

# PROGRAM HELPS AND INFORMATION

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### Congratulations....

Yes, congratulations. If you are receiving this it means you have been either elected or re-elected as Lecturer of your Grange. This can be a fun and rewarding job, but it also carries with it a lot of responsibilities. A Lecturer can make or break a Grange. I know we have a lot of talented Lecturers out there. Please use your talents to help our Granges grow. And remember, if you ever need help I am as close as your phone, computer or mail box. Please do not hesitate to ask.

I hope that you have received this information in a timely manner from your Pomona Lecturer. I know that you are planning ahead to next years' activities, so I will review what is left to do this year and share with you some of what will be happening during the 2010-11 Grange year. Eight out of ten Pomona Lecturers or their representatives met in March to discuss what is working and what is not. These people are very helpful in planning activities. If there is something you think should be changed, please let me or one of them know. Nothing is carved in stone and we want your ideas.

### Things left to do this year (2010)

**Complete Programs** Should be mailed to me by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember these have to be presented at your Grange before you can submit them. This years' theme is "As American As Apple Pie." I have already received a few and they look real good.

**Essay Contest.** What does the Grange mean to you? Why not have your members write these as part of your program one meeting. A reminder, these can be up to 100 words. These also have to be to me by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Don't forget it is the **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CT State Grange.** Hopefully by now you have had at least 4 of the 5 required numbers on the history of the Connecticut State Grange. If not, see what you can do and remember you need a total of five for the year.

New report forms for **Should Auld Acquaintance** were sent out with the May-June newsletter and extras which will be good both this year and next are included in this packet. This program was started over 40 years ago by Rita Whipple and through it Grangers in CT have brought cheer into the lives of thousands of residents of convalescent and rest homes. I hope you will keep up the good work.

The report form for the **Honor Lecturer and Lecturer's Appreciation Awards** will be mailed with your next newsletter on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LET'S CELEBRATE** will be held this year on July 24<sup>th</sup> at Cheshire Grange Hall. Several committees are working together to make this a great day for all. CWA contests will be on display for all to see. With the change of location there should be plenty of room for everything to be seen at its' best. Our **Photo Contest** will be a part of the show. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. Our Juniors will be serving a meatloaf dinner from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner will be only \$8.00 per person. Sounds like a good deal to me. Entertainment will be by "The Silk City Four, a Barbershop Quartet from Manchester. This part of the day will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. We will also **CELEBRATE** New Orleans style. If you have never been to Mardi Gras, be sure and come and catch your very own beads.

**If you are entering in the CWA contests, Lecturer's Photo Contest or any of the other committee contests your entries must be brought to the hall between 9:00 and 11:00 on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.** This is new this year, but will enable everything to be set up and ready for judging and display before the hall is opened on Saturday. In the case of the photos, they can be mailed to me or brought to the State Office in Glastonbury a few days ahead of time.

## And now for 2011....

**The Talent Contest** will have the same rules in 2011 as this year. The State Grange Lecturers Travel Fund will provide money toward the Northeast Competition which will be held at Lecturers Conference in August 2011 equal to the cost of one person's expenses to the Lecturers Association. If more than one person is involved, the money will be divided equally among the group. The conference is scheduled for Massachusetts in 2011.

**The "A Number" Contest** will again have the theme "The Great Outdoors".

**Should Auld Acquaintance and A Word from Home** will remain the same.

Our **Essay Contest** will be 100 words or less entitled "**The Grange – Then and Now**".

Our **Complete Programs** will be entitled "**When He Was President**" and may be on any President except George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Remember you have to put this on at Grange, so why not schedule it now before our program books go to print. It would make a great program for February.

**Photo Contest** – Our rules and categories will remain basically the same. The big difference (one I am thrilled to be able to tell you about) is that we will now choose a **Best of Show** from our First Place Winners. This photo will now go on to **National for Judging**. First prize at National will be \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be \$50. Remember this is for 2011. So any picture taken after July 24 will be eligible. We will have to change the size requirements to qualify. Most of those we get would be fine. Full details will be sent and put in the Granger when the new year begins.

