

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 12, 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, August 11, 2009 (also at the SAC)

PROGRAM - Topic 1: Computers – Part 1 of a 3 part series,
“How to buy your next computer”

Speaker: Seth Mayland, double agent from Best Buy’s Geeksquad

**PROGRAM - Topic 2: “Five Best Vacations for Retirees on US soil, for less
than \$5K/couple”**

Speakers: Sandra Kull and Karen Brice from Accent Travel,
American Express

President’s Message

From Jim Remedi

I’m sure that all the picnic attendees had a great time. We had lots of games, good food, and socialization with our friends. The retirees club wants to thank Al Alaspa for his super job in running the picnic. Al had everything well planned, and it all came off with no problems.

There is a new tidbit in the newsletter on property taxes if you turned 65 last year, or will in the future, that you should read.

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Minutes of February 10, 2009, General Membership Meeting

President Jim Remedi opened the meeting with a welcome and greeting of the guests. The minutes of the 11/21/08 meeting were approved as presented.

Jim raised the issue to the general meeting attendees on what should be the mission of the MFLSRC. He solicited ideas from the entire group. Some possible choices would be to act as a purely social club, a social club that makes donations to charity, a social club that awards scholarships, or some other definition.

Mike Coley gave the treasurer's report. He reported a balance of \$23,928.73 in the account as of this date. Last quarter, \$669 more was spent than received, primarily due to end of year Christmas dinner and prizes. In the last 3 months the club realized \$1827 in income. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Jim reported that in the last Executive Committee meeting, Roger Countryman and Jim Binneboese agreed to meet with Freescale (Reyes Martinez) on questions from the club. Some possible topics include donations of money, possible book sales and revenue to the club and passing club membership information to people leaving the company or retiring. As of this date, the meeting with Reyes is still pending.

Loy Buley reported on the club membership totals. The MFLSRC has 84 total members as of this date with 3 new members joining today.

Allan Alaspa reported on the upcoming MFLSRC annual picnic. Scheduled for 4/28, the event will again be held at the Parmer location pavilion. Menu items include catering by Rudy's BBQ and several games. He asked for a 4/18 deadline to sign up for the meal.

An award certificate was prepared by Pat Gosmon recognizing the previous MFLSRC President Wayne Harned. The certificate was signed by all members attending and presented to Wayne by the new President, Jim Remedi.

The speaker for the day was Clarke Straughan, an ex-employee of Motorola (10 years) and world traveler. Clarke gave a good talk on his adventures including traveling the world without money. He has a company called Romancing the Impossible.

Jim Binneboese, Secretary

2008 / 2009 Dates to Remember

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

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

Christmas Party: TBD

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

Newsletter Labeling: No longer needed

The Executive Board Meeting, April 14, 2009

Present for the meeting – Brent Brown, Roger Countryman, Louis Struble, Jim Remedi, Al Alaspa, Wayne Harned, Jim Binneboese

Jim Remedi opened the meeting with an open question of “what is the purpose of the club?” It was voted unanimously to continue as a social group and adopt a charity annually to make a donation. The topic was also discussed briefly in the last general membership meeting for member input. With the recent certification of a 501c3 not-for-profit, members will be encouraged to assist with funds for the annual donation since they would be considered tax deductible.

Membership status – 119 active members including 8 new members. There are 58 lifetime members.

Jim Binneboese, Secretary

ANNUAL PICNIC

By Allan Alaspa

On Tuesday, April 28, about 50 retirees gathered at the Freescale Parmer outdoor pavilion to enjoy food, fun and frivolity with other Motorola retirees and friends. While the day started out ominous with rain and cloudy skies, the picnic was minimally affected thanks to improved weather during the day and the large covered area of the pavilion. The weather did cause a handful of people who signed up to miss – you missed a good one.

Due to wet basketball courts, we abandoned the regular free throw shooting contest at the regulation baskets in favor of my son's 30+ year old Fisher Price basketball game. We could do that and putting in the pavilion so there was no rain to worry about and many more people could participate. Many participated in all the retiree-oriented games with friends cheering and jeering. Again we had the non-alcoholic Margarita machine and Rudy's provided the BBQ lunch with delicious food- more than we could consume.

This year we went to all "windproof" bingo cards and guess what – minimal winds. But that is clearly the way to go and everybody had a great time and no cards were blown away – that excuse is gone. Nice prizes for the winners.

The games went on in spite of the clouds and the winners were Chongnan Kim, Janet Tidwell, and Mike Tidwell in the Frisbee toss; Gard Ayres, Camile Remedi and Yoshiko Beckman in free throws; Jerry Butler, Wayne Harned and Roger Countryman in Putting. We were able to hold the water balloon contest as the courts dried up and the winning team was Chongnam Kim and Charles Melear who took home the "Texas chairs" for their efforts. I think we have a ringer here as Chongnam and at least one other participant brought waterproof aprons to wear – I guess they were focused in for that contest. Pat and Ben Haner got second place and got UT Rain Poncho's for their efforts – a little to late for Ben. This year we dumped the old balloons that still seemed difficult to break in favor of even more fragile, lighter water balloons, so much more finesse, and less effort, was needed in the water balloon contest. Many people just enjoyed talking with old friends and watching. It was a fun time for all. See you there next year.



Tidbits That Are Good to Know

May 2009

When I looked at my 2009 Notice of Appraised Value from Travis County, the school taxes had not frozen at the 2008 tax amount, as they should have. The exemptions were shown correctly for both 2008 and 2009. I went to see someone at the Travis Central Appraisal District Office at 8314 Cross Park Dr. and after checking into this they said the projected tax information I got was wrong. The person I talked with said this was caused by a software glitch and it has also happened to other taxpayers. She changed the school tax to the correct amount and gave me a printout of what she had done.

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.

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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