

Lordship Fathers' Club

21 ¹/₂ Prospect Drive – Lordship

Celebrating 67 Years!!! 1947-2014

www.lordshipfathersclub.com

Spring 2014



CALENDAR

Club Meetings First Wednesday of every month from Sept-June LFC Clubhouse 8:00pm April 2nd - May 7th - June 4th -

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 12th 1:00pm Russian Beach base of Victoria Lawn Rain Date April 13th

54th Annual Sixth Grade Spelling Bee May 14th Lordship School

'M' is for Music Concert Series May 18th - Lordship Community Church

Bash at the Beach June 29th 12pm-4pm Russian Beach Join us!

LORDSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT The Lordship Fathers' Club will host its annual Easter

Egg Hunt at the base of Victoria Lawn, on Saturday April 12th, at 1:00pm (weather permitting). This is one of our more popular events, so be sure to bring your Easter Basket and search for eggs on the Bluffs in exchange for a delicious chocolate Easter bunny delight. Rain date will be Sunday April 13th at 1pm.

LFC 2014 SUNSHINE RAFFLE 1st prize - flat screen tv

It's that time of year again, when the LFC delivers raffle tickets along with our Spring Newsletter, affording every Lordship resident a chance to win fantastic prizes. This annual raffle fundraiser supports the Club's outreach to the community, and ensures that the Club is able to maintain its full complement of family events throughout the year. We have some excellent prizes for this year's raffle including a 1st Prize 32" Flat Screen LED HDTV 1080p. The drawing will be held again this year at the annual LFC Beach picnic on the Bluffs, scheduled for Sunday, June 29th. Use the enclosed envelope to return raffle ticket stubs, along with \$1 donation per ticket, to the Lordship Fathers' Club. Additional raffle tickets are available, and those interested in improving their chances while further supporting the Club should contact the Club. Thanks to the following businesses who contributed to our raffle; their donations, along with the generous participation of the Lordship community, will help make our raffle a success:

Luigi's Italian Restaurant of Fairfield Lordship Pizza - Knapp's Landing Sitting Duck Restaurant - Vazzy's of Stratford Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant Marnick's Restaurant - Hong Kong Tokyo Restaurant

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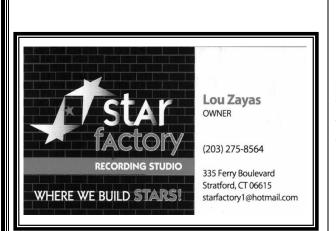
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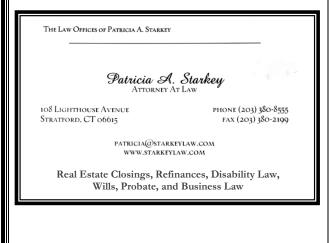
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READY...SET....SPELL !

The LFC will sponsor the 54th annual spelling bee on Wednesday, May 14th, in the Lordship School all purpose room. Janet Warren will again serve as coordinator, and Richard Diedrichsen will be the moderator. Both are former LFC spelling bee participants, whose children also competed as sixth graders. The contest is open to all Lordship School sixth graders (regardless of where they reside) as well as all Lordship children in grade six at other schools or who are home-schooled. There are no preliminary qualification rounds for the event. The top five contestants will be awarded cash prizes, with the first place winner receiving \$50. The annual event has attracted as many as 96 contestants, is 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!



LORDSHIP FATHERS CLUB PRESENTS... 'M' IS FOR MUSIC

Always wanted to hear a jazz guartet, but didn't have the time, money, and energy to go into New York City? Now that your daughter is playing violin or your son is playing the trumpet, you thought it would be great to take them to hear live music, but not sure where to go? The Lordship Fathers' Club is pleased to present another exciting opportunity in our community – a concert series "M is for Music"! Concerts will be held Sunday afternoons at 2:00 PM occasionally throughout the year at The Lordship Community Church. Seating is limited, so tickets will be available in advance for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For tickets to the upcoming May 18th concert, contact Larry Haddad via Email - larryhaddad@hotmail.com or 203-383-2289. As an extension of the concert series, the LFC is presenting "Bands by the Beach", outdoor concerts on the bluffs, starting on June 29th (same day as the LFC Beach Picnic). Additional LFC sponsored concerts are tentatively scheduled for the late afternoons of July 20th and August 24th. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some terrific music!

LFC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lordship Fathers' Club would like to thank all who participated in our Fall Membership Drive; your contributions allow us to continue to enriching the social well being of Lordship's youth and providing a focal point for community based activities. The LFC welcomed dozens of new members this year, and a special thanks to our many members who continue to support us year after year! Your generous contributions ensure the traditions of the club continue.

LOCAL CORPORATE SUPPORT *SIKORSKY / UNITED TECHNOLOGIES*

Speaking of contributing, if you are an employee of Sikorsky Aircraft or United Technologies, your Lordship Fathers' Club membership or donation of \$25 or more will be matched 100% up to \$100. Any membership or donation over \$100 will be matched on a prorated basis. To register your donation, go to the Sikorsky Home Page and find UTC Matching Gift and Volunteer Grant under the Sikorsky Communications page. Select Matching Gift Program and follow the instructions. The Lordship Fathers Club would like to thank Sikorsky Aircraft and United Technologies for their support of the LFC and our community.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CORNER

The Sunshine Committee, a division of the Lordship Fathers' Club, has been dedicated to establishing a network of friendly volunteers in our community, extending cheer on



special occasions, and encouragement during times of need. The Sunshine Committee continues to reach out to new neighbors, by delivering quilts to newborns, and providing support to those seeking assistance while recovering from an illness or bereaving. Should you know anyone in Lordship who could use a 'Ray of Sunshine' and you think the Sunshine Committee may be of assistance, contact us via the LFC website or email at: **sunshine@lordshipfathersclub.com**



LFC BEACH PICNIC

The Lordship Fathers' Club Annual Bash at the Beach picnic is planned for Sunday, June 29th, 12pm-4pm, at the Bluffs on Russian Beach. The grill will be loaded with juicy burgers, hot dogs, assorted fixins' and a variety of complementary side dishes. The LFC Raffle drawing is to be held at the picnic. Live music from 2pm-4pm. All Lordship residents and Lordship Fathers' Club members are welcome to join us.



CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The Lordship Fathers' Club recently concluded its Creative Writing contest, which welcomed students in grades four through eight, who reside in Lordship or attend Lordship School, to participate. The intent was to encourage students in our community with an opportunity to write creatively, following one of three specific prompts found on the LFC website.

More than 30 entries were evaluated by a panel of three literacy experts within our Lordship Community. Retired English Teacher Rich Diedrichsen, current Lordship School 5th Grade Teacher Mr. Steven Giroux, and current LFC Board Secretary Larry Haadad each volunteered to review the creative writings using the guidelines: *Proper grammar and punctuation, Development of the theme, Organization and clarity, and Originality and style.*

The judges were impressed with the enthusiasm and imagination the compositions presented, which proved challenging to score. The top three finalists were awarded with a \$50 gift card and can be seen published in this Spring LFC Newsletter. Samplings of additional writings crafted by a variety of participants in this contest, along with the winners, are showcased on the LFC website.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

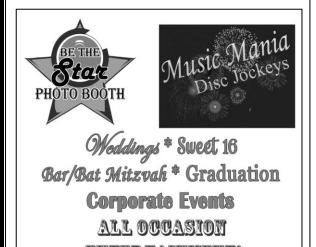
NOTABLE NEIGHBORS

We are pleased to announce a new offering exclusively on the LFC web site - 'Notable Neighbors'. LFC Board member, Larry Haddad will be contributing profiles and interviews of some of our neighbors that may be of interest – either for their past accomplishments or recent endeavors or recognitions. For example, did you know one of our Lordship neighbors will have a quilt on display in Grand Central Terminal this year as part of a contest to mark the centennial of this famed landmark? To learn more about our "Notable Neighbor", check out the LFC web site. There are many who live amongst us here in Lordship who have achieved a variety of accomplishments and accolades. Should you know of anyone whom would be a good candidate and willing to share their story, please let us know and we will make our best effort to contact them for an interview, so they can be recognized on our Notable Neighbors page.



2014 STRATFORD DAY

On Saturday, June 7th the LFC will once again participate in the Stratford Main Street Festival from 10am-4pm. The LFC will be the exclusive seller of the refreshing Micalizzi Italian Ice again which regularly sells out. Micalizzi's is located on Madison Avenue in Bridgeport and is the maker of delicious gourmet Italian Ice. If you would like to show support for the LFC, stop by our booth and order some Italian Ice. It is certain to cool you off on a warm summer afternoon as you wander about the Festival. Those wishing to volunteer to help serve Italian Ice should contact the Club through our website or join us at the monthly meeting to learn more details.



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LORDSHIP SMARTS

For a second year in a row, the Lordship Fathers' Club hosted Lordship SMARTS: a Science, Math, and Arts Exposition. Open to all students in Lordship grades K-12, Lordship SMARTS promotes the importance of creativity, ingenuity, attention to detail and communication through Science. This year, almost 60 students brought their passion and enthusiasm for science, displaying dozens of exhibits ranging from volcanoes, planetary science, the understanding of fish dams, explanation of the offshore Hudson Canyons, and experiments in architectural technology referencing our own Stratford Point Lighthouse. The imagination of participants, and the pride with which each student carefully described their exhibits was exceptional in every regard. In addition to exhibits, volunteers from the community helped run handson science based activities, such as tower building, and manufacturing of creative gliders. Lordship SMARTS not only give the children a sense of accomplishment derived from participation in a Science Exposition but also creates an opportunity where the community could gather to learn and appreciate science. Three judges from the Lordship community, with backgrounds in math and science, were impressed with the exhibits and deliberated intently before making their decisions. Each child received a certificate of participation, with the top winners in each category sharing a bounty of donated prizes. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

ART THROUGH SCIENCE CATEGORY: Kara & Cayleigh Brooks – Summer Boibeaux – Daniel Fernandes – Riley Buyskes SCIENTIFIC DISPLAY CATEGORY Skyler Boibeaux – Zoe Cubanski

- Taylor & Sydney Pivarnik - Kylie Rosen

SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT CATEGORY Lily Cubanski - McKenzie Moore - Marcella Silberger – Kassidy Murtha & Heather Buynovsky

SMARTS would not have been so successful if it were not for the dedication and commitment shown by the community volunteers who stepped forward to give so generously of their time. **The LFC would like to thank the many volunteers including:** Ed Cubanski, Mike Rosen, Dung Stafford, Kathy D'Amico, Dan Shea, Cyndi Casinelli, Larry Haadad, Shirley Cubanski, John Roberts, Bobby Buynovsky, Hugh Welch, Janice Moore, Joe Butkovsky, Tom Halverson, Jenn Silberger, Sam Pivarnik, and Paul Chisholm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LORDSHIP?

The Lordship Fathers' Club has been posting a variety of events on the interactive calendar found the website. The calendar currently includes events hosted by local groups, a variety of Town of Stratford events, the School calendar and additional on goings which may be of interest to Lordship residents.