Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of March 10, 2014

Last week I had the honor and great pleasure of participating in the National Education Association’s “Read Across America” at CP (cerebral palsy) Rochester, which is part of Al Sigl Community Group. CP Rochester supports people with physical and developmental disabilities in choosing and accomplishing individualized life goals. The Kids Miracle Making Club (KMMC) of Penfield sponsored the event. In recognition of Dr. Seuss’s birthday on March 2, guest readers were asked to bring and read their favorite Dr. Seuss book. That was an easy choice and brought me back to reading with my daughters and now grand-daughters…"I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!" This was a very rewarding event. I want to recognize and thank CP Rochester and the KMMC for all they do to support our youth.

Last weekend the KMMC hosted a series of events to raise money to help fund a new clubhouse. I joined in and had an opportunity to meet and spend time with NFL Players Don Carey, currently a safety with the Detroit Lions, and Keith Henderson, retired running back and super bowl champion of the SF49ers. The NFL players spent countless hours visiting CP Rochester, Golisano Children’s Hospital, and the Mary Cariola Children’s Center. They also spent time in Penfield sharing stories, signing autographs, taking photos, and serving a pancake breakfast. At a time when we hear and read so much negative about the NFL, we need to stop and recognize that there are still great people playing and retired from the organization who are looking to make a difference. I will tell you that Don and Keith are great men and wonderful examples for our youth to look up to. Congratulations to Steve Pellow, President of KMMC, and his entire team for a wonderful weekend of events. To learn more about the club, please log on at www.kmmclub.org; this is yet another reason Penfield is such a great community!

March 29 through April 4 is “Healthy Relationships Week” sponsored by the Penfield school-community partnership. I have two important events marked on my calendar. The first is “Healthy Teen Relationships 2014: Equipping Your Son or Daughter for a Safe Social Life,” on Thursday, April 3 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. at the Penfield High School auditorium, presented by Aaron Boe. Mr. Boe is a national speaker and prevention educator who combines his powerful personal story and humor with the latest research and critical insights from social psychology to prevent harm before it occurs. The second event is the “Community Pasta Dinner” at the Penfield High School cafeteria on Friday, April 4 with two seatings at 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. The cost is $5.00. Tickets are available at the Penfield Recreation Department or online at www.penfieldrec.org. Please note that there will be limited tickets at the door the day of the event.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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