

Long Beach School District Retirees' Association

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: FRANK VOLPE

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, AND THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE BOARD, I WANT TO WISH ALL OF OUR MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Please visit our website at: <http://www.lbeach.org> Go to the top of the screen. Look for the word "RESOURCES" and click on it. On the drop down menu, click on the words "STAFF RESOURCES". When you get to Staff Resources, look at the list on the left hand side of the page and click on "RETIREES". That will bring you to the retiree page. There are links to our Retirement systems and recent Association newsletters. If you have any suggestions for inclusions on the website, please forward them to me at ZVolpe@optonline.net.

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These Board members give their talents, skills and time to serve our organization. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT, JEFF ELIAS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Retirees' Association for allowing me to serve them for the past several years. It was my pleasure to do so, and to be as helpful as I could be. Thanks, too, go to the members of the Executive Board, and, especially, to our new President, Frank Volpe.

I would also like to thank the membership for their support during the past 6 months, and for their contributions to the Scholarship fund established in the memory of my son, Jesse. Those heartfelt thanks are from my wife, Cindy and our son, Scott, as well as from me. Thank you all, again.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RETIREES

ROXANNE FERDSCHNEIDER MARY CONSELLA YVONNE SMITH MARY ELLEN TOSCANO

WITH DEEP SYMPATHY

It is with deep sympathy that we note the passing of the following retirees and we extend our condolences to their families:

THOMAS DELUCA BENINGO ESCALANTE EDITH B. FEUER OSCAR MULLER, DORIS

PEARLMAN JOHN A. TARDINO BEA WEINER.

Condolences to Jeff Elias and family on the loss of his son Jesse and to Marie Bove Doerbecker and family on the loss of her son Kurt. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

• Our next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10/16/12, at 2 P.M. in the Long Beach Public Library. Our new Superintendent of Schools, David Weiss, made a presentation at this year's meeting. The Association thanks him for his eloquent and informative remarks. Thanks to Bobbie Solomon for arranging the presentation.

• Long Beach Retirees Reunion will be held on the third Sunday in January, 1/15/12, at Birch State Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL., from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

- You will be receiving, or have already received, the paperwork for the Medicare Part B Reimbursement for Jan.-Dec. 2011. Please retain all social security statements and documents you receive so you can forward copies to the district as requested. Please complete all forms for and return them in a timely fashion. Payment will be issued within 30 (thirty) days of the districts receiving complete and accurate forms and documentation.
- Medical insurance rates for the Empire plan and the HIP plan will change on January 1. Empire is anticipating a 5-7 % premium increase and HIP is implementing an 8.6% increase for 2012. These rates are used to establish your contributions toward the plan. When we receive these rates we will e-mail them to you.
- It is imperative that you send your e-mail address to ZVolpe@optonline.net. If you do not have an e-mail address, please send us the e-mail address of a trusted family member or friend so that you can be kept up to date during the year.
- Contact Laurie Sarro in the school district's benefit office at 516-897-2095 for answers to your health insurance questions. Ms. Sarro also can be reached by e-mail - lsarro@lbeach.org.
- Health Insurance Dependent Coverage In accordance with the new federal law, dependent coverage will be extended to policy holders children up to age 26 regardless of financial dependency, student status, marital status, employment and residency. After age 26, the young adult option allows your unmarried children, up to age 30, to purchase their own Empire/ Hip coverage.
- Medical Insurance/Travel outside the U.S. Medicare does not cover you. If you are on Medicare, Empire will become your primary insurance. For questions on Empire coverage, call 877-769-7747 For questions on Medicare benefits, call 800-633-4227. Visit www.ipro.org for important updates on senior health care issues. The Long Beach City School District dental plan, does provide benefits for dental services provided by dentists outside of the U.S. It is required that the dentist provide an appropriate license and ID numbers required by the locality in which they practice, for inclusion on your claim form.
- LBCTA Retirees please forward your LBCTA dues of \$9 to Jim Fiola, Treasurer, 149 Southampton Dr., Massapequa, NY 11758. These dues are separate from our Retiree Association dues. The Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association has "gone green". Minutes of Executive Board meetings and notices will no longer be distributed as hard copies. If you would like to join our PACmail distribution list and receive electronic copies of our minutes and notices please e-mail lbctapoliticalaction@hotmail.com. Include your name and the word "retiree" in the subject line. We also maintain an active website at www.nysut.org/longbeach, a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/longbeachteachers (please click "Like" to subscribe) and a Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/lbcta.
- Retiree Association Dues should be sent to: Rica Haberman, Treasurer, 251 Lincoln Ave., Island Park, NY 11558. Please keep current with your dues, failure to do so will result in your being removed from membership in the Association.
- Please report any address, telephone or e-mail changes to both Rica Haberman, rica11558@yahoo.com or 516-431-3910 and Sandy Volpe, ZVolpe@optonline.net. If you are aware of any information changes for other retirees, please forward these as well.
- Scholarships The 2011 scholarship winners were Sophie Corwin, from Long Beach High School, granddaughter of Sandy Hittleman and Jessie Sherman, from East Meadow High School, grandson of Rhoda Sherman. Any dues paying retiree, who has a child or grandchild graduating from high school in 2012 and who would like them to apply for one of our two \$1500 scholarships, please contact our Scholarship chair, Sandy Volpe by email, ZVolpe@optonline.net or phone 516-431-6406.