**Any questions???** Be sure and ask!!! I hope that I have been of help to you. ....Marge

## SHARED NUMBERS....

### CONNECTICUT GRANGE HISTORY QUIZ...

1. What was the 100<sup>th</sup> Grange organized in CT? Ans. Taghannuck #100
2. What was the 200<sup>th</sup> Grange organized in CT? Ans. Branford #200
3. Where was Spoonville Grange located? Ans. East Granby
4. Where did Spoonville Grange get its' name? Ans. Spoons were made in the Spoonville section of East Granby.
5. Where did Good Will Grange get its' name? Ans. It was given the name to promote good will between its' members and those from Glastonbury Grange who opposed its' organization.
6. When was the first CT State Grange organized? Ans. April 15 & 16, 1875.
7. How many Subordinate Granges were present at the organization of the First CT State Grange? Ans. 15
8. Where was the 1<sup>st</sup> CT State Grange organized? Ans. Danbury
9. What two Granges met continuously between the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> State Granges. Ans. Hope & Tunxis
10. The 1<sup>st</sup> Juvenile Grange organized under the CT State Grange was organized where? Ans. Amenia Union, NY
11. The first New England Lecturers' Conference was held in CT. What was the year? Ans. 1918
12. Before Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, where was the State Grange office? Ans. Naubuc Ave, Glastonbury. (That is where Patrons Mutual was before they built the new building on Hebron Ave.)
13. The King and Queen Contest began in 1950. Who were the first King & Queen? Ans. Natalie Gedrim & Dave Seelye.
14. This Grange shares its' name with a disease. Ans. Lyme Grange
15. The first Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> CT State Grange was? Ans. Sherman Kimberly
16. In what town is Senexet Grange? Ans. Woodstock
17. What is the name of the Grange in New Hartford? Ans. Eureka

## **FARMER JOHN'S CHICKS with Thanks to Senexet Grange**

Farmer John Lived on a quiet rural highway. But, as time went by, the traffic slowly built up at an alarming rate. The traffic was so heavy and so fast that his chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six times a day.

So, one day Farmer John called the sheriff's office and said, "You've got to do something about all of these people driving so fast and killing all of my chickens.

"What do you want me to do?" asked the sheriff. "I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!" So the next day he had the county workers go out and erect a sign that said: SLOW – SCHOOL CROSSING.

Three days later Farmer John called the sheriff and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers. The school crossing sign seems to make them go even faster." So, again, the sheriff sends out the county workers and they put up a new sign reading: SLOW – CHILDREN AT PLAY.

That really sped them up. So Farmer John called and called and called every day for three weeks. Finally he asked the sheriff, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?" The sheriff told him, "Sure thing, put up your own sign." He was going to let Farmer John do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling everyday to complain.

The sheriff got no more calls from Farmer John. Three weeks later, curiosity got the best of the sheriff and he decided to give Farmer John a call. "How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did. And not one chicken has been killed since then. I've got to go. I'm very busy." He hung up the phone.

The sheriff was really curious now and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign... It might be something that we could use to slow down drivers..." So the sheriff drove out to Farmer John's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. It was spray-painted on a sheet of wood: NUDIST COLONY - Go slow and watch out for chicks!!

## **A FOSTER CHILD SPEAKS – With Thanks to Old Lyme Grange**

This would be a good number for CWA night or to use if your Grange is having a shower this summer.

1. All I want is to have my secrets kept when I tell you.
2. All I want is a courteous reply.
3. I want my questions answered honestly.
4. I need to be trusted to pick my friends until I prove unworthy of the trust.
5. I need to have things that are mine alone.
6. I need a right to privacy, physical as well as mental.
7. I need the right to have an opinion, even though, it may be different from what others thing.
8. I need the right to promises kept.
9. I need to be able to share in good times and bad
10. I need a guiding hand, hugs and someone to depend on.

## **TEN WAYS TO MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN from the Alzheimer's Association**

For more information call 1-800-828-2828 or go to [www.alz.org/et](http://www.alz.org/et)

1. Head First – Good health starts with your brain. It's one of the most vital body organs, and it needs care and maintenance.
2. Take Brain Health To Heart – What's good for the heart is good for the brain. Do something every day to prevent heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and stroke – all of which can increase your risk of Alzheimer's.
3. Your Numbers Count – Keep your body weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and sugar levels within recommended ranges.
4. Feed Your Brain – Eat less fat and more antioxidant-rich foods.

