

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

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 11, 2010 (also at the SAC)

Speaker: **Ginger Washburn**

Topic: **“The Iridium Program – where it’s been and where it’s going”**

Speaker: **Carol Kimbrell**

Topic: **“The LCRA – an exciting past and a challenging future”**

President’s Message

From Jim Remedi

Hope everyone had great holiday season and is back in good shape after all the goodies that we all had to eat. At the January board meeting we discussed getting information to the members about volunteering for a local charity. We will put this information in the newsletter and/or send out a special e-mail to our distribution list.

The club does not get information on people who are retiring from Freescale. If you know anyone who has retired ask them if they know about the club. If they don’t know about the club see that they get information about meetings and how to join.

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ANNUAL RETIREES PICNIC

Note: We'll be in April again

DATE: Tuesday, April 27, 2010

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 9th, or make out your checks to Allan Alaspa and mail to 9713 Tree Bend Dr., Austin, Tx 78750, prior to April 17th. 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.

NEW FOR 2010: Allan received new Rules / Guidelines from Freescale which are meant to make all users conscious of respect for the facility and responsible for themselves. Also, please make sure you bring your badges to the picnic - at least one per couple (Motorola, Freescale, or club badge). See Jim or Loy if you need a badge.

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE

Minutes of November 10, 2009, General Membership Meeting

President Jim Remedi opened the meeting at 10:08am. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Mike Coley gave the treasurer's report. Total deposits from the 3 accounts (checking, savings and Money Market) were \$23,472.57. This is down slightly (\$176.01) from the last report of August, 2009. Large expenses were \$100.00 from Senior Activity center room rental and \$200.00 for the Christmas meal deposit at the restaurant.

Loy Buley reported that there are currently 165 paid members with 56 being lifetime. There are 138 people that have not yet paid current dues that joined last year. Dues for the MFLSRC come due in January, 2010.

Jim Remedi reviewed the updated Humana Plan for those over 65. In addition, he agreed to email the information to all members along with the URL for Humana.

Officer elections for the next calendar year were held. The following have agreed to serve another year – Jim Remedi (President), Mike Corley (Treasurer) and Jim Binneboese (Secretary), and they were elected unanimously. The two V.P. positions are still open and need volunteers.

Two speakers were present at the meeting as arranged by Gary Daniels. Angelus Angelou from Angelou Economics spoke about the current economy worldwide with a special focus on Austin. Dr. Grady from the EE Dept. at U.T. spoke on power equations and the positive impact of wind power in Texas.

At the end of the business meeting, Gary Daniels reported on the most recent financials from Motorola Corp. and Freescale.

Jim Binneboese, Secretary

THE FOLLOWING OPEN POSITIONS NEED VOLUNTEERS:

**Vice-President
Co-Vice-President
Volunteers Chairperson
Tours Chairperson**

2010 Dates to Remember

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

May 11 August 10 November 9

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

April 13 July 13 October 12

Annual Picnic: April 27 at the Pavilion

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, January 12, 2010

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

Mike Coley gave his Treasurers report. Expenses exceeded last report by \$1,180.83. Most of the excess is due to the Christmas party. Total funds available equal \$22,291.74.

Mike is currently working on the 2010 budget. Recommendation made by Gary Daniels to reserve \$500.00 as a donation to some needy Austin organization to be named later. Mike mentioned that he has joined one of the local AARP chapters in Austin and also serves on that Board of Directors.

Loy Buley read the membership report. Total paid up members – 80. There are 59 lifetime memberships and 1 new membership so far this year. Loy reported that he sent 185 emails to members who have not yet paid. There are 229 past members that have not renewed. The dues are payable every year in January. The club is still actively looking for new members. Jim Binneboese volunteered to write a first draft of an invitation letter that could be sent to ex-employees and spouses.

Jim Remedi mentioned that Lou Strubel has asked to resign as chair of Volunteers and Tours. This leaves another vacancy. We still need a tours coordinator. Tours for MFLSRC could be added to the active tour program done by local AARP chapters. Betty Temple has also volunteered to help the new committee chair. Jim also mentioned the vacancies for the two Vice Presidents.

In the next MFLSRC newsletter, we will try to have a section on local volunteering opportunities for members. This will afford people a chance to give something back to the community.

Submitted by Jim Binneboese, Secretary

Invalid e-mail addresses

We started last year with about 35 e-mail addresses that did not work. Through calls to members on the list, inputs from other members, and inputs from retirees with bad addresses we got the number down to 19. Jim Remedi called all these people with the following results.

- 10 – telephone number disconnected or person in question not at number
- 3 – left message to call Jim back or send him an e-mail (have one response)
- 6 – got new e-mail address

E-mail database has been updated with all of the above.

Volunteer Opportunities

(Please submit your suggestions to any Board member)

| Organization | Contact Name | Phone |
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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
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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

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Our Email address: mflsrc@yahoo.com

Board Members (Committee Chairs):

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Program Gary Daniels, rgd00111@yahoo.com
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Photographer Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, Austin, 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147
e-mail accts Jim Remedi, 4604 Elohi Dr, Austin, 78746, jimremedi@earthlink.net, 328-0398

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Barbro Keinath Schaumburg lancelady@sbcglobal.com, (847) 669-1020
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 Empl. Svc |
| | 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