



Lordship Fathers' Club

21½ Prospect Drive - Lordship

www.lordshipfathersclub.com

Celebrating 65 Years!!! 1947-2012



Fall 2012

CALENDAR

CLUB MEETINGS

First Wednesday
of every month
from Sept-June
LFC Clubhouse at

8:00 PM

Oct 3rd
Nov 7th
Dec. 5th

FISHING DERBY

SAT. SEPTEMBER 15
7:00 AM TO 10 AM,
ACROSS FROM
IVY STREET

HALLOWEEN PARADE

SAT. OCTOBER 27TH,
3:30 TO 4:30,
LORDSHIP SCHOOL
BASEBALL FIELD

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

DAFFODIL BULB SALE
BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

CONSIDER
DONATING \$65 IN
RECOGNITION OF
LFC'S 65
YEARS OF SERVICE

LFC ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

The days are getting shorter, the nights are cooling off and the leaves beginning to change are all signs of Autumn and that also means the Lordship Fathers Club Halloween Parade is frighteningly approaching. This year's parade begins at **3:30pm on Saturday October 27th** at the Lordship School baseball field (directly behind the Fathers Clubhouse). Last year's Halloween Parade was creepy, kooky and all together spooky; there were witches, fairies, ghosts, ghouls and adorably dressed toddlers. Kids big and small cannot wait to go trick-or-treating, so they had a blast showing off their costumes to all their friends and running amok. The much anticipated costume contest categories will include: scariest, funniest, most original, cutest, and best group. Expect the competition to be fierce – werewolf fierce. The afternoon's fun will be topped off with the candy parade, where each child collects enough sweets to keep Stratford dentists in business for years to come. Bring your cameras and witness Lordship invaded by monsters, super heroes, princesses and kitty cats. It promises to be a screamingly good time.

LORDSHIP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lordship Fathers Club is currently holding its annual membership drive. Your tax deductible membership contribution allows the club to continue to enrich the social welfare and support the education of Stratford's youth. The LFC was formed in 1947 to help the children of Lordship either directly or through the schools. Membership is open to men and women interested in supporting our programs or becoming more involved in the Lordship community. Those seeking further participation through volunteering are encouraged to join us at meetings (first Wednesday of every month @ 8pm) where your input in planning and coordinating events is always welcome.

As we commemorate our 65th year of commitment to families of Lordship, we are marking the occasion with a **Limited Edition LFC sticker** eligible to anyone who contributes \$1 for each year we've been serving Lordship...(\$65). Enclosed with this newsletter please find the LFC 2012-2013 membership enrollment. We appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

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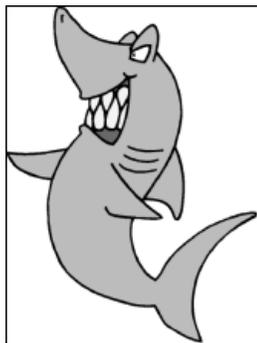
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FISH ON!!!

Some would agree the best fishing of the season is between late summer through early fall. With the



temperatures and mosquitoes tapering off, the Lordship Fathers Club will host its annual Fishing Derby on the morning of September 15th. Participants should plan to meet down at Russian Beach, with the official contest conducted from 7:00-10:00am; a variety of baits will be supplied. Check in early at the

LFC table, on the beach near Ivy Street, and be the first to pick up some complimentary coffee and donuts. First, second, and third place prizes distributed to those participants who catch the longest fish. Bring your lucky lure and we'll see you on the beach!

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

The LFC sponsored the 52nd annual spelling bee on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Lordship School all purpose room. Richard Diedrichsen and Janet Warren, both former LFC spelling bee participants, whose children also competed as sixth graders, conducted the event. The contest was open to all Lordship School sixth graders (regardless of where they reside), all Lordship children in grade six at other schools and those who are home-schooled.

WINNERS:

1st place Emma Reed,
2nd place Zack Shaham, 3rd place Briana Rivera,
4th place Victoria Sorrentino, 5th Kerrigan Murtha

The top five contestants were awarded cash prizes, with the 1st Prize winner receiving \$50. The annual event has attracted as many as 96 contestants, and has become a fond memory and rite of passage for participants, their parents, and teachers. While few former students remember who the winner was, everyone seems to remember the word that eliminated them, and they are careful to spell that word correctly for the rest of their lives!

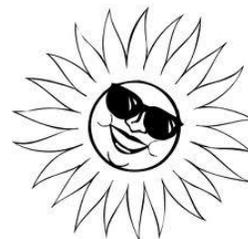
FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK!



The Lordship Fathers' Club has established a Facebook page. Friend us today to stay connected with upcoming LFC events.

HOT ENOUGH?

