



The Beacon

National Grid Retiree Club Inc. –
Long Island Chapter

Chairman's Corner – by Bob Benson

I have received notification from Robert Catell, that as of July 31, 2009, he has retired as Chairman from National Grid, U.S. His new position is Chairman of Advanced Energy Research, Technology Center at Stony Brook University.

Golden Donors:

Our Retirees are running a blood drive on September 8th, the day after Labor Day at the Crest Hollow Country Club, located on Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury at 8:30 AM.

We are definitely in need of blood and anyone that can donate a pint will be greatly appreciated.

Spring Luncheon:

Once again we were blessed with a beautiful afternoon at the Woodbury Country Club. The reflecting pool and the well groomed grounds made an ideal setting for our cocktail hour. Our music was provided by John Gieda and the dance floor was full most of the afternoon. Ray Pierce sang the Star Spangled Banner beautifully and Roy Kennedy rendered a prayerful invocation. The generosity of our guests accounted for a very successful 50/50 raffle. A total of \$675 in varying amounts was won. Six lucky retirees won door prizes, gift certificates to various restaurants. The

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winners were; Mary Razzano, Pumpnickles: Evelyn Strebel, Bonwit Inn:

Barbara Summa, Milleridge Inn; Joe Reilly, Irish Coffee House; Carl Gresalfi, Parkview Inn and Ed Friel, Pia Angelo.

Another big thank you to our volunteers for the fine job they did! They are: Bob & Marie Benson, Herman & Ethel Hess, Dom & Fran Juliano, and Loretta O'Connor.

The Holiday Luncheon has been booked at the Watermill Inn Restaurant for Tuesday December 8th. Mark your calendars. We hope to see you there.

Ken & Stan

Editor's Note:

At this time, I would like to take a moment to inform you that Bob Benson, our Chairman, had open-heart surgery several weeks ago. He is doing fine and left Rehab to return home to continue his healing.

He would like to thank everyone for all their thoughts, prayers, phone calls and get well cards that he has received during his recuperation. They were greatly appreciated. Again, he says "Thank You".

Interesting Website:

www.savvysenior.org is a very interesting website for seniors. Check it out...

Reminder:

Our next meeting date is September 14th, which is the second Monday of September. This is because Labor Day falls on the first Monday of the month.

Riddles:

1. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it and gray when you throw it away?
2. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday or Sunday?
3. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires. The second is full of assassins with loaded guns. The third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

(Answers at end of the page.)

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 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.

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Answers To Riddles:

1. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
2. Sure you can name three consecutive days, yesterday, today, and tomorrow!
3. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right?