

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 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, February 14, 2012 (also at the SAC)

Speaker: Sherri Greenberg from the LBJ School of Public Affairs

Among her impressive credentials: ten years in the Texas House of Representatives, manager of Capital Finance for the city of Austin, and government bond rating for Standard & Poors.

President's Message

From Jim Remedi

For the retiree's club donation to charity this year, the Executive Committee suggests that we give \$500 for Bastrop fire relief. Pat Haner has researched organizations for the donation of the money. Pat's suggestion is to donate to the following organizations. The Executive Committee suggests splitting the money equally.

\$250 to Bastrop Christian Ministerial Alliance

\$250 to Smithville Ministerial Alliance

The information for the 2010 Christmas Lunch is included later in the newsletter. The club wants to thank Betty Temple for volunteering to set the lunch again.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and is able to attend the November meeting.

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Christmas Lunch

Date/Time: Tuesday December 6, 2010 from 11 am to 2 pm
This is the first Tuesday in December

Place: Maggiano's Little Italy
10910 Domain Drive, Suite 100.
(512) 501-7870
90 people maximum in attendance
Adults only please

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

Menu:

1st Course - Barb's spinach & artichoke al Forno, sausage and peppers, chopped salad
Mom's meat lasagna w/meat sauce, parmesan-crust ed tilapia, and Italian boneless ribs
3rd Course - tiramisu and warm apple crostada
All served with freshly baked bread, coffee, hot tea or ice tea and soft drinks

Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 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:
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MFLSRC**
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Minutes of August 9, 2011, General Membership Meeting

Jim Remedi opened the meeting at 10:04 A.M., with a welcome to all. The minutes of the previous meeting May 15, 2011, were read and approved (29 members present).

Loy Buley reported that there are currently 110 paid members with 61 being lifetime. There are also 3 new members. There are 57 people that have not yet paid current dues from last year. These will be contacted via email and reminded of the payment date.

Chuck Barker gave the treasurer's report. Since the last meeting, funds are down \$283.47. Total account balance is currently \$19,420.06. Since the last report in November, income was \$122.31 and expenses were \$405.78. A motion was made by Gary Daniels and seconded by Mike Coley to approve the August Treasurers report.

Jim Remedi reminded everyone that the Christmas Lunch will be held at Maggiano's at the Domain again this year. The date is December 6th. Payments should be made soon so the restaurant knows how many attendees there will be. Jim also mentioned that MFLSRC will be making a donation of \$500.00 to a local Austin charity again this year. Suggestions should be sent to Jim or members of the Executive Committee.

Jules Campbell has agreed to serve as the new Secretary for the upcoming year. The position of President is still open and does need to be filled. A volunteer is needed now for the upcoming year.

Lou Strubel gave a talk about Austin Special Olympics and the need for volunteers. This is a worthwhile event, and they need help from Austin area residents.

Gary Daniels introduced the two speakers for the day. One was Dale Craymer, President of the "Texas Taxpayers and Research Association" and the other was Gene Stouder, a past Motorola manufacturing executive who talked about the "Highest Point" club he belongs to.

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

Respectfully submitted, Jim Binneboese, Secretary, MFLSRC

Reminder:

Committee chairpersons 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. The committees are newsletter, membership, tours, picnic, Christmas lunch, program, volunteers, photographer, webmaster, and e-mail account

2011 / 2012 Dates to Remember

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

February 14 May 8 August 14 November 13

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

January 10 April 10 July 10 October 9

Annual Picnic: at the Pavilion in 2012

Christmas Party: December 6th, at Maggiano's Little Italy
10910 Domain Drive.
Ste 100

(corner of West Braker and Mo-Pac)

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 27 March 30 August 3 November
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Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

NOVEMBER ELECTION

We will be having our annual election of officers at the meeting on Tuesday, November 8. The following club members have placed their name on ballot.

President	Al Scholin
Co Vice-Presidents	Mike Coley and Brent Brown
Secretary	Jules Campbell
Treasurer	Chuck Barker
President Pro Tem	Jim Remedi

If anyone would like to nominate someone else the floor will be open for these nominations at the meeting on November 8.

The Executive Board Meeting, October 11, 2011

Present for the meeting: Jim Remedi, Al Alaspa, Wayne Harned, Pat Haner, Brent Brown, Mike Coley, Jim Binneboese, Chuck Barker, Gary Daniels, Jules Campbell

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Barker read the treasurer's report. \$12 was donated in exchange for leftover pizza, and will go toward the club's charity donation this year.

