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Literacy-International Service- A time to highlight and emphasize World Community Service Projects

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July 14 Lorraine Keener

21 Jon Jamieson - Dave Mount, Burlington Rotary member and perennial participant in Honduras "build a school project".

28 Carol Hosford- Rep. Tony Klein -future of energy in Vt. He is chair of the Natural Resources Committee.

August 4 Chris Kirchen

11 Ron Geren

18 Vickie Walluck

25 Karl Klein

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance. If you can't get a speaker for that date, please try to trade with another person on the list.

Birthdays: Dinsmore Fulton 7/7; Ron Geren 7/9, Lorraine Keener 7/8

Anniversaries: Carol & Charles Hosford 7/7; Rich & Sally Reisner 7/13

Meeting News

This was Audrey's first meeting as the president of our club. All those practice sessions paid off as she did a fine job.

In spite of the heat, 40 people showed up at the Inn today including one guest, Cassandra Ryan, Larry's granddaughter, (the one he is always bragging about).

Audrey told us there will be a short BOD meeting this morning following the regular meeting. Then she thanked all the members who helped out over the 4th of July weekend, selling tickets all around town, riding the float, selling Chili etc.

Four tickets to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra concert on July 10th were donated and auctioned off. Dave Ellison put in a bid for \$100, which was not topped and he took home the tickets.

We received a thank-you note from the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education Organization for our \$500 donation.

Dave Ellison reminded us that as of July 1st, our annual dues of \$150 are due.

Leo Cohen reported that the total Duck Race sales for the long weekend came to \$1,185. As the sponsorships have covered the expenses of this project, all sales will be pure profit.

Art showed us a copy of the full page ad going into the Valley Reporter. Packages of 20 tickets each were distributed to each of the members, who are required to sell or buy these tickets by Labor Day.

A Sign-up sheet to sell tickets for a hour at one of our venues during the weekend was passed around. Hopefully all the slots were filled.

Ken Friedman thanked all the people who sold Chili after the parade. They grossed \$1,700, net (\$500 - \$700) The secret winner's name will be announced next week. Also he had some Boar's Head hot dogs to sell which were left over from the 4th.

Ron Geren's daughter will make us some more shirts with the embroidered Duck for \$35 each, if we order a minimum of 10 shirts. (Ron was modeling one he has owned for 5 years)

John Crump told us that his weekly Fri. 5 PM Happy Hour is starting again this Friday at his house. It is BYOB and nibbles.

Mega Bucks \$793 to the winner. Lorraine had the ticket, but it took Monk a while to shuffle the deck. He scrambled them well enough as Lorraine drew the 5 of hearts.

Happy Bucks

Rich Reisner - Happy to see Karl back

John Hale - Taking entire family to Cape Cod next week

Trish & Ken- Happy the 4th is over

Art - Grateful to Ken for coming up with a Fundraiser that did not require us to sell tickets.

Dave Ellison - broke 90 at Sugarbush golf course

Wini - Enjoyed visit from cousin & family. Cousin repaired all the broken items on the property.

John Crump - Got to ride in parade 3X wearing Rotary shirt

Larry - Cassandra invited cousin from Mass,

Monk - Received new golf clubs and tennis racket.

It was such a noisy crowd today, some of the "happies" were missed.

Program

Bruce Bertholon spoke on Medicare. His history is 30 years administering and enrolling voluntary group overage.

It is important that you understand how care is delivered, paid for, and provided. There are two ways:

1) Indemnity Plans - Point of service or fee for service. Pays you or the provider a fee for the service provided.

2) Coordinated Care Plans. These are HMO or a facility with a staff. PPO is a network of facilities and Physicians in a Geo. area. An HMO provides the service using its facilities and staff.

A PPO provides a service using a network of Phys. and facilities.

An indemnity plan allows you to make the choice of the point of service

An HMO controls where and who

A PPO provides you with a group to select from within a set area.

Medicare Original: Part A - hospital; Part B - Physician, Part D - Drugs.

Medicare Advantage - Part C - combined A,B,D and supplemental + extras

Original Medicare has gaps - so Medigap (new speak - supplemental) closes gaps. You can't get Medigap unless you have Medicare Parts A & B. The cost of Medigap is about \$2,200/year.

The plans all vary depending on which combo you choose. You can take the plan with you to another state. You must sign up for the Advantage plan between Nov 15th & Dec. 31 to cover the following year. The new health law effective Jan 1st may change everything.

Every facility in Vermont accepts Medicare. To be sure, call your doctor or the facility and ask if they will accept Medicare as payment in full.

Some small facilities can't afford to wait for Medicare to pay and will ask you to pay them at the time of service, and they will fill out the forms and have Medicare refund the fee to you.

Bruce answered a few questions before his allotted time ran out.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the Truth?
- 2) Is it Fair to All Concerned?
- 3) Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- 4) Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

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