The Penfield Historic Preservation Board recently hosted “Historic Preservation Appreciation Day” with guest speakers including Cynthia Howk from the Landmark Society of Western NY, Jerry Ludwig from the Democrat & Chronicle, Steve Jordan, author of “The Window Sash Bible,” and Bruce Zaretsky of Zaretsky & Associates Landscaping. Town Historian Kathy Kanauer was on hand to provide information on historic homes for owners of historic properties in town. More than 50 people attended the program and gave it rave reviews.

At the event, the Historic Preservation Board awarded Bridget Marsh and Malcolm Mark Nulton with this year’s Jeffrey S. Crane Preservation Award. Both recipients are credited with preserving Penfield’s past in ways that will sustain their properties well into the future. Bridget was recognized for overseeing the rehabilitation of a residence at 1750 Penfield Road. The house, built c. 1890, has been thoughtfully restored to honor its past and reclaim its prominence along Penfield Road. Mark received the award for his significant restoration of 1759 Penfield Road. Mark, a jeweler, will live on-site and operate a jewelry store. The property is the former convent for St. Joseph’s Church.

The Historic Preservation Board established the award in 2007 in honor of Jeffrey Crane to recognize individuals who have cared for Penfield’s past through the preservation of a structure of historic significance. On behalf of the Town Board and the entire community of Penfield I would like to recognize and thank both Bridget and Mark for preserving the historic nature of the Four Corners of our great town.

I had the honor of attending the third annual “Bully Busting” event at Master Kim’s Tae Kwon Do Institute and witnessed 60 teachers, teaching assistants, and principles break a board to bring awareness to bullying in a truly unbelievable night. These wonderful educators reminded the more than 200 children in attendance that they truly care about them and that bullying will not be tolerated. All too often we hear heartbreaking stories of children taking desperate measures to counter bullying. Master Kim and his staff are committed to the youth of our community to help instill valuable character traits, beliefs, and habits in our children such as self-discipline; the ability to stay calm under pressure; appreciation of teachers, parents, and other mentors; and the value of proper diet, exercise, and education. Children learn that together, all these qualities lead to a happy and fulfilling life. I am already looking forward to next year’s program that promises to be even bigger!

The next Penfield Players program will be Murder Weapon by Brian Clemens—an open and shut case, or is it? When Chief Constable Bligh accompanies her friend Dianne Tulliver home to Dysart Hall after a night at the opera they arrive to a horrifying scene...Diane’s husband Paul has been shot dead and ex-con Charley Mirren is standing over him bearing a gun! Murder Weapon is an ingeniously plotted, highly tense thriller from the author of Strictly Murder and creator of the popular 1960s British spy series, The Avengers.

Show dates are October 28, 29; November 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8:00 PM. There will be one Sunday matinee on November 6 at 2:00 PM. All performances will be held at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. Pre-sale tickets are $12.00 and may be purchased at the Recreation Office in person or by phone at 340-8655 or online at www.penfieldplayers.org. Advance tickets are strongly recommended, remaining tickets will be sold at the door for $15.00.

I close this column on a sad note...condolences go out to the Heiligman and Mulley families for the loss of their three-year-old son and grandson Jack James Heiligman in a home accident. He will be remembered as a young boy full of life who enjoyed books, baseball, dinosaurs, the Seneca Park Zoo, and anything the color of blue. Jack was the grandson of Penfield Town Justice James Mulley. Please keep the Heiligmans and Mulleys in your thoughts.

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

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