



The Beacon

National Grid Retiree Club Inc. –
Long Island Chapter

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - BY BOB BENSON

This has been a snowy winter so far and it has shown in the January 3rd meeting of the National Grid Retiree Club. Your officers have been busy trying their best to make your Retiree Meetings more informative and enjoyable. It is your Club and we hope that you do your part by attending the meetings. Your Club Officers are open to any suggestions you may have to improve the attendance at the Retiree Meetings.

The meeting schedule is: First Monday, of February, March, April and May. The Spring luncheon will be held at the Woodbury Country Club on Tuesday, June 7th at 12 noon.

SPEAKERS FOR APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS

April 3rd – Mitsue Salador - Freedom Denied:

A Personal Story – An American of Japanese ancestry, tells of her experiences and those of her family's and of other Japanese Americans in Assembly Centers and Relocation Centers during WWII.

May 2nd – Mark Brier – Comedian: Host of Laughs at the Library and Senior Center. He has appeared at over 70 NYS Libraries from Sag Harbor to Suffern.

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

See the enclosed flyer in reference to our Spring Luncheon, on June 7th, 2010 at the Woodbury Country Club.

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INFORMATION

Any questions pertaining to your prescription coverage, contact Employees Services at 1-866-keytohr in Melville.

5 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW YOUR CELL PHONE COULD DO

For all the folks with cell phones:

(This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you). There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a lifesaver or an emergency tool for survival

Check out the things that you can do with it:

First (Emergency)

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

Second (Locked Keys Inn Car):

Have you locked your keys in the car: Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone:

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from our cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and it you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Third (Hidden Battery Power):

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

Fourth (How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?)

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: *#06#.

A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back. But at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

Fifth (Free Directory Service For Cells).

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial:

(800) FREE411 OR (800) 373-3411

without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now. This is sponsored by McDonalds.

PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

The National Grid Retiree Club, Inc., L.I. Chapter would like to wish all members celebrating a birthday in the coming months, a very happy and healthy birthday.

CONDOLENCES:

Our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends on the death of loved ones. They are in our thoughts and prayers

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I would like to wish all our retirees and their families a wonderful summer. We will see you at our next edition of the Beacon.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To: Bob Greenbaum and his wife, Lorraine, having celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 23rd, 2010. And to all other retirees celebrating their special anniversaries.

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 - 1-866-KEY-TO-HR
 - (1-866-539-8647)
- 401k Hotline
 - 718/403-3131
- Vanguard
 - 1-800-523-1188
- Life Insurance/Beneficiary Change
MetLife
 - 1-800-906-6779
- Investors Relations:
 - 1-718-403-3141
 - 1-718-403-2629
- Pension Checks/Changes in Address/Tax
Withholding/Direct Deposit The Bank of
 - 1-800-634-7936



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Did you know that over 93,000 children on Long Island are hungry or at risk of Hunger?

**THE NATIONAL GRID
RETIREE CLUB OF
LONG ISLAND**

Announces

A FOOD DRIVE

**Please donate food to help out
neighbors who are in need!**

Suggested food items:

**Canned: soups, meat, vegetables, fruit, tuna, sauces, pasta,
peanut butter, jelly, beans, rice, baby food, diapers,
personal hygiene items, etc.**

PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE SPRING
LUNCHEON AT THE WOODBURY COUNTRY
CLUB. THERE WILL BE CONTAINERS AT THE
ENTRANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT.