

**Retirees Corner**  
**Ray Bailey**

We are into a new year. So, let me say to you Happy New Year and I, for one, am happy to see 2008 go. It was a bad year for everyone. Everyone who had stock, lost money. Maybe we will do better with a new President.



We here at 735 are doing OK. We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner at Wayne Tree Manor. We had reservations for 800 people. If you were there, you saw we were packed and the meal was delicious. In the past, the Local Union has paid for the meal, but this year they could only pay for half. Our Local is slowly going broke. We of the Retiree's Chapter highly appreciate them coming forward with half. We don't know about next year, we may have to charge for the meal. The cost this year was over ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars and everyone that wanted a ticket didn't get one. If you have any ideas, please share them with your Executive Board. We are good listeners.

What do you think President Barack Obama's top priority? Take part in a new poll and voice your opinion at [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org).

Also, there was a National Write to Congress Day (January 28). You have to remember, he doesn't have the 60

votes he needs in the Senate to pass his programs. He still needs our help to put a little pressure on our representatives to help. Our country is in one Hell of a shape. We have to help. You can go to [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org).

The housing crisis has kept thousands of older Americans who need support and care from moving into retirement communities or assisted-living centers, effectively stranding them in their own homes. Not being able to sell their houses or condos, many cannot buy into retirement homes that require a large payment to move in. Some are removing themselves from waiting lists, cancelling plans and staying where they are. Many residents who move before selling their homes are spending their savings while they wait. Staying in their homes is especially risky for Seniors who have trouble getting upstairs or who need someone to check on them.

At the February Meeting we will have a speaker from Holiday West in Westland to tell us of openings in that facility because of people taking their names off the list. It usually takes 5 or 6 years to get in there.

At Local 735, the Retirees meet the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to hear speakers who cover things that concern you. We also have an eight (8) course lunch after the meeting. This gives you a chance to talk to the speakers if you have any concerns about what they covered in their presentation and you might see a long-lost friend.

Make plans now to see the "greatest free show on earth" - the Industries Show at Detroit's Cobo Center, May 16-18.

That's all I have for now, so God Bless and I will look for you at the next meeting.

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