

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 11, 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, August 10, 2010 (also at the SAC)

Speaker: Phil Kuhlenbeck

Topic: Clear WiMAX technology which allows wireless access to the internet at broadband speeds (using Motorola modems)

Speaker: Zoi Kondis

Topic: Capital Area Food Bank, a major provider of food for the needy in our area

President's Message

From Jim Remedi

Hope everyone enjoyed all the rain we have had over the past 7 months and let's pray that at least some of it continues through the summer.

The board continues to wrestle with the problem of getting members to volunteer for elected office and committee chairmanships. At the present time, we have the following positions open and need volunteers to fill the positions: Vice-President, Co-Vice-President, Volunteers Chairperson and Tours Chairperson. If anyone has any ideas that we could use to get the needed volunteers, please see one of the board members ASAP. The club's constitution states in section 4.5, "No officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms except as may be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership." Presently the president, treasurer, and recording secretary are all serving their second consecutive terms. With no volunteers at the end of this year, we have a problem of having no elected officers for the retirees' club next year. It doesn't take a lot of time to serve in any of our elected or chairperson positions. There are only 4 board meetings, 4 regular meetings, picnic, and Christmas lunch.

Please volunteer to help!

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Minutes of February 9, 2010, General Membership Meeting

President Jim Remedi opened the meeting at 10:15 AM. A motion was made to accept the minutes as appeared in the newsletter. It was seconded and approved.

Gary Daniels introduced the speakers for the day. Ginger Washburn (an ex-Motorolan) who talked about her company's involvement with Iridium and how it is growing. Also, we had a substitute speaker from the LCRA to discuss water usage, current lake levels and conservation practices.

Jim Remedi stated that some email addresses still 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. Three such addresses were shown at the meeting. Also mentioned was the fact that the newsletter is sent in a .pdf format and there have been some people unable to open the document. Software from Adobe is usually installed on every computer and there is no fee for its use.

Jim mentioned the county tax exemptions for both over 65 and for homestead exemptions. Both need to be applied for separately with the county when turning 65.

The MFLSRC will send out a list of potential places in the central Texas area to volunteer time and talents. This list will appear in future newsletters. Members are encouraged to participate in some volunteer activity.

Mike Coley gave the treasurer's report. He also gave a first pass draft of the 2010 expenses. A motion was made by Lee Melugin and seconded by Jim Remedi to approve this budget. In 2010 the MFLSRC is budgeting a donation of \$500.00 to some charity that will be selected during the year. Mike also gave the treasurer's report. For month to date February, the total was \$22,887 down about \$600.00 from the last members meeting in November due to payouts for the Christmas party and door prizes.

Loy Buley reported that there are 5 new members. He also reported that there are 59 lifetime members. Emails continue to be sent to ask existing members for annual dues.

Gary Daniels gave a brief update on the financial statement of Motorola Inc. and also from Freescale.

Submitted,
Jim Binneboese, Secretary MFLSRC

This Year's Picnic

By Allan Alaspa

On Tuesday, April 27, about 50 retirees gathered at the Freescale Parmer outdoor pavilion to enjoy food, fun and frivolity with other Motorola retirees and friends. The day started out cool, but warmed up nicely after lunch so we had a record participation in the water balloon toss. Due to popular demand last year, we again used my son's 30+ year old Fisher Price basketball game instead of the basketball court for free throws. We also had the Frisbee toss back and the putting game. Again we had the non-alcoholic Margarita machine and Rudy's provided the BBQ lunch with delicious food- more than we could consume.

After lunch we had Bingo with the wind proof cards that we went to entirely last year. Nice prizes for the winners.

Game winners were Chongnan Kim, Shambhu Pai and Jim Calvert in the Frisbee toss; Wayne Harned, Janet Tidwell and Jim Salinas in free throws; Yoshiko Beckman, Jim Remedi and Nancy Countryman in Putting. We had a record 10 teams in the water balloon contest and the winning team was Jim and Camille Remedi who took home the "Texas chairs" for their efforts. Chongnan Kim and Charlie Malar got second place and received UT Rain Ponchos for their efforts. Many people just enjoyed talking with old friends and watching. It was a fun time for all. See you there next year.

A big thanks to all those who helped with the set-up, lunch, Bingo and clean-up. It is really nice to have a group that has so many willing helpers.





2010 Dates to Remember

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

August 10 November 9

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

July 13 October 12

Annual Picnic: at the Pavilion in 2011

Christmas Party: TBD

Newsletter Article Deadlines: July 30 October 29

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: No longer needed

The Executive Board Meeting, April 13, 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 \$46.42. Total funds available equal \$22,840.69. No checks have yet been deposited in the bank for payment of the picnic fees.

Mike also said that the current website is out of date and cannot be supported with the older software. A vote will be taken at the next general membership meeting to see if everyone agrees to purchase some newer software. In most cases, the website is one of the only ties members and prospective members have to club information. Pat Haner has volunteered to help maintain the website.

Loy Buley read the membership report. Total paid up members – 153. There are 60 lifetime memberships and 7 new memberships so far this year. Loy reported that he sent 185 emails to members who have not yet paid. There are 158 past members that have not renewed. The club is still actively looking for new members.

Jim Remedi reminded us that officer elections will be coming again and volunteers are needed to hold various offices. A membership mailing list was sent to members of the Executive Committee for review. Each member was asked to contact 4 or 5 people and ask to volunteer for one of the positions for the next 2 years.

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:

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Motorola/Freescale Contact List

Name	Phone	Loc	MD	Service Center
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Sandi Aitken	895-7888	OHT	OE 24	Rewards/Benefits
	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!

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