

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

**LONE STAR NEWS**

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**Reminder** -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Wednesday, November 13, 2013** (The SAC is closed on our regular Tuesday)

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, February 11, 2014 (also at the SAC)

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**Subject: "The Texas Drought or How to Live Without Water".**

**Speakers:** Two senior communications specialists from the LCRA, **Marcie Lasseigne** and **Kate Hourin** will provide deeper insight into this crucial area.

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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# Christmas Lunch

**Date:** Tuesday, December 10, 2013. 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

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## Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2013 Christmas Lunch 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: \$20.00 per person  
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Total amount of check included with this mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Minutes of the General Meeting, August 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the previous general and board meetings were published in the newsletter and were approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Coley presented the report from Chuck Barker, and it was approved by the members present. We currently have \$14,869.93, and expenses were \$279.72.

**Membership Report:** Loy Buley said we currently have 95 paid members vs. 150 in 2012. One hundred and three have not yet renewed. The Feb 2013 meeting had 47 attendees, but we had only 32 in August.

**Activities:** Wayne Harned said the **Christmas Party will be Dec. 10, 2013, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, at Maggiano's. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members, but membership is only \$10. You do the math!

**Programs:** Gary Daniels introduced our speaker, Regina Lawrence, from the UT school of Journalism, where she is Director of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life. The Institute's mission is to "Understand and Overcome Obstacles to Civic Engagement". Her talk used statistics from the Civic Health Index compiled by the Census Bureau in 2010, with data from about 1,200 Texans (out of 60,000 nationwide).

### "Even Disinterest is Bigger in Texas"

#### Politics:

61.6% of eligible voters in Texas were registered (Rank 42nd)

36.4% voted (Rank 51st), the national average exceeds 44%

8.9% (Rank 49th) contacted their political representatives.

26% (Rank 44th) discuss politics often, with family and friends.

#### Civic Involvement:

24.7% Volunteer (Rank 42nd), mostly older persons

47.3% give to Charity (Rank 43rd)

38.3% belong to more than one organization (Rank 37th)

**Social Connectedness:**

43% talk to their neighbors (rank 32nd)

15.4% exchange favors with neighbors (rank 16th)

49.7% trust their neighbors (rank 41st)

Participation correlates to Age, Socio-economic status, Race/Ethnicity. Since a healthy democracy requires more than mere voting, the goal is to develop Habits of Citizenship in the youth. Lack of participation is due to toxic news, political polarization, feeling that one can't affect the outcome, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM, and Bingo was started until Pizza arrived for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

**2013 and 2014 Dates to Remember**

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

November 13      February 11      May 13      Aug. 10      November 11?

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

January 14      April 8      July 8      October 7      January 6

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

Christmas Party: December 10, 2013, at Maggiano's (same place as last year).

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 31      May 2      August 1      October 31

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, October 8, 2013**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Barker gave his report, which was approved by the board.

We have total deposits (checking and saving) of \$15,004.14,

Income: Membership \$70, Christmas Lunch \$360, Interest \$1.14 = \$431.14

Expenses: Sr. Activity Room Rental \$40, Door Prizes \$66.93, Pizza \$190 = \$296.93

Net Change: \$134.21

**Secretary's Report:** Jules Campbell read the minutes from the Board meeting July 9, 2013, and the General Membership meeting August 13, 2013, which were approved.

**Membership Report:** Jim Remedi gave Loy Buley's report that we have 98 paid members of which 66 are life and two are new members. More than 100 did not renew. Loy had contacted all non-renews. Gary Daniels started a discussion on whether some Life Members had passed away, and Jim Remedi mentioned that occasionally a spouse will contact him to remove a deceased person from the newsletter emails. It was proposed that Loy email his list to the board to see if any updates were needed. The board also discussed if the Life Membership category should be dropped, but no action was taken.

**Program Report:** Gary Daniels said he hopes to have a speaker from LCRA on the drought's impact on the lakes and water shortage. Lou Struble had also recommended a speaker from Special Olympics for the future. Mike Coley mentioned an economist in Phoenix who is an expert on the Affordable Healthcare Act. She charges a fee to speak, but Mike may be able to summarize information from her website for the group.

**Activities:** Wayne Harned will ask about availability of the Pavilion at Parmer Lane for future picnics. With Freescale moved out, we may need to find a new venue. Suggestions were Austin Parks, San Gabriel Park, Georgetown, Pflugerville, and commuting by bus to the Temple's ranch in Smithville.

The Christmas Party will again be at Maggiano's in the Domain. About 18 have signed up so far. Please make your reservations and payments as soon as possible, e.g. the Nov. General Meeting.

**New Business:** With Freescale's departure, the board meetings cannot be held at the Parmer Facility, so a new location is being investigated, perhaps a restaurant or Freescale's Oak Hill Facility.

Al Scholin adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary MFLSRC

## NOVEMBER ELECTION

We will be having our annual election of officers at the meeting on Wednesday, November 13. The following club members have placed their name on ballot.

<b>President</b>	<b>Al Scholin</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Mike Coley</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>*open / Brent Brown</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jules Campbell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Obie Hasty</b>
<b>President Pro Tem</b>	<b>Jim Remedi</b>

## **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  
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***Our Email address:*** [mflsrc@yahoo.com](mailto:mflsrc@yahoo.com)

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

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	895-2699	OHT	OE 11	Security
Shawna DeShazo	895-3096	OHT	OE 342	Manager, Austin Activity Centers
<b><u>Activity Centers:</u></b>	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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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!

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