Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
March 5, 2019

Reminder...“It's your lucky day,” the next Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Penfield (FBP) will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at 1862 Penfield Road. FBP invites you for delicious pancakes, pure maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, and more...all for just $5.00 per person. All March proceeds will go directly to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Fellowship Hall is handicapped accessible and the breakfast is outstanding! For more information and details, please go to www.fbpenfield.org.

Last week I had the honor of attending the first annual pasta dinner fundraiser for the Penfield Community Victory Garden at the Penfield Community Center. This dedicated group of gardeners and friends worked with about a dozen businesses to have all the food goods donated for this event and they prepared a wonderful dinner complete with trimmings. Despite some foul winter weather, the group was able to raise approximately $1,800 that they will put back into this community resource by way of a building, fencing, and other improvements to add value to the program. Congratulations on a very successful fundraiser, I look forward to next year’s event.

The Penfield Rotary Club held another successful Brew & Dinner Pairing at the Penfield County Club with proceeds benefitting Camp Haccamo and Honor Flight Rochester. Chef Matthew Lott and his team prepared four amazing tapas style courses inspired by and paired with K2 Brothers craft beer. Bach to Rock Music School provided some wonderful entertainment and Iron Smoke Distillery was on hand providing samples. Congratulations to Marie Cinti, Club President; Steve Lawrence, Membership Chair; and Keith Rose, Event Coordinator on another great event in support of two very special and deserving organizations.

Yesterday, the town of Penfield hosted an eastside “town hall” style presentation about the ongoing opioid crisis affecting our neighborhoods. The presentation was informative and eye-opening but also gave practical advice to employers on how to best respond to the needs of employees who may be dealing with opioid addiction or the challenges of a loved one with addiction issues.

During this 90-minute presentation we heard from local dignitaries, business leaders, treatment professionals, and law enforcement on ways we, as town and village leaders, can address and help with the crisis, not only in the workplace but in our communities and personal lives. Attendees were provided with resources and strategies as well as a “Toolbox to Recovery” that can be used in our town and village offices and beyond. The opioid crisis has a significant impact on workplaces, the local economy, families, and our communities but we can all play a part in helping those in need.

Are you looking for some fun activities with your youngest Penfield resident? If so, come join in on “single servings” on March 21, April 25 and May 16. This program is for children ages 2-6 with an adult. March 21 is entitled “Something Good.” Is your family brave enough to sign up for a mystery class? We will read Mrs. Murray’s favorite children’s book, make her favorite snack, and participate in some of her favorite crafts and activities, registration # 112413-03. April 25 is “Messy.” Come have fun and leave the mess here! We’ll listen to the book “Pigsty” and explore paint, fuzz, foam and shaving cream together. Everyone will make a messy snack and have some fun projects to take home, registration # 112413-04. May 16 is “Celebrate the USA.” Let’s have a night of red, white and blue! Our snack and all of our projects will revolve around the colors of the flag. Let’s be patriotic and have fun together, registration # 112413-05. All programs are at the Penfield Community Center and run from 6:00 to 7:00PM. The fee is $15.00 per session.

Reminder...set your clocks ahead this weekend. Sunday, March 10 is the beginning of daylight savings time. This is a sure sign of spring, and with the weather we have experienced in recent weeks I think we will all happily take the longer daylight hours to help move us closer to spring!

Until next week...stay warm, turn your clocks ahead, and think spring!

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