

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 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, February 9, 2010 (also at the SAC)

Speaker: **Angelos Angelou**, a well-known Austin Economist

Topic: **The USA Economic Recovery - the Good, the Bad and the Ugly**
and

Speaker: **Dr. William (Mack) Grady**, UT Professor in Energy Resources

Topic: **Electrical Power Systems and Future Trends**

This is going to be a fantastic program so feel free to invite your friends, acquaintances, enemies, in short, anyone you think might be interested.

President's Message

From Jim Remedi

At the next meeting we will hold our annual election of officers. I have not heard from any members volunteering to run for an office. In order to keep our club running we need members to step up and volunteer to serve in an elected office or some other position. Unfortunately, only a small number volunteer each year, but the club needs new blood to stay viable. It doesn't require much time on the volunteer's part to do any of these jobs, and we especially need one volunteer for the position of Vice-President. Please contact Jim Remedi at mflsrc@yahoo.com if you would like to serve.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

Where : **Freda's Seafood Grille** *See website for directions
10903 Pecan Park Blvd
Austin, Texas 78750
512-506-8700

Time: **11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Cost:

Members	\$20
Non-Members	\$30
Cash Bar	

Pay at the November meeting or mail checks and menu preferences to MFLSRC at P.O.Box 10252, Austin, TX 78766. **The deadline is for receiving all information is November 23, i.e., don't wait until the 23rd to put it in the mail.**

Menu

Mixed Green Salad with Raspberry-Walnut Dressing

Pecan Talapia – pecan crusted tilapia, topped with crawfish and a pesto crème sauce, served with Saffron rice and sautéed vegetables

Or

Vegetable Pasta with (or without) Grilled Chicken – Bowtie pasta with fresh tomatoes, artichoke hearts, pine nuts, garlic, spinach, mushrooms, and black olives tossed in a light basil pesto sauce (without the chicken becomes a vegetarian option)

Or

Grilled NY Strip – A black Angus steak grilled to Medium, topped with Compound butter served with roasted red potatoes

Dessert

(NY Cheese Cake or Light and Dark chocolate mousse cake)

Iced tea, coffee, or soft drink included

Please select your entrée when you sign up (and include your spouses). Make a note of your choices, too, so you can remember what you ordered. It helps.

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Eachus

Minutes of August 11, 2009, General Membership Meeting

President Jim Remedi opened the meeting at 10:04 AM. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter.

Jim stated that approximately 24 email addresses bounce each time he sends out the newsletter. He will develop a list of these individuals and circulate them to the membership in hopes that some of us have these people's correct email address.

Jim also noted that Humana had sent out information on dental insurance for over-65 individuals. Some of our membership received this information and some people did not. MFLSRC will contact Humana as to why all of the over-65 individuals did not receive this information (we published their web address both in the last newsletter and this one).

Mike Coley gave the treasurer's report. Net spending was \$238.58 for the last quarter. Our total income was \$118.61 and our club fund balance is \$23,648.00. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Loy Buley reported that for 2009, we have 153 paid up members. Sixteen checks were received today. Loy reported that he sent out 73 emails to individuals that have not renewed their membership this year.

Gary Daniels gave a brief update on Motorola Inc. and then introduced our first speaker, Alan Campbell, the CFO of Freescale. Alan stated that Freescale's current businesses are Automotive, Networking, and Consumer Industrial. The current management team is new except for several long-term employees such as himself. He summarized their business as having great products, markets, leadership, solid liquidity and continued leadership in the industries in which they participate.

The second speaker was Justin Worley of Silver Sneakers. He was assisted by Mary Coronado. Silver Sneakers is a benefit provided by Humana's secondary health insurance for those retirees over 65. Humana provides free fitness membership to their gyms and they contract with other gyms and Curves. They have locations where you can exercise throughout central Texas. The Silver Sneakers program promotes physical activity and exercise for seniors in order to keep them active as long as possible. You may obtain more information and locations of their facilities at <http://www.silversneakers.com>.

