Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
December 5, 2016

I am reminded by our Recreation Department that the last “Friday Out to Lunch” event for 2016 is Friday, December 16. The group will depart from the Community Center at 11:00 AM for the Brook House to enjoy the holiday season in their festive dining room decorated with hundreds of twinkling lights, animated figures, and holiday decorations. The fee is $10.00 and lunch is on your own. The vans will return by 2:30 PM. For more information go to www.penfieldrec.org or call 340-8655.

One more plug for the wonderful display of antique and vintage toys that will be up through the holidays in the Local History Room (LHR) located at the rear of the Penfield Library. This display is a treat for all ages! Please come enjoy this unique collection and many other interesting items available at the LHR. Hours are Mondays, 12:00–5:00 PM and 7:00–9:00 PM; and Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM and 12:30–4:30 PM. A special thank you to Town Historian Kathy Kanauer and her team for putting this wonderful display together for all to enjoy.

Watch your mailboxes over the next week or so for Penfield Recreation’s Winter/Spring 2017 brochure. This publication is filled with programs, trips, special events, sports activities, and much more. Registration begins on January 3 unless otherwise noted, and many programs offer reduced prices for registering online at www.penfieldrec.org. Due to the popularity of our programs many fill up quickly, so don’t delay in registering!

The 2017 Town of Penfield community calendar is out and available for our residents. This publication is filled with information, meeting dates, general town information, and more events you will want to track. This calendar would not be possible without the support of several of our businesses in Penfield. They include Master Kim’s Tae Kwon Do Institute, Hong Wah Chinese Restaurant, and Woody Acres Farm. These three sponsors give back so much to our community, please consider supporting them. Healthy businesses make for a healthy community! You can pick up your calendar at Master Kim’s, Hong Wah, Woody Acres Farm, the town hall or community center. I would like to recognize Sabrina Renner and her team for putting together another wonderful calendar…great job! (It’s not too soon to think about the 2018 calendar. If you would like to be a sponsor contact Sabrina at 340-8651.)

As we close in on the upcoming holidays, please consider supporting the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf with non-perishable food donations or a financial contribution. This wonderful volunteer organization is run on 100 percent donations. For more information on their current needs or how to become involved, go to www.penfieldecumenicalfoodshelf.org or call 234-0799.

Important Dates and Events in History:

- December 5, 1792 – George Washington was re-elected President of the United States; John Adams was re-elected Vice President.

- December 5, 1933 – The 21st Amendment is added to the US Constitution to end Prohibition, which was instituted through the 18th Amendment with the backing of the temperance movement. The 21st amendment was an admission of the terrible failure of prohibition, which led to people disrespecting the law and criminals to do well selling illegal alcohol. Repealing the 18th amendment didn’t make alcohol completely legal through the entire country. Many states decided to keep anti-alcohol “dry laws” in place long after the 21st amendment. Even today, there are some restrictions regarding when and where adults can buy alcohol.

- December 7, 1941 – Japanese warplanes attack the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii killing more than 2,000 Americans and sinking the majority of the American U.S. Pacific Fleet.

- December 7, 1994 – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day established by Congress. American Flags should by flown at half-staff to honor the 2,000 Americans who gave their lives in the surprise attack.

- December 8, 1941 – Congress declares war on Japan after a national radio address by President Franklin Roosevelt in which he famously declared, “Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

Until next week let us all remember...