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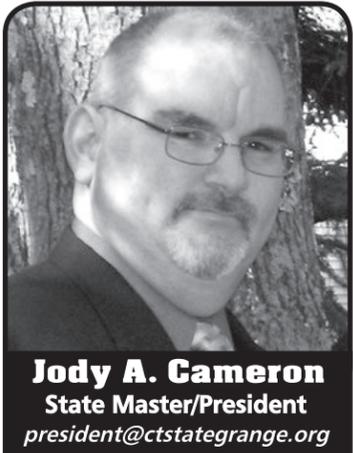


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Attend your State Grange Session



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State Master/President
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This edition of the Granger is packed with information about State Session being held 10/17-10/19 at the Norwich Holiday Inn in Norwich, CT. We are pleased to have some local sponsors for our session this year. Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm and the Brown Cow Café will be providing muffins and cider donuts for breakfast on Friday morning and The Farmers Cow will be providing the ice cream after the Sixth Degree. We are grateful that these businesses are

partnering with us to make your convention more pleasurable.

This year we have asked the Pomona Granges to sponsor one of the breaks. To date four Pomonas have agreed to do this and I thank them for their efforts. On Friday morning Quinebaug and New London County will be hosting the break time and on Saturday we will be hosted by Mountain County and Excelsior Pomonas. If your Pomona wishes to host, please contact me.

You will find your Grange's Session Committee assignment and the resolutions to date listed elsewhere in this edition. Please look them over and discuss with your members prior to session so your Grange can be adequately represented.

This is a reminder to all who have late resolutions, any resolution approved in your Community or Pomona Grange and properly signed

and sealed by your Secretary or Master after 9/30 will not be included in the Delegate's Book. It will be necessary for your Grange to supply 120 copies during the session.

After our session we roll right into Manchester, NH for the National Grange Session. Connecticut is responsible for Saturday November 16th.

We still need Deputies, Registration helpers and help in the hospitality suite. Please contact Carol Hnath for more details and sign on to help. This is also an excellent opportunity to go to the Seventh Degree on Saturday November 17th. If you are ONLY attending the Seventh Degree you do NOT need to register with National Grange. As a reminder, East Central Pomona is having a bus go to National for the Degree. It is only \$40. Call Edith Schoell to reserve your seat.

National Grange insurance exchange

The National Grange is pleased to announce our Private Health Insurance Exchange for Members available now!

• Through our partnership and website with National Affinity Services you will have access to the public subsidized government marketplaces (individuals with less than \$94,000 in household income may qualify).

• Subsidies for qualified individuals in the Federal & State Marketplaces will be included in our Health Insurance Exchange. Open enrollment in the Federal & State Marketplaces begins October 1, 2013.

• Shop the Private Health Insurance Exchange now for the best rates* and rate guarantees through next year.

• Lock in your rates now to guarantee lower costs

in 2014. Most states will experience rate increases due to the Affordable Care Act.

• Effective January 1, 2014 all applicants will be guaranteed issue with no pre-existing condition requirements. We will take applications October 1st.

• Online access and enrollment to additional services including dental.

• Get a quote now! Ensure your providers are included with your coverage and enroll online.

• Members have access to health insurance in all 50 states from the top carriers.

Schedule a consultation with one of National Affinity Services' Licensed Insurance Agents or request a quote today by calling toll free 855-533-1776.

If you have any questions about this new member benefit, please

call 1-888-4GRANGE ext. 109 or via email to sjohnson@nationalgrange.org.

*Open enrollment in the Insurance Marketplace begins October 1, 2013 for coverage effective January 1, 2014.

The Affordable Care Act Individual Mandate requires all individuals to have health insurance as of January 1, 2014 or pay a fine.

The forthcoming health care changes are confusing

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Fall Fairs & Festivals



The Killingly Grange exhibit at the Killingly Tomato Festival held in Davis Park in Danielson on Saturday, September 14.

Elections around the corner

Alma Graham, State Legislative Director

This November 5th many towns will be holding their local municipal elections for their leaders including Mayors or Selectman. Most of the municipal elections are very low key with the general public hearing very little about it until the last couple of weeks before the election. Some towns and cities have already held primaries for their candidates. The most notable was the City of New Haven where their long time Mayor, John DeStefano, decided to retire and not seek another term. There still are a multiple of people vying for the right to be the mayoral candidate in New Haven.

Some believe that local elections are not important and don't bother voting in their municipal elections. This really could not be further from the truth. How important are these elections? These are the people who will be leading your town. They oversee the general day to day business in your town.

The First Selectman or Mayor, if your town has one, oversees the running of the town. They work with the other departments within the town to determine the town budget and how your tax dollars are used. They monitor the various committees, commissions and agencies within your town such as your local Highway Department who keep your roads maintained and cleared in the winter. In some towns the First Selectman or Mayor also monitors the local Police and Fire Departments.

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129th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Ballroom, Norwich Holiday Inn, Norwich, CT

6:00 P.M. SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MEETING

7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Introduction of National Reps., Chris & Duane Hamp
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credential Committee
Session Committee Announcements
Welcome from the Mayor of Norwich Peter Nystrom
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
8:00 P.M. Address of State President
Jody A. Cameron

Report of Overseer
Report of Lecturer
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Report of Exec. Comm./Board of Dir.
9:00 P.M. Closing
9:00 P.M. CT State Grange Foundation, Inc.
Annual Meeting (*All welcome*)
9:00 P.M. Hospitality and Display Room Open
9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 18, 2013

7:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Room
Sponsored By Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm and the Brown Cow Café
9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business:
Election of two members of the Executive Committee and any vacancies that occur.
9:30 A.M. Report of Camp Maud Isbell Berger
Report of Legislative Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
10:00 A.M. Special Presentation by National Pomona Chris Hamp
10:45 A.M. BREAK (*Hosted by Quinebaug & New London Cty. Pomonas*)
11:15 A.M. Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of Connecticut Granger
Report of CT State Grange Foundation
Business Session (Resolutions)
12:00 P.M. Luncheon - Hosted by Eloise Osuch (LAS) and Noel Miller (Steward)
- Family Activity Report & Awards
- Public Relations Report & Awards
- Agriculture Contest Awards
2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
2:15 P.M. "Growing our History for a Stronger Tomorrow"
2:45 P.M. Business Session
3:15 P.M. BREAK
3:45 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building Trustees
Report of 2013 National Grange Session State Coordinator
4:30 P.M. Closing
8:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom, Norwich Holiday Inn
(*Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required*)

Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
Rose Drill
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Grangers
Community Service
Honor Grange Awards
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table - Officers and Court

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Norwich Holiday Inn, Norwich, CT by 7:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Friday. Cost of application: \$10.00.

Saturday, October 19, 2013

9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate (Last Opportunity)
Junior and Youth Tour
9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
9:45 A.M. Business Session
10:45 A.M. BREAK (Hosted by Mountain County and Excelsior Pomonas)
11:15 A.M. Business Session 11:45 A.M. FFA Representative(s)
12:00 P.M. Youth, Junior and Membership Recognition Luncheon - Hosted By Barbara Kulisch (Chaplain) and Bob Buck (Gatekeeper)
-Membership Report and Awards
-Youth Report
-Junior Report and Awards
2:00 P.M. Installation
2:30 P.M. Business Session
5:00 P.M. Closing
7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Members not registered/without a ticket will be permitted to attend the program following the meal).
Lecturer's Program
Professional Agriculture Awards
Scholarships
2013 C.S.G. Granger of the Year
Past Deputies Raffle

Thank you for being a part of the 129th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange... Have a safe journey home!

Session Committees

Below are the Session Committee assignments for the upcoming State Session to be held Oct. 17-19 at the Holiday Inn, Norwich. Due to technical issues, the resolutions were not available for publication in this issue. The resolutions/assignments will be provided in the Delegate packets at State Session.