Membership Report: Loy Buley was absent. Current membership is 110 paid, of which 61 are lifetime. The group discussed the decreasing membership over time and how to increase member attendance at the meetings. Jim Remedi will compile a list of email "bounces" for board members to try to track down by telephone.

Programs Report: Gary Daniels said the August speaker (Dale Craymer) had given a good overview of the Texas Legislature budget and comments on the Federal Deficit, His presentation slides will be available on the club website. Sherri Greenberg, from the LBJ School of Public Affairs will speak at the November meeting. Other speakers in line are The Elder Hostel and Austin Special Olympics. Suggested topics for the Feb. 2012 meeting, were Jim Stafford (a Bank of America investment counselor) and estate planning attorney.

Wayne Harned is working with Al Alaspa to assume picnic 2012 responsibilities.

Newsletter: Inputs are due to Danna Redford or Jim Remedi by 10/28/2011.

Old Business: Election of Officers scheduled for November meeting. Currently, there is no volunteer for president, Mike Coley will be VP for his 2nd year, Chuck Barker will be Treasurer for his 2nd year, Jules Campbell volunteered for secretary. Stu Hoyt, 2nd VP has not attended any meetings. Members suggested recruiting from the manufacturing members. Board members discussed and will call potential candidates. Jim R. said he believes that spouses can be committee chairs, but not elected officers.

New Business: The board discussed making a charitable donation, such as, \$100 to multiple organizations, but concluded by suggesting a proposal to the general membership in November, 2011, to give \$500 to the Wildfire victims in Bastrop. Pat Haner, who lives in Smithville, will research organizations that distribute to the victims.

Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary Elect, MFLSRC

Note from Pat:

If you would like to help the Bastrop fire victims, I have researched these two organizations and recommend either:

Bastrop County: Smithville Ministerial Alliance, PO Box 743, Smithville, TX 78957

or

Bastrop Christian Ministerial Alliance (BCMA), PO Box 876, Bastrop TX 78602.

Are You Prepared??

Submitted by Pat Haner

Wildfires that killed two and destroyed more than 1,500 homes also brought the loss of nearly 1.5 million trees. The Texas Forest Service said that more than 16,200 acres of pine and mixed pine-deciduous forests burned in the Bastrop County wildfires in September. Would you be prepared if your family was displaced by a natural disaster or terrorist act?

Families all across the world have lost their homes and livelihoods because of earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, fire, and war. Some simple preparations will help you be prepared for the unthinkable moment when you must take your family and flee. Organizing your family's vital information will also help you in your everyday life and when other family emergencies arise.

Use a large business or school portfolio that can be zipped shut. Keep your kit in a handy, but secure location at home so that you can easily access these important documents when you need them. You may also use a fireproof box as long as it is easily accessible and portable in an emergency. Make two photocopies of everything in your kit. Keep one duplicate kit at work or in your car and mail the other to a trusted relative or contact person who lives in another area of the country. This step will give you back-ups that you can access just in case you can't get home at all. Though some documents are not valid when copied, they provide valuable information and may be accepted in an emergency.

Social Security and Identification Cards Order cards for every family member who doesn't have one and place the cards in your portfolio. You can print the application for a [replacement Social Security card from the web site](#) or complete an application at your local Social Security office. Applications must be accompanied by original identifying documents and mailed or turned in at your local office. Some of the documents you will need are birth certificate, drivers license or ID card.

Birth Certificates Original birth certificates may be ordered from the health department in the state where you were born. Use the [state health agency listing](#) from FirstGov to find applications for U.S. vital records for each state. Obtain birth certificates for parents and children.

Medical Records Your kit is the ideal place to keep that important record of immunizations. Take time to complete your personal and family health records online at [iHealthRecord.org](#). You can print an emergency card to keep in your kit, but more importantly, you have access to your family medical information from any computer. This is a free service, and every family should take advantage of it.

Photographs Put a family photo that shows you all together or a recent picture. Take photos of your house from the outside and in each room. Photographic documentation of your possessions will help you include all of your losses on an insurance claim. Also, put in photos of your pets.

Legal and Financial Records You will want to store some original legal and financial records, such as wills, stock certificates, deeds, military, adoption, marriage, and divorce records in your safety-deposit box at your bank, not in your evacuation kit. It's a good idea to keep copies of these documents with you though, along with a record of where the originals are stored. Bank account numbers, proof of account ownership, and safety-deposit box keys should be in your kit.

In Memoriam

Paul Rao
Bob Galvin

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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	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
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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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