



# Point O' View

## The Newsletter of the Fairview Family Summer 2011

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### A word from the Administrator...

Earlier this week while reviewing budgets for the next fiscal year I found myself reflecting back to all the amazing accomplishments that have recently occurred at Fairview. Individually and collectively our staff has been part of a renaissance of achievement during the past twelve months.

Fairview was rated as one of the top 35 nursing homes in the country; we achieved a 5 star across the board rating from Medicare; we had a perfect, deficiency free survey; we converted our day care center into four beautiful apartments; we were chosen by Pfizer for a unique pro-bono project to improve the care of Alzheimer's residents; we were rated as one of the top nursing homes in the United States by U S News and World Reports.

Deb Morgan, our Director of Nursing, received the Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing. This award is given annually to recognize recipients' for their generous contributions to the field of nursing, distinguished service and leadership. David Brown, our Director of Development, received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Mystic Chamber of Commerce. David Richards and Sandy Lipowski from our Dietary Department won the Attendee Choice Award at CANPFA's Annual EXPO for the expertly decorated cake that they submitted to the Celebrate Age Cake Challenge.

Please join me in congratulating our staff who, working together, continues the 119 year tradition of making Fairview such an exceptional facility; one that our community has come to depend on for housing, rehabilitation and long term care.

**James K. Malloy, Administrator**

### CAR RAFFLE DRAWING JULY 9!!!

In just a few short weeks (July 9) a lucky winner will be drawn for the 2011 Fairview car raffle.

Only 750 tickets were printed. The odds of winning are excellent. This year's vehicle is the Honda CR-Z Sport Hybrid. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Fairview unrestricted Annual Fund. Anyone who purchases a ticket will be provided a parking pass to drive onto Fairview's property (upon request) to watch the Mashantucket fireworks display. All you need to do is purchase a ticket. A flyer is enclosed providing all of the details. Thank you in advance for your support.

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## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Fairview has been blessed with extremely loyal supporters. Hundreds of thousands of dollars has been raised through our various fundraising events and programs. Even during the worst of the economic downturn our constituents continued to support our mission which is to provide our residents with the best nursing care and rehabilitation services while enhancing the quality of their life in a dignified atmosphere by using the skills and compassion of our staff, and utilizing the latest advances in technology.

The success of our annual fund, car raffle, antiques and collectibles auction, gifts-in-kind and grant requests from local foundations in large part determines what equipment and programs we can afford to provide for our residents outside of our operating budget.

Thank you to all of our benefactors large and small. We would not be who we are without you.



Pictured above is a recumbent exercise bicycle that was donated by Mrs. Mary Roy in memory of her mother who was a resident of Fairview.

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**Individuals can donate to Fairview in the following manner:**

IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE  
 ENDOWMENT  
 RESIDENT'S FUND  
 NURSES' FUND  
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**LEAVE YOUR LEGACY AT FAIRVIEW!!!**

June is Leave A Legacy month in Connecticut. Please consider leaving a charitable bequest to Fairview in your will. You will be recognized on our newly established Fairview Legacy Donor wall. For more information please contact David Brown, Director of Development, at 860-448-4722 or at [brownd@oddfellowsct.com](mailto:brownd@oddfellowsct.com).



2011 Fairview Medal Recipients David Reindel (L) and Dick Campbell

**FOURTH ANNUAL FAIRVIEW MEDAL DINNER HELD APRIL 30**

Once each year, Fairview honors two individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to Fairview over an extended period of time. These men and women have risen above their peers by providing invaluable assistance to Fairview, whether through personal effort, selfless gifts of time, financial aid, or other behind-the-scenes involvement. Without such people, Fairview could not maintain its high level of excellence.



(L R) – Dorothy Titus, Tricia Cunningham, Janet Reindel; Dick Campbell, Keith Cunningham, David Reindel

This year's winners are Richard Campbell and David Reindel. Dick Campbell owns Campbell Services, a dealership specializing in outdoor power equipment. He has served as Grand Master of the Connecticut Odd Fellows and as President of the Fairview

Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut. He is now the President of Odd Fellows Healthcare, Inc., parent corporation to the Odd Fellows Home. He has been a Director of the Connecticut Eye Bank since 1998 and served as Chairman from 2004 to 2010.



Fairview Medal Recipients – Billy Joe Foreman 2008 (seated), (L-R) Dr. Edward McDermott 2010, Edie Kalin 2008, Richard Campbell 2011, David Reindel 2011, Leah Genido 2009, George P. Ververis, Jr. 2010. Missing from the photo is Vin Barbieri, 2009 medal recipient.

