

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

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

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

ALERT: The following meeting is **Wednesday, November 13, 2013** (also at the SAC)

Speaker: Regina Lawrence, director of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life at the University of Texas, where she also serves as the Jesse H. Jones Centennial Chair in Communication for the School of Journalism.

Her article entitled “Even Civic Disinterest in Bigger in Texas,” recently published in the *Austin-American Statesman*, led us to invite her as a speaker. It should be most interesting.

Remember **spouses of club members are always welcome** at any of our 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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Minutes of the General Meeting, May 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mike Coley, standing in for Al Scholin.

The minutes of the previous general and board meetings were published in the newsletter and were approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: The current status and 2013 budget were given by Chuck Barker, and approved by the members present.

Membership Report: Loy Buley gave an update on the current membership.

Programs: Gary Daniels introduced our two speakers

- Chuck Lindell, reporter with the Austin American Statesman, who covered the Michael Morton case. Michael was at work as an Assistant General Manager at a grocery store on Airport Blvd at 1:30AM. when his wife's murder was witnessed by their three year old son. However, Michael was convicted without evidence or a weapon, when it was falsely assumed that he was at home. In 2008, his young son's testimony that had been withheld from the defense attorneys and trial was rediscovered. That testimony and newer DNA tests proved him innocent of his wife's murder, for which he had spent 25 years in prison. Recently, Michael inspired and supported new legislation that was passed, requiring information sharing during trials.
- Arthur Johnson, has been with the University of Texas Athletic Department for many years and is now the Senior Associate responsible for Travel, Parents, Human Resources, Legal, Police, etc. He spoke about the "Impact on Youth", e.g., developing life skills, the "UT" Brand, etc. Only 1 out of 17 high school athletes go on to NCAA play. Only 1 out of 50 NCAA players make the NFL, with an average career of 4 years, but ranging from one to 10. He stated that the Longhorn (TV) Network has become a valuable recruiting tool for the team.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

In Memoriam

Gary Johnson

2013 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)
August 13 November 13 (instead of the 12th)

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)
October 8 January 14

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

Christmas Party: TBD

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

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, July 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mike Coley in Al Scholin's absence. Attendees: Brent Brown, Loy Buley, Michael Coley, Gary Daniels, Wayne Harned, and Danna Redford

Mike Coley gave the Treasurers report, which reported a -268.63 change from the May report, there was income of \$11.19 versus expenses of \$279.72. Gary Daniels asked about Christmas Lunch costs. It was stated that \$500.00 had been paid to reserve a room for the next Christmas lunch.

Loy Buley reported on membership. There are currently 94 paid up members, of which 66 are lifetime members, and we have 2 new members. Also the meeting attendances stayed close from year to year.

Gary Daniels reported that he has one speaker for the next General meeting, but would like to have one more and preferably someone to talk on Insurance and Medicare.

Danna Redford reported the Newsletter deadline is 2 August 2013. She also reported that the November meeting will be on **Wednesday 13 November 2013**, since the SAC will be unavailable on the Tuesday.

Wayne Harned is going to check to see if we can still have the picnic at the same place, he will report back.

Brent Brown reported that he has many photos on a flash drive which he is sending to Mike Coley who will pass them on to Pat Haner to put on the website. The website address is WWW.MFLSRC.ORG.

Loy Buley was asked to print a current member list and bring to the next meeting so everyone can peruse it to insure addresses and phone numbers are correct.

It was discussed that we need to decide upon a charitable contribution. Some of the suggestions were: the Food Bank, the Red Cross, the Salavation Army, and Alzheimer's. We'll bring it up to the general membership for voting.

Submitted by Loy Buley, filling in for Jules Campbell

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.

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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