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: Mountain County Pomona #4
Vice Chair: Jon Russell, Ag. Director
Granby #5 Hillstown #87
Glastonbury #26 Ekonk Comm. #89
Manchester #31 Taghannuck #100
Cawasa #34 Ekonk Comm. Jr. #101
Whiville #48 Lyme #147
Colchester #78

Good of the Order/Membership

Chair: Fairfield County Pomona #9
Vice Chair: Quinebaug Pomona #2
Stafford #1 Beacon Valley #103
Wallingford #33 Killingly #112
North Haven #35 Old Lyme #162
Senexet #40 Hemlock #182
Hillstown Jr. #87 Groton Comm. #213
Pachaug #96

Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: New Haven County Pomona #5
Vice Chair: Excelsior Pomona #7
Redding #15 Norfield #146
Southington #25 Cannon #152
Meriden #29 Norwich #172
Winchester #74 Echo #180
Bethlehem #121 Simsbury #197
Prospect #144

Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

Chair: Central Pomona #1
Vice Chair: New London Cty. Pomona #6
Lebanon #21 Higganum #124
Tolland #51 Greenfield Hill #133
Wolf Den #61 Riverton #169
Coventry #75 Wolcott #173
Ashford #90 Oxford #194
Preston City #110

Legislative/Insurance

Chair: East Central Pomona #3
Vice Chair: Alma Graham, Leg. Dir.
Cheshire #23 N. Stonington Comm. #138
Vernon #52 Enfield #151
Eureka #62 Bridgewater #153
Harmony #92 Stonington #168
Putnam #97 Cherry Brook #210
Beacon #118

All Session Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs are asked to attend a brief meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday evening in the Ballroom.



The Bennett Family will perform during the Lecturer's Program of the Celebration Banquet on Saturday, October 19.

Christine Hamp, National Pomona, and Duane Hamp, Master of the WA State Grange will be the National Representatives to the 129th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.



Attention Juniors!

Juniors to tour the Submarine Museum



USS Nautilus

The Connecticut State Grange Junior Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Submarine Force Library & Museum, home of the USS Nautilus. The trip is part of the activities planned for State Session and will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. The group will meet at the Holiday Inn (at the Grange Registration Table) by 8:45 A.M. and will return by noon for the Youth, Junior and Membership Recognition Luncheon at the hotel.

Submarines have fascinated people from Alexander the Great to the Beatles, from Jules Verne to John Holland. You'll find out why when you visit the nation's finest displays and collections of America's submarine heritage.

The Submarine Force Museum, located on the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut, maintains the world's finest collection of submarine artifacts. It is the only submarine museum operated by the United States Navy, and as such is the primary repository for artifacts, documents and photographs relating to U.S. Submarine Force history. The museum traces the development of the "Silent Service" from David Bushnell's Turtle, used in the Revolutionary War, to the Ohio and Virginia class submarines. Originally established as "The Submarine Library" by Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in 1955, the Submarine Force Library and Museum soon gained respect for its archival and research value. In April 1964, the entire collection was donated to the Navy and relocated to the Naval Submarine Base, New London, Groton, Connecticut. The name "Submarine Force Library and Museum" was officially adopted in 1969.

Contact Michelle DeDominicis, Junior Director, at 860-568-2415 or Helen Forrest 860-568-6268 if interested in tour (leave message).

OR meet at Registration Table on Saturday, 10/19 at 8:45 A.M.

Getting to the Holiday Inn Norwich

From Bradley International Airport:

Take I-91 South to Route 2 East. Then take I-395 South to Exit 80. At the end of the ramp take a right. Hotel is on the right at 10 Laura Blvd. (You will see the hotel from the exit ramp).

From I-395 North:

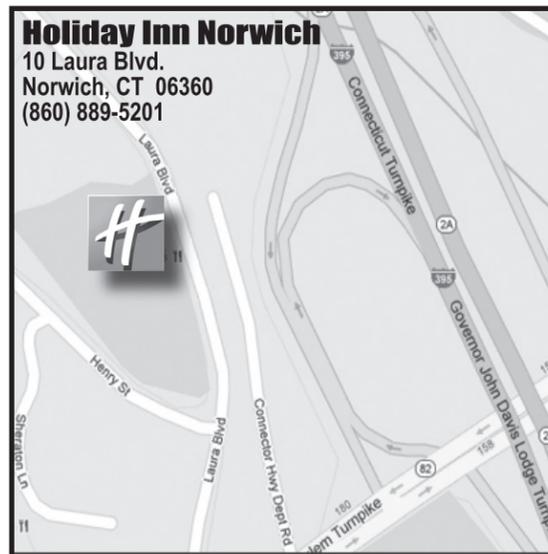
Take Exit 80. At the end of the ramp take a left. Hotel is on the right at 10 Laura Blvd.

From I-395 South:

Take Exit 80. At the end of the ramp take a right. Hotel is on the right at 10 Laura Blvd.

From Providence, RI:

Follow I-395 South to Exit 84 to Route 32 North. Then merge with I-395 North. Take Exit 80. At the end of the ramp take a left. Hotel is on the right.



National Grange health insurance

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and will impact all individuals and businesses differently. The new Health Insurance Exchanges or Marketplaces have been created to provide an easy solution to shop for and purchase health insurance. Government subsidies are available for qualified individuals and small businesses.

Review the questions below to learn how you may be impacted and how your association's private health insurance exchange may help you through this process.

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

- Do you make less than \$94,000 in Household income? If so, you may qualify for a significant government subsidy.
- Do you report dependents on your tax return? The more dependents you have the greater the government subsidy.
- Did you know the government subsidies may be as large as 90% or more?
- Do you have access to a Private Health Exchange that also provides access to Government subsidized exchanges (now called marketplaces)?
- Did you know "open enrollment" in the subsidized Public Exchanges begins this October 1, 2013?
- Did you know there is a \$95 fine if you do not buy health insurance in 2014?
- Do you have a pre-existing condition that has effected your ability to access health insurance? Private & Public Exchanges will be guarantee issue and there will be no health questions or pre-existing condition restrictions.

FOR EMPLOYERS:

- Did you know if you have an employer plan your employees will not be eligible for premium subsidies?

- Would it be more economical for you as an employer to purchase private coverage and cancel group coverage?

- Did you know if you cancel group coverage all employees making less than \$94,000 will be eligible for subsidies through the government exchanges.

- Did you know the Treasury Department delayed the employer mandate requiring firms of 51 employees or more to offer coverage until 2015? (50 employees or less there is no requirement to provide coverage).

FOR EVERYONE:

- Do you have online access to getting quotes and enrolling?
- Is your broker certified with the Federal & State Public Exchanges?
- Do you have access to all the insurance carriers and physicians in your state?
- Do you have access to a toll free number to call someone to quote all plans in your state for your review?
- Have you advised your family or business associates to schedule a consultation this week with your "Certified Public Exchange Agent" for the October 1, 2013 Open Enrollment? Call toll-free NOW 855-533-1776.
- Did you know 30 million Americans and one in two individuals will be changing health insurers during the coming "open enrollment."
- Did you know you can access most plans through your association?

There will be a backlog of applicants; plan NOW! Call toll-free 855-533-1776 for a free consultation and to learn more about the solutions available to you, your employers and your family or visit http://nationalaffinity.net/quote/national_grange/.

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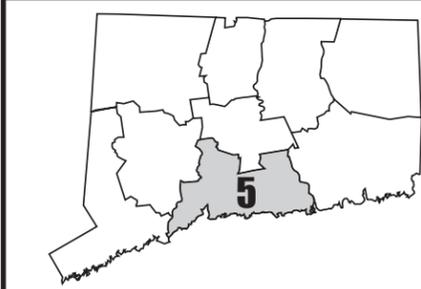
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New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- ✓ Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

MISSION STATEMENT

New Haven County Pomona through the strength of its Community Granges offers collective wisdom and experience to enhance the individual leadership skills, pride in Grange ritual and camaraderie to all citizens in the communities in which we serve!

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Wes Dymoke

Oct. 28: Regular Meeting, 7:30 at Wallingford (586 Center St.); Program "It's Halloween (come in costume).

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Oct. 2: Octoberfest

Oct. 16: Fall Social

Now that Fall is upon us, we can look back over the summer months which went by quickly as always.

We enjoyed our annual picnic at the Bernhardt's on July 17th where we also planned our Grange calendar for the 2013-14 year.

Cheshire Grange was very well represented at the New England Lecturer's Conference right here in Connecticut at the Albertus Magnus College in New Haven. Connecticut was the host State and Marge Bernhardt handled the proceedings very nicely with an excellent program put on by Connecticut and very informative workshops and great entertainment.

Our annual fair was held on August 24th and 25th and was very successful. Going to the an August date was a good move for us. Our officers were installed on September 4th by State Secretary Edith Schoell and her team, preceded by a pot luck supper. Many of us will be attending the State Session in October at The Holiday Inn in Norwich.

Plans are underway for our second annual craft show to be held in early December.

