



LECTURERS' NEWSLETTER

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Greetings,

Hopefully this is finding everyone in good health. If you are like me, you miss going out and visiting with Friends. I haven't been to a Grange function in a month and a half. I can't remember another time like that. To all who have called or emailed me – Thank you. I really enjoy hearing from you.

As I am sure you have heard Let's Celebrate has been cancelled. Because of this I am going to review all our contests and projects...

The PHOTO CONTEST will be held at State Session. The Best in Show entry will still go on to National for judging.

The TALENT CONTEST will not be held this year.

The "A NUMBER" CONTEST will not be held this year.

The COMPLETE PROGRAM CONTEST will still take place but you will no longer have to put it on at your meeting. It can be saved and used next year. The deadline is still October 1st.

Our SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE PROJECT will continue but you do not have to visit six times. Any Grange that has visited a home should fill out the report and be recognized. Don't forget you can also claim this on your Community Service Report.

A WORD FROM HOME is as important as ever. Why not take some of the extra time we all have now and write to members of our military in harms' way. If you are doing this on your computer you could print several letters and send them to different bases. Remember if you don't have addresses, just get them to me and I will mail them for you.

The ESSAY CONTEST is still on. In 150 words or less just write an essay on "My Grange". This is another way to spend the nights when you would normally be at a Grange meeting.

We will still recognize Lecturers with the LECTURERS' APPRECIATION AWARD and the HONOR LECTURER AWARD but the requirements will be lowered due to the circumstances we now face.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Take care and stay safe.

Marge

**Please be sure and check the next page for messages from others...

FROM THE CWA...

The CWA committee will be holding judging for the needlework, craft and baking contests on August 22nd (Saturday) at Beacon Valley Grange 1354 New Haven Rd. in Naugatuck (Rt, 63) We will be accepting items beginning at 11:00 AND JUDGING WILL BE AT 1:00 . There will be judging only at State level, no Pomona or Subordinate Level.

If you have any questions about anything, please call me at 203-632-5532 or e-mail me at cmrl_1983@yahoo.com

Hope everyone is doing well, keeping safe and healthy during this time.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

...Cindy Legg

FROM IRENE PERCOSKI

I am about to clean out my very large stash of Lecturer's material and I hate the thought of throwing them in the trash. If you know of anyone who would like some I'm willing to make up packets and send them out. I know that today's Lecturers can simply go on the internet and find what they want, but may be interested in some from the past. Please put out the word for me. I'm not going to wait too long as I need to get this done. Thank you all in advance for your help.

--Irene

SHARED NUMBERS...

Memorial Service by Clyde Berry Former National Lecturer adapted from 'IN THE STATE OF... (New England Grange Lecturer's Conference, August 1999)

Props: 5 candles with candle holders for altar, candle snuffer, matches
4 carnations {1 blue, 1 green, 1 pink, 1 yellow}

Instructions: Lecturer will light candles on altar. After Chaplain reads psalm, officers will march slowly to the altar carrying the 4 carnations. As each person reads her part, Chaplain or officer places carnation of corresponding color on the Bible and extinguishes one candle until only the center candle remains. After Chaplain says the Lord's Prayer, she will march slowly back to her station.

Chaplain: Worthy Master, let us take time now to pay our respects to all of the patrons who have passed to the Great Grange above.

Master: Proceed Worthy Chaplain.

Lecturer: Let us sing our opening song: *In the Garden* # 98

Chaplain: [Psalm 121}

I lift up my eyes to the hills,
from whence does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper.
The Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil:
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forever more.

[Chaplain will then march to the altar with carnations]

Master: The blue carnation is placed on our Bible in memory of all the Subordinate members who have passed to their reward this past year.

[Chaplain extinguish blue candle]

Pomona: The green carnation represents Pomona, the Goddess of fruit and also the 5th degree of our Order. May the lives of our Brothers and Sisters who have passed on be remembered by their fruits of their labors.

[Chaplain extinguish green candle]

Flora: The pink carnation represents Flora, the Goddess of Flowers and is also the 6th degree of our order. Let the fruit blossoms be to you an emblem of faith. So should we, as we remember our Brothers and Sisters, have faith that there is life eternal.

[Chaplain extinguish pink candle]

Ceres: The yellow carnation represents Ceres, the Goddess of Grain and also the 7th degree of our Order. May we remember that all life is sacred and that just as the kernel of corn planted in the ground reaches for the warming rays of sun and new life, so should we continually reach out to touch someone and make their life shine with God's sunlight. We should think of our brothers and sisters not as ones gone, but that they have already received their rewards and now have their place in the sun.

[Chaplain extinguish yellow candle]

Master: The remaining candle reminds us that though the earthly light is extinguished, the memory of these Brothers and Sisters will shine unto all eternity.