As you know, the nation's economy is going through troubled times. Public employees, both active and retired have been subject to increased scrutiny. The health of our retirement systems and social security are of primary importance to all of our members. The success of the Long Beach schools, past, present and moving forward is also very important to us as retirees. We have invested in the Long Beach schools and the district has invested in us. When you are asked to support education and public employment, locally, statewide and nationally, answer by exerting a positive influence. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. My phone number is 516-431-6406, e-mail, ZVolpe@optonline.net.

The Tidbits

East-west-north-south to our beautiful City by the Sea
A sharing of news of our "Long Beach family"

**** Please send all your future tidbits directly to me, Thyra at greyhoundfriend@gmail.com****

1. Anita Alcabes: (Massapequa, NY and Salt Lake City, Utah) "Sylvan and I are both doing well for two old... Our younger granddaughter, Liza, graduated from the University of Arizona last May and has a temporary job with a liberal political group. Our older granddaughter, Emily, is teaching English at a university in Turkey. She started doing this when she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. Happy Holidays to all."
2. Julio Avila: (Spring Hill, FL) "My wife and I are going to spend Thanksgiving in Boca Raton. We are going to be the Godparents of my wife's niece on November 27th. We are taking a two week cruise to the Panama Canal ending in Los Angeles California. We will spend a few days in California before coming home for Christmas. In July we went to New Orleans for our 41st wedding Anniversary. Boy does time fly. We sincerely hope that everyone is happy and healthy this holiday season and in the coming New Year. We will not be coming to NY for Christmas until we are guaranteed it will not snow."
3. Lori and Bill Barrish: (Oceanside, NY) "We are still happily ensconced in Oceanside and enjoying the perks of retirement. I'm very involved in my temple, exercise and getting to see Broadway shows as well as "lunching" with my friends. We spend a few weeks in Florida in a timeshare in Jan. and see our Forest Hills kids and granddaughter as often as possible. Our daughter Elana just got a new job in Boca Raton, FL. Wishing everyone well in the New Year coming up."
4. Shirley Berglass: (Boynton Beach, FL) Shirley and Isidore Berglass continue to enjoy the activities at Hunter's Run in Boynton Beach. They are also enjoying and taking pride in the achievements of their children and grandchildren. Shirley attended the West School luncheon last winter and says it was great seeing her former colleagues.
5. Anita Bickman: (Lido Beach, NY and Boynton Beach, FL) "I am enjoying retirement! Rich and I enjoyed a wonderful vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona along with Lauren and Marty Kaminsky. We are going to spend part of the winter in Boynton Beach, Florida at our new condominium Our daughter Laurie got married this summer. My favorite part of retirement is spending time with our grandson Jack who will be turning one year old on December 14th. Regards to all fellow retirees and have a very happy and healthy New Year."
6. Susan Bernstein: (Oceanside, NY) "My volunteer Karaoke Kares group (dj+ 4 -8 singers) has been very busy this fall (Atria, Elmont Sr. Center, Brandywine, Mayfair, and we even went to JASA in Brooklyn). We recently recruited a new singer and we're always looking for new volunteers (who love to sing, and do not necessarily have a fabulous voice). It's just 1 1/2 hours of your time, and you'll have fun alongside the receptive audience."
7. Ginny and Alex Bogdan: (Long Beach, NY and Bradenton, FL) "We welcomed Katherine Noelle Bogdan in September. She joins Emma, Alex and Annie (mommy and daddy are Jean and Alexander). James married his beautiful wife, Stacey, in Philadelphia in March. Alex and I love spending time with our four grandkids, all under 6, but are also looking forward to spending the winter in Bradenton Florida - if you are in the area, look us up and give us a call."
8. Roselie Brenner: (Carle Place, NY) "I am delighted that my granddaughter, Tara has been accepted at Upstate Medical. She will be joining her sister Erica, who is in her first year at Upstate Med. I am confident they will be wonderful doctors. I am well. Teaching seven Tai Chi and Chi Kung classes each week keeps me healthy and is a joy. What a bountiful 'second career'. Thank you for keeping us informed about our colleagues."
9. Carole Condon: (Long Beach, NY) "I've been working at the Point Lookout Library since my retirement in 1999. I job-share with my dear friend and former LBHS teaching assistant, Ingrid Stillwaggon. Jack and I are grandparents to six beautiful boys. We'll celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss next fall with a 23 day transatlantic cruise on the Queen Mary, traveling from England to France to Brugge and Amsterdam. I often see retirees in the Long Beach environs - Judy Bailey is a docent at the LI Children's Museum, Bernice Altarac at DaVinci's Pizza and many others. Thank you, all, for this wonderful newsletter. You do a GREAT job."
10. Carol Cooper: (Boynton Beach, FL) "I am enjoying retirement with Stan and send regards and warm wishes to all my fellow retirees. I am still traveling whenever possible. When visiting in the Northeast in the warmer months, and not spending time with grandchildren, I sometimes get to walk on the LB boardwalk."