We wish you all much success in the new Grange year.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach

Oct 10: Hockey on Thanksgiving Day in Canada! Program: Lisa and Jim Lamoureux Ref: Jane Maxwell

Oct 24: Harvest Time in the Fall; Pot Luck Supper

@ 6:15pm. Bring a Covered dish.

Past Meetings in August: August 22: "Mystery Ride" We had a business meeting and discussed our upcoming fair on Sept 14th. Most of the fair books are in their places and tickets have been printed up for the chicken barbecue.

Our mystery ride was a short one up the street to a restaurant called Rocking Rob's. Rocking Rob's is a 50's themed restaurant which specializes in seafood but has standard fare such as hot dogs and hamburgers. The restaurant was brightly lit and the decor was white and red and the seats were done in vinyl in the same color scheme. There were a lot of neon signs and there was juke box with real vinyl records and Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman" was playing in the background. Since we came after dinner we came for dessert. The sampler ice cream consisting of 4 different flavors was quite good. While some had the blackberry ice cream was also very good. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Oct. 1: Hefty Harvest

Hopefully I am back on schedule for Granger reporting. Sorry to report that our Master's wife, Doris Borrelli, passed to the Grange above in August. She had been a Grange member for 72 years.

We have all been suffering from "TDH" most of the summer but are much better now that it has cooled off. We have a new name for ourselves now. It is the "Cane Break." At least five of us are using them now. It's tough to be old and have to admit it.

We are looking for better things in the new Grange year. Come visit and bring your cane so we'll know you are one of us.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Oct. 11: October is...

Oct. 25: Autumn is...

Nov. 8: Harvest is...

We held our Potluck Picnic on the 23rd of August,

followed by a regular meeting where we once again draped our Charter in loving memory of Ruth E. Shapleigh, a longtime chaplain of our Grange, who had been a member for 45

years.

Hard to predict where we will be in the process of surrendering our charter when you read this column, so we are in hopes of seeing you all at State Session.

Elections around the corner



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Town Clerks record and maintain records including deeds, births, deaths, fishing licenses and many other records for your town. School Boards oversee the running of your schools including the budgets and educational programs for your local schools. The Assessor's office maintains maps and oversees the recording and determining the property values of your homes. Of course you probably are aware of some of what the Tax Collectors

do, but remember that they also maintain tax records keeping track of what is due and who has paid. Your local Zoning officials monitor new developments or changes to existing developments making sure that all town codes are being followed so that all residents have a safe environment to live in and over development does not occur. All of these people are elected officials. By your vote you get to decide who to 'hire' for these positions.

This is a good opportunity for your Grange to promote awareness of these local elections. Your Grange can host a 'Meet the Candidate's' program that is open to the public. Inform the public what offices are up for election, what these offices are and their function in the town. Ask the candidates why they are running for that particular office. What

are their qualifications and what are their plans and goals. Stress the importance of voting in these elections and how these elected officials affect their local day to day lives and pocketbooks. Remember that the Grange is non-partisan and cannot endorse any candidate or party.

This year there is a significant change to election laws. The last legislative session enacted Election Day Registration and it was signed into law by Governor Malloy. In previous elections you needed to have registered to vote 30 days prior to the elections. Now if you are not registered to vote in your town you may register on the actual day of the election. Check with your local towns as to the guidelines and where unregistered voters will need to go to register on that day.

Christmas in Sept. was merry



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
social@ctstategrange.org

Our Christmas Party is now history. We hope that if you came you had a good time and that if you didn't come you wish you had. The real Christmas will be here before we know it. Hope yours is a merry one. Our committee thanks everyone most sincerely who helped us in any way.

We expect to have a representative from the Connecticut Food Bank at the State Grange Celebration Banquet on Saturday. We will have a grocery cart in the hotel lobby which we hope to fill for them to bring home. Your help will be appreciated.

Watch for our next activity.

So. Connecticut Past Masters

The October meeting of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters will be held at the Prospect Senior Center on Saturday, October 13. The evening will start at 6:30 with spaghetti and meatballs or meatball grinder for supper. The meatballs being

this year's entry in the fun fair cooking department. This will be followed by a short meeting. The program is our 25th Annual Fun Fair titled "Twinkling Stars" in charge of Joanne Cipriano.

Come and join us. We love company.

Eureka Grange to hold Pig Roast

Savor the flavors of fall when Eureka Grange hosts its Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, October 5th.

A small town celebration of food, family, and fun, the Annual Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM at Eureka Grange Hall, 777 Litchfield Turnpike (Route 202), in the Nepaug section of New Hartford. The meal is buffet style, featuring all the trimmings, as well as a selection of

homemade desserts. The price is \$12.50 for adults, \$6.00 for children 6 - 12, and children under 6 eat for free. Tickets are available at the door.

All funds raised will benefit the Eureka Grange Building Fund, as well as their community programs.

For Pig Roast tickets, and more information on this event, please contact Earl Phillips at 860-482-1111.

New London County Pomona No. 6



- Lebanon No. 21
- Colchester No. 78
- Pachaug No. 96
- Preston City No. 110
- N. Stonington Community No. 138
- Lyme No. 147
- Stonington No. 168
- Norwich No. 172
- Groton Community No. 213

MISSION STATEMENT
 To cultivate and nurture the flock while encouraging their advancement to the degree of Pomona.

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Dec. 14: Holiday Cheers-Lyme Grange

A small but enthusiastic group enjoyed a beautiful, sunny afternoon at Bluff Point for the annual Pomona picnic. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Pomona were augmented by delicious side dishes brought by those present. After lunch the group wandered along the many trails in the beautiful state park.

Hope to see a large group for our holiday party at Lyme Grange in December. Our meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

The summer is nearing its end, And next comes the beautiful fall. Please come to Pomona, my friend, Where there's friendship and fun for all.

N. STONINGTON COMMUNITY GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Oct. 11: "Getting Down to Grass Roots"

Oct. 25: "Hocus Pocus"- 7:30 P.M.

Our August programs were enjoyable. First the gents put on a varied program of games, readings, jokes and a skit while the ladies presented a delicious array of refreshments: then the ladies entertained with music, dance, games, readings and impossible quizzes while the gents prepared a tempting repast complete with background music. Jason's chocolate cake and the root beer floats were much enjoyed!

Our first program in October is in the charge of the Legislative Committee. (Heads Up, Nick). The second one is our annual Halloween party. Round up the grandkids, put on your favorite costume and join us for an evening of games, parades, prizes and yummy refreshments. We will hold our yearly cup social to raise money for Christmas baskets. If you have something around the house you would like to

donate to it, bring it along. The evening begins at 7:30 P.M.

We are sad to report that we have lost another Golden Sheaf member. Audrey Gruber, who worked for years in our food booth at the 4H Fair making the best fried dough, has moved on to the Great Grange Above. We will miss her. And if the katydids can just dodge all that mosquito spray, next time I'll tell you all about super September.

LYME GRANGE #147

Oct. 3: Apple Pickin' Time
Nov. 7: Talk Turkey
Dec. 5: Will Santa visit us?
Dec. 14: We host New London County Pomona, 7:30 P.M.

The officers of Lyme Grange have been duly and properly installed by Jody Cameron and his team. It was an impressive ceremony.

We have lost one of our oldest members, Amy Cooke, 97. She was a very active (50 year) Grange member and a delight to have in your presence. We shall miss her terribly.

Our Secretary has sent in all necessary reports due before State Session. We voted a delegate to attend State Session in October.

The man upstairs was good to us for our Fair. We had three great days, low humidity, cool weather and no precipitation. It was well attended, breaking all records. The fall weather is upon us and I hope everyone is enjoying these fine beautiful days.

GROTON COMMUNITY GRANGE #213

Corr: Susan Kenney

Donna Victoria, Lecturer, had a program which was about the history of Groton and she told a joke. Next month there will be a Halloween Program organized by Natasja Jurgensen. We also had a guest attend who may join the newly formed Groton Community Grange.



Edith Schoell
 State Secretary
 secretary@ctstategrange.org

State Secretary

The ripening fruit and falling leaves of autumn have brought us cooler days and nights. Good for the Grange Fairs.

State Session is here, and I hope each Grange is planning to be represented. There will be a few changes from last year's schedule.

However, there is plenty to be accomplished and certainly the officers will be there to assist.

New Secretaries, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Central Office, 860-633-7550 or Secretary@CTStateGrange.org.

