

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

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 10, 2011 (also at the SAC)

Speaker: State of the Company - Anthony Guzaldo (from Alan Campbell's staff) will give a financial summary of 2010 - with Q & A to follow

President's Message

From Jim Remedi

The retiree club had a fun time at our Christmas lunch in December. The restaurant was very nice and the food was great. We all want to thank Betty Temple for setting up the lunch for us.

I called Sandi Aitken to get information about why our 65+ medical insurance increased by 77% for 2011. She did not know anything except that Freescale has reached its "cap" on the amount they will pay for 65+ retiree medical coverage. In either late 2009 or early 2010, in one of the pieces of information that we received, the following was stated:

"By paying half the increase in the plan's cost, Freescale will reach the cap on its share of the cost of non-grandfathered 65+ retiree health coverage. They announced this cap in 1992 when U.S. accounting rules caused the company to set a ceiling on the amount that Freescale could pay to subsidize the cost of post-employment healthcare. Unfortunately, that leaves you – Freescale retirees and family members – with the burden of paying the entire increase in the cost of coverage going forward."

As stated above, we have to assume that Humana increased the premium to Freescale for 2011 by the 77% and, therefore, Freescale increased our premium.

I know it's early in the year, but we need for all the members to start thinking about becoming more active in our club. Time flies and we will be at a point where we need new people to serve.

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ANNUAL RETIREES PICNIC

DATE: Tuesday, April 26, 2011

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 8th, or make out your checks to Allan Alaspa and mail to 9713 Tree Bend Dr., Austin, Tx 78750, prior to April 16th. 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.

Last year Allan received new Rules / Guidelines from Freescale which are meant to make all users conscious of respect for the facility and responsible for themselves. Please do respect the property and 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 9, 2010, General Membership Meeting

Jim Remedi opened the meeting at 10:10am with a welcome to all. The minutes of the previous meeting in August were read and approved. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Chuck Barker, seconded by Wayne Harned.

Mike Coley gave the treasurer's report. Since the last meeting, funds are up \$271.89. The new total was due to several incomes; membership dues and up-front payment for the Christmas lunch. Total account balance is currently \$22,269.71. A motion was made by Al Alaspa to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Roger Countryman.

Those in attendance were reminded of the Christmas lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant at the Domain for December 7th.

Loy Buley reported that there are currently 163 paid members with 61 being lifetime. There are 7 new members having just paid. Also there are 34 people that have not yet paid current dues from last year.

A check for \$500.00 was given to Hospice Austin as the 2010 recipient of the annual gift from the members of MFLSRC. Accepting the check was Holly Chacona from Hospice Austin.

Discussion led by Jim Remedi asking for volunteers to serve on open board positions. Two existing board members (Secretary and President) have agreed to extend their time for one year. The by-laws of the organization needed to be amended to allow these two people to serve for more than 2 years. The motion was made to amend the by-laws of the constitution to allow the office of Secretary and President for a 3rd year. The motion was passed by a majority of the members present.

New officers: Jim Remedi – President
Mike Coley, Stu Hoyt – V.P's.
Jim Binneboese – Secretary
Chuck Barker – Treasurer
Wayne Harned – President ProTem

The group was treated to special entertainment by a retired Motorola employee, Roger Whatley. Roger sang and played his guitar for the group and took song requests. Many thanks to Roger for his performance at our meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:15 pm. Pizza lunch followed the meeting.

Submitted by Jim Binneboese, Secretary MFLSRC

2010 and 2011 Dates to Remember

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

February 8 May 10 August 9 November 8

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

January 11 April 12 July 12 October 11

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: January 28 April 29 July 29 October 28

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

The Executive Board Meeting, January 11, 2011

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

Wayne Harned acted for President Jim Remedi at this meeting. Minutes of the October 24, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

Mike Coley reported that the MFLSRC treasury is \$20,753.25. This total is down from the last November report by \$1,516.46. This new balance is lower due to August meeting expenses and the various expenses from the December Christmas lunch – food, door prizes, etc. In that total was also the donation by MFLSRC members of a \$500.00 gift to Austin Hospice. In addition, Mike also mentioned the need for a new 2011 budget for the group. He and Chuck Barker will work on that and have a proposal for the next meeting.

Loy Buley read the membership report. Total paid up members so far this year – 67. There are 61 lifetime memberships in place. The club is still actively looking to contact members that have not renewed membership. Loy will send a reminder to all members that annual dues are payable in January.

Gary Daniels reported that there would be speaker(s) contacted for the February membership meeting. Some suggestions were made to the group. There will also be some time set aside for the group to play bingo during or just before the pizza lunch.

The annual picnic date is now set for April 26th, 2011 at the Freescale facility at Parmer. Al Alaspa reported that the format will be the same as other years since that has become popular with everyone.

Wayne Harned passed along a message from Jim Remedi suggesting that new officer candidates be collected early in the year so positions can be filled in time and not at the last minute. Members are encouraged to consider some of the elected and committee positions. The MFLSRC needs interested people and those willing to make the organization work and a benefit to the members.

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. Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, Austin, 78739, mcoley@austin.rr.com, 965-3232
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Treas. Chuck Barker, 2800 Carmel Dr, Round Rock, 78681, bbarker@austin.rr.com, 255-0917
Pres. ProTem Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, wharned@austin.rr.com, 295-7041

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Board Members (Committee Chairs):

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, dredford@austin.rr.com, 371-7332
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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
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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!

MAIL TO: MFLSRC at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766