

# MOTOROLA/FREESCALE\* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**Reminder --** The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2012

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, August 14th (also at the SAC)

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Donna, nice to speak to you this morning.

We wanted to invite you to be a **Guest Speaker**  
at the Motorola/Freescale Retiree's Meeting on  
**Tuesday, 14 August at 10 am.**

We meet quarterly at the **Austin Senior  
Citizens Center, 29th and Lamar.** We will  
have a computer, projector and screen. So,  
you can bring a jump drive with PPT slides  
if you like.

We typically have an attendance of about  
30-40 members.

**Topics of your choice** (Austin Area Garden  
Council, History of Zilker Botanical Garden,  
Funding issues, etc). Suggest about a 30  
minute talk and 10-15 minute Q & A.

You are invited to join us for a **Free Lunch**,  
after your talk.

Feel free to contact me if we can be of  
any assistance.

Look forward to it.

Cheers,

Gary Daniels  
Retired Sr VP Motorola  
Retiree Club Program Chair  
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Once again we will have a Bingo game or two with the usual high-dollar prizes – all while enjoying a delicious, low calorie, gourmet Italian buffet luncheon

**F. Y. I.**

**According to our constitution, anyone who worked at least 5 years at Motorola and or Freescale (or some combination thereof) and is over 55 years of age can be a member, even if they didn't retire from either company (but who's asking for proof???).**

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## **Minutes of February 14, 2012, General Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by former President Jim Remedi, standing in for Al Scholin. The minutes of the prior meeting as published in the newsletter were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Chuck Barker. We received a letter of thanks from the Bastrop Christian Ministries Alliance. The check sent to the Bastrop fire victims was lost and will be replaced. Chuck presented the budget for 2012 which was approved.

The Membership Report was given by Loy Buley. Forty-six were in attendance at the meeting. We had 110 paid members, plus 19 additional paid at the meeting, giving us 129 paid members, of which 63 are lifetime and four are new.

Jim mentioned that we still need emails for Paul Grimme (in Europe), Brenda Crouch, Barb Rutlege, Norma Yom, Betty Johnson, Fred Dashauw, and Vick Kucherski,

Gary Daniels introduced the speakers: First, Jim Stafford, former Motorolan and wealth management advisor of Gerrie-Stafford Group, distributed materials, spoke about current market conditions, and strategies for investing. Then, attorney Brad Wiewel offered a free booklet and spoke on estate planning and the legal documents retirees should have or consider.

Wayne Harned announced the Picnic on April 24, 2012 a Parmer Pavilion, from 11am to 2pm. It will be similar to prior years with Rudy's BBQ, Margaritas, Games, Bingo. Please pay as soon as possible.

Jim Remedi adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30am, and announced the beginning of pizza lunch and Bingo.

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

## 2012 Dates to Remember

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

May 8                  August 14                  November 13

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

July 10                          October 9

Christmas Party: TBD

Newsletter Article Deadlines: July 27                  November 2

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

### **The Annual Picnic**

submitted by Wayne Harned

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 44 Motorola/Freescale retirees gathered at the Freescale Parmer outdoor pavilion to enjoy food, fun and a general good time with other retirees and friends at our annual picnic. The weather was great.

We again had Lee and Joyce Melugin setup a F1 (Autocross) time trial event with a remote control car doing a figure 8 (it's a lot harder to steer the car than it looks). We set up our standard games: kid's basketball (with bean bags), Frisbee toss, golf putting, and lastly the water balloon toss. The non-alcoholic margarita machine was a hit as usual, and Rudy's provided the wonderful BBQ lunch with more food than we could eat.

After lunch Brent Brown ran our Bingo games. The wind proof cards were well worth having considering the breezy day we had. The prizes were good and Brent took pictures of the winners. The big prize for Bingo was a \$50 gift card to Longhorn Steakhouse. It was won by Cecilia Avila.

The game winners were as follows: Cecelia Avila and Frances Brown in putting; Mike Tidwell and Nancy Countryman in Frisbee toss; Brent Brown and Yoshiko Beckman in basketball; and Al Scholin and Mike Temple in F1 Autocross. Al set a new record in this event of 7.2 seconds. That is smoking. We think he is a ringer in this event.

