



The Beacon

National Grid Retiree Club - Long Island Chapter

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Chairman's Corner - By Bob Benson

In 1990 your Past Chairman of the Retiree Club, Rick Vitelli, helped organize the "Golden Donors" Blood Drive. This organization still exists, and consists of the following Active Retiree Organizations, AARP, Verizon, Communication Workers of America, Grumman, and National **Grid**. The next Blood Drive will be the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 6th, 2011 starting at 8:15 a.m. at the Long Island Blood Services Headquarters, 1200 Prospect Ave. (also known as West John Street) in Westbury.

Spring Luncheon – By Ken O'Connor and Stan Sielaff

The Woodbury Country Club patio area with its beautiful gardens and reflecting pool was the site of our cocktail hour on a lovely, sunny afternoon. Some 230 retirees and guests attended the luncheon. Inside, John Geida provided the music for our dancing pleasure for the rest of the day. Once again, Roy Kennedy offered a prayerful invocation. The four-course meal was delicious and nicely presented. The generosity of our guests accounted for a very successful 50/50 raffle.

Important Documents You Need

It isn't enough to sign a bunch of papers for estate planning and end-of-life instructions.

You need to make your heirs aware of them and leave them where they can be found.

Some important documents include:

Essentials - Wills and trust documents

Proof of Ownership – Such as: House, land and cemetery deeds, vehicle titles, stock certificates and tax returns.

Bank Accounts – List of accounts, user names and passwords, safe deposit boxes.

Health Care – Personal and family medical history. Durable health care power of attorney. Living will and do-not-resuscitate order.

Life Insurance and Retirement – Life insurance policies, IRA and 401-K accounts, pension documents and annuity contracts.

Marriage and Divorce – Marriage license, birth certificates and divorce papers.

Too often, valuable funds are abandoned to the State never to be claimed. You can avoid such problems by securing important documents and telling your family where they are stored.

Monthly Meetings – By Ralph Vivo

September 12, 2011 – Robert McMillan will talk about the Panama Canal.

October 3, 2011 – Gardening for Wildlife

November 7, 2011 – National Grid representatives

Reminder – 2011 Retiree Directory

The annual retiree directory along with a list of retirees who passed away, will be available in 2011. There will be a National Grid directory and a separate KeySpan directory. The directories will be distributed electronically via e-mail only. There will be no printed copies.

To request the directory, please e-mail christine.berardi@us.ngrid.com with which directory you would like. Also, note if you'd like your phone number and/or e-mail address listed or if your e-mail address has changed since receiving the last directory. If you do not want your name listed in the directory, please send her a note.

The Club's web site, www.krcli.org, will also include this information when available.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this next quarter of 2011.

Beacon Feedback

We greatly appreciate hearing from you. Please continue to send us your comments and suggestions to further strengthen our organization. We will continue to succeed with your help.

Parking for Trips

Bob Benson has been notified that the Brentwood parking lot will be used for weekly trips. The Hicksville parking lot can only be used on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Helpful Telephone Numbers

- Medical/Dental, – 1-888-483-2123.
The company handling inquiries is called Mercer out of Texas.
- Pension Issues, Deceased Employee - 1-866-KEY-TO-HR
1-866-539-8647
- Vanguard 1-800-523-1188
- Life Insurance/Beneficiary Change
MetLife - 1-800-906-6779
- Pension Checks/Changes in
Address/Tax Withholding/Direct
Deposit The Bank of NY
1-800-634-7936

Editors Note: I've Learned.....

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

By Andy Rooney.