

# MOTOROLA/FREESCALE\* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**Reminder --** The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 12, 2008.**

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the Senior Activity Center on Shoalcrest Ave  
(29<sup>th</sup> and Lamar)

Coffee and Lunch (Pizza) will be provided

The following meeting is **Wednesday**, November 12, 2008 (also at the SAC)

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**Speaker:** Steve Hardwick, Certified Computer Encryption Specialist

**Topic:** Home Computer Security

**Speaker:** Pat Byrum, Healing Garden Project Coordinator

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### President's Message

By Wayne Harned

When you receive this newsletter, we will have attended our annual retiree picnic at the pavilion at the Freescale Parmer Lane plant. This is just one of the fun activities of the club.

We mail out over 600 newsletters each quarter, yet we only have approximately 150 dues-paying, active members. We need your support. Come and socialize with the people you worked with for years at Motorola/Freescale. We also try to stay on top of the latest news regarding our benefits and keep you up to date on other changes.

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## **Minutes of May 13, 2008, General Membership Meeting**

Meeting called to order by President Wayne Harned. The minutes from the last General Meeting were approved as is.

Treasurer Mike Coley reported that taxes were filed, and the Club submitted a check to the IRS for \$90. Mike has the paperwork underway to be listed as a tax exempt charitable organization so that we will not be required to pay taxes for next year.

Membership chairman Jim Remedi sent an email to all previous members that did not renew their membership for this year. There were ten new members that signed up at the picnic. We currently have 15 new members pending, which will put us slightly over where we were last year at a total of 170 active members.

Insurance Team chaired by Mike Coley is still active and unaware of any upcoming changes in our retirement benefits.

Allan Alaspa reported a very fun and successful Picnic! The new Bingo cards were a great improvement so we will switch to the slider cards next year. The Racinos have donated their Bingo Game to the Club! Many thanks! There were 53 people in attendance enjoying the games and Rudy's BBQ.

Pat Gossman said that a survey will be conducted to gain inputs on what type of activities the members are most interested in, and her findings will be shared with the rest of the club.

As the recipient of the Club's charitable donation of \$750 this year, the Hospice of Austin, represented by Holly Chacoma, presented an overview of the services they provide. While Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance are primary sources of income, last year over \$1.3M was provided in charity services for those unable to pay. Care is given to all patients ranging from six days to 100+ years of age. Services continue to be provided to the survivors of terminally ill patients. The Christopher House is the hallmark of Hospice care facilities, providing comfortable accommodations for family members to be present with the terminally ill. For survivors who are children, Camp Braveheart provides counseling for those who have lost someone.

A very informative presentation was made by Eli Santiago on behalf of the AFD, covering emergency response teams, fire fighting, and fire prevention and detection. AFD is the 20th largest fire department in the nations' 16th largest city. There are 1110 fire fighters in 44 fire stations located throughout Austin. The average AFD response time is 4.1 minutes, so this is why many AFD crews are the first on the scene to provide medical assistance - EMS response time is 10 minutes. 65-70% of calls are for medical assistance. The top five causes of fires in the home are kitchen fires, space heaters, arson, smoking or candles, and electrical.

Frank Pribble, Secretary

## 2007 / 2008 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the quarter)  
November 12\*

**Note:** This is a WEDNESDAY because Veteran's Day falls on the 11th

Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> month of the quarter)  
October 14

Christmas Party: TBD

Newsletter Article Deadlines: October 24  
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: October 29

### **Membership Update**

Jim Remedi, Membership Chairman

At the end of 2007, the retiree club had 167 members, and at the end of June we have 166 members signed up for 2008. We have had 12 new members sign up this year, with 3 of these being lifetime members. This is great that we are getting new members into our club. There are some former members who did not renew their memberships this year. The board needs to understand why this happened and what we can do to have everyone renew their memberships each and every year.

We now have the ability to make membership badges for paid up members who have not received a badge previously. If you need a badge please see me to sign-up for one.