On June 21, the first day of summer, with temperatures here in Connecticut breaking all time records, we should have anticipated this summer would be a scorcher. Looking back two hundred years ago, it's hard to fathom a year where



summer failed to arrive. In 1816, both Western Europe and the United States were hit especially hard by the colder-than-average temperatures that persisted through most of the year. Frequent, heavy frosts ruined most crops resulting in people relying on the little food that did grow, plus the meager amounts they had in storage. In Europe, where food was already scarce, the failing crops were a disaster. The starving society was motivated to cross the Atlantic into the United States, in search of better prospects.

As it turns out, the Earth was emerging from a time period now known as the Little Ice Age, which lasted from about 1400-1800 AD. This time period was only a few degrees cooler on average than the previous few centuries, but that subtle difference was enough to cause crop failures, resulting in famine and disease. The already cooler time period was compounded by an increase in volcanic activity, capped by the massive volcanic eruption in Indonesia in 1815. In 1816, Connecticut experienced below-freezing temperatures in every single month, yielding frozen lakes in the middle of the summer in New York and Pennsylvania! We probably remember the more comfortable summer of 2009, when New York City's Central Park failed to reach 90 degrees until mid-August, and the average temperature was below normal almost every day in both June and July. Here in 2012, with numerous heat waves this summer around the country, where temperatures are routinely hotter in the Midwest than Miami, a chilly night and a frozen lake sound rather inviting..... Ice skating anyone?

LFC ONLINE E-NEWSLETTER

Over the summer the Lordship Fathers' Club ventured into the not-so modern world by sending its first E-Newsletter. For those who have been receiving the Lordship Fathers Club Newsletter mailing for years and appreciate its content, you will be pleased to learn that the Fall and Spring issues will continue to arrive via regular mail. The summer and winter online E-Newsletters plan to include additional content, including color photos, and interactive web links which might be of interest to those in our community. By updating your email address with the LFC via our website, you will be included in these e-newsletters and added to our growing list of subscribers.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CORNER



Now in their fourth year, the energetic ladies of the LFC Sunshine Committee have been dedicated to establishing a network of friendly volunteers in our community, extending cheer on special occasions, and encouragement during times of need. The committee recognizes the significance of bringing neighbors and generations together within our community by reaching out and reminding Lordship residents that they are cared for. Over the years, many 'Rays of Sunshine' have been delivered, including committee-made baby quilts for the smallest Lordship residents, as well as welcome baskets to new neighbors who have recently joined our community. The committee has also visited residents recovering from illness and reached out to those in need. If you would like participate in Sunshine Committee, or alert the committee of the need for a 'Ray of Sunshine', visit the LFC website and take a moment to make a request. The committee typically meet informally once a month, to plan an assortment of events. This summer the Sunshine Committee and their families gathered for an evening out at Beardsley Zoo to enjoy Shakespeare in the park, and also held a family pool party/BBQ here in Lordship.

DUTCH DAFFODIL BULB SALE IN TIME FOR FALL PLANTING

Everybody knows the bright cheery Daffodil, but how many of you knew the Daffodil is also the official town flower of Stratford? To advance the Sunshine Committee's outreach, the group is hosting a fundraiser selling Dutch Daffodil flower bulbs imported from Holland in time for fall planting. As a first time fundraiser for this committee, a limited supply of bulbs will be available for purchase starting October 1st through the first frost or until the supply runs out. The committee has already received pre-order requests and is confident about reaching its goal of delivering 750+ bulbs to the homeowners of Lordship. If you anticipate a need for elegantly tall, bright yellow daffodil bulbs this year or would like to donate bulbs to be planted in the Lordship community, please consider purchasing a bag from our Sunshine committee at the price of \$1 per bulb. When the flowers bloom next spring, you'll be the envy of your block, proudly displaying support of the LFC Sunshine Committee! For more info contact Jennifer Silberger at 203-526-6428 or MosaicJenn@optonline.net



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LORDSHIP?

What's going on in Lordship? With many events and important dates dotting the upcoming months, the online calendar found on the Lordship Fathers Club website displays happenings from a variety of groups making it easy to spot what's going on in our community. The calendar includes events hosted by the LFC, SAIL, LIA, Lordship PTA, and PYE. The calendar also incorporates the Lordship School calendar and additional events which may be of interest to Lordship residents. Conveniently add events to your own calendar or smart phone by clicking the link embedded with each occurrence. If you know of an event open to the public which Lordship residents should be aware of, and would like to have it added to the calendar, contact MJS1995@optonline.net

The **UNOFFICIAL LORDSHIP CALENDAR** can be found on the LFC website by clicking the calendar tab. Bookmark the link to stay connected as new events in our community are added weekly.



