

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 10, 2009.**

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

Coffee and Lunch (Pizza) will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 2009 (also at the SAC)

Program: Romancing the Impossible: Traveling the World without Money

Subject: Colonel Clarke Straughan

President's Message

From Jim Remedi

At the board meeting in January, we discussed what should be the mission of the retirement club. Last year we were a social club that made a donation to a charity. In previous years we were a social club that gave scholarships. The board would like to know what the members think our mission should be in the future. We will discuss this topic at the February meeting.

Jim Binneboese and Roger Countryman are going to use Reyes Martinez as an initial contact person at Freescale. They are going to discuss Freescale supporting the retirement club through donation of money, allow book sales or other things that will generate income for the club at Freescale facilities, passing club information to new retirees, and anything else that may come up during the discussions.

Lets make 2009 be a banner year for our retirement club with support in our activities from all the members.

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ANNUAL RETIREES PICNIC

Note: We'll be in April again

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2009

COST: \$10.00 per member (\$15.00 for non-members)

TIME: 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: The Pavilion at the Parmer Lane Facility – to the right of the facility as you enter from Parmer.

We'll provide lunch, games (including BINGO!), prizes, and the non-alcoholic Margarita machine we enjoy so much. So come out for food, fun, and fellowship with other retirees.

Sign up/pay at the next Club meeting on February 10th or make out your checks to Allan Alaspa and mail to 9713 Tree Bend Dr., Austin, Tx 78750, prior to April 18th. Call Allan Alaspa at 258-1408 if you have questions or other suggestions (like new games we may enjoy) for the event.

DON'T FORGET, by being in April, the Picnic will be held before our second newsletter and meeting, so get it on your calendar now so you don't forget to sign up and attend.

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE

Minutes of November 12, 2008, General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Wayne Harned. Minutes from the Executive Meeting were distributed in the Newsletter and approved as is by the membership.

The Annual Holiday Dinner Party will be held at Texas Land and Cattle on Rollingwood from 11am-2pm. Cost is \$20 per member, \$30 per guest. Inform Patricia Gosmon of your menu choices.

Mike Coley presented the YTD balance sheet. Retirement Club account current balance was \$24597.65 as of the end of November. Reviewed expenses of the cost of meeting, newsletters, tour, and P.O. Box. Recent deposits of \$700.00. Estimated accrued interest for 2008 is approx. \$500. 2009 Budget reviewed and approved by General Membership.

Jim Remedi reported the Club has increased the number of active members by 10. Jim has completed setting up addresses on the master roster for 30 paid members who did not have email addresses. If anyone knows of members who are not receiving their emailed copy of the newsletter, please have them send info via mflsrc@yahoo.com. Danna has extra stamps left over since we are no longer mailing newsletters if any member would like to buy them from the club.

2009 Executive Committee Membership and Sub Committee Chairperson Selection:

The Executive Committee:

President	Jim Remedi
Co-Vice-Presidents	Shambhu Pai Roger Countryman
Secretary	Jim Binneboese
Treasurer	Mike Coley
President Pro Tem	Wayne Harned

The Sub Committee Chairpersons:

Newsletter	Danna Redford
Membership	Loy Buley
Tours	Patricia Gosmon
Events	Al Alaspa
Christmas Lunch	Patricia Gosmon
Program	Pending Confirmation
Volunteers	Louis Struble
Photographer	Brent Brown
Webmaster	Pat Haner
E-mail Account	Jim Remedi

Club Volunteers:

Make Meeting Coffee	Wayne Harned/Al Alaspa
Order Meeting Lunch	Frank Pribble
Purchase Door Prizes for Meetings	OPEN

Mike Coley is a financial advisor who is very knowledgeable about issues pertaining to seniors. He gave an informative summary of some of the important factors to consider when doing estate planning, income taxes, and government funded assistance programs. For additional information, please contact Mike directly, since every family situation is unique.

Frank Pribble, Secretary

2008 / 2009 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)
February 10 May 12 August 11 November 10

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)
April 14 July 14 October 13

Annual Picnic: April 28, 2009 in the Pavilion at Parmer Lane

Christmas Party: TBD

Newsletter Article Deadlines: May 1 July 31 October 30
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: No longer needed

Coushatta Tour

By Patricia Gosmon

In September 2008, members of MFLSRC enjoyed a 1-night, 2-day get-away to the Coushatta Casino and Resort, in Louisiana. We checked in at the Coushatta Grand Inn where we enjoyed spacious comfortable rooms with lots of amenities.

The Casino staff was kind enough to offer us \$29 in chips, which we happily gave right back to them; they also provided coupons at some of their restaurants. Everyone enjoyed their stay and activities at the Coushatta Casino and Resort.

