

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 11, 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, November 10, 2009 (also at the SAC)

PROGRAM - State of the Company

Speaker: Alan Campbell

President's Message

From Jim Remedi

Hope everyone is surviving the heat this summer. I know that I have cut back on my outside activities. If anyone has been on a vacation to a cooler place, we would like to hear about it.

Loy Buley has told me that 63 former members have not renewed their memberships this year, and we would be really interested in knowing the reasons for this. With Motorola/Freescale cutting the club off from any further financial assistance, dues have become more important to the successful operation of the club.

Pat Gosmon is back to work and can no longer be in charge of Tours and Events for our club. The club is looking for a volunteer for this position.

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IN MEMORIAM

Cesare "Chet" Freda
Vern Harris

Minutes of May 12, 2009, General Membership Meeting

President Jim Remedi opened the meeting at 10:08am. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve by Wayne Harned and there were several seconds.

Roger Countryman reported that an email had been sent to Freescale (Reyes Martinez forwarded to Nikki Krueger) on May 7th. This was an action to Roger and Jim Binneboes.. The purpose of the email was to engage with Freescale in areas of fundraising for the MFLSRC, volunteer work and scholarship possibilities. Nikki reported that the budget was depleted for the year but that she would work with us in volunteer work.

Mike Coley gave the treasurer's report. For the last 3 months, funds are down \$41.37. Deposits from members for the picnic were \$168.00, with \$370.00 for membership dues. Total income for the last 3 months was \$631.00. Expenses for the same period were \$589.00 - mostly for picnic charges. Mike reported filing IRS Form 990EZ for MFLSRC taxes since we are now a formal 501c3 group. The form was submitted to the IRS, no money was sent. The IRS may respond within 120 days with any questions.

Loy Buley reported that there are currently 122 paid members with 57 being lifetime. There are 150 people that have not yet paid current dues that joined last year.

Al Alaspa did an update on the recent MFLSRC picnic. There were 50 members present. Plans are to do the picnic the same way next year, but he is open to inputs and recommendations.

Pat Gosmon can no longer be in charge of Tours and Events. Jim Remedi will seek volunteers to replace Pat in this job.

Two speakers were present at the meeting as arranged by Gary Daniels. One was "Five Best Vacation Trips for Retirees - on USA soil, for less than \$10,000/couple" and the other was "How Best to Buy your Next Computer"

Jim Binneboese, Secretary

ATTENTION:

Humana has a Dental Plan that some of us have gotten a notice about. To find out more, go to their website: www.humanaonedental.com

2008 / 2009 Dates to Remember

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

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

Christmas Party: TBD

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

Newsletter Labeling: No longer needed

The Executive Board Meeting, July 14, 2009

Present for the meeting – Brent Brown, Jim Remedi, Al Alaspa, Jim Binneboese, Danna Redford, Mike Coley, Loy Buley, and Shambhu Pai

Minutes of the April Executive Committee meeting were distributed and approved.

Mike Corley read through the Treasurer's report. As of July 1, the total bank balance is \$23,610.86. This amount is down \$276.00 from the previous report.

When certification of a 501c3 not-for-profit is approved by the IRS, MFLSRC members will be encouraged to assist with funds for the annual donation since they would be considered tax deductible. The submittal is in process.

Jim Binneboese was asked by Jim Remedi to continue work with Roger Countryman and close on the MFLSRC issues pending with Freescale Benefits contact Nikki Krueger.

Mike Corley is aware of some good speakers that can talk relative to retirement investments in this down economy. He will work with Gary Daniels to prepare a list for future meetings.

Membership status – 133 active members including 11 new members. There are 55 lifetime members. Loy Buley reported that 63 had not renewed dues from last year. A message will be prepared and sent to appropriate members.

Pat Haner has agreed to take up the responsibility as “webmaster” for the MFLSRC site.

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.

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.

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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Motorola/Freescale Contact List

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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