

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 10, 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, November 9, 2010 (also at the SAC)

Speaker: Jules Campbell (Retiree Club Member)

Topic: Our Energy Future - wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, ...

Speaker: Debbie Immel (Chief Development Officer)

Topic: The American Red Cross - there to help when needed

Speaker: Gary Daniels (Retiree Club Member)

Topic: What happened to SPS - the Real Story

President's Message

From Jim Remedi

At the club meeting in November, we will have the election of officers for 2011. All of the present elected officers of the club have served for 2 years. 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." We need new people to serve in the elected offices. We also need new volunteers for the committee chairmanships, as several members have served for many years. Without elected officers to serve, the club cannot continue to exist. We would need to call a special meeting to close out any open issues and disband the club. This almost happened to the club in Florida, but members volunteered for the elected positions at the special meeting, and they were able to continue. There are three months until the election meeting - so let's get some volunteers to serve. If you would like to volunteer for any position, either call one of the present elected officers or board members, or send an e-mail to MFLSRC@YAHOO.COM

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Annual Christmas Lunch

Date: Tuesday December 7, 2010

Time: 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Place: **Maggiano's Little Italy**
10910 Domain Drive, Suite 100
(512) 501-7870
(Across from Dillards off Braker Lane in the Domain, Parking garage behind Dillards)

The meal is served family style and will be in the Amerone Room
90 people maximum in attendance

Cost: Lone Star Club Members \$20, non-members \$30

Menu:
Appetizers: Crispy zucchini fritte and calamari fritte
Salads: Tomato caprese and caesar salad
Pastas: 4 cheese Ravioli pesto alfredo sauce and ziti pomodoro
Entrees: Chicken piccata and beef braciolo
Desserts: Chocolate zuccotto cake and warm apple crostada

2010 Christmas Lunch Sign Up and Payment Form

Name: _____
Lone Star Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____
Lone Star Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Contact Information:
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MFLSRC** Total amount of check: _____
MAIL TO: PO BOX 10252, AUSTIN 78766

Minutes of May 11, 2010, General Membership Meeting

Wayne Harned (acting for Jim Remedi) opened the meeting at 10:15am with a welcome. The minutes of the previous meeting in February were read and approved. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Al Alaspa. There were several seconds.

Wayne mentioned that openings still exist for the slate of elected officers next year. He also reminded the attendees that people can only run twice based on the current by-laws.

Mike Coley gave the treasurer's report. Since the last meeting, funds are up \$30.78. Deposits from members for the picnic were \$560. Total account balance is currently \$22,917.89.

Loy Buley reported that there are currently 160 paid members with 61 being lifetime. There are 8 new members having just paid. Also there are 30 people that have not yet paid current dues from last year.

Thanks were given to Al Alaspa for all the work done to make the recent picnic a success.

Mike Coley discussed the issues with the current MFLSRC website. He said that the current software has real problems that cannot be fixed. He asked the members present if they would support expenses to get the website fixed. In addition, Pat Haner has agreed to maintain the site for free. Motion was made by Gary Daniels and seconded by Wayne Harned to do this.

Only one of the two speakers was present at the meeting as arranged by Gary Daniels. Zoi Kondis was introduced as the spokesman for the Capital Area Food Bank. She reported that the food bank (established in 1981) works with 350 agencies throughout central Texas to collect food and that their group supplied over 22M# of food in 2009. She is seeking volunteers from the MFLSRC group. Website is <http://www.austinfoodbank.org>

Gary Daniels filled in some time with past Motorola stories as well as a detailed status of Motorola and Freescale financials.

Submitted by Jim Binneboese, Secretary MFLSRC

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: December 7, 2010, at Maggiano's Little Italy

10910 Domain Drive.

Ste 100

(corner of West Braker and Mo-Pac)

Newsletter Article Deadlines: July 30 October 29

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Newsletter Labeling: No longer needed

Current Officers

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

The following are the board chairpersons and the length of time served:

	<u>Present Person Serving</u>	<u>Years Served at end of 2010</u>
Newsletter	Danna Redford	8
Membership	Loy Buley	2
Tours	OPEN	
Picnic	Al Alaspa	7
Christmas Lunch	OPEN	
Program	Gary Daniels	2
Volunteers	OPEN	
Photographer	Brent Brown	2
Webmaster	Pat Haner	2
E-mail Account	Jim Remedi	3

The Executive Board Meeting, July 13, 2010

Present for the meeting – Al Alaspa, Jim Remedi, Danna Redford, Loy Buley, Gary Daniels, Brent Brown, and Jim Binneboese Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Loy Buley read the membership report. Total paid up members – 160. There are 61 lifetime memberships and 7 new memberships so far this year. There are 151 past members that have not renewed. The dues are payable every year in January. The club is still actively looking for new members.

Gary Daniels reported that there would be two speakers for the August 10th general membership meeting. One is Phil Kuhlenbeck, who will speak on Clear WiMAX technology. This technology uses Motorola modem products. Gary will ask Phil if he can speak in August since he missed the May meeting. Also speaking is a representative from American Red Cross chapter in Austin.

Al Alaspa reported that the total cost for the 2010 picnic was \$923.00. Attendance was 55 people. The format of the picnic seemed to be well received.

Suggestion made by Gary Daniels to have Bingo at our general membership meetings along with prizes. This will be announced in the August meeting. If approved, we will start in the fall.

Jim Remedi reported that Betty Temple has volunteered to set up the Christmas lunch. The date is Dec. 7th. Details are in the current newsletter. Discussion was held about the main door prize which has traditionally been a gift certificate for a B&B in Fredericksburg. We thought that this year we'd offer a wider choice to the winner: the B&B, a comparable restaurant meal, or gift card (so, for example, the winner could choose the gift card and use it to buy gas for the next vacation).

A post card will be handed out at the next membership meeting in August listing all the elected positions available along with a list of the charities we have nominated. Members attending will be asked to vote for their favorite charity for a MFLSRC annual donation (budgeted) and also to mark any elected position(s) they may be interested in filling. The Exec. Committee will bring the charity recommendation to the next membership meeting in November and also announce the candidates for office.

Submitted by Jim Binneboese, Secretary, MFLSRC

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@att.net, 328-0398
V-Pres. [Open](#)
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Secretary Jim Binneboese, 14306 Terisu Lane, Austin, 78728, JKLBINN@io.com
Treas. Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, Austin, 78739, mcoley@austin.rr.com, 965-3232
Pres. ProTem Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, wharned@austin.rr.com, 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](#)
Volunteers [Open](#)
Events Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, aalaspa@austin.rr.com, 258-1408
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Webmaster Pat Haner, PO Box 744, Smithville, 78957, bhaner@austin.rr.com, 360-3537
Photographer Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, Austin, 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147
e-mail accts Jim Remedi, 4604 Elohi Dr, Austin, 78746, jimremedi@att.net, 328-0398

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Tom Filesi Phoenix filesisr@cox.net, (480) 883-2044
PNX Website: <http://motorolaretirees.org>
Barbro Keinath Schaumberg lancelady@sbcglobal.com, (847) 669-1020
Doug Wilkerson Colorado group doug.wilkerson@comcast.net

Motorola/Freescale Contact List

Name	Phone	Loc	MD	Service Center
Damon Arhos	895-2040	OHT	OE 58	Community Affairs
Sandi Aitken	895-7888	OHT	OE 24	Rewards/Benefits
	996-4054	PL		Food Works – Parmer Lane
?	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