5. Work Your Body – Physical exercise keeps the blood flowing and may encourage new brain cells. Do what you can – like walking 30 minutes a day – to keep both body and mind active.
6. Jog Your Mind – Keeping your brain active and engaged increases its vitality and builds reserves of brain cells and connections. Read, write, play games, learn new things, do crossword puzzles.
7. Connect With Others – Leisure activities that combine physical, mental and social elements may be most likely to prevent dementia. Be social, converse, volunteer, join a club or take a class.
8. Heads Up! Protect Your Brain – Take precautions against head injuries. Use your car seat belts, unclutter your house to avoid falls; and wear a helmet when cycling or in-line skating.
9. Use Your Head – Avoid unhealthy habits. Don't smoke, drink excessive alcohol or use street drugs.
10. Think Ahead – Start Today! – You can do something today to protect your tomorrow.

## **SOME THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT U.S. HISTORY**

(Good for Cut-aparts)

Many soldiers of the defeated Confederate Army after the Civil War went to South America and settled in Brazil.

The name "United States" was first authorized on Sept. 9, 1776, by the Second Continental Congress. It replaced the earlier name, "United Colonies".

When Benjamin Harrison was president, he used to do his own shopping. He carried his purchases back to The White House in a large basket.

Water was first piped into The White House in 1800. An elevator was installed in 1881 and White House was wired for electricity in 1891.

Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison, installed the first bathtub in The White House. The bathtub stayed until Andrew Johnson became President. He threw it out. He said bathtubs were undemocratic.

Robert Fulton, who invented the steamboat, also invented a successful submarine in 1800. He offered to sell it to Napoleon, but Bonaparte turned the deal down – Because the submarine would only travel two knots per hour.

Henry Wisner, the only New Yorker who voted in favor of the Declaration of Independence, missed immortality because he forgot to sign the historic document.

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address contains 266 words ... The famed U.S Bill of Rights, foundation of America, contains a mere 436 words. But, a recent directive released by a U.S. agency fixing the price of turnips contains 19, 457 words!

Washington, D.C. was the first capital city in the entire world laid out according to a pre-conceived plan.

Both Paul Revere and Betsy Ross were born on New Year's Day – Paul in 1732 and Betsy in 1752.

## **THE MAGIC OF AMERICA By Dan Valentine**

America is many things... It's a mood, a state of mind, a philosophy...

America is a brisk wind from the Atlantic Ocean, a soft breeze from the Pacific...

America is a mountain peak in Colorado, the Mississippi River, a snow storm in Montana, the hot July sun on the wheat fields of Kansas...

America is a small town, with one streetlight.

America is a big town with concrete canyons of skyscrapers.

America has broad shoulders, and a cocky grin and nervous feet that want to keep moving.

America is restless. It moves, It churns, It was born in rebellion. America thrives on hope. It is a second-chance nation where every man has the right to dream a new dream.

America is a place where losers can become winners, where the poor can become rich, where the ignorant can become educated, where the ill can become healthy and where the lost can be found.

America is laughter, the hearty grin of a man building a bridge, the giggle of school girls and the happy shouts of boys at play.

America is music. It is the hoe-down fiddle at a country dance, a great symphony playing in a giant hall, or the Yankee Doodle tune of a New England town band on the Fourth of July.

America is many things: The right to attend church, the right not to attend church. The right to speak up, the right to keep quiet ... the right to join the crowd, and the right to walk alone.

The ghosts of giant heroes walk the halls of America's memory: Patrick Henry, Davy Crocket, Nathan Hale, John Paul Jones, Ben Franklin and Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson.

America is Thomas Edison and Walt Whitman and Charles Lindbergh and Babe Ruth and Bing Crosby and Willie Mays.

America is The Mayflower, The Boston Tea Party, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, The Alamo, The Battle of the Marne, Guadalcanal, Okinawa and Omaha Beach.

America is a magic mixture of all the people of the world... English, Scots and Germans pushing back the wilderness... Italians, Dutch and Swedes walking across the plains to a new tomorrow... Jews, Poles and the French blending together to make a dream come true... People of all races and creeds working together to create a nation.

America is many things... The Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, Freeways, Yankee Stadium and Yellowstone Park.

America is a traffic jam, an election day, a town meeting, a Little League baseball game, a junior prom, a Labor Day parade and a trip to the moon.

America is many things... a mood, a state of mind and a philosophy. America is a red, white and blue tomorrow for all men who hold the hope of freedom in their hearts...

