

**MOTOROLA/FREESCALE\* LONE STAR RETIREES  
CLUB**

**LONE STAR NEWS**

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**Reminder --** The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

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 13, 2013 (also at the SAC)

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**Speaker#1:**

**Chuck Lindell**, a reporter with the *Austin American Statesman*.

Chuck has been covering the case of **Michael Morton**, who was wrongfully convicted in 1987 of killing his wife. Morton served 25 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Chuck will summarize the case and share with us some of his observations and recommendations.

**Speaker #2:**

**Arthur Johnson**, from the University of Texas Athletic Department

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

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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

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## **The Fabulous Annual Picnic**

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, forty-four 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 cloudy and the temperature in the 70's.

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, as usual, a hit and Rudy's provided the wonderful BBQ lunch with more food than we could eat. The food arrived at 11:15 AM and we ate at 11:30 AM

After lunch we continued with the games until Brent Brown and Dora Lefebvre started Bingo. The prizes this year were gift cards to Walmart and Target. The big prize for Bingo was two \$25 Daren gift cards. These gift cards allow the winner to choose to eat at one of the following restaurants, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse and one other. It was won by Kim Chongnan.

The game winners were as follows: Kim (Joanna) Chongnan and Frances Brown in basketball, Wayne Harned and Jim Salinas in frisbee toss, and Warren Wieman and Mike Temple in putting.

We had seven teams sign up for balloon toss. Wayne Harned filled the water balloons with a smaller amount of water. It took a much longer distance between the contestants before the balloons broke. Wayne will add more water next year. Debi and Pat Montgomery won this event without breaking their balloon. The prize for this event was two \$25 gift cards which can be used at the following restaurants, Chili's Grill and Bar, Romano's Macaroni Grill, On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina and Maggiano's Little Italy.

Thanks to all of you ladies who helped clean the tables and serve the lunch. Allan Alaspa and Lou Struble did an excellent job of checking folks in as they arrived and signing them up for balloon toss. Brent and Dora did a fine job of calling our bingo games. Allan, thanks for bringing the games and helping set up and pack up after the picnic.

I hope to see all of you next year at the April picnic in 2014.

Wayne Harned

2013 Picnic Pix











### **Minutes of the General Meeting, February 12, 2013**

President Al Scholin opened the meeting at 10:07 A.M. with a welcome to all. The minutes of the previous meeting November 13, 2012, were read and approved.

Chuck Barker gave the treasurer's report. Since the last meeting in November, funds are down \$1,237.48. The new total was mostly due to payment for the Christmas lunch and prizes. The MFLSRC does pay some of the cost of the lunch. Total account balance, as of this date, is currently \$16,070.98 which is \$825.00 over budget. A motion was made by Wayne Harned and seconded by Jim Remedi to approve the February Treasurers report.

Chuck also gave a recommended budget for 2013. Income and expenses are forecasted to be about level with 2012. Budgeted income is \$3,017. Budgeted expenses are \$5,212. Motion made by Roger Countryman and seconded by Jim Remedi to adopt the budget as presented. The budget was approved. Details of this budget are available for review. Gary Daniels mentioned that the current budget plan will deplete our reserve funds within about nine years. To keep the club financially viable beyond that may require an increase of dues, possibly for "lifetime" members as well, or eliminating the club's subsidy of the picnic and Christmas lunch.

Loy Buley reported that there are currently 87 paid members. Attendance at this meeting was 48.

Wayne Harned reported that the MFLSRC Picnic will be April 23, at the Parmer Lane Facility. At least one of each couple should wear their MFLSRC badge. We need at least 50 participants to get a discount on the Rudy's BBQ. Wayne asked for suggestions for games and activities, and payment can be sent with a form from the newsletter to the club PO Box.

Gary Daniels introduced Dave Holody (Audit Director of Freescale Semiconductor) who gave some of the key strategies of Freescale. While Freescale is still digging out of debt from the leveraged buy-out, he mentioned that the leadership under private ownership had been helpful, and he was optimistic about the new focus on financials and key businesses. The new CEO has

been very approachable and engaged with the employees, and the senior staff is very dedicated and competent.

Next, Jim Remedi talked about Freescale and Humana medical insurance. Currently, Humana post-65 mediplus includes prescription coverage. The retiree must maintain coverage, until the spouse reaches 65 (e.g. goes on Medicare).

With other Medicare supplemental policies, one may have to purchase a separated “Plan D” coverage for prescriptions. It is prudent to “shop around” based on the medications you take routinely.

Jim discussed various options for Medicare supplemental coverage, plans A-N. Plan “F” has no deductible, but costs more annually than Plan “G”, which has the same coverage, but a deductible of \$147 annually. Any of the insurance plans, A-N, offer identical coverage between companies, but the premiums may differ, if you care to shop around.

Al Scholin mentioned that the next meeting would be May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center on Lamar. Please note that the picnic comes before the next newsletter, so please sign up early.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

## **2013 Dates to Remember**

General Membership Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the quarter)  
August 13    November 12

Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> month of the quarter)  
July 9            October 8            January 14

Annual Picnic: April ??, 2014 in the Freescale Pavilion or TBD

Christmas Party: TBD

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



## **Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, April 9, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Al Scholin at 10:02 AM.

**Attendees:** Al Scholin, Chuck Barker, Loy Buley, Gary Daniels, Danna Redford, Brent Brown, Mike Coley, Wayne Harned, and Jules Campbell

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Barker gave his report, which was approved. We had a total income of \$671.64 and total expenses of \$314.11. Danna Redford reported that the charge for the room at the Senior Center is only \$45 vs. \$50, based on a change between hourly and flat rate. Chuck will check if we will get a credit. Chuck reported that he will be in Colorado for the summer, and Mike Coley volunteered to fill in during Chuck's absence.

**Secretary's Report:** Jules Campbell read the minutes from the General Membership meeting February 12, 2013, which were approved.

**Membership Report:** Loy Buley reported that, since the February General Meeting, three members (2 new) have paid. Thirty-seven members attended the General Meeting. Loy plans to send an email to the 108 members that have not yet renewed.

Mike Coley mentioned that Freescale Transportation and Wireless groups had layoffs/VSPs in the last few months, especially people over 50 years old. If you know someone in that category, please tell them about MFLSRC, as we're not sure if the club is still mentioned during the exit interviews.

**Program Report:** Gary Daniels said that Arthur Johnson, from the UT football staff, is slated to be our speaker on May 14.

**Newsletter:** Danna Redford said the deadline for submissions is Friday, May 3, 2013. Brent Brown will provide some photos from the picnic. Mike Coley offered to write a "financial" column for the newsletter related to retiree issues, e.g. Medicare, Social Security, Long Term Care, etc. Mike warned that the internet often has out of date, confusing, incomplete or inaccurate information.

**Picnic:** Wayne Harned reported that only 22 had signed up for the picnic on April 23, 2013. We need 50 to get the good discount at Rudy's BBQ. Prizes will be gift cards, for the 1st/2nd place winners of the five games, plus Bingo: \$385 prizes, \$50 more than 2012.

**New Business:** Freescale is leaving the Parmer Lane facility, where the board meetings and picnics have been held. The activity center (Gym) is part of central services for the site, but we may have to find a different location for Board meetings, and possibly future Picnics.

Al Scholin adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, 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 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>
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	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**