



# FAIRVIEW HORIZONS

## Fairview Community Newsletter

Winter 2021

## Chocolate Makes Everything Better!

The Art of Chocolate looked very different this year. An in-person event was off the table, but Fairview still wanted to find a way to share chocolate with the community. Instead of the usual chocolate tasting event, local restaurants were asked to provide individually wrapped samples of their chocolate creations that would be packaged into chocolate tasting boxes for pickup. Each box included delicious items from 15 participants, as well as a tasting menu.

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I DID MY PART TO

**#CRUSHCOVID**

BY GETTING VACCINATED

FAIRVIEW IS **#STRONGERTOGETHER**

## Fairview Receives COVID Vaccinations

Excitement was in the air at Fairview on January 7th, the day that residents and staff were able to receive their first doses of the COVID vaccination. 95 residents and 155 staff members rolled up their sleeves and did their part to help crush COVID.

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# Chocolate Makes Everything Better!

New this year, Fairview offered the option to purchase a tasting box for a healthcare hero. Generous donors made it possible for Fairview to provide over 100 of our staff members with a box! All of the chocolate tasting boxes sold out in under a week.

Participants this year included Black Dahlia Baking Company, Bleu Squid Breakfast & Bakery Cafe, Fairview, GG's Vegan Bakery, Gourmet Galley Catering, Hauser Chocolatier, Karma Kitchen, Mystic Sweets & Ice Cream Shoppe, Nana's Byrek, Octagon,

Pop On the Block, Rise Nutrition, The Arc Eastern Connecticut, The Fisherman at Long Point and Zest. The Art of Chocolate is only made possible thanks to the dedication of these local businesses.

Fairview is so grateful for the support of our sponsors, Groton Utilities, Mystic Shipyard and The Schuster Group, as well as to all who purchased a box!

*Thank you to our Sponsors*



**GROTON UTILITIES**



# Fairview Receives COVID Vaccinations

Prior to the vaccination date, Fairview spent a lot of time educating staff and family members through a number of articles, webinars and virtual town hall meetings. This allowed for staff and family members to ask questions and receive knowledgeable answers from Fairview's Medical Director, Dr. Alessandro, as well as members of Fairview's nursing staff including Kelly Gigliotti, Director of Nursing and Emily Malone, Assistant Director of Nursing. Articles and other resources were regularly vetted and uploaded to Fairview's website for reference so that staff and family members could be directed to reliable and valid, scientific information.

In addition to making sure that there was proper education surrounding the vaccination, Fairview also offered staff members who opted to take the vaccine the option to choose between 8 hours of PTO or \$100, although most staff said that they would have taken the vaccination regardless of the incentive. Our team has been more than happy to be a part of the process that will hopefully help to crush COVID.



# I.O.O.F. Stonington Lodge #26

175 years ago, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows welcomed Stonington Lodge #26 into its midst. The IOOF was one of many fraternal organizations created to ensure its members and their families would be provided for in case of injury, accident, want or death. Over the years the need for this social contract has changed, but today's members hold true to the original spirit, striving to make the world a better place by educating our youth, visiting the sick, the distressed, the elderly, and assisting those in need.

It can be hard to know where the line between a Connecticut Odd Fellows Lodge ends and Fairview, The Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, begins. When Fairview was founded in 1892, it was the only institution of its kind built and maintained entirely by member contributions. To fund the original endowment, each Connecticut Lodge member contributed 2 cents per week, and after that, the Lodges paid \$3 per week for each of its member residents plus an additional contribution of 50 cents per Lodge member per year for four years. Thus was established "a Home of which we all feel justly proud, and which is indeed a Home for worthy, indigent members of our Order in Connecticut."

