It took five weeks from the original date of April 27 to hold Penfield Little League’s Opening Day; however, this past Saturday there was finally a nice “Opening Day II” parade with plenty of sunshine and excitement in the air. All the planned games were played with a new twist, in that the Red Wings took over a game as coaches of each team and the “Voice of the Red Wings” announced the game!

I would like to recognize and thank Penfield Little League President Greg Kamp and the Board of Directors, as well as Parks Foreman Tim Masterton and his entire team, for working extra hours to manage the fields with our unusually wet spring. These two groups spent countless hours to ensure fields were safe, not damaged by early play, and ready for a great experience by our youngest residents. If you want to see some great baseball, enjoy a burger or hot, and be part of some of the best baseball in the region, stop down most any night and join in, it is a quintessential summer experience.

While Sunday started out on a wet note, the Annual Pie Social at the historic Dayton’s Corners School/Museum (DCS) went on with sunshine, pony rides, activity on the playground, tours of the school, and plenty of pies, cookies, and lemonade. I saw many familiar faces and new visitors enjoying this wonderful Penfield resource. I would like to recognize and thank DCS coordinator Barbara Quinn and her entire teaching team for this wonderful event and for hosting fourth graders from across county so they can experience a school day in a one-room school house. Everyone had a great time, pies were sold out, are plans are already underway for next year!

Last week I was invited to a presentation by Laura Streeter who teaches Participation in Government at Penfield High School. Her class studied parking patterns at the high school and the community center to analyze what could be done to add more parking at the high school and help reduce parking at the community center. I was impressed with the variety of recommendations and solutions identified by the students. Their ideas will be reviewed by school administration for possible implementation in the fall. Great job all! Your interest, creativity, and recommendations could help improve parking for both the school and town for many years to come.

I would like to share with you some information about an amazing person I met about 20 years ago. Over the years I have had the pleasure of getting to know her and learn of her amazing accomplishments. She is Joyce McChesney, M.D. Upon graduation from high school in 1943, Joyce began a six-year medical education odyssey that took her first to the University of Rochester and then to Western Reserve University in Cleveland Ohio for pre-med. Then it was on to Northwestern University in Chicago to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in 1947, a bachelor of medicine degree in 1948, and finally her M.D. in 1949.

Having proven herself capable of choosing and successfully traveling a road rarely taken by women of her generation, Joyce decided to specialize in anesthesiology, a part of medicine which was virtually non-existent at the time. In 1950, she became a resident in anesthesia at the Sawtelle Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles. By 1952, she had opened her own anesthesiology practice.

Upon returning to Rochester, Joyce spent the next thirty years as the attending anesthesiologist at St. Mary’s Highland and Monroe Community Hospitals, was a member of the staff at Meyers Community Hospital in Sodus, and was a consultant anesthesiologist at Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport. From 1970 to 1983, Joyce was appointed chair of the division of neuro-anesthesiology at St/Mary’s Hospital. Dr. Joyce became one of the first anesthesiologists, let alone female anesthesiologists, in practice anywhere in the country.

On May 24, 2019, her family and the entire medical community lost Joyce at the age of 92. I am honored to have known Joyce. She was an incredible woman who gave much to her family, friends, profession, and to society in general. For a complete biography of Dr. Joyce M. McChesney, please visit the National Library of Medicine website.

Until next week...be well and be safe!

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