50 YEARS AGO IN LFC HISTORY

April 17, 1962: Henry W. Halverson was elected as president of the Lordship Father's club succeeding Thomas Bunting. Mr. Halverson had served as vice president and for the past three years was chairman of the minstrel show. Other officers elected include: Joseph Kiely, 1st vice president; Fred Shanahan, vice president; Frank Fassanella, secretary and Charles Carron, treasurer.

Today- Tom Halverson, a past club president himself and son of Henry Halverson, is the current club secretary and very active and well dedicated to the club.

In other LFC history news, the first official club meeting was on September 24, 1947 welcoming all Lordship men interested in forming a Fathers' club to meet at 8 o'clock in the school, to discuss organization and appoint preliminary committees and tentative officers. During this meeting the following officers were elected: Martin Tristine, president; Edwin Sargent, vice president; Irving Zar, secretary and treasurer; Clinton Brooks, membership chairman; Frank Weller, publicity chairman; Albert Osman program chairman and Louis Katz, procurement chairman.

LORDSHIP SUMMER PICNIC

The Lordship Fathers Club held its annual Bash at the Beach picnic on July 1st down on the bluffs. Warm sunny skies prevailed, accompanied by an occasional onshore sea breeze, as over 175 Lordship residents attended the event throughout the day. There was plenty of good summer BBQ food and beverages to be had, and games for the children to enjoy. The Lordship Fathers' Club Sunshine Committee held its annual raffle, giving away prizes for ten lucky winners including a brand new Apple iPad. All winners were from Lordship.

This year's raffle winners were as follows:

- 1st: Chas W.** Apple iPad
2nd: F. L. Sunshine Committee-made Quilt
3rd: Ariel P. \$100 Certificate to Stop and Shop
4th: Ed M. \$75 Cert. to Luigi's Restaurant
5th: M. C. \$75 Cert. to Acapulco's Restaurant
6th: Charles & Whitney F. \$75 Cert. Vazzy's Rest.
7th: Tom H. \$50 Certificate to Lordship Pizza
8th: Don W. \$50 Certificate to Sitting Duck Tavern
9th: Bev. M. \$50 Certificate to Marnick's Rest.
10th: Charles L. Basket Lordship Wine and Liquor

Thanks to following businesses who contributed to our annual raffle;: Sitting Duck Restaurant - Luigi's Italian Restaurant of Fairfield - Lordship Pizza - Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant - Marnick's Restaurant - Lordship Wine & Liquor - Vazzy's of Stratford. Residents may show their appreciation to these businesses by frequenting their establishments and mentioning the Fathers' Club.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST



As the holidays approach, don't forget the LFC will again be awarding first, second, and third place prizes to homeowners in Lordship who display the most spectacular holiday themed decorations. Each year's past winners are excluded from the next three years of competition; so be ready for the season as your decorative efforts could place you in the winner's circle! This year's holiday judges will be cruising the neighborhood between December 21-23 so be ready!

RESIDENTS OF LORDSHIP GATHER TO CELEBRATE LFC 65TH ANNIVERSARY

For those who missed it, the Lordship Fathers Club hosted a first-rate discussion in May at the OLP hall, featuring Mr. Brilvich who discussed the "Lordship Flying Grounds" and the early flights of Gustave Whitehead which took place from 1901-02. Mr. Brilvich began with a brief history of Lordship and a description of its appearance at the beginning of the 20th century including the barnstormers who utilized this natural landing field during the first quarter of the last century.

KID'S CORNER

As school resumes this fall we asked a number of children in Lordship to share their insight on a few questions; Here's what they had to say...

1. What is the best part about summer in Lordship?

- "The best thing to do in Lordship this summer was playing with friends at the beach", **M.S. 4th grade**
- "The best thing about summer in Lordship is boating with my Dad", **C.H. 2nd grade**

2. If you could give one gift to every child in your school, what would it be?

- "I would give each kid in my school an brand new iPhone", **B.H. 5th grade**

3. If you could make one rule that everyone in school had to follow, what would it be?

- "I would make a rule that nobody would have any homework for the whole year", **M.S. 2nd grade**
- "I would make a rule that everyone would have one extra hour of recess every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday", **B.C. 3rd grade.**
- "I would make the rule that everyone would have to swim 100 laps in my new pool!", **R.B. 1st grade**

4. What would you do if you were invisible for a day?

- "If I could be invisible for a day I would pretend to be a ghost and prank my Dad", **H.B. 4th grade.**
- "If I could be invisible, I would leave town, probably go to New Jersey", **K.M. 5th grade**

5. What is the hardest thing about being a kid?

- "The hardest thing about being a kid is not being allowed to do what I want!", **B.C. Kindergarten**
- "The hardest thing about being a kid is that you have to always clean your room", **C.H. 2nd grade.**