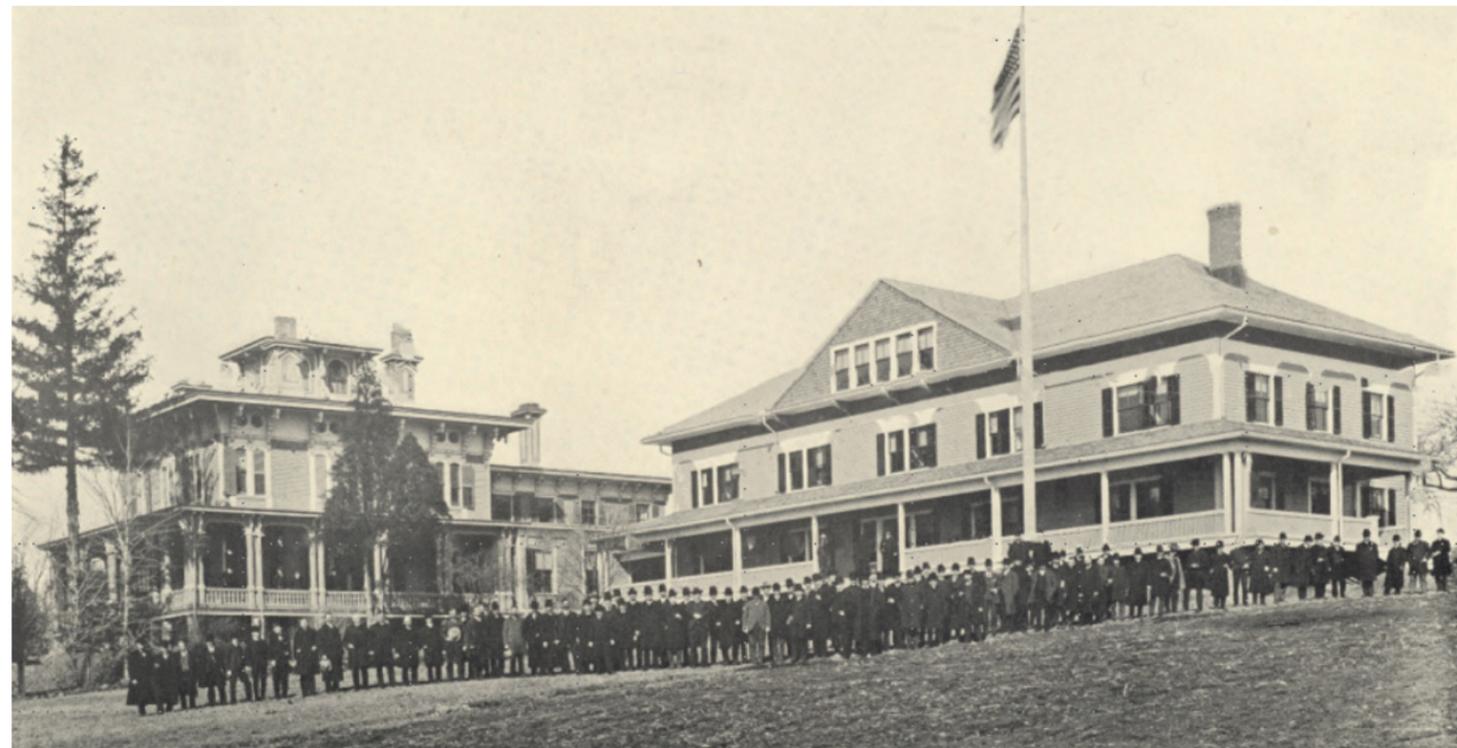
Now Fairview and its extended community are open to all, but the Connecticut Odd Fellows continue to be a part of Fairview present and future. Its members serve on their boards, staff their committees, and have been honored for their contributions with the Fairview Medal.

But if for no other reason than geography, the relationship between Stonington Lodge #26 and Fairview is an especially close one. We buy presents for the Home's residents at Christmas and they help us throw our annual Children's Holiday party. We attend their Alzheimer's Pasta dinners before walking with the Fairview team and their auditorium is where we recognize our college bound scholarship winners. The 4H campers we've sponsored have joined us for Roll Call dinner at the former Grille 92. And while many Connecticut Odd Fellows learn of Fairview from being a member of the Order, Stonington Lodge members often come to the Order from their personal experience with Fairview.

Times have certainly changed. Inflation has raised that 50 cent levy to \$2.00. But what has not changed is Fairview is still a haven for seniors in our community. As long as that continues, Stonington Lodge #26 will be a part of that journey with Friendship, Love, and Truth.

*(Stonington Lodge #26 IOOF received its charter on December 12, 1845.)*

*\*Photos on these pages show past events and were submitted by Stonington Lodge #26*



# Stonington Lodge's Children's Holiday Party 2020

On December 19, 2020, Fairview hosted a drive by Christmas event for local families. People were able to drive to different stations set up around the Fairview campus to receive gifts from the Stonington Odd Fellows Lodge. This event takes place every year, but of course had to be reimagined in the midst of the pandemic. Even with a new set-up, everything went over very well and families were able to enjoy a little holiday cheer. Thank you to all who donated to help make this wonderful event possible:

Winston and JoAnn Barrows

Marjorie Brooks

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Tricia Cunningham

Glenn Dean

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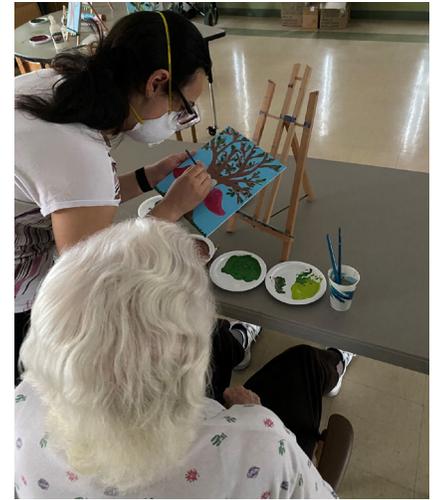
Mabel Welch



# Activities Slowly Start Up Again

Fairview is happy to share that recently we were able to start allowing small, socially distanced group activities again! Recreation has been able to hold daily activities for residents, which has included chair exercise classes, meditation, sensory groups, sing alongs, bingo and other games, as well as crafts.

On February 3rd, a few residents partook in a painting class and created these beautiful works of art!



## Plan Today for a Better Tomorrow

Explore our independent living options and join our wait list!

Spring is the perfect time to come tour all of the independent living options Fairview has to offer. Whether you are looking to downsize to a smaller home or even an apartment, we have options for everyone. Come see what a maintenance free lifestyle is like and get on the wait list to join our award winning community today!



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