

## RIVERSIDE'S HISTORY

Riverside Rebekah Lodge was instituted on September 25, 1917, in the Town of Woodland, Maine. At the time of its institution, there was also an Odd Fellows' Lodge in Woodland. Both lodges meet in the lodge hall, which is located on Hillside Avenue in Woodland.

Both Odd Fellows and Rebekahs work together to support the funds of our Order.

## WHAT REBEKAH - ODD FELLOWSHIP IS ALL ABOUT

Rebekahs are a sister group to the Odd Fellows, and together we form the fraternal Order known as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF).

Our organization is about 180 years old, and has members worldwide. Odd Fellows originally got their name because they spent time and money helping others - this was considered an "odd" thing to do.

Lodges are still committed to helping others - both members and non-members. We contribute time and money to national and state projects as well as to projects in our community.

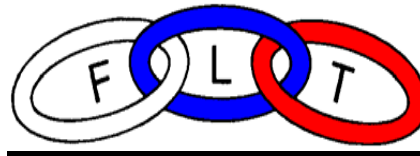
## HOW CAN I JOIN?

We hope that the projects described in this brochure have helped you to know what our organization is all about. We currently have members from Baileyville, Baring, Calais, Meddybemps and Princeton. If you are at least 16 years of age, believe in a Supreme Being, and are loyal to your country, you are eligible to join us - either men or women.

If you believe in helping others and would like to work with our members in those efforts, you may contact any member of Riverside Rebekah Lodge for more information and they will provide you with an application.

If there are other questions you would like answers to, please feel free to contact:

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## RIVERSIDE REBEKAH LODGE # 140 I.O.O.F

*WOODLAND, MAINE*  
*(Town of Baileyville)*

*Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays*  
*3 pm*

## **OUR NATIONAL PROJECTS**

Lodges throughout the United States and Canada contribute annually to the Arthritis Foundation. This past year more than \$500,000 was given to this fund.

Our Order has an Educational Foundation which provides low interest loans to children or grandchildren of members - thus enabling them to further their education.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have endowed a research Chair of Ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University, which means that we provide the entire means of support for that department, whose responsibility is to research and help find cures for eye diseases. Anyone with serious visual problems may contact a Rebekah for the method of making application for either financial assistance or possible medical screening at Johns Hopkins.

Our Living Legacy program was started in 1989, and we have committed ourselves to “planting a tree for he who comes after me”, thus helping to fight global warming in our communities.

## **ODD FELLOWS’ AND REBEKAHS’ HOME OF MAINE**

Our Order is very proud of our “Home” which is located in Auburn. We have a residential care center with 36 beds and a health care center with 26 beds. Our lodge contributes annually to the Home. Each Christmas time a committee spends several days at the Home, shopping for gifts for the residents and decorating. This is culminated by a party for the residents and refreshments.

Anyone is welcome to visit our beautiful Home on Caron Lane. Any Rebekah would be proud to show it to you.

## **CAMP NEOFA**

With seven other Jurisdictions, the Jurisdiction of Maine owns Camp NEOFA, which is located in Montville, Maine - between Augusta and Belfast. This camp is open during the summer for youth camping - ages 8 through 14. It offers a wide variety of activities, including hiking, swimming, crafts, sports and music. Youngsters from as far away as Oregon have attended our camp, which is entirely supported by donations from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

throughout the Northeastern United States, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces.

## **NURSES’ TRAINING AWARD**

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in Maine contribute annually to the Nurses’ Training Award, which awards scholarships annually to students in Maine planning to attend a Maine college in a four-year nursing program. Students from Baileyville have received this award. See a member for more details.

## **THINGS WE DO IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Riverside’s members are very active in the community throughout the year.

These are some of the things we do:

- Scholarship to graduating high school senior
- Adopt-a-Family for Christmas
- Sponsor children to Camp NEOFA
- Participate in Baileyville’s Octoberfest weekend
- Supplies for an elementary class
- Help with scholarships for Rec Dept summer program
- Donate hats and mittens to area schools
- Contribute to the local food pantry
- Collect for “Coats for Kids” campaign
- Hold fundraisers to help support our giving
- Raise money for large-print books for public library
- The project you suggest!