Last week due to some computer glitches, the Penfield Post was unable to receive my column; hence it did not get printed. The Post did add the column to their website and it is on the Town’s website at [www.penfield.org](http://www.penfield.org). Those bugs have been worked out to avoid future occurrences.

I delivered the State of the Town Address at the last Town Board meeting. The presentation was broken into four major components; financial, development, business, and community vitality.

I am very excited where the Town of Penfield is and where it is going. We have a very strong balance sheet and maintain the highest credit rating for a town our size; development is being well thought out and planned through the support of our staff and boards; the business districts are continuing to look for ways to grow, expand, and enhance the services they provide to our residents; and the community spirit and volunteerism is becoming very contagious on all fronts.

During the presentation I included a number of “Did you know” slides, such as…the tax rate for 2010 is $0.31 less than that of 2003?…that Penfield assumed its place as a Town of New York State (formerly called Northfield) in the County of Ontario on March 30, 1810?…that Penfield is a recognized leader in energy conservation, which has helped the Town reduce spending over the last ten years?

If you would like to view the presentation, please log on to [www.penfield.org](http://www.penfield.org). And as always, if you belong to a group or organization that would like me to make a presentation about any aspect of the Town, please contact my office. I am always willing to share the great things going on in our community.

Tickets, tickets, tickets! This is the last call for Euchre tickets for the Rotary Bi-centennial Tournament to be held Sunday, March 14. For more details and to order tickets, logon to [www.penfieldrotary.org](http://www.penfieldrotary.org).

Also, tickets are going fast for the Bicentennial Gala to be held on Saturday, March 27 at the Daisy Flour Mill. This will be a wonderful event with good food and drink, and wonderful music provided by several local and highly recognized musicians and musical groups. See the details on this and other activities during this bicentennial year of celebration at [www.penfield2010.org](http://www.penfield2010.org).

I will close with a very special story. The Town Board had the honor and pleasure of meeting Kyle Schuhart. Kyle is 16 years old, he has Cystic Fibrosis (CF) he is a sophomore at Penfield High School and President of his class for the second consecutive year. Kyle is the recipient of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Greater Rochester Chapter Young Leadership Award and is the CF Ambassador of Hope.

Kyle recently teamed up with Jordan Henry, a defenseman with the Rochester Americans and several other members of the Amerks and Knighthawks for a Celebrity Waiter Dinner benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Rochester Knighthawks/Amerks Charitable Foundation, Inc.

For more information and to see all the fun and hilarious antics that was had at their recent dinner, go to [http://rochester.cff.org/celebritywaiters](http://rochester.cff.org/celebritywaiters).

Kyle is a young man to watch, he will do great things in his life time for CF and our community…Kyle becomes part of “Penfield’s Wall of Fame,” congratulations!

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