

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

**LONE STAR NEWS**

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**Reminder** -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, May 13, 2014**

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 12, 2014 **PLACE TBD**

**The SAC will be closed for renovations starting June 6<sup>th</sup> and won't open again until late September.**

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**Speaker: Kelli Reyna**  
**TxDOT Public Information Officer**  
**Austin District.**

**Subject: Overview of road projects – on-going and planned**

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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## Minutes of the General Meeting, February 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Al Scholin, at 10:05 AM.

**Treasurer's Report:** Obie Hasty gave the report and budget for 2014. We have been running a deficit of ~\$2,000 per year and will exhaust our reserves in 6 to 7 years. Ideas to close the gap were to make the Picnic and Christmas Party meals self paying (e.g., no subsidy), reduce the value of door prizes, etc. Dues have been \$10 since the club's founding, and we might consider an increase or an end to Life Membership. The budget was approved by the members present.

**Membership Report:** Loy Buley said we currently have 75 paid members, plus 4 that paid during the meeting. Today's meeting only had 22, probably due to the ice storm.

**Programs:** Gary Daniels introduced our speaker, David Halody, from Freescale Finance.

David mentioned that Freescale still supports the Austin Marathon that it founded, and volunteers were still needed. He also said that Alan Campbell had retired, but would remain to help with an IPO. Freescale sales are increasing, and it is making progress at eliminating debt. Freescale is still a global leader in embedded processors, and the new CEO, Greg Love, places high value on Intellectual Property (IP).

Freescale is pursuing four markets:

- Automotive is the largest market: Engine Control, Braking, Networks, etc.
- Communications Networks: has high cash flow
- Analog and Smart Sensors: for the "Internet of Things"
- Industrial: Energy Management, Network Security, Smart Grid, etc. is growing quickly.

Since China is building entire cities, it is a region of great opportunity.

Freescale has three remaining wafer fabs: MOS11 in Oak Hill, MOS12 in Chandler, and MOS 13 in Austin. The "back end" factories are in Tianjin, China and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (NOTE: We are sorry to report that Freescale lost about 20 key employees from KLM and Tianjen, in the March, Malaysian Airline tragedy.)

Mike Coley gave a talk on Veteran's Aid & Benefits. He discussed the qualifications:

- Over 65
- Military Service over 90 days Active Duty, one day during a conflict WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and Honorable Discharge
- Medical Necessity for assistance, related to daily living activities.
- Income Test (see Mike for details), but assets can be repositioned.

Mike also noted that the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) should have little effect on those on Medicare.

**Activities:** Wayne Harned reported that the picnic is coming up so sign up and avoid the rush.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM, and Bingo was started until Pizza arrived for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

## **2014 Dates to Remember**

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

May 13      August 10      November 11

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

July 8      October 7      January 6

Annual Picnic for 2015: TBD

Christmas Party: TBD

Newsletter Article Deadlines:                      August 1      October 31

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

## **The Annual Picnic**

On Tuesday, April 29, 2014, forty-one 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 cool but windy and with an almost cloudless sky.

We set up our standard games, kid's basketball (with bean bags), Frisbee toss, golf putting, and lastly the water balloon toss. As usual we enjoyed the non-alcoholic margarita machine, and Rudy's provided the wonderful BBQ lunch with more food than we could eat.

After lunch we continued with the games and awarded the game prizes which were restaurant gift cards this year. The game winners were as follows: Anjali Pai in Frisbee Toss, Mike Temple in Putting, and after a shootout between Mitsuko Stonkus and Laura Voith in Basketball, Laura Voith won.

Next, we started Bingo which was called by Brent Brown. We played six games of straight bingo. The bingo prizes were restaurant gift cards to IHOP, two to Applebee's, and three to a choice of restaurants such as Chili's Grill and Bar, Romano's Macaroni Grill, On The Border, and Maggiano's Little Italy. All of the gift cards were \$25.

We had seven teams sign up for balloon toss. Wal-Mart's finest water balloons were used for this event. It took a distance of approximately 25 feet before the only balloon that was not broken was the one fielded by Yoshiko Beckman and Kai Wong. Their prizes were \$25 restaurant gift cards that could be used at Red Lobster, Olive Garden, and Longhorn Steakhouse.

We noted in our last newsletter the passing of our fellow retiree, Jerre Butler. Shelia Butler visited with us to bring the club photo scrapbook. Jerre had been our previous club photographer and was the keeper of the scrapbook. It was passed on to our current club photographer, Brent Brown.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the lunch setup and serving. Also, thanks go to Loy Buley who checked in all attendees and took the money of those folks paying at the picnic. I hope to see all of you next year at the April picnic in 2015.

Wayne Harned.

### **Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, April 8, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Coley at 10:10 A.M., at our new location: the conference room at the senior center.

**Attendees:** Mike Coley, Obie Hasty, Danna Redford, Brent Brown, Gary Daniels and Jules Campbell

**Treasurer's Report:** Obie Hasty gave the revised budget for 2014 which was approved by the board.

**Secretary's Report:** Prior Board and General meeting minutes were published in the newsletter.

**Membership Report:** Mike Coley (for Loy Buley) reported that the previous membership numbers are in error, and he will publish corrections. Approximately, 75 paid members, 66 life members, equals 141. There are no new members, and 8-10 have not renewed. Freescale stopped informing us of retirements years ago, due to privacy issues (the infamous HiPPA) . So all members are encouraged to actively recruit other members. Ideas for attracting new members: Craig's list, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Pat Haner to put something on the website. If anyone has more ideas please let us know.

**Program Report:** Gary doesn't yet have a speaker for the May meeting. Possible ideas for future meetings: Bit Coins, TxDot (Highways), Ken Hermann (on roads), DPS, Texas Rangers, Texas equivalent of SEC, UT's Dell Hospital.

**Activities:** (Wayne was absent). Brent Brown asked if we should consider changing the activities at meetings, etc., to attract more attendees, and we need multiple meeting reminders (as we get forgetful).

**THE 2014 PICNIC WILL BE 11AM-2PM, APRIL 29th, AT THE PARMER PAVILLION.**

**Other News:** We are sorry to lose Jim and Camille Remedi, and wish them all the best as they return to Phoenix. The Senior Center will be closed for renovations from 6/6-9/30. The board will have to find a new location (TBD), probably a restaurant, and the August General Meeting will have to locate elsewhere (TBD).

Mike Coley adjourned the meeting at about 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary MFLSRC

**In Memoriam**

Dorothy Marie 'Boots' Montgomery

Sharon [Mrs. James] Heironimus

Tim Ahrens

## **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 2014 Officers and Board Members**

### **Elected Officers:**

President Al Scholin, 102 Lampasas Pass, Georgetown, 78628, alscholin@gmail.com, 864-9493  
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### **Board Members (Committee Chairs):**

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, dredford@austin.rr.com, 371-7332  
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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
<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? \_\_\_\_\_

**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**