Jim Binneboese, Secretary

Slate of Officers for 2010

President	Jim Remedi
Vice-President	OPEN
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Secretary	Jim Binneboese
Treasurer	Mike Coley
President Pro Tem	Wayne Harned

FYI - The following are the committee chairpersons and other board member volunteers:

Present Person Serving		Years Served
Newsletter	Danna Redford	7
Membership	Loy Buley	1
Tours	OPEN	
Picnic	Al Alaspa	6
Christmas Lunch	OPEN	
Program	Gary Daniels	1
Volunteers	Louis Struble	4
Photographer	Brent Brown	1
Webmaster	Pat Haner	1
E-mail Accounts	Jim Remedi	2

ATTENTION:

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

2010 Dates to Remember

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

February 9 May 11 August 10 November 9

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

January 12 April 13 July 13 October 12

Annual Picnic: TBD

Christmas Party: December 8, 2009 at Freda's

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 29 April 30 July 30 October 29

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: No longer needed

The Executive Board Meeting, October 13, 2009

Present for the meeting – Al Alaspa, Jim Remedi, Wayne Harned, Danna Redford, Mike Coley, Loy Buley, Lou Struble and Gary Daniels

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

Loy Buley read the membership report. Total paid up members – 156. There are 56 lifetime memberships and 13 new memberships. Loy reported that he sent 73 emails to members who have not paid.

Mike Coley gave his report on Finances. Expenses stay low; funds are about level with last quarter – up about \$60.00. Total funds available are \$23,708.84.

Jim Remedi mentioned the need for a person to coordinate MFLSRC tours for the members. Mike Coley suggested combining our activities with AARP and the Austin Senior Events Center.

Lou Struble discussed an opportunity for the group to have a speaker from the Special Olympics. Mike and Lou also talked about a joint meeting with MFLSRC and AARP. A local representative will be asked to attend our next board meeting.

Jim Remedi will contact all board members to ask for volunteers for next year's board.

Gary Daniels raised the question of the MFLSRC externally focused goal for next year. In 2009 we sent a donation to Austin Hospice, but funding will need to be reviewed to determine if a donation can be sent to a worthwhile cause again this next year. We should also consider our volunteering vs. a dollar contribution.

Al Alaspa for Jim Binneboese, Secretary

Invalid e-mail Addresses

Jim Remedi sent an e-mail to our full newsletter distribution list and had the following names bounce back as invalid e-mail addresses. If you know any of these people please contact them and give them this information, or if you know their correct e-mail address please send it to Jim Remedi at:

mflsrc@yahoo.com

At the end of this year Jim will remove all the names that haven't been updated.

Here are the names:

Gary Antweiler	Chongnan Kim
Larry Blome	Bill Calvert
Bob Bolander	Miyoko Innis
Ginger Byram	John Dumas
Gerlena Glover	Chieko Hesch
Bill McCann	Dottie Toner
Claire Massey	Nancy Ashe
Don Ponder	Lawrence Pederzani
Mark Sullivan	Joeseph Pruet
Brian Spinks	Al Bormann
June Thode	Tony Beckwith

Use this sheet to record your luncheon choices:

Retiree Spouse or Guest

Salad

Mixed Green Salad

served with Raspberry Walnut vinaigrette Dressing

Entrees Choice of:

Grilled NY Strip

A black Angus steak Grilled to medium, topped with compound butter served with roasted red potatoes

Pecan Tilapia

Pecan Crusted tilapia in a crawfish pesto sauce, served saffron rice and sautéed vegetables

Vegetable Pasta

Bowtie pasta tossed with mushroom, tomato and artichoke heart, in a light pesto basil sauce

Vegetable Pasta with Grilled Chicken

Bowtie pasta tossed with mushroom, tomato and artichoke heart, in a light pesto basil sauce

Dessert Choice of:

Cheese Cake

White and Dark Chocolate Mousse Cake

Retiree's Name _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

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.

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
418-0252
Secretary Jim Binneboese, 14306 Terisu Lane, Austin, 78728, JKLBINN@io.com
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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
Membership Loy Buley, 9400 Cedar Forest Dr, Austin, 78750, loylbuley@sbcglobal.net, 258-7465
Tours Open
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Program Gary Daniels, rgd00111@yahoo.com
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Doug Wilkerson Colorado group doug.wilkerson@comcast.net

Motorola/Freescale Contact List

Name	Phone	Loc	MD	Service Center
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