11. Elizabeth Crescitelli: (Merrick, NY and Naples, FL) "Ciao! Come stai? I am enjoying retirement. I recently returned from an Adriatic Cruise that departed from Venice, Italy, and then Luigi and I stayed an extra week and visited our hometowns of Rome and Naples. It had been 18 yrs. since we were last there! It was a wonderful trip :) We are looking forward to going to Naples, Florida at the end of November."
12. Bob Dodes: (Boca Raton, FL) "Cheryl had hip replacement surgery last winter and feels great. I got licensed as an amateur radio operator last month and my call sign is KK4ELQ. Cheryl and I went on a wonderful cruise of N. Europe this summer. We traveled with four other couples and hope to go on another cruise together next summer. We moved to Florida four years ago and love the weather and activities. Regards to all."
13. Maris and Hal Dunn: (Boca Raton, FL) "Hi from Boca. I look forward to my annual visit to Long Beach every summer."
14. Selma Fell: (Hollywood, FL) On June 4, 2010, Selma Fell's grandson, Benjamin J. Levine married Meghan Featherston at Tamarac Country Club in Greenwich, Conn. His mother is Rhonda Levine Nahoum, who taught in the Middle School. The bride and groom met in first grade in West School and went all through the Long Beach School system together. So many students and teachers from all our schools attended. It was a ball.
15. Bob Friedman: (Jackson, NJ and Boynton Beach, FL) Marge and Bob Friedman announce the birth of their great grandson, Carter J. Young to their grandchildren Jennifer and Scott Young, September 16, 2011 in Richmond, VA. They also want to announce the marriage of their grandson, Jake A. Kramer, July 3 to Leslie Fichera in Rye, NH. Captain Kramer was recently separated from service in the US Army after serving in Iraq where he was awarded the Bronze Star medal. The couple will reside in Jersey City where Jake has been employed by Goldman, Sachs.
16. Fran Gerstner: (Long Beach, NY) Fran Gerstner is happy to report that she will be traveling to Florida to attend the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Lauren. Lauren is the daughter of Cindy and Mark Gerstner.
17. Judy Goldman: (Boynton Beach, FL) "I spent the summer in Maine, enjoyed the beautiful weather. However I am very happy to be back home in Florida. I love to hear from and see my northern friends when they come south. I love hearing the good news; however the sad news just makes me reflect about the wonderful people who are gone."
18. Barbara Goldstein (West Palm Beach, FL) "I'll be 81 years young November 7th, and am the baby here at Century Village! A folk dance teacher of mine, Betty Yoelson, (from Long Island) is 97 years young, and is helping me teach folk dance. I find it difficult to keep up with her!! I also teach line dance and took my group to entertain at an assisted living place where I volunteer as a music therapist. My students (90 and over) were so nervous that I gave them an extra session before our performance. They were terrific! Besides dancing and helping at an assisted living place, playing Mah Jongg, eating out, socializing and taking courses in the main clubhouse, I've been writing poems and put together a few books. My latest book is on current issues. I would like to share one of my poems with you.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

What's it all about? I don't know.
 Some workin' day and night. Always on the go.
 Still others, lookin' lookin', but not a job in sight.
 Hundreds, thousands out of work. I ask you, is that right?

