

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

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 8, 2012 (also at the SAC)

Speakers:

Jim Stafford (Motorola retiree now with Merrill Lynch) and **Brad Wiewel** (estate planning attorney).

Jim will show us a time-proven method to **get rich** in the stock market.
Brad will reveal some clever tricks to pass your wealth on to your heirs **tax-free**. Both Jim and Brad are professionals in their respective fields; they can **answer all your questions**.

We will also have a **Bingo game** - with some special **high-dollar prizes** and, to start the year off right, we will enjoy a delicious, low calorie, **gourmet Italian** buffet luncheon.

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ANNUAL RETIREES PICNIC

DATE: Tuesday, April 24, 2012

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 14th, or make out your checks to **MFLSRC** and mail to Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, Tx, 78610, prior to April 16th. Call Wayne Harned at 295-7041 or 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 we 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

Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2012 Picnic 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**
Member: \$10.00 per person
Non-member: \$15.00 per person
Total amount of check included with this mailing: _____

Bring to February Club meeting or Mail to:
WAYNE HARNED
16227 OXBOW TRAIL
BUDA, TX 78610

Minutes of November 8, 2011, General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order just after 10 A.M., by President Jim Remedi.

Because of the teaching schedule of Sherri Greenberg, our speaker, Gary Daniels introduced her early and she gave her presentation on the politics of the Texas Legislature.

After the speaker, Gary then presented his personal perspective on the Vision, Leadership, Integrity, and Respect for all people, of Bob Galvin who recently passed away. Among many of Bob's achievements were the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 1988, Six Sigma, Cell Phones, the formation of Motorola University, President of the Electronics Industry Association, Advisor to many government leaders, to mention a few. Other members made comments about their personal experiences with Bob.

The minutes of the prior meeting were published in the newsletter, and presented by Jim Remedi. It was moved, seconded, and we voted to approve them.

Chuck Barker reported that our quarterly expenses exceeded income for a slight loss (\$22.92). It was moved, seconded, and we voted to approve the detailed report.

The Membership Report was given by Loy Buley. Attendance at the meeting was 38 persons. We had 3 new members in 2011 and 4 had prepaid for 2012, plus several members paid for their Christmas Lunch reservations. Betty Temple is organizing the Christmas Party at Maggiano's in the Domain. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members. Reservations will not be taken after Dec 1st.

Charity Report: The Executive Committee recommended that \$500 be given to the victims of the Bastrop wildfire: \$250 to each of Smithville and Bastrop interdenominational organizations identified. The membership moved, seconded, and approved the vote.

Election of Officers: Jim Remedi said that he had identified a volunteer for president. The slate of candidates was as follows:

President: Al Scholin
Vice Presidents: Mike Coley & Brent Brown
Secretary: Jules Campbell
Treasurer: Chuck Barker
President Pro Tem: Jim Remedi

It was moved, seconded, and passed to elect the candidates by acclamation.

Jim adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 A.M. and announced the beginning of pizza lunch and Bingo. Four prizes were given to the winners of Bingo, and the last game had a “playoff” between four winners.

Respectfully submitted, Jules Campbell, 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 accounts

EMAIL ADDRESSES THAT ARE BAD

The following email addresses bounce when the club sends them a message. If you know any of these people’s email address or talk with them, please send their new email address to the club’s email at:

mflsrc@yahoo.com

Paul Grimme
Brenda Cronch
Barbara Rutledge
Wavy Evans
Norma Young
Betty Johnson
Fred Dashnaw
Vic Kucharski

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)

April 10 July 10 October 9

Annual Picnic: Tuesday, April 24th at the Pavilion

Christmas Party: TBD

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 27 April 27 July 27 November
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Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

The Executive Board Meeting, January 10, 2012

Present for the meeting: Al Scholin, Jim Remedi, Loy Buley, Al Alaspa, Wayne Harned, Danna Redford, Brent Brown, Mike Coley, Chuck Barker, Gary Daniels, Jules Campbell

Al Scholin called the meeting to order at 10:03A.M.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Barker read the attached report and 2012 budget. A discussion followed:

Al Alaspa commented that despite declining reserves our retiree group is much better funded than others, e.g., Florida. Al attributed that to former support by Motorola, but especially the annual Book Fair from which we received a percentage. However, in recent years, the Freescale security department stopped the book fair for a variety of reasons.

Gary Daniels asked if we should consider forming a sub-committee to raise money and should we go back to the paid-up "life members" and ask for additional money?

Gary moved to approve the budget. It was seconded and approved by the board.

Membership Report: Loy Buley said that current paid membership was 76, including 63 life members. Forty four members had not yet renewed. We have gained three new members, of which two were Freescale retirees. Loy commented that many members gave him cash at

meetings vs. mailing a check, making accurate recording and accounting somewhat more difficult.

The board discussed ideas to improve meeting attendance. Jim Remedi noted that in 2010 meetings averaged about 50 attendees, including former production area personnel, whereas in 2011 meetings averaged only about 30 attendees. Jim said that Sandy (Aiken) Tomlinson at Freescale was still giving out club contact information to retirees. Jim also said that the newsletter is sent to over 200 email addresses, but a few bounce back due to incorrect addresses, but most bounce because of “full mailboxes”.

Al Alaspa commented that a prior member survey indicated that “Fellowship” was the main motivation, in addition to updates on medical coverage and other timely issues.

Gary Daniels suggested that Entertainment, Education and Free Lunch were key features of meetings. The board and other members are encouraged to invite friends to join the membership. It was mentioned that we might invite people who merely left Motorola or Freescale vs. only retirees and many who had left went to new jobs, vs. just retiring. (*Editor’s note: this was done almost eight years ago.*) Florida nearly disbanded until new volunteers for officers came forward.

Jules Campbell will send Gary contact information for UT’s Quest program, which has interesting speakers, good attendance and a waiting list for members.

Wayne noted that two door prizes remain from the Christmas party and will be available at the next member meeting.

The donation check to Smithville for the wildfire victims was lost. A replacement will be sent.

Brent Brown said that some members had requested photos from the various activities. It was suggested that files be uploaded to one of the various free sharing sites, e.g., Kodak, Snapfish, etc., where members could view and order prints.

The Meeting was adjourned by president Al Scholin at 11:20 AM

Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

In Memoriam

James Russell (Jim) Fiebiger



FROM THE 2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY



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 2012 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

President Al Scholin, 102 Lampasas Pass, Georgetown, 78628, alscholin@gmail.com, 864-9493
V-Pres. Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, Austin, 78739, mcoley@austin.rr.com, 965-3232
V-Pres. Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, Austin, 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147
Secretary Jules Campbell, 11015 Conchos Cove, Austin, 78726, jules-campbell@att.net, 656-8516
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Pres. ProTem Jim Remedi, 4604 Elohi Dr, Austin, 78746, jimremedi@att.net, 328-0398

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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
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Tours [Open](#)
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Program Gary Daniels, rgd00111@yahoo.com
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e-mail accts Jim Remedi, 4604 Elohi Dr, Austin, 78746, jimremedi@att.net, 328-0398

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George DeWitte Phoenix gdewitte@cox.net, (480) 945-2974
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
Sandi Aitken Tomlinson	895-7888	OHT	OE 24	Rewards/Benefits
	996-4054	PL		Food Works – Parmer Lane
	895-2699	OHT	OE 11	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