

We've got reports from all over this week. First, Chairman John McDougall reports that the Verona and District Medical Services Committee's appearance at the doctor recruitment event was a good start in the campaign to find more medical personnel for the village. "We had a beautiful backdrop designed by Donna Larocque as an eye-catching attraction a well-designed and informative hand-out for Dr. Dempsey to distribute," he notes. "Our display was in stark contrast to the plastic graphic stuff that every other booth used. We had a rustic wooden stand and a beautiful piece of art." John especially expressed the committee's great appreciation to Doctors Dempsey and Peter Bell of Sharbot Lake for their enthusiastic and patient participation in the evening event after working a full day.

Nicki Gowdy, Prince Charles Parent Council President reports that last week's Open House was a great success. "All the staff came," she says, "and they were very impressed with parent turnout." The evening was a getting to know one another event with lots of games and activities for kids, and Nicki says she saw lots of new faces there. Parent Council meets this Monday, Oct. 1 at the school from 6:30 – 8:00. Child care is available. They'll be planning for fundraising and electing this year's officers.

Speaking of school fundraisers: Nicki is planning a reprise of the popular Toronto Christmas Shopping Trip. For \$27 you are bussed to Ikea (free breakfast, two hours of shopping), then to the Samco-Miko Toy Store and finally to the Vaughan Mills Mall. All profits go to support the Prince Charles Christmas Dinner – a hot meal for every child in the school. Oct. 28. Bus leaves PCPS at 6:30 and returns somewhere around 9:00. Call Nicki to reserve: 374- 3610

While you're planning your October, don't forget to save Oct. 19 for the Christmas for Kids Gala at the Lions Hall. This will truly be the event of the season, so get your tickets at Verona Hardware before they sell out. All proceeds to the Christmas for Kids campaign. And speaking of Christmas For Kids, Rivendell Golf Club sponsored an in house fundraising event that raised \$602.40 for the cause. The club's Golf & Activities Committee used one of its monthly Fun Nights to play night golf (flashing golf balls!) and their silent and live auction brought in the money. What a community! What a club!

Have you noticed a bevy of military folks combing the village this week? Eight military reservists have been assigned to assess Verona for a scenario that would require sudden military cooperation. The reservists are at CFB Kingston on a course in civil/military cooperation, and this is part of their final evaluation. We chanced upon five of them last weekend scouting the Verona Lions Hall, and at that time they didn't know what scenario they would be assigned, but one of them explained that it might be something like an ice storm, where military aid was needed. Another group, who'd been assigned to Gananoque, has the scenario of assessing what would happen if Gan needed to accommodate 5,000 displaced persons. The five people we talked with was the picture of enthusiasm – had taken their own time to drive out on a Sunday afternoon to get a head start on the assessment. Though they seemed awfully young to us, they'd been in the reserves – from Hamilton to Montreal – between 15 and 26 years!

South Frontenac Fire Chief Rick Cheesebrough announced in the latest newsletter that the municipality has a new accreditation: "Superior Water". This means the fire department can flow water at 600 gallons per minute for two continuous hours. What this means for you is a possible reduction in your insurance. If you live within 8 km. of any South Frontenac fire hall, call your insurance company to see. For information call 376-3027 ext. 2234