The world resembles what we use, and we use it every day.
 What are you referring to? "Toilet paper" I hear you say?
 Yes, the paper is much thinner
 And you get less than you got before.
 Thus you use it up much faster
 So you buy a whole lot more;

In other words, the quantity and quality's not there.
 It's money MONEY, that's what matters. No one seems to care.
 Kids come home, all alone. Not an adult face in sight.
 But Ipods, Ipads, computers are there. I ask you, "Is this right?"

Some kids get into trouble. All of us know that's true.
Killings at home....even killings in school!
Now what are we to do?

I guess just keep squeezin' the Charmin.
And let Mr. Whipple complain.
Put on a smile and say, "Que sera sera"
And watch it go down the drain!

Killings in school.....killings at home.....
Terrorists everywhere.
Put our own house in order to prevent the slaughter
And teach folks how to care.

19. Evelyn Grapek: (Boynton Beach, FL) "I am living in Boynton Beach, Florida and enjoying life to the fullest. Who else from the Long Beach staff is living in this area? It would be nice to have a reunion. My number is 561-734-4251."
20. Jackie Grossman: (Naples, FL) "We're back in Naples. I am still recovering from my two herniated discs and my sprained ankle. I started just chipping and putting. The weather is beautiful. Hope Sandy and Frank will be visiting us in February."
21. Joe Hoffman: (Penn Yan, NY and Leland, NC) "We moved to Penn Yan, NY in the beautiful Finger Lakes, right on Seneca Lake. We winter in Leland, NC, just south of Wilmington. Golf, gardening, grandkids keep us busy. Have loads of space in both places for visitors. Give me a call."
22. Sandy Juhansoo: (Boca Raton, NY) "I am enjoying retired life. Tennis, tap dancing, playing bridge, canasta and poker, movies, shows, the beach, and enjoying family. Mom is almost 89 and still driving! My sister and her family (19 yr. old triplets) are in college! Where does the time go? Was in Lido Beach not too long ago visiting family and friends, and this past August was in Rome and Africa. That was a lifetime experience! The way I see it, if you are retired, you earned it! ENJOY!"
23. Marguerite (Midge) Kelerchian: (Naples, FL) "My grandson graduated from high school in May and will be studying to be an English teacher. I am working as school nurse/receptionist and all around aide. Keeps me busy and I love all of it. I send to all, best wishes for good health, happy hours with children and grandchildren and the most important thing of all - to stay busy and active, the secret to long life. Love to all."
24. Tina Korn: (Boynton Beach, FL) Tina and Abe and still love Florida, despite over 100 days above 90 degrees this year. Vacations to the most northern edges of the continent during August help break up the heat. Tina misses Long Beach friends and colleagues and wishes everyone a great year ahead. School in Palm Beach County begins on August 22nd! Tina is there for the first day of school, every year, volunteering to help the kindergarten students find their classrooms and to shoo the parents out of the building. Some things never change.
25. Jeff Kupferman: (Long Beach, NY) "It's hard to believe that year 2 is upon me. Things have settled down significantly after my experiencing a heart attack after surfing, three weeks after retiring. I am healthy and happy and all is well. We are still in Long Beach and I continue to work in my private practice which provides a nice blend of time off and focus. Barbara continues to work as well (much to her chagrin), but it is what it is for now. We travel when we can and it's wonderful not being constricted by school vacations. Our kids are great. Billy, who is teaching Spanish for elementary students in Garden City, got married this summer to Jackie Suskind, a special Ed teacher at East School. They have settled here as well. Lindsay is a music teacher at a K-8 school in Howard Beach. She and her husband Freddie have given us two beautiful granddaughters. They also have settled locally and it is wonderful to be able to see them all the time. Last but not least is Michael who is in his last year at UNC Wilmington where he is working towards a Social Work degree like dear old Dad. In case you can't tell, I feel pretty blessed. My best to all."
26. Gisbert Lange: (Valley Stream, NY) "To quote one of my living literary heroes, David McCullough: "I try to improve myself every single day."
27. Thelma Lennhoff: (Long Beach, NY) "The summer is over and along with all the other snow birds I am going to Florida. Hope to see some of you at the luncheon. Have a good winter."