Feed your garden and the hungry

Maggie Buck, State Ag. Committee

The fall is upon us and the gardening year will be ending soon. Before you put your garden to bed for the winter please consider two things. The leftover unused vegetables in your garden may not be what you want to eat at this point, especially if you have had an abundant crop of one or two vegetables, but they are very useful to the soup kitchens and some food pantries that accept vegetables. So please consider feeding the hungry with anything left in

your garden that is usable. Also remember that the fall is the best time to feed your garden. A good cleaning and a round of added nutrients will help your garden give you an even better crop next year.

The CSG Agricultural Committee will be attending state session and will be giving out our awards and our reports. We also will be putting out sign up sheets for the grange members to help us pick out a signature crop for next year's gardens.

129th Annual Session of the

Connecticut State Grange

REGISTRATION FORM

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The only exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday Evening and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and/or Saturday also includes admission to that day's luncheon. The Celebration Banquet on Saturday is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions.

Grange Name & Number _____

Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____

Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____

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FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 17 - Sat., Oct. 19)

Adult Registration \$30.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
 # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

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Celebration Banquet (Saturday Evening)

Meal Choice: # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

_____ Herb Crusted Chicken Breast # of Jr. members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

_____ Roasted Atlantic Salmon with Shallot Jus

_____ Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Fresh Horseradish Aioli

Thurs., Oct. 17 & Fri., Oct. 18 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend Thursday/Friday ONLY

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Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- Bethlehem No. 121
- ✓ Prospect No. 144
- ✓ Bridgewater No. 153
- Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

MISSION STATEMENT

Excelsior Pomona's collective voice is used as an effective tool to further the Grange's good works locally and throughout the state.

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

Cindy Legg and the officers of Excelsior Pomona were installed at Beacon Valley Grange on September 18, 2013. She hope everyone will support her as they have the past masters.

Tickets are now available for the Roast Beef Dinner on November 2, 2013 at Beacon Valley Grange. Also, space is available for the Pomona Bazaar the same day starting at 2:00 pm. This is a chance for your grange to have a bazaar table and make some money for your grange.

A reminder to our granges that the Country Theme Baskets should be at the grange early so tickets can be sold. Tickets for the raffle are available now as well. See Joanne Cipriano for the tickets. She does such a good job organizing things for this event.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

"O" is for October is the title of our program to be presented by Lecturer Cindy Legg at our Oct. 11 meeting. Diane and Victor Godin will be in charge of refreshments.

We will make plans for our participation at the State Grange Session and Excelsior Pomona's annual Roast Beef Dinner to be held at Beacon Valley on November 2nd. If you have a birthday card you might like to send it to Olive Rathburn. Olive is a longtime member of our Grange and has been unable to attend meetings the last few years. She celebrated her birthday at the State Session for many years.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

We would like to thank everyone for the donations for the backpack. We had so many donations that we were able to put together 3 backpacks. Two of the backpacks went to the Youth Services that gave them to needy students. The other went to a family with foster children. We wish them well.

A 39 inch color TV was obtained and donated to a disabled veteran that did not have a TV. Now, he has something to help occupy his time.

We are actively looking for new members with new ideas. Denise and Diane Barbieri will be joining us as new members of Prospect Grange. We would like to welcome you both. The program for the September 12th meeting will be Harvest Festival with refreshments by Minnie Wolvek and Jean Meehan. We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Prospect Senior Center at 7:30 p.m. Come join us.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Charles Perry

We held our regular monthly meeting at the Bridgewater Grange Hall on Wednesday August 14th. We went over our plans for the upcoming year.

We also had a picnic at the Grange Hall on Friday August 16th and after that we watched the Bridgewater Fireman's Parade.

On Tuesday September 10th we will have a combined picnic and meeting. We will meet at Master Nancy Mascio's home in New

Milford at 6:30 PM.

On Saturday September 14th we will have our first roast beef dinner of the season. The meal will start at 5:30 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall. A hootenanny with Jeff Case and Friends will follow at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday October 5th we are planning a trip to Arethusa Farm followed by a meeting and a dinner.

On Saturday October 12th we will have our second roast beef dinner of the season.

The meal will start at 5:30 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall. A hootenanny with Jeff Case and Friends will follow at 7:30 PM.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Maggie Buck

We have had a pretty quiet summer, but we have been able to have a number of our scheduled meetings. With help from several members we have had a variety of programs to fill in for our lack of a lecturer. We are battling

around a couple of potential programs for the fall, one would be a candidates debate night and one would be a small business fair.

We have done the candidates debates in the past so we are just waiting to see if the two candidates for First Selectman in Oxford are up to a public debate.

This reporter is new at doing the granger, so I hope to be more timely and informative in the future.

Where did the time go?



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

Wow!

Summer is over. Where did the time go? Autumn brings cooler temperatures and the vibrant fall colors that New England

From what I hear we have several new Lecturers on board – both Pomona and Subordinate. Welcome to the group, and thank you for taking on this challenge. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. I will do my best to help you.

State Session will be here before we know it. I hope to see many of you at the Session and hopefully be able to present Lecturers' Awards to you. In any case, please stop by my station and say hello.

My thanks to all our veteran Lecturers for your many hours of dedicated work this past year. You play a key role in the future of the Grange.

Hoping to see you at State Session and around the State....

is noted for. This should help recharge our batteries for the new Grange year that is starting. Let's all get a fresh start. Forget all the problems of the past, and start over. Have good programs, encourage people to come to meetings and watch for the results. If we all work together, we, as Lecturers, can make a difference.



Prospect Grange #144

Prospect Grange President Timothy Meehan, right, presents Doris Welton, a longtime resident of Prospect, with a 75 year membership award. Welton and her late husband, Joseph, joined Prospect Grange in April 1937. They were very active for many years. Welton keeps active in her gardens around her home every day in good weather.

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Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- ✓ Harmony No. 92
- ✓ Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- ✓ Cannon No. 152

MISSION STATEMENT

Fairfield County Pomona is made up of Community Granges with a special interest in leadership development, who come together to share information and fellowship and through legislative action addresses the needs of all its members and communities.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Oct. 2: The Power of Public Speaking

Nov: No Meeting

The officers of Fairfield County Pomona were installed, in an exceptionally professional manner on Sept. 9 at Redding Grange Hall by Sister Edith Schoell and her team.

The October meeting is also at Redding Grange Hall. There will be a 6 P.M. potluck supper and the program is on the Power of Public Speaking. A country store will follow the meeting.

Fairfield County Pomona will be sending two, well qualified delegates, as representatives at the Annual State Grange Session.

We hope everyone enjoyed summer vacation. The children are back in school but there are still several weekends so enjoy especially since fair time is here. Patronize a local Grange fair and have fun.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Oct. 14: Harvest Fairs

Oct. 28: Hobo Stew Supper, 6 P.M.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Our officers were installed on Sept. 9 by Sister Edith Schoell and her team and they did an outstanding job.

We held our Harvest Fair on Saturday, Sept. 21 and it turned out to be a successful one and all that attended had a fun-filled time.

The first meeting of the month will be on Harvest Fairs. If you didn't have one this year our program will tell you all about them.

Our next meeting will start at 6 P.M. with a delicious hobo stew supper. There will be a selection of stew dinners to sample and enjoy so bring a good appetite. The program is about Halloween and there will be a judging of costumes, so bring yours along. It will be a fun night.

The first meeting in Nov. is Veterans Day and we will be honoring our veterans. We still have a few members that are veterans.

Redding Grange is honoring our commitment to the Order by sending two delegates to the Annual State Grange Session. See you there.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward

August was a busy month for Harmony Grange. We had our monthly meeting on August which included the election of officers. Officers who had served for the past two years were reelected with the exception of Chaplain and Pomona. Our new Chaplain will be Valerie Barrachina and our new Pomona will be Gertrude Wilson.

