

MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 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, February 12, 2013 (also at the SAC)

Speaker: **Jim George**, a retiree club member, will talk about his recently published new book - what he learned, what was fun, and what he recommends for other aspiring authors.

Jim has agreed to sign all copies of his book, "**Reunion**", so buy one and bring it with you. (Only \$12 in paperback from Amazon.com.)

Remember **spouses of club members are always welcome** at our quarterly meetings.

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

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Christmas Lunch

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012. This is the second Tuesday in December

Time: 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

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 - Tomato Caprese, Stuffed Mushrooms, or Chopped Salad

2nd - Mom's lasagna w/meat sauce, Chicken Piccata, or Oven-roasted Pork Loin

3rd - Chocolate Zuccoto Cake or NY-style Cheesecake

All served with freshly baked bread, coffee, hot tea or ice tea and soft drinks

Minutes of the General Meeting, August 24, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M., by Jim Remedi, standing in for Al Scholin.

The minutes of the previous general meeting as published in the newsletter was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Chuck Barker:

Assets & Income:	
Checking Account	\$830.76
Saving Account	\$16,613.93
New Membership	\$290.00
Interest	\$4.29
Expenses:	
Renew Sr. Activity Ctr.	\$50.00
Door Prizes	\$67.13
Pizza	\$160.00
Deposit for Christmas Party	\$500.00

The treasurer's report was approved.

Membership Report: Loy Buley

After a decline from 153 members in 2010, to 111 in 2011, we have rebuilt somewhat. We currently have 150 paid members of which 66 are Life, ten are new. However, there were ten who did not renew.

Programs: Gary Daniels introduced Donna Fried, Chair of the Austin Area Garden Council.

Donna gave us an extensive history of Zilker Gardens, whose 33 acres of land were donated by Col. Andrew Zilker, between 1918 and 1931.

The park was built in the 1930's by the CCC, and Zilker Clubhouse was built for the Boy Scouts. The Garden center was added in 1964, and in 1969, the Isamu Taniguchi Japanese Garden was opened, after he personally constructed it in 18 months, at age 70. When dinosaur tracks were discovered on the property, the Hartman Prehistoric Garden was added in 1992. Currently, 30 Austin area garden clubs support various activities at Zilker Garden Center throughout the year, and next Spring the Zilker Garden Festival will be held on April 6-7, with plants, garden items, crafts, etc. for sale, and other activities. For further information, Donna can be reached at Donna.Fried@austin.rr.com

Jim Remedi reminded the members that Auto-Debit was the best way to make medical premium payments, and an email receipt will be sent.

The meeting was adjourned, and Bingo was started until Pizza arrived for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

2012 & 2013 Dates to Remember

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

November 13 February 13 May 14 August 13 November 12

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

January 8 April 9 July 9 October 8 January 14

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Maggiano's again

Newsletter Article Deadlines: February 1 May 3 July 2 November
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Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, October 9, 2012

Attendees were: Chuck Barker, Loy Buley, Gary Daniels, Danna Redford, Brent Brown, Jim Remedi, Mike Coley, Jules Campbell and Al Scholin

It was announced that Ron Racino had passed away on 10/7/2012. The group discussed all the contributions that Ron had made to the success of the company and the retiree club.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Barker gave his report, which was approved. Loy Buley requested \$58 to pay for the P.O.Box.

Secretary's Report: Jules Campbell read the minutes from the membership meeting August 24, 2012.

Loy Gave the Membership report. Thirty one were present at the general meeting. Ten have already signed-up for the Christmas Lunch, so far. Typically 75-85 eventually show up, and the room has space for about 90 people. Gary Daniels suggested that we continue to subsidize the Christmas Lunch, unless our reserves reach about \$5,000. They are currently over \$16,000.

Brent Brown: New photos from activities will be posted on the Club Website.

Elections will be held at the meeting on November 13. The four main officers are allowed to serve for only two years without a special dispensation. Chuck Barker (Treasurer) and Mike Coley (VP) have already served two years, so we really need to find a Treasurer and Vice President. Al Scholin (President), Brent Brown (VP), and Jules Campbell (Secretary) have only served one year.

Gary Daniels would be willing to serve as program coordinator for one more year, but would prefer someone else to take over.

Issues: Post 65 Medicare Insurance may not be competitive, and prior rumors indicate that Freescale may drop retirees in the future, but they must give 90 day notice to do so. All the supplemental plans are the same, except for the premium. Gary Daniels suggested that Al Scholin contact Sandy to learn more. Jim Remedi, Jim Binneboese, Mike Coley and Stu Hoyt were on the prior Medicare Insurance committee. It was suggested that Insurance be a topic in the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Submitted by Jules Campbell, Secretary

2013 Candidates for Office

President	Al Scholin
Vice-President	Brent Brown and Mike Coley – if approved for another term
Secretary	Jules Campbell
Treasurer	Chuck Barker - if approved for another term

In Memoriam

Ron Racino

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
solve a
any board
submitted by

will be a recurring feature in the newsletter to help any of us
problem. If you have an item to put in here, please send it to
member and they'll get in for you. The above items were
Jim Remedi.

Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2012 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

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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