

The Newsletter of Niantic Lodge #17 Inc.
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MEETING NIGHTS

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Thursday, February 28, 2008

*Meetings are held in the Auditorium at Fairview at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Members who need help with transportation to and from meetings should contact Tim Stanley (860-445-6260).

Anniversaries:

There are no anniversaries currently for the month of February.

Degree Conferred

The **Initiatory Degree** was conferred on five candidates of **Niantic Lodge #17** and one candidate of **Stonington Lodge # 26** on January 10, 2008 in the Auditorium at Fairview.

From Niantic:

Scott Farrington Carolyn Solt
Evelyn Harris Harrison Solt
Joseph Lopes

From Stonington:

Lillian Misshlehoff

Fairview Visitation

In keeping with our Odd Fellow creed to visit the sick, on the **First Thursday** of each month at **2:00PM** some members of the **Niantic Lodge #17** go to **Fairview** to visit residents there. **Fairview's Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Stanley, Niantic #17** and the Recreation Staff provide the group with the names of residents who would appreciate a visit. Lodge members who are free during this time frame are encouraged to join this group.

This is your **IOOF Niantic, CT Lodge #17** newsletter. If you have any newsworthy items to share that would fit into this particular format, please send your ideas along to Mary Sepowitz (editor) for consideration in a future edition.

IN MEMORIAM

Niantic Lodge #17 recently lost one of its very dedicated members, **Richard Woodworth**. Dick joined our Lodge on 3/8/07 and was a very active member of the Niantic Lodge visitation program at Fairview. Dick will be very sadly missed and we hold his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

Obituary of Richard Woodworth as printed in The Day newspaper:

Woodworth, Richard

Groton - Richard N. Woodworth, 93, of 235 Lestertown Road, Groton died at his residence on Wednesday evening. Prior to living in Groton Mr. Woodworth and his late wife had resided on Crocker Street in New London for many years.

He was born in New London on Feb. 8, 1914 the son of Richard N. and Edith Washburn Woodworth. He was married to Mary Babcock Woodworth who died in October 2005.

Mr. Woodworth graduated from the Bulkeley High School in 1932 and had attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. During World War II he served as part of the sea trial crew at Electric Boat. He also served as an Acting CO of Headquarters Co., Infantry Brigade of the National Guard.

He had a long banking career in the area and retired as assistant vice president and regional credit manager for the former Hartford National Bank. He was also a member of the local musicians union, playing sax, clarinet and string bass.

Mr. Woodworth was a life member of the Pequot Engine Co. No. 6. He and his wife were good neighbors of The Pequot Chapel in New London, where their daughter, the late Mary B. Grandchamp, was the organist. The Woodworth's were long time active volunteers for Hospice of Southeastern CT and were both recognized in 2000 as the organizations volunteers of the year.

He is survived by three sons, Richard B. and his wife, Joan, of Pawcatuck, William R. and his wife, Ann, of Cherry Hill, N.J., and David E. Woodworth of Farmington; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife he was predeceased by a daughter, Mary B. Grandchamp.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 17th, at Jordan Cemetery, Waterford. There are no calling hours. Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London is assisting with the arrangements.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern CT., PO Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382-0902.



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Winter Wonderland Program

Volunteers from Niantic Lodge #17 **Mary Sepowitz, Tomi Stanley, Sarah Stanley, Tiffany Stanley, Tim Stanley** and **Shanna Welsh** along with upcoming new Lodge member **Ramon Lopez Colmenero** assisted with the Winter Wonderland program for Fairview residents on Saturday, January 19, 2008. Also shown in the photos are **Kat Hollay** and **Greg Nigrelli** from Fairview's Recreation Department. And, of course, Niantic Lodge's future Odd Fellow, **Sterling Stanley-Gillette** was on hand to help as well!!



Also enclosed with this newsletter is the flyer that was posted at Fairview for the Niantic Lodge's project for our troops in Iraq.

Upcoming Events

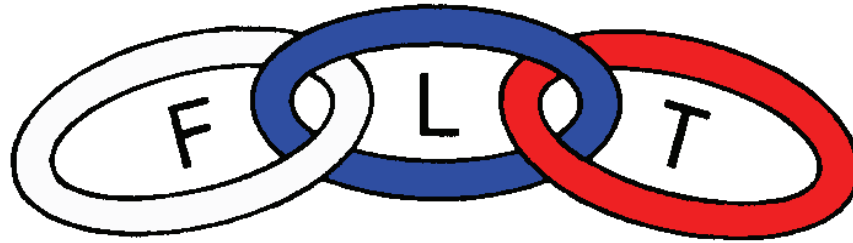
Upcoming events for which the Fairview Recreation Staff could use some help are:

February 16, 2008 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, there will be a Valentine's party for Fairview's residents in the auditorium.

March 21, 2008 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, there will be an Easter party in the auditorium at Fairview.

Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Stanley at 445-7478 ext. 448 or send her an email at stanleys@oddfellowsct.com

A copy of this newsletter can also be viewed online at: www.oddfellowsct.com and follow the "Links" button then scroll down to: **IOOF Niantic #17 Newsletter** link.



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has adopted a unit of Airmen & women in Iraq and the Lodge is currently collecting donations of letters, cards, and other items that have been identified as being very welcome and helpful to our troops. These items will be sent out as they are collected. Please see approved list below for needed donations.

Personal Hygiene Gold bond powder, tooth brushes and paste, dental floss, Lip balm, Carmex, Multi vitamins, Vitamin C Lozenges, Cough drops & antacids, Q-tips, emery boards, Nail clippers, Disposable razors, Shaving cream & Skin moisturizers, Non-medicated eye drops, Non aerosol insect repellent, Sun block SPE30+, Anti itch cream, Athlete's foot spray, Baby wipes, Hand sanitizers, Pocket size tissues, Soft toilet tissue.

Food & Drinks Pringles, Gatorade packs (Powder), Coffee, Tea, Spiced Cider, Chewing gum, Beef jerky (no pork), Stew in microwaveable bowls, Chili in microwaveable bowls, Pasta/Soup in microwaveable bowls, Instant soup, Fruit in Bowls/Cups, Seasoned salt, Power bars, Granola bars, Pop Tarts, Pretzels, Cracker Jacks, Rice Krispy treats, Cheese and peanut butter crackers, Peanut butter, Salsa, Trail mix, Dried fruit, Hard candy, mints, licorice.

Miscellaneous Items Phone cards, Writing paper and pens (pens must be black ink & click type, retractable, with pocket clips on barrel), Magazines, Sports equipment, Fly swatters, fly paper, mouse traps, Laundry detergent tablets, Disposable cameras, DVD's, CD's, Wash cloths, Flip Flops for showers, Under Armor (cold weather wicking underwear) black, brown or tan only, White cotton socks, Athletic tube socks.

If you are able to help in this way, please forward your donations to any of the following Niantic Lodge members: Ryan Bishop, Patty Colgan, Billy Joe Foreman, Deb Gates, Joe Lopes, Jim Malloy, Mary Sepowitz, Sarah Stanley, Tomi Stanley, Polly Stakely, or Sandie Weissgarber, Thank you so much for any donations you are able to share.