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Greetings, Neighbors,

Thanks for your calls and emails...and special welcome to all our new subscribers. Clearly our news coverage during the recent campaign season was very appreciated, judging by the new sign ups and hits on our new web site. For your information, we will keep the candidates' materials posted--nothing like following your elected officials and comparing performance to campaign promises.

IN MEMORIAM Our sympathies to District 17 Lake County Board Member Stevenson Mountsier and the entire Mountsier family on the loss of his brother Robert William Mountsier, former alderman in Geneva. The obituary conveyed the gentleman's commitment to "embracing a better community without losing the village atmosphere."

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MEETINGS

--Re: Concorde Banquets, Monday, May 7, 7:30, Kildeer Village Hall, Board meeting. Concorde is listed as an action item. Several newly elected trustees ran on the Concorde issue; however, they will not be part of the discussion or vote. The old board will make the decision on the Plan Commission's recommendation to approve Corcorde's outdoor tent, with stringent restrictions.

The press has given attention to the Corcorde project, yet when interviewing residents, residents were afraid to be quoted by name. I'm a little tired of hearing people say, "I'm afraid of retaliation if I take a stand." Really? That sounds like caving in to bullies. We can do better--together.

--VODP Board, Monday, May 21, 7 pm, Quentin School or the Barn? We don't know yet. That's right, neighbors. The Barn is still unoccupied. But if you are thinking of having an event there, they are taking reservations. Go to the village web site, and click on the Vehe button on the left, then click on "Projects" to see the basic floor plan.

And we are so looking forward to board meetings in the Barn, with microphones for all the trustees. Thank you to Dave Kizior, who at a board meeting a few months ago assured us that yes, there will be mics. At last, we'll be able to hear what our trustees say, in person and on our DVDs.

Our new trustees will be sworn in that evening: the re-elected Dave Kizior, and newly elected Maureen Pratscher and Bob Kellermann. We expect an independent and bottom-line voice from Bob. On the other hand, based on their own campaign materials, Kizior and Pratscher are pretty much supportive of the status quo, though they did acknowledge at forums that we can expect some lean years until debts on Vehe and the Dahm property are retired. But will the rate of increase of other village expenses outstrip any potential savings on interest payments? Stay tuned!

How will the commissions be distributed? Who will get Roads and Public Utilities, and who will get Finance? Wouldn't it be a great idea to switch around everyone's assignments, so that no one trustee is burdened with the heaviest work load or has the same vendors and consultants dependent on him for contracts.

But whoever ends up Parks commissioner will be interested to read YOUR RESPONSES to the Parks survey. If you haven't yet filled yours out and returned it, a copy is attached. Our Parks Captain Sara Guarisco worked for months to convince Kizior to speak to residents before making grand plans for parks. Seems to me the Municipal Campus (that's what they're calling Vehe Farm now) is a public park, too.

I don't have kids, and Deer Park doesn't have a Park District, so personally, I cannot see why the Village should build or maintain baseball and soccer fields. I would be in favor of the Village renting what we already have AT COST to any teams that want to practice here. Zero out that line item for maintenance. What if we cannot get sufficient rent to do that? Then the teams can play elsewhere, and our parks can revert to natural, open space until funds and projects come together.

But that's just me. What do YOU think? Send in your survey, and feel free to attach an extra sheet of comments.

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