28. Ronda Levine: (Tarrytown, NY) “Loving life!!!! Between golf in the summer months in Greenwich and the winter at PGA in Florida who could complain. But the best part is that I still get to spend time with my LBMS friends who are so important to me!”
29. Paul and Mary Ann Longo: (Punta Gorda, FL) “It was a very busy year for us. We returned from Punta Gorda, FL in May for our grandson’s communion. Our grandchildren are growing faster than we want. Gabriella is 14, is in advanced placement classes and on her school student government. Dillon is 11 and creating video games on his own. Zachary is the youngest. We spent time with them this summer and returned to Florida on October 16th. We are happy to be back in the sunshine and enjoy every minute here.”
30. Winnie Moroney: (Long Beach, NY) “My best wishes to all my retiree friends. I do not see you enough! Wishing everyone a happy holiday season.”
31. Maryann Norcott: (Long Beach, NY) “I spent my winter in Goodyear, AZ at Pebble Creek. I wonder if any other Long Beach people are there.”
32. Larry Nosowitz: (Bethpage, NY) “Hi. We are going on a cruise to the Middle East. Things are hectic here. I hope to see many of you at the luncheon on Dec 13.”
33. Rhonda Piemonte: (Lido Beach, Naples, FL) “My husband Charlie and I leave for Naples, FL this December for about 4 months. We are officially snowbirds and loving it. The shopping, restaurants, and the Philharmonic keep us very busy and we found a great gym where I do spin classes and Charlie does his gym thing. We usually bike on Sundays for 25 miles through the beach areas. Yankees spring training games are on our list, as is opening day at the Tropicana Field - where the Tampa Rays play. What is not to love? It's a great life and we are forever thankful for it. My sons, Matthew and Bret both live in NJ. I have one grandchild, Justin, age 2 1/2. We babysat during that October weekend where it snowed in NJ. Hope everyone
34. Gloria Renz: (Sanibel Island, FL) “Karl and I continue to enjoy our retirement in beautiful Sanibel Island, FL. I have been retired 10 years and still find it hard to believe. We have spent nearly 3 months, each summer, in Germany since 2004 visiting family and friends. Our son Mark and his wife, who have 2 sons, live in Tequesta, FL. Mark is currently a director and investment counselor in Palm Beach, FL. We enjoy seeing some of our Long Beach friends when they visit SWFL, especially Sandy and Frank Volpe. Congratulations, Frank on becoming president of our retiree association. I appreciate the email I receive from colleagues. We wish everyone happy, healthy holidays.”
35. Muriel Rosen: (Lynbrook, NY) “My son is getting married in May. He has his doctorate and is a research scientist at Columbia Presbyterian in NYC. My daughter is a dentist. I live in Lynbrook in an apartment and love it. I have returned to painting in oils with great enthusiasm. Love to all.”
36. Peter J. Rubino: (Oakdale, NY and Punta Mita, Mexico) “This coming June it will be ten years since I retired. Time flies by faster than ever. I've settled into a quiet lifestyle on Long Island, doing my pharmacy education business from our office in Bohemia. My company, Program Management Services is celebrating its 27th anniversary. If you would like to see what we do, log onto MyCEServices.com. I'm also enjoying a fractional ownership in a villa in Vermont. The house is in the Trapp Family Lodge compound in Stowe. Our family is celebrating Thanksgiving this year at the house in VT. I purchased a condo on the beach in Mexico. I enjoy traveling and NYC restaurants, plays etc. I'm staying in touch with Dennis Sullivan and Peter M. Rubino. Would welcome hearing from any of our colleagues. “
37. Ronni Schatz: (Long Beach, NY) “Greetings from Delray Beach, Florida where we are spending the winter. A highlight of the summer was time in the Berkshires, with Ethan and Jessica's oldest daughter. Her little sister was born on March 26th. Josh moved to Norfolk, Virginia. He is a glass artist, check out his hand-blown pieces on Solomon Solutions on Facebook. A happy and healthy new year to everyone.”
38. Phil Schechter: (Spring Hill, FL) “Barbara and I had a hectic summer. Our travels took us to Long Island, Breckenridge, Colorado where we fished, Aruba for rest and relaxation and then a tour of the Canadian Maritimes. Also, our newest family addition, Rylee, celebrated her second birthday. Thanksgiving will be spent here in Florida with our two sons, daughters-in-law and all three grandchildren. Can't wait!”
39. Dona Schwab: (Baldwin, NY) “Regards to all. I enjoyed seeing everyone at the retirement party. My successor Carolyn Cutler retired. I can't believe how fast the years go. We're doing a lot of traveling, volunteering and just enjoying life. “

