



Point O' View

The Newsletter of the Fairview Family Winter 2008

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A word from the Administrator...

The Not-for-Profit Difference

America's future will be filled with older faces. By 2020, one in six Americans will be 65 or older. To meet those needs, not-for-profit facilities like Fairview, will continue to provide aging services based on the following ideals:

- **Quality that people can trust**
- **Services that people need, when they need them, in the place they call home**
- **Dignity of all persons at every stage of life**
- **Mission driven, not for profit values**
- **Advocacy for the right public policy, for the right reasons**
- **Leadership through shared learning**

Fairview's quest to achieve excellence and earn the public's trust in developing a wide range of aging services is strengthened by our not-for-profit status.

Working together we can make a profound difference in the care and services our elders receive.

**James K. Malloy,
Administrator**

SUPPORT FAIRVIEW BY BUYING HOLIDAY GIFTS ONLINE

Shopping online this holiday season? - please consider using the GiveBackAmerica.org website (www.givebackamerica.org). If you click-on the 'Charities' link on the top of the page and then type in 'Fairview' in the 'Search for a Charity' box a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Fairview. It's as simple as that!



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DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Although the economic downturn has affected us all to some degree we are thankful that our generous donors have continued to support Fairview. Our 6th annual auction was a great success producing a net profit of \$55,033.56. This is an increase of over \$2,000.00 from last year's auction. (See page 6 for details).

The annual fund is approaching the \$8,000.00 mark in donations (not including a matching gift pledge of \$3,000.00 from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of CT). Our goal this year is \$14,000.00. An annual fund letter is included in this issue. If you have not yet made an annual fund gift we ask that you consider a contribution. We are very thankful to all who have contributed already to the fund. The fund drive ends on December 31. **Remember, all donations are tax deductible.**

Besides the annual fund there are several other ways to donate to Fairview. Gifts can be made 'in memory' or 'in honor' of someone you love, to our Endowment, or to our Child Development Center.

If you have made provisions for Fairview in your estate we would like to know so we can properly recognize you. At the same time it would help us to plan for our financial future.

As always, we encourage you to consult your professional advisor before acting.

A Special Giving Opportunity: Charitable IRA Rollover Benefits Extended

President Bush signed into law the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) of 2008 in early October. Contained in the EESA 2008 is an extension of the charitable IRA rollover benefits. Under the EESA 2008, in tax years 2008 and 2009 friends of Fairview who are 70 1/2 years of age or older on the date of the transfer will again have the ability to make gifts free of tax from their IRA or Roth IRA to the Fairview Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut. The cash donation of any size under \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA withdrawal is without incurring an income tax penalty.

To learn more about this opportunity, or if you have any other questions about any of Fairview's fundraising programs, please contact David Brown, Director of Development, at 860-448-4722 or at brownd@oddfellowset.com.





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We wish to thank the donors listed below who made a donation to Fairview during the period of August 21 through November 18, 2008. Your support directly benefits our residents and helps to enhance their quality of life. (Please note that all 2008 auction donors are listed on page 4).

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6th ANNUAL FAIRVIEW AUCTION A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

One-hundred-and-forty-three guests enjoyed an evening of good cheer and fundraising at Fairview on November 8. Fairview realized a profit of \$5,425.50 from the live auction. There were also thirty-eight items in the silent auction

which netted \$3,443.00. Proceeds from the program book came to a total of \$55,033.56. Fairview has raised over a quarter-of-a-million dollars during the six years the auction has been in existence. We have used these funds to help pay down debt incurred from our recent \$6.2 million expansion and renovation and to upgrade our computer system. Our residents have been the real beneficiaries of the generosity and support provided by our generous sponsors, patrons and friends. Pictured at



Anita & Charlie Beebe

upper left is auctioneer Daniel Buck Soules (center) with volunteers Marilyn Searle and Blair Quasnitchka.



(L-R) Bill Brown; Diane Brown; Lynda Way; Susette Tibus; and Donna Frantz

WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR'S AUCTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7. PLEASE CONTACT DAVID BROWN AT 860-4 4 8 - 4 7 2 2 OR AT brownd@oddfellowsct.com IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION.



BINGO TIME AT FAIRVIEW!

Members of the Rebekah Osprey Lodge #20 have begun a program at Fairview to entertain residents. The residents love to play bingo and the idea is to come to Fairview the last Saturday of each month to organize bingo games. Pictured are members of the lodge attending the first session on September 28: (l-R) Sarah Stanley, Tim Stanley, Tomi Stanley, Matt Gillette, Sterling Stanley, Charlie Beebe, Carol Boiselle, Anita Beebe, Natalie Higbee, Tiffany Stanley, and Catherine Lange.

NIANTIC LODGE DONATES IPODS TO RESIDENTS

The Niantic Lodge #17 Independent Order of Odd Fellows has



donated two iPods with docking stations to the recreation department at Fairview. The Nintendo iPods will be used to download music from CD's, nostalgic radio shows and audio books. These devices will give residents hours of entertainment which translates into a much better quality of life. The amount of pleasure a gift like this will provide is immeasurable. Pictured with the iPods are members of the lodge at a recent meeting.

