



# The Beacon

KeySpan Retiree Club - Long Island Chapter

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## **Chairman's Corner – by Bob Benson**

I recently spent time with our Past Chairman, Enrico Vitelli, who is recuperating from having a serious medical problem. Rick has done so much for the Retiree Club, started the “Golden Donors” Blood Drives in 1990. Rick was also involved with the 25 Year Club picnics, and was deeply involved with the Children’s Holiday Parties.

In closing, Rick is in the “Sunrise” located in 1231 Old Country Road in Plainview, 11803. Stop in to say hello to him, he would greatly appreciate it.

Our Retiree Club was very fortunate to have Mr. Kevin S. Law, President & CEO of LIPA, speak to the membership at the Monday, May 5th, 2008 meeting in the Hicksville Cafeteria.

Mr. Law gave an in-depth, very interesting talk about the Long Island Power Authority, as well as, a short biography of himself and his background. In conclusion, he said he is looking forward to having a continued positive relationship between LIPA and National Grid.

## **Next Club Meeting Dates**

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Vincent Russo – Managing your Finances

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – VP Maureen Heaphy – Retiree Medical updates for 2009

## **Drink, Steal, Swear & Lie**

I met this guy while I was in Albuquerque and he has a motto he lives by everyday. He said listen carefully and live by these 4 rules: Drink, Steal, Swear, & Lie.

I was shaking my head “no” but he then told me to listen while he explained his four rules. So here they are:

1. “Drink” from the “everlasting cup” every day.
2. “Steal” a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are.
3. “Swear” that you will be a better person today then yesterday.
4. And last, but not least, when you “lie” down at night thank God you live in American and have freedom.

## **Spring Luncheon**

Once again we were blessed with a beautiful, sunny 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 he had the dance floor full most of the afternoon. Ray Pierce sang the Star Spangled Banner beautifully and Eileen Donohue 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 prize tickets to a show at either Westbury, Northport, or Bellport theaters.

Another big thank you to our volunteers for doing a fine job. They are: Bob & Marie Benson, Herman & Ethel Hess, Dom & Fran Juliano, Loretta O'Connor and Eileen Donohue.

The Holiday Luncheon has been booked at the Watermill Inn for Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendars; we hope to see you there.

Ken & Stan

**Condolences:**

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

**Birthday Greetings:**

The KeySpan Retiree Club, 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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**Editor's Note**

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

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Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.