David Reindel, along with his wife Janet, owns Reindel Retirement Solutions. From humble beginnings David's business has blossomed. He is affiliated with NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Fran Tarkenton, owner of Tarkenton Financial. He has written a best-selling book titled "Don't Die Broke" and is an expert in the field of annuities. Dave is a caring professional who is passionate about helping people find confidence in their futures.



(L-R seated) Joe Baldi, Kathleen McNamara, Peter Hughes, Catherine Hughes; (standing) Cathy Colonis, Harry Colonis, Greg Benoit

Both Dick and Dave have been longtime financial supporters of Fairview as well as dedicated volunteers. We are very fortunate to receive their support and continued generosity.



(L-R) Joyce Ward, Tom Ward, Marian Gailbraith, Seth Wakeman, Joann Wakeman

The dinner was attended by ninety-six major donors and volunteers. Gourmet Galley provided the catered dinner and the wine was donated by George P. Ververis, Jr., a past recipient of the Fairview Medal.

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS**

We wish to thank the donors listed below who made a donation to Fairview during the period of March 9 through May 27, 2011. We are very fortunate to have such generous benefactors. (Please note that all car raffle donors will be listed in the next issue of the *Point O' View*).

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**In Honor of Maria Prisco:**  
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**In Honor of George Soloweko:**  
 Frank Ferrara

**In Honor of Helen Tarryk:**  
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**Residents' Fund**  
**In Memory of James Francis:**  
 Theodore Ainslie  
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 as your charity  
 to receive a  
 generous commission  
 at no cost to you.

## PFIZER PRO-BONO PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

After three months of weekly meetings between members of Fairview's staff and the Pfizer volunteer team several new initiatives have been implemented to help Alzheimer's residents lead a



more quality-filled life at Fairview. Some of the changes include the reduction of overhead paging to decrease the anxiety and agitation level among residents; less extraneous activity at the nurses' stations during the 3:00pm shift change which has resulted in less commotion, noise and confusion for Alzheimer's residents - this has entailed the recreation department organizing activities for residents away from the nurses' stations during this time period; a more in-depth study of "The Five Senses," how they are affected by this disease and what can be done to incorporate activities throughout the day to take advantage of the senses still remaining, depending on the progression of the disease; developing an orientation program for families; developing a family support unit; developing a recruitment plan for "super volunteers" to work specifically with Alzheimer's residents; and developing a set of sign languages to help staff communicate better with Alzheimer's residents. Another area of discussion included light therapy and how various intensities of light and colored light affect behavior. A test sample of rooms has been outfitted with a red shaded light bulb to see if there is a more calming affect using this type of colored light. Follow-up meetings will take place to monitor and evaluate progress. Fairview is extremely grateful to Pfizer and the six volunteers who have donated their time to make a difference in the quality of life of our residents. Pictured are members of the Pfizer team along with Fairview staff members.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN TAKES SHAPE



Fairview has held a quarterly memorial service for deceased residents for many years. Now through

the hard work of the culture change committee a new memorial garden has been established. Family members can now donate an item to have planted in the garden in memory of their loved one. The garden is located outside of the recreation department overlooking the Thames River. Pictured getting the garden ready for planting are (L-R) Deb Dethlefsen, assistant director of nursing, Deb Morgan, director of nursing, Sue Thomson, director of social services and Tomi Stanley, director of recreation.



## FAIRVIEW DIRECTOR OF NURSING RECEIVES AWARD

Deb Morgan, RN was presented the Florence Nightingale Award on May 5 at the Mystic Marriott. She was nominated by Fairview's Medical Director, Dr. Edward McDermott. This award is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut. The nomination was based on Deb's strong clinical skills along with her leadership qualities. Pictured with Deb (seated second from left) are several of her Fairview colleagues who shared this wonderful evening with her.