PFIZER VOLUNTEERS VISIT FAIRVIEW



Fourteen Pfizer employees visited Fairview on October 16 to work with residents on a Halloween pumpkin carving/painting project. This visit was organized by Monica Tijerina, Manager of Community Affairs at Pfizer, Groton and the Fairview recreation department. This was an opportunity for the Pfizer volunteers to interact on a personal level with several residents. Pfizer has been a big supporter of Fairview over the past two years through donations of computer equipment and other financial support. Pictured are Pfizer volunteer Adam Heathfield and resident Frances Vera.

FAIRVIEW HOSTS GROTON MARITIME ACADEMY

Twenty-nine cadets and three adults from the Groton Maritime Academy visited Fairview on July 28 and were treated to a picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, soda, and dessert. This is the third year Fairview has sponsored a lunch for the cadets.

This program is run by the Town of Groton Police Department for children ages 12 through 16. It is a three week program that provides positive mentoring and the opportunity to learn about boating and related maritime activities. Pictured at Fairview with the cadets are adult mentors (back row): Far left Youth Officer Douglas Hoffman, eighth from left Scott Meyers, parent volunteer, and far right Officer Derek Robertson.





MANIKINS DONATED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fairview recently received a very generous \$500.00 donation from the Welcome Rebekah Lodge #47 Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This gift was used to purchase three manikins for training purposes. In the past an outside source was required to bring in the dummies in order for staff to maintain their certification. Pictured with the manikins are lodge members

(L-R) Janice Crowe, Mary Ann Burkard, Marcia Sundin, Ena Kingsmore, Lois Sweeney and Vera Averill.

'POCKET LADIES' PROVIDE-THERAPUTIC AFFECTION

The Groton Pocket Ladies have been very busy making blankets for the residents at Fairview. This is the second time these ladies have taken the time to do this. These blankets are touch-sensitive and have proven to be very therapeutic, particularly for Alzheimer's patients. We



want to thank these wonderful women for their continued support and caring affection for our residents. Pictured are: (L-R) Barb LaValley, Anita Kettner, Eleanor Scussel, Marie DesSureault, Judy Haley, Carol Hessler, Sandy Banks, and June Henderson.

GRASSO TECH STUDENTS WIRE FAIRVIEW

In an ongoing collaborative effort students from Ella Grasso Technical School located in Groton have installed a stereo system in both of Fairview's dining rooms. The staff frequently plays music for the residents to enjoy, but with a simple boom box, music at one end of the long room was too loud. To the rescue: Grasso Tech's 10th grade Electrical Shop. Fairview purchased the necessary equipment and under the direction of Jamie Lamitie, instructor, the class volunteered their time over several days to complete the project. The residents will enjoy the addition of these speakers every day. Pictured are the student volunteers with instructor Lamitie (extreme left, front row).



HALLOWEEN SURPRISE

Several children from the Child Development Center paid a visit to Fairview on Halloween to display their costumes to residents. Besides visiting the nursing home on a weekly basis, the children also raise the spirits of Fairview's residents at every holiday. This is part of the ongoing intergenerational program that has been established at Fairview. This unique synergy has lead to a much better quality of life for our residents and continues to be a real-life learning experience for the children.



ANOTHER REHABILITATION SUCCESS STORY AT FAIRVIEW

The rehabilitation department at Fairview provides extensive therapy daily for its residents. The staff consists of four full-time therapists: a Physical Therapist, two Physical Therapist Assistants and an Occupational Therapist Assistant. The staff also includes two part-time speech therapists and several per-diem therapists.

One of our recent 'success stories' involves Mrs. Jean Dupont. Jean sustained a leg fracture from a fall in her apartment. When she arrived at Fairview after a short stay in a local hospital she was confined to her bed. Immediately she began a regimen of both physical and occupational therapy in order to gain the strength needed to use a walker. Over a period of two weeks she had mastered this task which made it possible for her to return to her apartment in Fellowship Manor, Fairview's independent living apartments. Jean would like to thank all of the therapists who helped in her speedy recovery. "The therapy staff was terrific. Their professional manner and constant encouragement enabled me to return home sooner than I had thought possible."



FAIRVIEW RESIDENTS VISIT MYSTIC SEAPORT

Thanks to the intervention of State Senator Andy Maynard a wonderful out-trip for our residents took place at the Mystic Seaport on November 7. Through the cooperation of Seaport staff, and the planning of the Fairview recreation department, five residents enjoyed several hours of entertainment. Their trip included lunch at the Seamen's Inne, a carriage ride throughout the grounds and a presentation in the planetarium. This was a very fulfilling experience for our residents and one they will not soon forget. We want to thank the Mystic Seaport for their hospitality and support. This is another example of our attempt to enhance the quality of life for our residents. Pictured in front of the carriage are residents and Fairview recreation staff: (L-R) Scott Smith, Katherine Muller, Julia Sprafke, Ann Sullivan, Tomi Stanley, Betty Banks, Rowena Di-Martino and Greg Nigrelli.





