



The Beacon

Retiree Club - Long Island Chapter

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Chairman's Corner – by Bob Benson

In these recent times of unusual financial happenings, it is time for all of us to take a "Time Out", and consider the following that was written by George Carlin.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

And always remember; life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away.

The next "**Golden Donors**" Blood Drive will be on Friday, January 2, 2009 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, LI.

Prayer Wheel

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for their

selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Amen'

PERSONAL GO-KIT

Your family disaster preparedness kits should include:

-Medications, essential prescriptions, non-prescription items and medical information.

-Personal items. Eye glasses, personal care items and comfort items.

-Important documents or copies in a waterproof container.

-Driver's licenses.

-Wills.

-Birth and marriage certificates.

-Insurance policies.

-Proof of residence.

-Recent tax returns.

-Credit card and bank account numbers.

-Social security cards.

-Home inventory list.

-Clothing. A change of clothes, rainwear, sturdy shoes and protective gloves.

-Flashlight.

-Items for infants, elderly, pets or loved ones with special needs.

With the hurricane season coming upon us, we may need to evacuate. Having these items will help us get our lives back together if there is a major disaster.

“GOVERNMENT IS LIKE FIRE, A DANGEROUS SERVANT AND A FEARFUL MASTER”. George Washington

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

ANSWER: Only one, but it might take all day.

QUESTION: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

ANSWER: There is not enough time to get everything done.

QUESTION: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

ANSWER: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Next Meeting:

November 3rd – Vice President Maureen Heaphy – Retiree Medical updates for 2009.

December -No meeting in December, we have a Holiday Luncheon.

Condolences:

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

Birthday Greetings:

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

To all retirees that have moved and want their address changed on our mailing list.

We have been trying to obtain an updated list for several months. As of this date, we are still working on it. Please be patient with us. Thank you

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.

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Helpful Telephone Numbers

- Medical/Dental, Pension Issues,
 - 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 NY
 - 1-800-634-7936

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 2, 2008 NOON to 4:00pm

The *elegant* WATERMILL RESTAURANT on Route 347 in Smithtown with its beautiful Christmas decorations will again host our Holiday Party. A cocktail hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, four course dinner, and unlimited wine, beer and soda will be served. A cash bar will be available for other drinks. . Music will be provided throughout the afternoon for your dancing pleasure by John Geida, who did a terrific job last year arousing the holiday spirit in all of us.

Although the caterer increased the prices again your Retiree Club will subsidize that difference. The prices will remain the same as the last two years **\$26 for Retirees, \$33 for Guests, Totaling \$59 per couple**, unless **both** are LILCO, BUG, KeySpan or National Grid retirees. Once again, we will have a 50/50 raffle with approximately 20 cash prizes. In addition, there will also be a free door prize raffle.

TABLE RESERVATIONS: Seating will consist of 10 to 14 persons.
List who you would like to sit with and please contact those persons.

Gentleman jackets please.

Only paid reservations will be honored!!

PAYMENT AND RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 21st !!!

Make checks payable to Keyspan Retiree Club and return to:
Ken O'Connor please call **only** if necessary (516 541 1320)
86 Division Ave.
Massapequa, NY 11758

DIRECTIONS: Northern State Pkwy EAST to the end, merges with Rts 347 & 454, continue 2 miles to fork, bear left on Rt 347-Port Jefferson, go 3 more miles. Watermill is on the corner of Rt 347 and Terry Rd which is less than 20 minutes from the Nassau County line.

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Table Reservation List

Retiree Name(s)	Guest Name	Telephone #
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