We held our annual Agricultural Fair on August 24, 2013. We had renters along with Farm Market Exhibitors that were invited by Ron and Gail Bunovsky. A farm truck with a load of hay was made available by Leon Smith and a large farm tractor was driven to the fair grounds and parked for the day by Rudy Hudak, a local retired dairy farmer. Exhibitors for the day included TLC, Benedicts, Jones Family Farms, Masons, Zankos Farms, Twombly Nursery, and Pondview Nursery. Of great interest was the wood carving using a chainsaw by Jay Dubac. Monroe Patch, one of Monroe's correspondents, entitled his work, "It Takes a Chainsaw to Make a Cuddy Bear". Another article by Patch was a picture and write up of Gertrude Wilson, one of our workers at the fair, and a grange member for 75 years. Patch also did another article on the fresh produce and plant supplies sold at Harmony Grange's annual Agricultural Fair & Bake Sale Saturday that showcased all Monroe's farming businesses have to offer. The article

was titled "This is Proof that We Are a Farming Community". Patch's Web Site is monroe.patch.com. Another correspondent, EyeOnMonroe.com, a Monroe's Online Magazine, took pictures of our vegetables display with some of the workers at the fair. This article will be made available also to the surrounding communities. Bob Sendewicz judged our vegetables, fruit and plants; Marge Sendewicz and Joan Ziegler judged needlework and other exhibits.

For our September meeting, we will have neighbors night and Community Award presentation. We are inviting a speaker from the community to speak on farming for the award. We will also honor our neighbor, Ron Deaso and his wife Nancy as he keeps our lawn mowed.

For October, we will have our Installation of Officers The installing team will be Bob and Marge Sendewicz. Our meeting will be the fourth Friday in October instead of our usual meeting night which is the second Friday of each month.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Oct. 21: "A Fair to Remember", 6 P.M. Dinner, 7 P.M. Meeting

Steve Golias, our Lecturer, gave a presentation on home canning to 18 persons on a Saturday morning in August. It was well received with three taking Grange applications.

At our regular meeting, the Fair was the main topic. An additional planning session was held the day after Labor Day. Sandwiches, etc. were generously provided by new members, Diane and Paul Lytwyn. Many thanks!

Several members were extremely busy getting the hall spruced up for the Fair and other commitments. Interior painting was matched by outside yard work and a hired crew that put a new roof on our porches.

Plans call for a "harvest dinner" to precede our regular meeting. One additional reason to celebrate is that we have been in continuous existence for 120 years! All of our Grange friends are welcome to all of our meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Oct. 8: "Let's Talk Turkey"

Oct. 27: 2nd Annual Kiwanis Reservoir Run (Grange Water Station)

Nov. 2: BBQ & Square Dance

Nov. 12: Business Meeting

Nov. 23: Re-Opening 4th Annual Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 10: Deck the Hall & Holiday Cheer

Deadlines being what they are, you October readers know far more than this

report does about what has been happening at Norfield Grange. It is Labor Day here. The 45th Annual Fair hasn't happened yet, nor the new officers installed. We don't even know what Fair winner won for "Best Homemade Hooch in Connecticut."

We do know, though, that under the leadership of Kevin and Marie Parker we enjoyed a wonderful summer picnic with 20 hungry participants. Some of the best customs in the Grange never change.

Big E Winners



A sampling of some of the entries in the Big E Needlework Contest

Pat Palmer, Women's Activities Director

Congratulations to the winners of the Needlework Contest at the BIG E

Class C - Embroidery - 1st Place - Edith Schoell - Manchester Grange

Class E - Plastic Canvas - 2nd Place - Shirley Moore - Riverton Grange

Class F - Counted Cross Stitch - 3rd Place - Mariellen Baxter - Vernon Grange

Class H - Latch Hook - 3rd Place - Dorothy Joselovitz - Redding Grange

Class I - Quilted Wall Hanging - 2nd Place - Karen MacDonald - Redding Grange

Class J - Stuffed Toy - 1st Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire Grange

Class K - Baby Afghans - 2nd Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire Grange

The winning entries will be on display at State Session.

Thank you!



Some of the many items for sale at the New England Grange Bldg.

Many many thanks to the folks of Connecticut who made and donated hundreds of items for the Country Store in the Grange Building at the Big E.

Betty Jane Gardiner



Seven of Santa's Reindeer perform a number during the State Grange Social Committee's "Christmas in December" program at Prospect Senior Center on September 21.

Central Pomona No. 1



- Southington No. 25
- Meriden No. 29
- Higganum No. 124
- Hemlock No. 182

MISSION STATEMENT

Central Pomona No. 1 will support its Subordinate/Community Granges through programs and activities by actively contributing its talents and resources. Central Pomona supports local, State and National charities; educational and youth programs.

CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Barbara R Smith

The Higganum Grange #124 members have been busy attending their gardens this summer. The grange planted beautiful flowers in the flower boxes around the Grange Building. What a nice addition to the building. We sent a young camper to Camp Berger this summer. What a enjoyable time he had there. Norman Manning will be our representative to the State Grange Meeting. Our former grange master, Richard Preston and his wife, Carol Preston who was our treasurer have moved to Thompson. They will be sorely missed at our Grange

#124. We wish them all the best and good luck in the future.

Lee Warren has agreed to become our new Master and Dolly Hayes will become our new treasurer. Our next meeting will be held on Friday September 20, 2013 at 7:30.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Oct. 11: Omit for Portland Fair
Oct. 25: Special training police dog. Meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Todd A. Gelineau, General Deputy

The State Master has raved over the new hotel for State Session this year and rightly so! It's a beautiful facility which is well suited for our needs and will be greatly appreciated by the Deputy Team. The ballroom is at least 30% larger than the East Hartford hotel making it possible to set up the room with the stage/court on Thursday and leave the room in that configuration for the duration of the Convention. The only significant changes will come on Friday evening when the officer's stations must be removed for the conferral of the Sixth Degree.

The Deputies will meet on Friday morning, prior to the open of the Session and will receive the information for the upcoming Grange year. Only minor changes have been made to the inspections of both Pomonas and Community Granges. The Deputy Challenge will also be continuing for 2014 with only minor changes.

A new Grange year begins for most of our Granges with the change of the calendar to October. That means it is also time to start working on Executive Committee Reports for the 2013 Grange year. If your Grange year ended on September 30, your Executive Committee Report is due to be filed with the GENERAL DEPUTY by December 31. These reports are due 90 days after the close of your books for the year. So, this also means that Granges whose books close on December 31 are required to file their reports by March 31. There are still some Granges sending in reports to the State Secretary or are holding on to them until inspection night in the spring. Secretaries are asked to have a copy available for the Deputy on the night of inspection to enable the Deputy to compare the information reported on the E.C. report with the books of the Treasurer and Secretary. It is not considered properly filed by handing a copy to the deputy on the night of inspection. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you just can't figure out why it will not balance or if you have any other questions about Grange work. We're not just here to inspect your Grange we are here to help your Grange succeed in any way that we can.

Convention Registration

147th Annual National Grange Convention Registration Form*
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Grange Name and #: _____ State Grange: _____

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**National Grange
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11th Floor
Washington, DC 20006**

| Date | Time | Function | Cost | Quantity | Total |
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| n/a | n/a | Convention** Registration (after 10/11) | \$ 30 | | |
| Mon. 11/11 | Noon | Legislative Luncheon with Speaker (beef) | \$ 26 | | |
| Wed. 11/13 | 8 a.m. | Salute to Agriculture Breakfast | \$ 17 | | |
| Wed. 11/13 | 12:15 p.m. | Heroes of the Grange Luncheon (lasagna) | \$ 24 | | |
| Wed. 11/13 | 5:30 p.m. | Distinguished Grange Award Reception | \$ 5 | | |
| Thurs. 11/14 | Noon - 9p | General Tour/Pizza Party (includes dinner) | \$ 25 | | |
| Thurs. 11/14 | 11:45a - 9p | Youth Tour/Pizza Party (Includes dinner) | \$ 25 | | |
| Thurs. 11/14 | 12:30 p.m. | Past Delegates Luncheon (chicken) | \$ 24 | | |
| Fri. 11/15 | 1 p.m. | Junior Tour (Same price for all ages) | \$ 10 | | |
| Fri. 11/15 | 5 p.m. | G.R.O.W. Club/Youth A.O.L.E. Dinner (chicken) | \$ 30 | | |
| Sat. 11/16 | 8 a.m. | Junior Grange Breakfast | \$ 17 (adult) \$ 12 (child) | | |
| Sat. 11/16 | 7 p.m. | Celebration Banquet | \$ 35 chicken \$ 37 salmon \$ 17 (child) | | |
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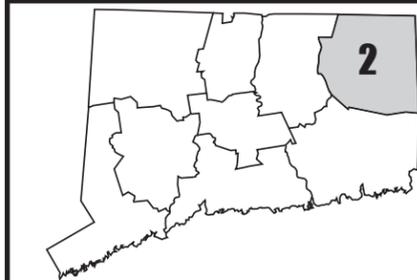
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Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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MISSION STATEMENT

Quinebaug Pomona supports and assists the communities within its jurisdiction through a financial and physical presence. We offer the Community Granges assistance and support for their programs and activities.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Oct. 7: Meeting, 7:30pm "He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread."