I have the badges for those members who have previously requested them. Please see me at the August meeting to pick-up your badge.

### **The Executive Board Meeting, July 8, 2008**

Meeting called to order. In attendance were Wayne Harned, Mike Coley, Frank Pribble, Danna Redford, Jim Remedi, and Al Alaspa.

Pat Gossman will present her plans for the December Christmas Party at the August General Meeting.

Frank will coordinate pizza and Wayne will coordinate door prizes.

Mike Coley will present some options for Insurance Coverage for the Elderly at the November General Membership Meeting.

Proceeding with tax exempt status -- still ongoing.

Budget for 2009 will be presented at next Executive Committee Meeting in October. Based on revenues, the 2009 charitable donation will be determined.

Frank Pribble, Secretary

## **CALL TO SERVE**

We (a euphemism meaning YOU) need to think about who will take the officer positions for next year. Most of the current officers have served for two terms already, so please think seriously about taking a more active role in the club.

The executive committee needs a slate of candidates for the November meeting and right now we don't have a clue. Don't wait to be asked – volunteer. Please.

## **Tidbits That Are Good to Know**

- 1) Set-up meeting at Social Security office – you can wait for hours to be seen if you just go into the social security office and get a number. It's possible to call ahead of time and get an appointment for a specific time on a specific day. Early in the day and after lunch are good times for the meeting.
  - a. Sign-up for Medicare (this happens at the Social Security office)
    - i. Call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 to set-up appointment
  - b. Sign-up Social Security and problems
    - i. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to set-up appointment
- 2) Age 65 and over retirees, Humana PFFS “Evidence of Coverage” booklet
  - a. In the initial information that Humana sends when you sign-up for this plan, they say that after you enroll you will receive the “Evidence of Coverage” booklet. I never did receive this booklet and I would bet that I am not the only one who did not receive it.
  - b. Call Humana at the number on the back of your membership card and request the booklet. I have done this and it has much more information than what you got with the sign-up forms.

Note: This will be a recurring feature in the newsletter to help any of us solve a problem. If you have an item to put in here, please send it to any board member and they'll get in for you. The above items were submitted by Jim Remedi.

## **Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2008 Officers and Board Members**

### **Elected Officers:**

President Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, w.harned@att.net, 295-7041  
V-Pres. Jim Remedi, 4604 Elohi Dr, Austin, 78746, jimremedi@earthlink.net, 328-0398  
V-Pres. **Open – Anyone?**  
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Treas. Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, Austin, 78739, mcoley@austin.rr.com, 965-3232  
Pres. ProTem Clarence Mehlow, 11901 River Oaks Tr, Austin 78753, cmehlow@austin.rr.com, 837-3694

**Our Website:** <http://www.mflsrc.org>

### **Board Members (Committee Chairs):**

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### **Motorola/Freescale Contact List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Loc</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>Service Center</b>
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	Rewards/Benefits
	895-7447	OHT	OE 322	Food Works – OHT
Chris Pitts	996-4054	PL		Food Works – Parmer Lane
Sandy White	895-8675	OHT	OE 24	Rewards/Benefits/Premier Employee Svcs
	895-2699	OHT	OE 11	Security
Earl Jordan	933-6949	EDB	K2	Security
Shawna DeShazo	895-3096	OHT	OE 342	Manager, Austin Activity Centers
Fred Pirocina	996-4290	PL		Printing RB617C@motorola.com Print Room
<u>Activity Centers:</u>	895-3069 (OHT)		934-6228 (EDB)	996-7129 (PL)
<u>Credit Unions:</u>	996-4000		All locations (all calls route through here)	
OHT	996-4003	EDB	933-7320	Parmer Lane 996-4029
Howard Lane	252-6000	Reata Trace	249-4800	Legend Oaks 421-3400

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

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB  
**Application for membership**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB? \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MFLSRC**

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MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year, due by February's meeting. NOTE: The dues are no longer pro-rated.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$100

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: MFLSRC at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766**