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**PEF REGION 8 RETIREES
MEETING 5/2/2022**

President's Remarks- Karen again placed emphasis on RSVP's and a need to strictly adhere to it. There will be one meal choice and once you have made a reservation if you cannot keep it, please contact pveteramo@pef.org or call Paula at 518-785-1900 ext. 288 to leave a message if you cannot attend. We will try to cancel the meal reservation if possible. We are no longer offering a zoom option for the in-person meetings. There were too many technical obstacles.

There was a discussion on Medicare and the possibility of doctors opting out for a new plan in January 2023. It will be called REACH (Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health). You should be on the lookout for a letter from your care provider that lets you know their practice is joining the new initiative. Members make sure to ask doctors when making appointments if they are still taking the Traditional Medicare plan before going to those appointments. Those visits will be out of network if the doctor no longer participates in traditional Medicare, and you will be transferred automatically to this new program if you attend the appointment.

TREASURERS REPORT- Current balance is \$19,987.15. This is before the cost of this meeting and the picnic.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- 173 RSVP'D to attend this meeting. Picnic tickets for the TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, PICNIC at LANTHIERS GROVE were on sale.

PAC- WE discussed the health diminishment bill and the new COLA legislation that PEF is sponsoring and supporting letters were handed out for members to sign for legislators.

GUEST SEAKER- Peter Bowden- Peter gave a talk on grass- how to care for it, grub and insect problems and "critter" problems especially voles and moles and the distinction and how to get rid of them. He brought many items to give away to members.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm was made by S. Jeffords, seconded by A. Yasus and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Messina, Secretary