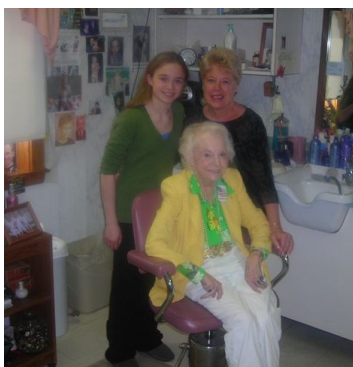
**RESIDENT BATHING TUBS INSTALLED**



Two new state-of-the-art bathing tubs are now operational at Fairview. These tubs replaced smaller, outdated tubs that would not accommodate the needs of all residents. The quality of life for Fairview's residents has been dramatically enhanced with these new tubs. A special fundraising campaign was initiated in January with a goal to raise enough money to purchase one tub, approximately \$14,000.00. Through the generosity of several individuals, local businesses and foundations, Fairview raised \$21,500.00 in five months. This was enough to purchase two tubs at a reduced cost. The impetus behind the wonderful response to the fundraising effort was a special gift of \$10,000.00 from the family of Odd Fellow Doug Frink who passed away unexpectedly in December. Doug was a member of Nosahogan Lodge #21. We are very grateful to Doug's brothers, Randall and Alan, for their generosity in making this extraordinary donation in their deceased brother's name. Other donors include Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, Michael Mondello, Stonington Lodge #26, Marshall and Edie Kalin, NewportFed, Cardinal Honda, Groton Lions, Groton Rotary, and Chelsea Groton Bank. Pictured with one of the new tubs is Deb Morgan, director of nursing, and Rob Hickman, Rane Bathing System Regional Manager. A bronze plaque commemorating the first floor bathing area as the Douglas R. Frink Bathing Suite will soon be installed.

**BEAUTY SALON UPGRADE**

Through the fund raising efforts of St. Bernard's High School student Morgane Butler Fairview will soon have a new chair for the beauty salon. Morgane's Mom, Marielle Delnomdedieu, is part of a team of Pfizer employees who have been working with Fairview to develop ideas to enhance the



lives of our Alzheimer's residents. On an initial tour of Fairview Marielle noticed that our salon chair was old and outdated and suggested to her daughter that maybe as a community service project she might be interested in developing a fundraising project for a new chair. Morgane agreed and has been working tirelessly on raising a minimum of \$1,500.00 to purchase a new state-of-the-art chair for our residents. Morgane is pictured with Fairview resident Maureen Wesche along with beautician Sandie Weissgarber.

**RECREATION TIDBITS**

**Recently Held Events**

- April**  
 9<sup>th</sup> casino day  
 11<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Richard Tarryk  
 18<sup>th</sup> dine out @ Steak Loft  
 19<sup>th</sup> intergenerational Easter Egg Hunt w/Daycare  
 20<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Dan Stevens  
 25<sup>th</sup> mystery ride  
 26<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Music Squeezer  
 28<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Richard Tarryk  
 29<sup>th</sup> birthday party

- May**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Glaziers Clothing Company  
 6<sup>th</sup> Jamaican lunch bunch  
 7<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day tea  
 9<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Richard Tarryk  
 17<sup>th</sup> honor our military  
 19<sup>th</sup> mystery ride  
 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party  
 21<sup>st</sup> music by Veronica  
 24<sup>th</sup> memorial service "Blessing of the Garden"  
 25<sup>th</sup> family dinner  
 26<sup>th</sup> honor and remember  
 28<sup>th</sup> "spring fling" hosted by Grand Lodge of CT

**Upcoming Events**

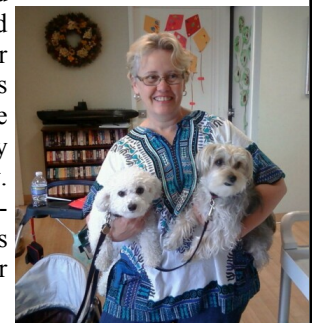
- June**  
 10<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Bob Diquatro  
 13<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Richard Tarryk  
 17<sup>th</sup> Father's Day ice cream social @ Bistro 6:00pm  
 21<sup>st</sup> entertainment by Richard Tarryk  
 23<sup>rd</sup> intergenerational program  
 24<sup>th</sup> birthday party

- July**  
 6<sup>th</sup> pasta bar in auditorium  
 8<sup>th</sup> Belly Dancer  
 8<sup>th</sup> Friday night drive  
 13<sup>th</sup> picnic  
 20<sup>th</sup> picnic  
 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday party  
 27<sup>th</sup> picnic

- August**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> picnic  
 10<sup>th</sup> picnic  
 17<sup>th</sup> picnic  
 24<sup>th</sup> picnic  
 26<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Marcy Conway  
 31<sup>st</sup> intergenerational picnic

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

Cathy Brown has been a volunteer at Fairview for two years. Each week she faithfully visits our residents with her certified therapy dog Sugar. Cathy and Sugar bring much happiness and delight to our residents during their visits. The residents respond to this type of therapy in a very positive manner. Along with Sugar Cathy now has another 'friend' Molly. Molly is currently working on becoming certified as a therapy dog as well. Pictured with Cathy are Sugar and Molly.