Chaplain: Please join me in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

[Chaplain marches back to her station]

Chaplain: Our closing song is *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

[Lecturer extinguishes white candle after song]

Why, Why, Why

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

Name the Vegetables/Fruits

From "Bring color into your life"

From New England Grange Lecturers Conference August 2008

1. Small round fruit that grows on a bush often found in muffins ... Blueberries
2. A type of sweet potato ... Yam
3. A long orange root vegetable ... Carrot
4. A bulb vegetable that can make you cry ... Onion
5. Cousin to the yellow wax variety what is the green one? ... String Bean
6. A dark green curly leaf vegetable; similar to collard greens ... Kale
7. Small round green legumes served as a vegetable ... Peas
8. Common green vegetable in the cruciferous family ... Broccoli
9. There are several varieties of this large summer fruit ... Melon
10. Vegetables which are green, red, and yellow ... Peppers
11. This yellow vegetable is also a grain that grows on a stalk ... Corn
12. An edible fungus ... Mushroom
13. Red fruit eaten as a vegetable often found in Italian food ... Tomato
14. Green leafy vegetable often used as the basis for salad ... Lettuce
15. Globular are purple vegetable, may be served Italian style ... Eggplant
16. Yellow, orange or green vegetables with seeds inside ... Squash
17. A red fruit with seeds on the outside ... Strawberry
18. A vegetable with eyes which sprout for a new crop ... Potato
19. Dark red root vegetable with edible greens ... Beets
20. Head vegetable used in coleslaw ... Cabbage

ROBINS with Thanks to Irene Percoski

Connecticut, Wisconsin and Michigan have the Robin as their State bird.

A robin has between 2500 to 3000 feathers.

A robin lays 3 to 5 eggs per brood and may have 3 broods a year.

Both male and female robins feed their young.

A young robin might scarf down up to 14 feet of worms in a day.

To attract robins to your yard, place mealworms or dried fruit out for them.

Robins tend to flock together in search of food, as a result hundreds may roost together in the same place.

Robins are found in 49 States, Hawaii being the exception.

Although robins are migratory some may stay in northern regions year-round.

A FUN FILLER

The statistics on sanity say that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness... Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.

A COMPUTER FUNNY with Thanks to Ellen Ross

A group of adults were taking a computer class at a community college. One day the professor wanted to have some fun with his students, so he split them into 2 groups: females and males. Then he asked each group what gender a computer should be. After some group collaboration the groups came up with the following:

The males unanimously said that computers are of the female gender because:

- 1) no one but their creator understands their internal logic
- 2) when computers speak to each other, they speak in code language that only they can understand
- 3) every mistake you make is stored on their hard drive for later retrieval
- 4) as soon as you commit to one, you spend half your pay check on accessorizing it

But the females had the last laugh because they unanimously said that computers are of the male gender because:

- 1) in order to get their attention, you have to turn them on
- 2) they have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves
- 3) they're supposed to help you solve problems but most of the time they are the problem
- 4) as soon as you have committed to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model

RIB TICKLERS with Thanks to Emily Alexander

What happens when you don't clean a mirror?

It gives you a dirty look.

Why did the tree move to another forest?

He wanted to branch out.

What trains carry bubble gum?

Chew, Chew Trains.

Why did the river go on a diet?

It gained a few ponds.

What's a polar bears favorite cereal?

Ice Krispies

What did the dog need after it swallowed the clock?

A bath. It was full of ticks.

Why can't skeletons play music in church?

They have no Organs.

SPICE GAME

How many different kinds of spice would you recognize? To help us find out, I need 7 volunteers.

The Lecturer then places a type of spice on your back. What you have to do is to go into the audience and ask them questions to identify your spice. However, all questions have to be able to be answered with a simple yes or no. For example you can ask "Am I red?" But, you can't ask "what color am I?" The first one to correctly give their answer to the Lecturer wins. Suggestions for spices are... Jalapeno Peppers, Marilyn Monroe, A Stripper, Burritos, Horseradish, Tabasco Sauce and Chili.

MUSICAL GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

- 1.) Where to go by slow boat? Ans. CHINA
- 2.) Precipitation here usually occurs in the flat lands. Ans. SPAIN
- 3.) Where the walls came tumbling down. Ans. JERICHO
- 4.) In summer, this place sizzles. In winter it drizzles. Ans. PARIS
- 5.) The everlasting light shines in the dark streets of this little town. Ans. BETHLEHEM
- 6.) A singer lost a lover here by courting too slow. Ans. ON TOP OF OLD SMOKEY
- 7.) Old times here are not forgotten. Ans. DIXIE

- 8.) Where the grain is amber, and the mountains are purple. Ans. AMERICA
9.) An old ballad calls this a rolling river. Ans. SHENANDOAH
10.) The high road and the low road lead to this country. Ans. SCOTLAND

DID YOU KNOW?

These make great cut-aparts to get people involved.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screched."

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

WHO AM I?

I am famous for....

A kite....Ben Franklin
Long Hair....Samson
A Coat of Many Colors....Joseph
A silver lamp....Aladdin
A cotton gin....Eli Whitney
A steam boat...Robert Fulton

A whale....Jonah
An Apple....Eve
A glass slipper....Cinderella
A pound of flesh....Shylock
A looking glass....Alice in Wonderland
A hatchet....George Washington

A lions' den....Daniel
A muddy cloak....Sir Walter Raleigh

A wolf....Little Red Riding Hood

"THE MEANING OF THE FLAG DRAPED COFFIN"

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.