WHAT IS SO 'BAZAAR' AT FAIRVIEW?

Well, the annual bazaar is for sure! It was held on Saturday, November 15 from 8:00am to 2:00pm in the auditorium. Thirty-five vendors participated selling hand-crafted items such as jewelry, holiday wreaths, and all types of handmade clothing. Over \$1,300.00 was raised. All proceeds from the bazaar will be placed into our Residents' Fund. The money will be used to help pay for Christmas presents for our residents. Each resident will receive a personalized gift-wrapped present from Santa Claus at the annual Christmas party on December 21. The Niantic Odd Fellows Lodge #17 along with Osprey Rebekah Lodge #20 also reserved tables to sell items to support local charities. Pictured at the Niantic Lodge table are Carolyn and Harrison Solt.



VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Fairview now has over 175 volunteers who spend several hours each week helping in various ways to enhance the lives of our residents. One of those volunteers is Karin Adams. Karin has been volunteering at Fairview for six years. She began when her Mom was a resident. She is a delightful and enthusiastic person who brings much cheer to our residents. She helps with birthday parties, dinners and ice cream socials among other things. We are very grateful to Karin for her dedication to Fairview and to our residents. She had made a big difference in their lives.



RECREATION TIDBITS

Recently held events

- September 26th birthday party
- September 30th hoe down
- October 16th Pfizer volunteer visits
- October 22nd presidential voting
- October 22nd birthday party
- October 25th bingo w/Rebekahs
- October 31st costume parade
- November 4th spiting image entertainment
- November 7th Seamen's Inn and Mystic Seaport carriage ride
- November 11th harvest lunch
- November 12th Kohl's shopping trip
- November 19th Mystic Art Center w/ Daycare (intergenerational)
- November 21st birthday party
- November 29th bingo w/ Rebekahs

Upcoming Events

- December 3rd Noank Mystic Community Band
- December 6th Dolphin sports dancing
- December 6th Christmas Parade
- December 8th The Night Before Christmas
- December 9th Ledyard Chorus
- December 17th Xmas carols w/Rebekahs
- December 18th Xmas activity w/ Niantic Lodge
- December 19th Xmas carols w/Grace Baptist Church
- December 20th caroling w/Gallup Hill Baptist Church
- December 21st resident Christmas Parties
- December 23rd entertainment w/Eva Devine
- December 27th bingo w/Rebekahs

GENEROUS DONATION MADE BY LOCAL COUPLE



David and Janet Reindel of Mystic, CT recently made a significant donation to Fairview. Their \$3,000.00 gift will help pay for the purchase of a much-needed machine used to determine the amount of urine in the bladder. This diagnostic tool (Bladder Scan) will help tremendously in the treatment of bladder problems. The Reindel's gift will be added to all other annual gift donations which will be used to purchase this machine. The Reindel's are pictured in front of their business in Mystic.



INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM FLOURISHES

Through the generosity of the Bodenwein Foundation residents of Fairview and children from the child development center are participating in an intergenerational program involving visits to the Mystic Arts Center. It is called an 'Art Smart' program and is tailored for multi-generational groups like those at Fairview. The children and Fairview residents work together and learn about color, line, shape, texture as well as the elements of design. In all there will be three visits to the Center. The first was November 19 and the remaining two take place in 2009. Pictured are nine children from the daycare center and: (L-R) Fairview residents Katherine Muller and Rowena DiMartino, Tomi Stanley, recreation director, Karen Greenwald, Art Center instructor, and Rebecca Cruelles, director of the child development center.



CDC TEACHERS GET A BOOST



The Chelsea Groton Bank Foundation approved a \$1,000.00 grant for Fairview in October to help teachers at the Child Development Center further their education in the field of early childhood development. Teachers have to obtain their Associates Degree by 2010, or least be working towards the degree, in order to comply with the requirements of NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). The bank's foundation has been a very generous supporter of Fairview for several years providing funding for items such as computer equipment, medical equipment and a television. Pictured receiving the \$1,000.00 grant check is (L-R) David Brown, director of development at Fairview, and Duncan Stoddard, President of Chelsea Groton Bank.

FAIRVIEW WISH LIST

Thank you to Ben Walker of Wakefield, RI for his donation of two desktop printers requested in last month's wish list.

If you would like to donate one of the items listed below please contact David Brown at 860-448-4722 or at brownd@oddfellowset.com.

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Two desktop computers...Nursing Dept.
Two laptop computers...Nursing Dept.
Coded Locked Door Handles (7)...Child Development
Wireless Adapter For Internet...Recreation Dept.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support!

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Fairview

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, Fellowship Manor, a senior housing complex, and Friends Learning Together, a child development center.

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, our senior housing facility or to enroll in our child development center.



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