

## JULY 2009

Of course, July 4<sup>th</sup> is the day America celebrates their Declaration of Independence from Great Britain in 1776.

During the American Revolution the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.

A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

John Adams was off by a couple of days but Americans have continued to celebrate their day of liberty. I hope you had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrating with family and friends. (Wikipedia)



July is also a vacation time and enjoying the great weather of summer. Robert Richardson, Liz Richardson and Bonnie Ellis are going to enjoy the International Training in Communication Convention in July. The Convention will be an Alaskan cruise. Valley Communicators members can't wait to hear about the fun and learning they will experience at the Convention.

Here are some summer quotes that will get you thinking about this time of year:

“Summer afternoon, summer afternoon. To me, those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

-Henry James

“Ah, summer! What power you have to make us suffer and like it.”

-Russell Baker

“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.”

-Sam Keen

July is also the last month in the term for International Training in Communication. Valley Communicators Club will be continuing for 71 years. That is quite an accomplishment!

This is the last issue of the year for the Valley Communicators Newsletter. I have enjoyed keeping members informed of club activities and fun trivia and facts. **HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AND FUN 2009/2010 YEAR.**

