



# The Beacon

National Grid Retiree Club - Long Island Chapter

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## **Chairman's Corner - By Bob Benson**

A Special meeting of the Club's Executive Committee was held in late July to prepare for the upcoming Monthly meetings this Fall. We hope to have an interesting list of speakers to inform and entertain you as we begin another season for the Club. Please make every effort to attend these meetings and invite your fellow retirees along for a fun afternoon.

Catherine Schwartz, our Beacon editor, had recent hip replacement surgery and, on behalf of the Board and all the members, we wish her the best for a speedy recovery.

## **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. Over 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. A total of \$600 in varying amounts was won. Six lucky retirees won \$50 gift certificates as door prizes to various

restaurants. All-in-all, it turned out to be a fine afternoon.

We also had another successful food drive for Island Harvest. Many of our retirees donated non perishable food for this worthwhile charity. Thanks to all who participated.

Another big thank you goes to our luncheon volunteers for the fine job they did. They are: Bob and Marie Benson, Herman and Ethel Hess, Don and Fran Juliano, Loretta O'Connor and Eileen Donohue.

The Holiday Luncheon has been booked at the Watermill Restaurant for Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Mark your calendars for this event. We hope to see you there.

## **Monthly Meetings – By Ralph Vivo**

**September 13, 2010 – Immigration-Past, Present and ...???Future???** Robert McMillan will be our distinguished speaker who will take us on a journey about the history of people who immigrated to the US

**October 4, 2010 – Woodloch Pines.** Our speaker will update us on what this resort offers for short or long vacations, and even retirement living in this beautiful location in Pennsylvania.

Our second speaker, Anthony Saccomanno (a retiree) will discuss variable annuities that

can provide secure income during retirement.

**November 1, 2010 – National Grid.** We expect to have a representative from National Grid who will update us on the status of our retiree medical benefits, pensions and other topics of interest

#### **Reminder – 2011 Retiree Directory**

The annual retiree directory along with a list of retirees who passed away, will be available in early 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](mailto: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](http://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 2010. If you are celebrating a special occasion (50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, significant birthday etc) let us know so we can share the good news in our Beacon Newsletter.

#### **VYTRA Representative**

Please be advised that the new Vytra representative is Beth Sullivan. Beth has taken the place of Kimberly Parker. Beth can be reached at (646) 447-5238

#### **Thought For The Day**

Be who you are and say what you feel...Because those that matter...don't mind... and those that mind...don't matter.

#### **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.

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