**CHARTER OAK FEDERAL CU  
MAKES DONATION**

The Charter Oak Federal Credit Union recently made a \$1,000.00 donation to Fairview to help pay for a new bathing tub for residents (see accompanying photo/caption). Charter Oak has been a wonderful and consistent supporter of Fairview over the



past several years. Pictured with David Brown, director of development is (L-R) Darlene Cutler, Groton, CT Branch Manager, and Kim Bartlett, Marketing Coordinator for the Credit Union.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYS OFF**

In January, Groton Utilities provided Fairview with a check for \$3,428.18 for installing new lighting in Fellowship Manor, Fairview's senior independent living complex. New lights and timers were installed in hallways. Stairwell lights were changed along with new exit lights. This project was completed by the maintenance staff at Fairview.



New energy saving initiatives for 2011 include retrofitting lighting and removing old ballasts, changing over from 4 lamps to 2 in some areas that don't need 4 lamps. Some changes will also take place in different closets where lights are left on. New auto sensors will be installed. Fairview is continuously looking for ways to become more energy efficient. Fairview is grateful to Groton Utilities for supporting efforts to continue in this vein. Pictured accepting the check from Len Mediavilla, General Manager of Commercial Accounts, is Mary Stonely, Fellowship Manor Coordinator and Joe Lopes, director of environmental services at Fairview.



**FAIRVIEW RESIDENT  
CELEBRATES 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

George Soloweyko recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with several family members at a special party given in his honor in the Fairview auditorium. George and his wife Mary, who is 96 herself, have been residents of Fairview for the past two years. Pictured are family members with George and Mary who are seated in the center of the photo.

**GROTON LIONS CLUB  
SUPPORTS FAIRVIEW**

When the Groton Lions Club was asked to consider helping Fairview in its quest to purchase a new resident bathing tub they did so without hesitation. The Lions and the Odd Fellows have a strong relationship due in great measure to their work with vision. The Odd Fellows in Connecticut established the Connecticut Eye Bank in 1961. The Lions have been providing vision screenings for adults and children for decades and also have their own Eye Banks. So it was a natural collaboration for the local Lions Club Chapter to help Fairview with its bathing tub fundraiser. Pictured is Fairview administrator James Malloy (L) receiving an \$800.00 check from Club president Kevin Morin.



**FAIRVIEW WISH LIST**

Thank you to all of the generous individuals who made donations to Fairview from the spring issue of the *Point O' View*. We are very fortunate to have such generous and caring people.

If you or someone you know would like to donate one of the items listed below please contact David Brown at 860-448-4722 or at [brownd@oddfellowsct.com](mailto:brownd@oddfellowsct.com).

- CD Player w/Gift Card for CD's**... Recreation
- Gardening Equipment/Potting Soil**...Recreation
- Large Print Books for the Library**...Recreation
- 22" Flat Screen Televisions for residents**...Recreation
- Three Compartment Stainless Steel Sink**...Dietary
- Training Videos/DVDs**...Staff Development
- Pressure Relieving Cushions**...Infection Control
- Positioning Pillows**...Infection Control
- Laptop Computer**...Infection Control
- Mechanical Lifts**...Nursing
- Flat Screen Computer Monitors**...Administration/  
Nursing
- Desk Top Computer Work Stations**...Administration
- 18" Carpet Extractor**...Physical Plant

*Thank you for your consideration and continued support!*

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**Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut**

Mission Statement: Fairview, the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut's mission is to provide our residents with the best nursing care and rehabilitation services, while enhancing the quality of their life in a dignified atmosphere by using the skills and compassion of our staff, and utilizing the latest advances in technology.

The Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut was established in 1892 to provide care for the aged and indigent members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, their wives, widows, and orphaned children. A century later the Odd Fellows Home consists of Fairview, a nursing home and rehabilitation center, and Fellowship Manor, a senior housing complex.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs continue to provide humanitarian care. There are no fraternal restrictions. We welcome individuals and families to apply for admission to our health care center, and our senior housing facility.

**DON'T MISS THE FAIRVIEW CAR RAFFLE...JULY 9, 2011**



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