We had nine teams sign up for balloon toss. Mike Temple picked the smallest water balloon thinking it would be less likely to break if dropped. This was not the case. Jim and Camille Remedi won this event without breaking their balloon. The prize for this event was two nice folding chairs.

Thanks to all of you ladies who helped clean the tables and serve the lunch. Shambhu, you did an excellent job of checking folks in as they arrived and signing them up for balloon toss. Brent, you did a fine job of calling our bingo games. Allan thanks for the detailed instruction and tutoring me in taking over your job as coordinator of the annual picnic.

I hope to see all of you next year at the April picnic, 2013.



## The Executive Board Meeting, April 10, 2012

**In Attendance:** Al Scholin, Chuck Barker, Loy Buley, Gary Daniels, Al Alaspa, Wayne Harned, Danna Redford, Brent Brown, Jules Campbell. The meeting was called to order by Al Scholin at 10:05 A.M.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Barker said that we currently have “no red”.

Our income has been: \$400.00 for membership, \$260.00 for the picnic, to date, and \$2.81 for interest on savings.

Our expenses for the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were: \$50.00 for the room at the Senior Activity Center, \$36.82 for door prizes, and \$180.70 for pizza, drinks, and cookies.

Our net change was \$395.29.

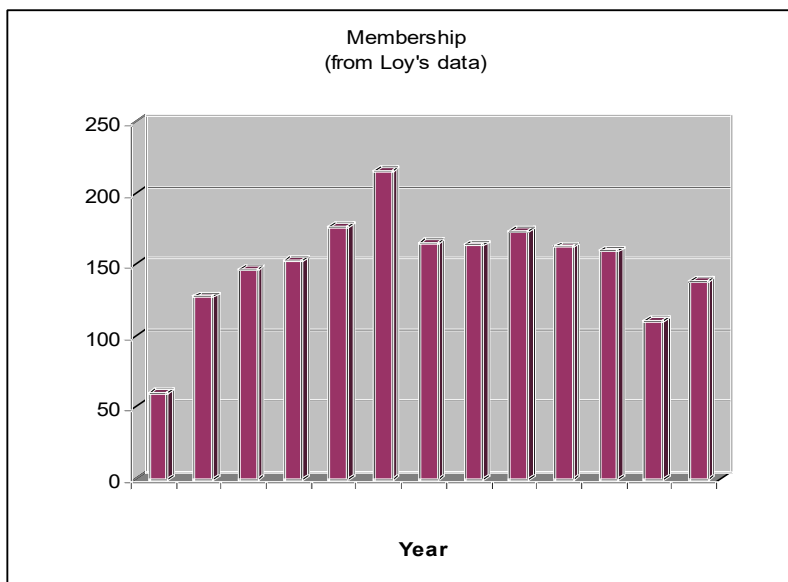
While our club is not required to pay taxes because of the level of income (or lack of it), Chuck is working on the 990EZ form, to obtain tax exempt status for the club.

**Membership Report:** Loy Buley said that current paid membership was:

- 64 are life members,
- 8 new members
- 17 not yet renewed
- 139 total paid memberships

We had 46 in attendance at the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, compared to 40 in 2011. The average attendance in 2011 was about 35+ members, with August only having 27 (vacations?).

Peak membership was 216 in 2005.



A newsletter is sent to anyone for whom we have a valid email address. So, please invite any former co-workers, who may have an interest, or pass their email to [jimremedi@att.net](mailto:jimremedi@att.net), so they can receive the newsletter.

Al Alaspa mentioned that the Austin Senior Center would like our members to join their organization. The fee is thought to be about \$5.

**Picnic:** Wayne Harned has assumed organizational duties for the 2012 picnic, with help from Al Alaspa. We have 30 have paid to date, but we need 50 to get the group discount from Rudy's.

**New Business:** Since a restaurant deposit may be required soon, Al Scholin and Chuck Barker will do that and find out if Betty Temple is willing to organize the 2012 Christmas Dinner.

Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

**In Memoriam**

Bob Ellison  
Randy Hutcheson  
Dick Spilo

## **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:**

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### **Board Members (Committee Chairs):**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Loc</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>Service Center</b>
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
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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!

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