Oct. 12: Supper- benefit TALVHI 5pm-

Oct. 25: Halloween Family Fun!

Nov. 16: Turkey Supper 5pm-

The program theme for this year will be "The First Degree-In the beginning". Our Grange served 50+ hungry kids & parents on the second Sterling, "Farm to Table" tour!

It is amazing how many different types of farms there are in Sterling. This time they visited the Jordan Sawmill; Hopps' Alpaca Farm and the Horse Farm on GibsonHillRoad. Invitations have already been extended (by farmers) for future tours! Link Cooper provided a list of hall improvements completed during the past year: was it impressive (compliant latchsets to kitchen air conditioner (22 improvements total)!

We are assisting Sterling in "Terracycling" (plastic tubs & lids) - all monies earned go towards community service. We had 17 members volunteer at Washington County Fair (RI)-a GREAT time was had by all! Then-on to Brooklyn Fair-where numerous Grangers diligently work each day! Several from Ekonk also volunteered at the Quinebaug Pomona booth. Youth Night was outstanding fun! We also heard about the Kelley Farm adventures of two of the Gervais brothers! We have State Session delegates:

Link Cooper and Paulette Craig will be our delegates to State Grange. Link will be installed as President by the time that you read this column. Many of our Grangers were involved in the planning and success of the annual Sterling Family Day-led by Mike Molodich!

We hosted Pomona the first Sat. in September and will again in December for the annual Christmas party. Oct. 12th will be our annual Roast Beef Supper to benefit the Veterans Home in Jewett City (TALVHI-The American Legion Veterans Housing Inc.) A great meal for a greater cause! Halloween Family Fun will begin at 6pm Oct. 25th at our hall with fun activities for Junior Grangers and younger...Around 7pm, Mike Molodich will arrive with his tractor and wagon(s) and then the REAL fun begins--shrieks and squeals of fear/delight will abound as Mike drives through fields/woods amid scary characters/scenes! Lots of great fun for all, followed by hot chocolate, cider and lots of great food back at the Grange hall! Visit us anytime-you are guaranteed a warm welcome!

ASHFORD GRANGE #90

Corr: Joan Gobin

Ashford Grange will be having a Halloween Party on Oct. 13 following the meeting. We will have bluegrass on November 10th at 4:00 P.M.

Our meetings are on the second Sunday of every month at 2:00 P.M.

Welcome new members!

Alan DiCara
 Matt Mayer
 Allie Hanlon

Winchester #74
 Ekonk Community #89
 Taghannuck #100

Has your Grange taken in new members? We would love to know about them and include them in this report and in the State Master's membership tally on page one. Email, mail or phone the Editor with the names of your new members.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

The Benefits of Facebook

What is Facebook? Facebook is a social networking community (commonly referred to as Social Media) that was founded in 2004, where users interact with their family, friends, acquaintances, and even meet new friends! Facebook is the largest social network worldwide with more than 500 million active users (over 30% are in the US alone) and which more than 50% participate on a daily basis. Over 40% of all Facebook users connect via their mobile device (such as a smart phone or tablet.) The average Facebook user spends approximately 1 to 3 hours daily on the site, and has between 100 and 200 friends.

In addition to interacting with others, users can also interact with brands, organizations and businesses. The average user connects with 80 community-oriented Fan Pages. This is where the Grange comes into the picture.

Over 25 of the Community Granges, as well as one half of the Pomona Granges in Connecticut, now have official Facebook Fan Pages. What are some of the benefits to your Grange by having a presence on Facebook?

Reach: One of the top benefits of having a Facebook Page for your Grange is the ability to reach your members, supporters, the media, and the community. These people are referred to as "Fans" of your Grange. Your Grange Page updates (comments, announcements, photos, links, videos, etc.) will appear in your fans' news feeds once they "Like" your Grange's page. This is a powerful way to increase awareness of your Grange and its projects and activities.

Building Community: Facebook is an opportunity to engage with others on a less formal level. Granges that utilize Facebook to its fullest extent receive the greatest payback. Granges that let their Pages sit

idle will find that they are quickly forgotten about or overlooked. Facebook pages are the perfect place to gather together your supporters and members through posting useful information, relevant and interesting links, and more. If you engage your fans, they will contribute through "Likes" to your posts, comments, reviews, feedback and more. Fans will also share your information with others (who may not be Grange members!) thus generating interest. Facebook pages successfully bring people together, and thus develop a loyal community that continues to grow.

Insights: One of greatest tools available to Granges having Facebook pages are the analytics (called Insights) that are generated once your Page has more than 30 Fans. These stats and figures tell who is looking at your Grange Page (age, male/female, location, etc.) as well as showing what posts are generating the biggest buzz. This information allows Page administrators to gauge the level of interaction, and thus tailor future posts and updates to see greater benefits.

If you are interested in starting a Facebook Page for your Grange - contact the Public Relations Committee today! (information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org) We will set-up your Grange Page properly according to Facebook's Terms of Service, index your Page with the Search Engines and link it to the CT State Grange Website to increase visibility - and then turn it over to your Grange to manage.

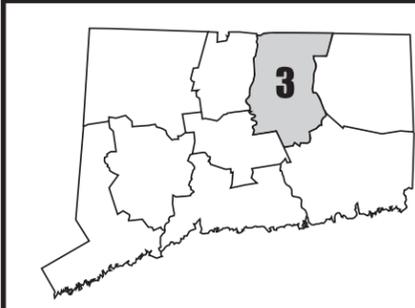
Communications mediums are continually changing and evolving, and social media entities like Facebook are everywhere. Test the social media waters and give Facebook Pages a try for your Grange. And... the best benefit of all - potentially gaining new members!

New England Grange Building Celebrates 75 Years



National President Ed Luttrell presents a plaque in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) on Grange Day at the Fair (Sun., Sept. 22). Sister Betty Jane Gardiner of Conn. (right) receives a certificate in recognition of her many years of service to the New England Grange Building. Tom Gotauco, Chairman of the NEGB Trustees is pictured in both photos.

East Central Pomona No. 3



- Stafford No. 1
- Granby No. 5
- Glastonbury No. 26
- ✓ Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- Coventry No. 75
- Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Enfield No. 151
- Simsbury No. 197

MISSION STATEMENT

East Central Pomona supports the Community Granges by helping one another; through legislative advocacy and by supporting community service efforts.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

August 10, 2013 was the last time the officers got together. We gave the Charter to President Jody Cameron and other things that Sister Doris Shaw has will go to the State Grange.

All of us are very sad to see this had to happen. Some of our members went to Granby and some received demits. We had a very nice pizza party and everyone enjoyed it.

After some memories were covered we wished all good luck as we will all not be getting together soon.

God bless the people of Tunxis Grange!

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Leona Wilson

Oct. 1: Apples by Sister Edith

Nov. 5: Veterans by Everyone

It is hard to believe that Summer has come and gone. Now it is time to get back in the swing of things. Some granges will have installed new officers. Good Luck to all the officers. Our Congress people are now back in DC. Please call or write them to voice your concern about the chained CPI. Our October program will be all about Apples. We were all saddened by the lost of member Ken Herbele.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Cherie Robinson will be assisting the Lecturer with the program for the evening. Should be interesting to learn more about her and her activities. As we have sold our hall on the Green,

we will be meeting at Parker School Recreation Center in Tolland at 7:30 P.M.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Oct. 4: Time for the Harvest Festival

Vernon Grange was busy with the New England Building at the Big E again this year. What a fun time meeting the many people who come through and helping out at the building. We had a huge donation through our Grange of many Christmas decorations to sell and old craft magazines that were given away free. If you have time next year, consider volunteering. A good time is held by all. Our Oct. 4th meeting will be about harvests.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Nov. 9: Fowl Play- Play - Potluck Lunch

Dec. 14: Jingle Bells

We won a blue ribbon for our exhibit at the 4 Town Fair. Thanks to all who helped with providing items and setting up. Early planning and teamwork paid off. Our small table was manned all 4 days and a nice profit was realized with the sale of our cook books.

Our first craft night went off very nicely with 6 members making items to sell when the next fair arrives. It was fun and we all look forward to our next one.

