In speaking with Penfield Librarian Bernadette Brinkman, she was delighted to update me with the results of the recent book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Penfield Public Library. It is a great story, with more than $27,000 raised to fund programs and enhancements to library services not otherwise allowed for in their operating budget. Some of the items funded in past years include year-round programming for all ages including Summer Reading Game activities; special programming for “Spring into Arts;” technology upgrades for new wireless hot spots; and an accessibility scooter to allow use of library facilities by patrons with mobility challenges. The Friends work year-round to provide an attractive sale for the community. They were assisted by other community members including students from Penfield High School and other town employees from Recreation and Public Works who contributed efforts to ensure the sale’s success. Congratulations to the Friends of the Penfield Public Library on another very successful event in support of the library.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the 2013 Business Expo sponsored by the Brighton-East Rochester-Fairport/Perinton-Pittsford-Penfield-Victor-Webster Chambers of Commerce. This sold out trade show and networking event was held at the Penfield Country Club and was a great opportunity for small and large businesses to share information, exchange ideas, and identify solutions to business and community needs. This was the second annual expo and it continues to grow and expand in popularity. I am already looking forward to next year’s event.

Let’s give a special shout out to Jennie Hansen of Penfield who in July became the 2013 Lake Placid Ironman Female Champion; she will be representing Western New York in the Ironman’s international competition next month. Jennie will compete against the best women in the world in the super bowl of Ironman racing in Kona, Hawaii. The Ironman competition includes a 2.4 mile swim, a bike segment of 112 miles, and then a 26.2 mile marathon run…and will take 9.5 hours to complete. Jennie, as you complete your training and head to Hawaii, “do well…E ho omaika i.”

I am reminded of Penfield Rotary’s Fall 2013 Charity Euchre Tournament to be held Sunday, October 6 at the Legacy Willow Pond with a check-in at 1:30 p.m. and a start time of 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $20/person if purchased by October 4 or $25 on the day of the event. Prizes awarded to the top 100 players based on scores from eight games. Prizes include a 32” flat screen TV plus two 50/50 drawings. All proceeds will benefit Camp Haccamo for children and adults with a wide range of disabilities and other Penfield Rotary programs. For more information on the tournament, contact Christian at 451-4143 or Chris at 944-0688.

Reminder…Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is the new Fall Recycling Day for electronics, secure document shredding, clothing, metals and brush. There will be a ribbon cutting at 9:15 a.m. for the new St. Pauly Textile Shed located at the DPW Facility, 1607 Jackson Road.

Important dates and events in history: September 23, 1806 – Lewis and Clark return from exploring the Louisiana Territory; September 25, 1789 – The United States Congress adopts the Bill of Rights (containing the 1st ten amendments) and sends it to the states to be ratified; September 29, 1789 – The United States Army is established.

Until next week, enjoy what is shaping up to be Indian summer, it puts us that much closer to spring!

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