40. Rhoda Silverman: (Scottsdale, AZ) "Bernie and I are looking forward to Thanksgiving. Our four grandchildren will be here with us. Since three live in New York, we don't see them very often. Hi to all, be well and happy holiday!"
41. Bobbie Solomon: (Lido Beach, NY) "Our good news is that we have four wonderful grandchildren. Our son Bill is running in the NYC Marathon and raised over his goal for research towards a cure for blood diseases. Jack and I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year."
42. Sally Songer: (Orange, MA) "Grandson #1 is studying in Brussels for a semester, so his mother and I are going there to visit him. Grandson #2 (16 yrs.) just won the high school MD state championship for golf. Lots to celebrate here even 2' of snow!"
43. Anita Verbeke: (Long Beach, NY) "Although I have not recently shared my travel experiences with our newsletter, I thought I'd add to it now. Over the years, I have done volunteer work with an organization in Minnesota, called Global Volunteers, teaching conversational English abroad. Last November, I returned to China teaching for two weeks in Kunming. Years ago I did my first project with them in Xi'an, China. I'm off this coming February to southern India. Eleven years ago I taught in Shahjahanpur, which is in northern India. Last February was in the Costa del Sol; and this July I spent three weeks in Bali and Java. Lastly, I've just booked a two and a half week trip to South Africa for this coming September. Nobody can ever tell me that retirement was boring! When you get right down to it, it becomes whatever we elect it to be, right?"
44. Bea Volpe: (Seaford, NY) Bea Volpe is enjoying her retirement and doing some traveling. She enjoyed a magnificent trip to Central Europe and will be warming up in Miami soon. Bea celebrated a significant birthday with family and friends.
45. Fran Fleishman: (Lido Beach, NY) "Stanley and I recently celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of our oldest grandson, Samuel Imberman. It brought us so much joy! We're packing up to leave for Florida. Love and best wishes to all."
46. Don Whalen: (Stuart, FL) Don Whalen now lives in Stuart, Florida and looks forward every January to the Long Beach retiree luncheon in West Palm Beach. He also looks forward to visiting Long Beach people on West Coast of FL. Paul Longo where are you? E-mail deacdonw@gmail.com.
47. Susan Weinstock: (Long Beach, NY) "Carl and I are enjoying my retirement. He works part time as a teacher of ultrasound sonography. We are hoping to travel soon to visit family. Claudia lives in San Antonio with her husband and two daughters. She teaches ESL to refugee children. One son, Justin, is a violin maker who lives in Maine with his daughter. Our other son, Jovin, is a glassblower who lives in Hawaii. Our daughter Holly is a teacher and lives in Long Beach. We're catching up on some Broadway shows. As a new retiree, finding ways to fill up my days is rather a challenge. Friends assure me I'll soon be busier than ever.
48. Harry Witkin: (Baldwin, NY) Harry is enjoying his retirement immensely! He and his wife Janet are busy rebuilding their home after a disastrous flood. He hopes to see many of you soon.
49. Vera Wurst: (Rockville Centre, NY) "I am doing well and living in RVC. Loving the time I have to see the world. Regards to all of my dear friends from Long Beach."
50. Thyra Zambuto: (Long Beach, NY and Leland, NC) "Life is good with time being spent traveling, doing greyhound rescue and adoptions, volunteering at the hospital, working with Meals on Wheels, playing a little golf and having fun with the grandchildren. It is a pleasure compiling the Tidbits and hearing how everyone is doing while always holding a special place in their hearts for Long Beach. **Please send all your personal future Tidbits to me directly at greyhoundfriend@gmail.com.** Thank you. Happy holidays and best wishes for an enjoyable and healthy New Year."