In November we will learn about all kinds of fowl, not just the turkey. Pot luck will start at 12:00, so don't be late.

People in the News



Congratulations to Connecticut Agriscience educator **WILLIAM DAVENPORT**, who has been named to the National FFA Organization's board of directors.

Mr. Davenport has taught agriscience at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury since 1986 and has served as director of the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Program since 2004. For more than 22 years, he has led the 328 member Woodbury High School FFA chapter as its advisor.

Bill has achieved an array of honors throughout his career, including being named 2004 Connecticut State Teacher of the Year and one of the top 20 teachers of the year by USA Today in 2005.

He earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in animal science from the University of Connecticut and received a sixth year diploma in administration and supervision from Southern Connecticut State University.

Mr. Davenport was guest speaker at the 2004 Connecticut State Grange Session at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel.

passionate about the advancement of rural community values and the collaborative, teamwork culture that it promotes. He holds a B.A. in History with a secondary education teaching certification from West Chester University of Pennsylvania, and is a military veteran, having served as a combat engineer in the US Army.



VICKI HUFF was installed as Master of the Maine State Grange on Saturday, June 1 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Patrick Brewer. The ceremony was led by Arthur Merrill, past voting delegate for New Hampshire State Grange.



On Friday, Sept. 20, **LYNETTE SCHAEFFER** was elected President of the Illinois State Grange during their 142nd Annual Convention, held in Rockford.

Schaeffer, of Lebanon, Ill., has been a member of the Grange "since I can first remember," noting that her parents were active in the Grange before she was born and remain members today.

She has held several offices at the Subordinate and Pomona levels and most recently served as Historian of the Illinois State Grange.



We are happy to announce **BRYAN MARCHEFSKY** as the new Public Policy and Communications Fellow for the National Grange. Born and raised in Pottsville, Pa., Bryan is

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of the faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing submissions@ctstategrange.org.



This Month

There were no answers to September's Window Pic.... better luck with October. We'll accept answers for both pictures for publication in the November issue.... don't expect someone else to send something in if you think you know someone!



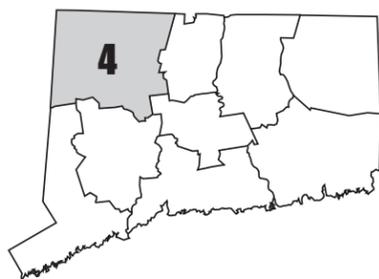
September

Do You Remember?



Betty Jane takes a month off from her column as she spends September in the New England Grange Building at the Big E. Watch for a new "Do You Remember" in November's issue!

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



Cawasa No. 34
 ✓ Whigville No. 48
 Eureka No. 62
 ✓ Winchester No. 74
 ✓ Taghannuck No. 100
 Litchfield No. 107
 Beacon No. 118
 Riverton No. 169
 Cherry Brook No. 210

MISSION STATEMENT

Mountain County Pomona No. 4 has strong leadership, a keen sense of community and many skills and talents which we use to promote and support our local Community Granges through citizenship, legislative and agricultural policies within our Pomona.

MT. COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: T. Gelineau

Oct. 14: Welcome- 5th Degree, Winchester Grange, Supper at 6:00, \$5 per person

With the new year begins our new Lecturer's program and a new way of doing things. It was decided at our June election that the Lecturer's programs (with the exception of Degree nights) would be presented by members of the Grange hosting the meeting. The first Grange with this honor will be Beacon Grange at our Nov. 11 meeting.

The State Master has asked all of the Pomonas to help host breaks during State Session. Mountain

County has been paired with Excelsior Pomona to host the Saturday morning break. After discussing it with Eloise Osuch of Excelsior, it has been decided that she will bake cookies and Mountain County will be responsible for the beverages for the break-- a great compromise.

The installation of Pomona officers was held at the Sept. 24 meeting of Winchester Grange. Sister Edith Schoell and her team did a beautiful job getting us all off to a great start in the new Grange year.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The Whigville Grange



On September 20, 2013, Riverton Grange had the privilege of welcoming team NRG to be our presenters for an evening. The evening started with a Spaghetti Dinner, coordinated by Cindy and Mark Prelli. This was a great time for Grange members and students from NW Regional #7, to sit down and talk. It was great hearing from the students and learning more about the roles they play on the team. It takes a lot more than just building a robot to be a successful team. After the dinner a few of their members spoke more about what FIRST Robotics is about and how it started, how the robots were designed and just what being part of a team like this has done for them. At the conclusion of the presentation Phil Prelli acted as auctioneer and we auctioned off all kinds of things; including maple syrup, an apple pie with a big gear on it and fudge, along with other things, raising almost \$200 for the team.

will hold its October and November meetings at the Burlington Town Hall, rte 4, Burlington. This will provide a warmer meeting place, and we hope to meet there all winter. Please join us for the meeting on Oct. 9 at 7pm. Our members gathered for a day of pie baking, followed by a potluck supper in August. We made over 50 pies, which will be sold at Burlington's Tavern Day and at our fair. Last year we ran out early, we are getting a following for our pie! With the start of school, we would like to remind everyone to collect Campbells product "Labels For Education". Most schools collect them, but if you don't have a school to take them, just ask around. This is a great way for schools to get items they need. Have a safe and hopefully snow free Halloween!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: T. Gelineau

Oct. 11: Super Prize Party, Doors Open at 6, Drawing at 7

Oct. 8: Cooler Weather; Ref. Sandy Phillips

Oct. 22: Pumpkins Galore - Neighbor's Night Halloween Party & Country Store; Ref. Sara Bement

Well, it's over! Winchester Center Day went off without a hitch on Sat., Sept. 14. All four organizations (Church, Grange, Historical Assoc. and the Fire Dept.) had exceptional offerings for the day and turnout was beyond anything we could have anticipated.

The Grange sponsored a Craft Fair and Coloring Contest along with sales of homemade Apple Crisp and our popular hot dog stand. Apple Crisp sales were steady all day long and the hot dogs sold out twice with the last one sold at the stroke of 2:30 (the end of the event). Planning is already underway for the 2014 event which will be even better than this year!

The success of Winchester Center Day has also sparked a renewed interest in cooperation between the organizations, especially the Grange and the Winchester Center Congregational Church. A couple of events are in the works for late fall and early spring. More on this as plans firm up.

Our popular Fall Super Prize Party will be held on Friday, Oct. 11. As always, doors open at 6:00 and the drawing of prizes begins at 7. Cards of tickets (27 each

In Memoriam

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| Doris Borrelli, G.S. | North Haven Grange #35 |
| Edward Bozzi | Taghannuck #100 |
| Gene Speck | N. Stonington Comm. #138 |
| Audrey Gruber, G.S. | N. Stonington Comm. #138 |
| Amy Cooke, G.S. | Lyme Grange #147 |
| Ruth E. Shapleigh | Old Lyme Grange #162 |
| Anne L. Bania | Norwich Grange #172 |

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed in the Granger Staff list in this issue.



Barbara C. Kulisch
State Chaplain

chaplain@ctstategrange.org

Chaplain's Message

"A MEDITATION"

I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a garden,
So I know what FAITH is.

I have listened to the birds caroling in the morning
and at dusk,
So I know what MUSIC is.

I have seen the morning without clouds and showers,
So I know what BEAUTY is.

I have sat before a wood fire with old friends,
So I know what COMPANIONSHIP is.

I have walked the path of quietness along
the forest floor,
So I know what PEACE is.

I have dwelt in the valley of remembrance
and on the hills of home,
So I know what LOVE is.

I have seen the miracle of Spring,
the fruition of Summer,
and the beauty of Autumn, followed by the
repose of Winter.
So I know what LIFE is.

And because I have perceived these things,
I know what GOD is.

Author Unknown

card) are \$1 each-- a great bargain for some really great prizes! Please join us.

Our 125th Anniversary Cookbook is SOLD OUT! But don't despair-- a new supply of cookbooks will be available just in time for sale at State Session, the Holiday Craft Bazaar & Cookie Walk in November and for all of your gift giving needs.

There were a couple of errors in the first edition that will be corrected in the new edition. The cookbooks are just \$12 and a great gift for your friends and family or just for yourself. Call

(860) 626-0326 or email info@WinchesterGrange.org for more information.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

We are happy to report that Allie Hanlon (14 yrs. old and granddaughter of this reporter) was voted in as a new member on Aug. 22.

I am sad to say that we just lost Edward Bozzi to cancer.