Belton Christmas Lights Tour

By Patricia Gosmon

The bus tour to the Belton Christmas Lights was *past wonderful*. Our tour bus host is a most wonderful, fun loving gentleman who kept everyone's attention on the trip there and back. The "Belton Christmas Lights displays," were, of course, spectacular. We also had the pleasure and opportunity to interface with some of our Troops, as they were there enjoying their Christmas Party celebration.

The bus driver was an expert handler, and the drive there was very, very comfortable. The Tour Bus Host accounted for a most wonderful time. We look forward to being on one of his tours again.

2008 Christmas Lunch

The 2008 Christmas Lunch activity was held at the Texas Land and Cattle on South Mo-Pac. There were more than sixty-seven members and guest in attendance. Meeting, greeting and gathering was a fun experience, as we had a chance to see and chat with many that we have not seen in quite some time. Sharing lunch with good company was great!

Door prize drawings were exciting and fun. The top door prize of a weekend get-a-way in Fredericksburg went to Pat Haner. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Over 90% of those that filled out the survey forms were very satisfied with the meal, restaurant staff, and location.

The Executive Board Meeting, January 13, 2009

Present for the meeting – Brent Brown, Roger Countryman, Louis Struble, Mike Coley, Loy Buley, Jim Remedi, Pat Gosmon, Al Alaspa, Danna Redford, Jim Binneboese

Jim Remedi opened the meeting with a question raised by Mike Temple regarding the club, its financial condition and its future. Mike Coley gave the Treasurer's report and showed about \$23,700 in the bank at this time which is down about \$2,000 year on year from early 2008. The expense budget is slightly higher 2009 vs. 2008. The group discussed the issue of "what is the purpose of the club?" Jim Remedi volunteered to include this question to all the members in the next issue of the newsletter, which is sent via email. The topic will also be discussed in the next general meeting of the MFLSRC in February as an agenda item.

Jim Remedi went around the room and asked for each of the committee members to give an update of any actions or new items. Each of the committee heads were recognized and previous heads were thanked for their service. Jim Remedi is in contact with Gary Daniels to take over the role of Program committee head.

There was discussion on how to grow the membership numbers. Should the club include only those retired or all ex-employees? Danna thought that the details on the definition would be found in the club constitution. She suggested that the most current copy of the constitution be sent to each of the Board members for review.

Jim Remedi will talk with Wayne Harned about prizes for the general meetings. The thought was to limit the prizes to 4 or 5 and keeping within the \$60.00 expense budget.

The motion was made and seconded to give an award certificate to the outgoing club past president Wayne Harned.

Roger Countryman and Jim Binneboese are planning a meeting with Reyes Martinez at the Freescale HR area in the next few weeks. There will be an agenda including how to work more closely with the company and how to reach those who may be potential club members.

Articles for the next newsletter are due to Danna by Jan. 30. According to Al Alaspa, the date for the 2009 club picnic is April 28th at the Parmer location.

Jim Binneboese, Secretary

Tidbits That Are Good to Know

November 2008

In the year the Motorola/Freescale retiree turns 65, there are changes in the medical/dental/vision insurance. My understanding is that the retiree and their spouse's existing policies are basically cancelled. The retiree signs up for the Humana PFFS plan and the under 65 spouse is automatically put on new Aetna medical, Humana dental, and Vision plans. The spouse's new plan resets to zero dental and vision coverage used for the year. This means that if you used some or all of the dental and vision coverage before the retiree turns 65 you will receive another full set of coverage for the rest of the year. You should check this with Humana and the Vision plan before you try to use this. I'm not sure if the same thing happens when the spouse turns 65 and the retiree is less than 65 years old.

August 2008

- 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 Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to set-up appointment
 - b. Sign-up for Social Security and for 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.

IN MEMORIAM

William J. (Bill) Brady

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

Elected Officers:

President Jim Remedi, 4604 Elohi Dr, Austin, 78746, jimremedi@earthlink.net, 328-0398
V-Pres. Shambhu Pai, 1908 Holly Hill Dr, Austin, 78746, sam9pai@yahoo.com, 327-2602
V-Pres. Roger Countryman, 5705 Alata Cove, Austin, 78759, r.countryman@sbcglobal.net
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Pres. ProTem Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, w.harned@att.net, 295-7041

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

Our Email address: mflsrc@yahoo.com

Board Members (Committee Chairs):

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, dredford@austin.rr.com, 371-7332
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Doug Wilkerson Colorado group doug.wilkerson@comcast.net

Motorola/Freescale Contact List

Name	Phone	Loc	MD	Service Center
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Nikki Kreuger	895-2040	OHT	OE 58	Community Affairs
Sandi Aitken	895-7888	OHT	OE 24	Rewards/Benefits
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
<u>Activity Centers:</u>	895-3069 (OHT)		934-6228 (EDB)	996-7129 (PL)

Credit Unions: Howard Lane 252-6000 Riata Trace 249-4800

Legend Oaks 421-3400
(The Parmer Lane branch closed December 24, 2008)

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: _____
(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: 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