

# MOTOROLA/FREESCALE\* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**Reminder --** The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 9, 2011**

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the Senior Activity Center on Shoalcrest Ave  
(29<sup>th</sup> and Lamar)

Coffee and Lunch (Pizza) will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (also at the SAC)

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**Speaker #1: Dale Craymer, President, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association**

**Speaker #2: Gene Stouder (formerly Motorola VP) - Mountain Climber Extraordinaire (seriously, folks, this is a novel way to recover from a stroke)**

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### **President's Message**

From Jim Remedi

Is anyone enjoying the heat and lack of rain? I know I'm not.

Only one of our club members, Jules Campbell, has come forward and volunteered to serve in an elected position for next year. We need to have two more club members volunteer for these elected positions in order to keep the club running. Also our committee chairpeople have been serving for many years and it would be nice (and they would appreciate the help) to have other club members volunteer for these positions.

Hope to see everyone at the August meeting.

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## **Minutes of May 10, 2011, General Membership Meeting**

Jim Remedi opened the meeting at 10:10am with a welcome to all. 38 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chuck Barker gave the treasurer's report. Since the last meeting, funds are down \$599.98. The new total was mostly due to payment for the Picnic Expenses and a deposit for the upcoming Christmas lunch. The MFLSRC does pay some of the cost of the Picnic. Total account balance is currently \$20,203.27. Since the last report in November, income was \$790.04 and expenses were \$1,390.02. A motion was made by Pat Haner and seconded by Wayne Harned to approve the May Treasurers report.

Loy Buley reported that there are currently 101 paid members with 61 being lifetime. Also there are 63 people that have not yet paid current dues from last year. These will be contacted via email and reminded of the payment date.

Jim Remedi reported on a Freescale insurance focus group meeting held April 13<sup>th</sup>. Several members and spouses attended.

Al Alaspa reported on the recent picnic. Al is asking for a volunteer to take over his position as coordinator.

Pat Haner reported the status of the website. She showed an example to the members during the meeting. Notes were taken with suggested changes. Pat also has revised and updated information on the site as it now appears.

Gary Daniels reported that Doug Molof from Rep. Lloyd Doggett's office could not make our meeting because President Obama was scheduled to be in Austin later that day on a fundraising visit. In that time space, Gary talked about the recent capture of Osama Bin Laden and how that strategy has some parallels with the old Motorola.

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 and cannot extend again.

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

Submitted by Jim Binneboese, Secretary MFLSRC

## 2011 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the quarter)  
November 8

Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> month of the quarter)  
October 11

Annual Picnic: at the Pavilion in 2012

Christmas Party: December 6<sup>th</sup>, at Maggiano's Little Italy  
10910 Domain Drive.  
Ste 100  
(corner of West Braker and Mo-Pac)

Newsletter Article Deadlines: October 28  
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

### **The Executive Board Meeting, July 12, 2011**

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

Chuck Barker reported that the MFLSRC treasury is \$19,417.75. This total is down from the last report by \$283.55. Most of the expenses were from the May general meeting.

Gary Daniels reported that there have been speaker(s) contacted for the August membership meeting. Dale Cramer from the Austin American Statesman and Gene Stouder (ex-Motorolan) will speak. There will also be some time set aside for the group to play bingo during or just before pizza lunch.

Jim Remedi indicated that Pat Haner has been busy updating the website. Members should review the work she has done – mflsrc.org .

Wayne Harned has offered to help Al Alaspa with the Picnic details next year.

Jules Campbell has agreed to act as the club Secretary for the next year.

Betty Temple has given the Maggiano's restaurant a \$500.00 down payment on the Christmas lunch. The date will be in early December 2011

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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***Our Email address:*** [mflsrc@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
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### **Motorola/Freescale Contact List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Loc</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>Service Center</b>
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
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
<b><u>Activity Centers:</u></b>	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? \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**