Taghannuck Grange entered an exhibit in the Bethlehem Fair. We set up on the 5th of September and received Second Prize.

2013 Resolutions

Due to space limitations, only the resolves have been included for most of the resolutions listed here. Delegates are encouraged to review and familiarize themselves with these resolutions prior to State Session. Each resolution shows the name of the committee it has been "referred" to and the committee assignments are listed on page 2 of this issue.

1) RE: PUBLIC MEETINGS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conn. State Grange urge our legislators that meetings should be published and open to the public in order that all persons may be apprised of all facts, enabling them to exercise the right of free speech on said matters.

SOURCE: Manchester Grange #31; E. Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: Legislative/ Insurance

2) RE: VETERANS DAY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

if a business does not observe this holiday any veteran can observe the holiday by showing his discharge papers and he/she can observe the day with pay, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that it be forwarded to the CT State Legislature for their support and action.

SOURCE: Glastonbury Grange #26; East Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: Legislative/ Insurance

3) TOURS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quinebaug Pomona Grange #2 go on record as supporting reinstating public tours of the White House, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee for their action.

SOURCE: Quinebaug Pomona #2

REFERRED: Legislative/ Insurance

4) RE: LATE CHARGES ON QUARTERLY DUES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange shall assess all Community and Subordinate Granges that fail to remit their quarterly dues within thirty (30) days of the due date a late fee of one (1%) per cent per month until the dues are received by the Connecticut State Grange, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it a Community or Subordinate Grange makes a partial payment of delinquent dues the accrued late fees shall be taken from the partial payment before any portion of the payment is applied to the delinquent dues, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if the National Grange increases the late fee charged the Connecticut State Grange the State Grange Board of Directors shall have the authority to increase the rate charged the Community and Subordinate Granges to a rate not exceeding the rate charged the State Grange by the National Grange.

SOURCE: State Grange Board of Directors

REFERRED: Constitution/By-Laws

5) RE: BICYCLE SAFETY ON RURAL ROADS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urges the municipalities to take such responsible actions as they can to make rural roads safe for people riding bicycles including, but not limited to, posting signs warning motorists of bicycle traffic on rural roads, reducing speed limits and restricting traffic to one way, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to appropriate funds to assist municipalities in making rural roads safer for people riding bicycles, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange request the Connecticut Department of Transportation to develop and promulgate safety standards for rural roads that will include safety for people riding bicycles on these roads.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147; New London County Pomona #6

REFERRED: Credentials/Mast. Add.

6) RE: ETHANOL

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange oppose the sale of E15 gasoline and support House Bill 875 and Senate Bill 344.

SOURCE: Stonington Grange #168; New London County Pomona #6

REFERRED: Ag./Cons./ Environment

7) RE: ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO STATE SESSION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange be amended to address the situation and provide with appropriate wording a provision for last minute alternate delegates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Subordinate and Pomona Executive Committees be empowered to select members as alternate delegates, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these changes be made and decided upon so as to be in effect for the 2014 Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange #151; East Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: Constitution/By-Laws

8) RE: INCREASED USE OF FARMINGTON RIVER WATER

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange oppose any further diversion of Farmington River water to the new areas of the State until a full Environmental Study is performed and the results presented to each of the area towns, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we feel that the Management Board of the MDC should be increased to

include representation from all the towns where MDC Reservoirs are located.

SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169; Mountain County Pomona #4

REFERRED: Agriculture/ Conserv.

9) RE: FUNDING OF PUBLIC WORKS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that North Stonington Community Grange No. 138 P. of H. support government entities to divert less funding to the general fund of government in monies derived from uses that require using roads, bridges and tunnels and other public works.

SOURCE: North Stonington Community Grange #138

REFERRED: Agriculture/ Conserv.

10) RE: FARM TO TABLE DEGREE DAY RESOLUTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CT State Grange Membership Committee and Executive Committee investigate an event in which degrees can be performed in an old fashioned manner on a farm with a farm feast to follow to be open free to new members, offered to the public at competitive price, and create positive exposure to the Grange in our State.

SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52

REFERRED: Good of Order/ Memb.

11) RE: CREDIT CARD SURCHARGES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the State Legislature to change the Credit Card Surcharge law to eliminate the exemption enjoyed by the State and local governments and apply the law evenly to all.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange #74

REFERRED: Credentials/Mast. Add.

12) RE: REPEALING RES. #10 OF THE 2012 SESSION OF THE CONN. STATE GRANGE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that resolution number 10 of the 2012 Session of the Connecticut State Grange is hereby repealed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Connecticut State Grange is hereby authorized and directed to note in the records of the 2012 Session of the Connecticut State Grange that said resolution number 10 of the 2012 Session of the Connecticut State Grange has been repealed.

SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Board of Directors

REFERRED: Good of Order/ Memb.

13) RE: TO ACCEPT BY-LAWS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Connecticut State Grange on September 15, 2013, adopted as amended the recommendation of the appointed By-Laws Committee as presented and recommends their adoption at the 2013 Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee

REFERRED: Constitution/By-Laws

14) RE: TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourage the General Assembly to strengthen the laws concerning texting while driving, changing it to a definition of reckless driving, citing that it endangers others and is a conscious disregard/ indifference to others, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly be encouraged to recommend the same fines that are currently imposed for reckless driving which are for the first offense of \$100.00 - \$300.00 and imprisonment of up to 30 days or both and further offenses fined up to \$600.00 and up to one year in prison, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourages the education of the dangers of texting while driving and stress the severity of the offense, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the Connecticut State Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

SOURCE: Echo Grange #180

REFERRED: Good of Order/ Member.

15) RE: ABSORPTION OF DORMANT GRANGE FUNDS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any dormant Grange funds having been held by the Connecticut State Grange in trust for seven or more years, without a new Grange being organized or reorganized in the community in which the funds are being held, be distributed as follows:

1. 25% of the account balance be earmarked for Community Development to be used to support a statewide community service project or initiative.

2. 25% of the account balance be earmarked for Community Development to be used to support Community Granges in their community service programs.

3. 25% of the account balance be earmarked for Grange Growth to strengthen and enhance overall growth through membership and leadership development and refreshing, reorganizing and organizing Granges.

4. 25% of the account be transferred to the General Fund of the Connecticut State Grange.

SOURCE: Quinebaug Pomona #2

REFERRED: Constitution/By-Laws

16) RE: SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange recommend to the National Grange that it would be appreciated if the National Grange were to suggest to our legislators that legislation be adopted so as to provide an Emergency Severe Weather Warning on all television stations broadcasting in the local area where Severe Weather has the possibility of touching down.

SOURCE: Whigville Grange #48; Mountain County Pomona #4

REFERRED: Ag./Conservation/ Envir.

17) RE: BOARD OF REGENTS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support legislation

that would encourage greater geographical representation on the Board of Regents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Grange for their action.

SOURCE: Mt. County Pomona #4

REFERRED: Good of Order/ Memb.

18) RE: ELDER ABUSE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support the concepts of increasing the penalties for crimes involving elder fraud and abuse as well as strengthening the definition of "elder abuse", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be forwarded to the Connecticut State Grange for their action.

SOURCE: Mt. County Pomona #4

REFERRED: Legislative/ Insurance

19) RE: UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR CONSUMER PRODUCTS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange/ National Grange encourage manufacturers of food and health products to apply concepts of universal design for the packaging and labeling of their products.

SOURCE: Redding Grange #15; Fairfield County Pomona #9

REFERRED: Legislative/ Insurance

20) RE: PRODUCT EXPIRATION DATES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a standard expiration date display as to size and location on perishable products sold in stores be adopted by the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expired products be removed from store shelves within a reasonable time.

SOURCE: Beacon Valley Grange #103; Excelsior Pomona #7

REFERRED: Credentials/Mast. Add.

21) RE: ANNUAL LICENSING FEE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Digest of Laws of the National Grange Chapter 4 Article XVIII section 4.18.2 (D) be added as follows:

4.18.20 (D) Subordinate Granges shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing Fee of \$25.00 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year.

Pomona Granges shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing Fee of \$25.00 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year.

State Granges with one delegate to the National Grange shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing fee of \$50 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year. State Granges with two delegates shall be assessed an Annual Charter Licensing Fee of \$100.00, payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these funds be reserved for trademark/legal enhancements.

SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee

REFERRED: Constitution/By-Laws