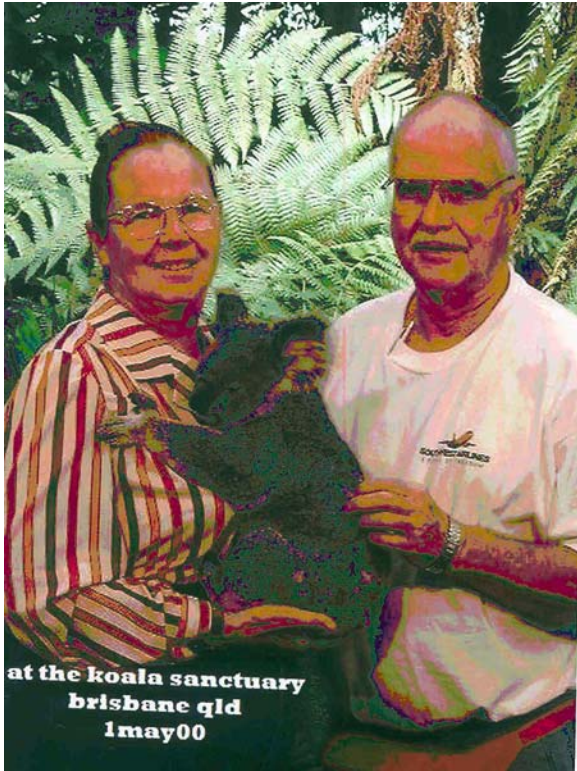
I would have saved a lot of time and probably money had I followed these recommendations to start with.

The Executive Board Meeting, October 12, 2004

President Danna Redford called the meeting to order at 10:00. Attending were Betty and Mike Temple, Fred Thomas, Lou Struble, Brent Brown, and Al Alaspa.

We brainstormed for speakers and Brent walked away with several ideas. Betty and Danna decided to try out a place for the Christmas party. And Danna reminded everyone of the newsletter deadline and labeling dates.

Lou agreed to coordinate the Diversity Day booth, as every one else was either out of town or busy already.



Pictures of the Hollister's trip to Australia. Wow! Make me wish I were a pilot, too.

Motorola Lone Star Retirees Club of Texas 2004 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

President Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, djredford@earthlink.net, 371-7332
 V - President Pearl Burke, 3606 Catalina Dr, Killeen, 76549, (254) 690-3222; cell (512) 799-5606
 Secretary Pat Jett, 1302 Althea Ct., Austin 78753, pjett45@aol.com, 837-6609
 Treasurer Mike Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960
 Pres. ProTem Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, aalaspa@austin.rr.com, 258-1408

Board Members (Committee Chairs):

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, djredford@earthlink.net, 371-7332
 Membership Fred Thomas, 2201 S Lakeline Blvd #15101, Cedar Park, 78613, fthomas6@austin.rr.com, 219-1077
 Tours Betty Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, mbtemple@earthlink.net, 258-6960
 Volunteers Louis Struble, 11802 Buckingham Rd, Austin 78759, ltstruble@mail.ev1.net, 258-2742
 Events Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, aalaspa@austin.rr.com, 258-1408
 Scholarship Jim Wilson, 1208 Wilderness Dr, Austin 78746, aggiejim57@email.msn.com, 327-3040
 Program Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, Austin 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147
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 Photographer Jerre Butler, 1104 Hermitage Dr., Austin 78753 jbutler@onr.com, 837-7925
 Motorola Advisor Nancy Lesch, at Parmer PL14, nancy.lesch@motorola.com, 996-4031

Motorola/freescale Contact List

Name	Phone	Loc	MD	Service Center
Reyes Martinez	895-2653	OHT	OE 24	Rewards/Benefits
Nikki Kreuger	895-2040	OHT	OE 58	Community Affairs
Sandi Aitken	895-7888	OHT	OE 24	Director, Premier Employee Services
Sheila Nunley	895-7447	OHT	OE 322	Food Works – OHT
Chris Pitts	996-4054	PL		Food Works – Parmer Lane
Nancy Lesch	996-4031	PL	F3	Premier Employee Services – Mot.
Elizabeth Parker	(830) 372-7014			HR - Seguin
Jackie Garcia	933-7851	EDB	F 9	Rewards/Benefits Administrator
Sandy White	895-8675	OHT	OE 24	ETC/Premier Employee Svcs Admin
Richard Strauss	895-2699	OHT	OE 11	Security
Earl Jordan	933-6949	EDB	K2	Security
Shawna DeShazo	895-3096	OHT	OE 342	Manager, Austin Activity Centers
<u>Activity Centers:</u>				
OHT	895-3069	OHT	OE 342	
EDB	934-6228	EDB	H 1	
Parmer	996-7129	PL	PL 41	
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All locations	996-4000	OHT	OE 13;	EDB H6; PL PL
OHT	996-4003			Anita Palmieri
EDB	933-7320			Ellien Navarro

Return Requested
P.O. Box 10252
Austin, TX 78766

MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

Application for membership

NAME: _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (If applicable): _____

RETIREE'S BIRTHDAY: _____ SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MLSRCT

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MEMBERSHIP DUES:

JAN ---- DEC	\$10.00/MEMBER OR NEW MEMBER	APR --- DEC	\$7.50/NEW MEMBER
JUL --- DEC	\$5.00/NEW MEMBER	OCT --- DEC	\$2.50/NEW MEMBER
LIFETIME	\$100/MEMBER or NEW MEMBER		

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: MLSRACT at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766