## **NATION QUIZ (All one word answers end in nation)**

1. What nation is given over to destruction? Ans. Ruination
2. What nation is most murderous? Ans. Assassination
3. What nation is most famous for its lighting system? Ans. Illumination
4. What nation makes you immune from disease? Ans. Vaccination
5. What nation is noted for dullness? Ans. Stagnation
6. What nation is most patient and submissive? Ans. Resignation
7. What nation creates fear and terror? Ans. Consternation
8. What nation produces the most kings? Ans. Coronation
9. What nation is the most generous? Ans. Donation
10. What nation is the most charming? Ans. Fascination
11. What nation is the most critical? Ans. Discrimination
12. What nation sees things in a rosy light? Ans. Imagination

13. What nation grows younger? Ans. Rejuvenation
14. What nation has the best actors? Ans. Impersonation
15. What nation presents the men for office Ans. Nomination
16. What nation exercises the greatest authority? Ans. Domination
17. What nation is the slowest? Ans. Procrastination

### **SOME BLACKOUT SKITS...**

Jerry: Do you know the difference between a garage and a swimming pool?

Terry: No. What is it?

Jerry: Heck! I'm not letting you park my car.

Sal: I'll have you know when I was growing up, thirty boys asked me for my hand.

Hal: No kidding! How much money were you holding in it at the time?

Pat: I found a great way to look young.

Nat: What's that?

Pat: Hang out with old people.

Ted: My car tells me automatically whenever I'm low on gas.

Ned: Really. How?

Ted: It stops running.

Terry: My father can hold up a car with one hand.

Jerry: Is he a circus strong man?

Terry: No, a car thief.

Sam: I'm going to the tavern downtown, honey.

Pam: Then lend me your car and I'll take you.

Sam: Why do you want to take me?

Pam: So I can drive my husband to drink like every other wife.

### **SOME LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT OUR 50 STATES with Thanks to Jean Meehan**

ALABAMA ... Was the first place to have 9-1-1, started in 1968.

ALASKA ... One out of every 64 people has a pilot's license.

ARIZONA ... Is the only state in the continental U.S. that doesn't follow Daylight Savings Time.

ARKANSAS ... Has the only active diamond mine in the U.S.

CALIFORNIA ... Its economy is so large that if it were a country, it would rank seventh in the entire world.

COLORADO ... In 1976 it became the only state to turn down the Olympics.

CONNECTICUT ... The Frisbee was invented here at Yale University.

DELAWARE ... Has more scientists and engineers than any other state.

FLORIDA ... At 759 square miles, Jacksonville is the U.S.'s largest city.

GEORGIA ... It was here, in 1886, that pharmacist John Pemberton made the first vat of Coca-Cola.

HAWAII... Hawaiians live, on average, five years longer than residents in any other state.

IDAHO ... TV was invented in Rigby, Idaho, in 1922.

ILLINOIS ... The Chicago River is dyed green every St. Patrick's Day

INDIANA ... Home to Santa Claus, Indiana, which get a half million letters to Santa every year.

IOWA ... Winnebago's get their name from Winnebago County. Also, it is the only state that begins with two vowels.

KANSAS ... Liberal, Kansas, has an exact replica of the house in The Wizard of Oz.

KENTUCKY ... Has more than \$6 billion in gold underneath Fort Knox.

LOUISIANA ... Has parishes instead of counties because they were originally Spanish church units.

MAINE ... It's so big, it covers as many square miles as the other five New England states combined.

MARYLAND ... The Ouija board was created in Baltimore in 1892.

MASSACHUSETTS ... The Fig Newton is named after Newton, Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN ... Fremont, home to Gerber, is the baby food capital of the world.

MINNESOTA ... Bloomington 's Mall of America is so big, if you spent 10 minutes in each store, you'd be there nearly four days.

MISSISSIPPI ... President Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear here ... that's how the teddy bear got its' name.

MISSOURI ... Is the birthplace of the ice cream cone.

MONTANA ... A sapphire from Montana is in the Crown Jewels of England.

NEBRASKA ... More triplets are born here than in any other state.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ... Birthplace of Tupperware, invented in 1938 by Earl Tupper.

NEW JERSEY ... Has the most shopping malls in one area in the world.

NEW MEXICO ... Smokey the Bear was rescued from a 1950 forest fire here.

NEW YORK ... Is home to the nation's oldest cattle ranch, started in 1747 in Montauk.

NORTH CAROLINA ... Home of the first Krispy Kreme doughnut.

NORTH DAKOTA ... Rigby, North Dakota, is the exact geographic center of North America.

OHIO ... The hot dog was invented here in 1900. OH !!!!

OKLAHOMA ... The grounds of the state capital are covered by operating oil wells.

OREGON ... Has the most ghost towns in the country.

PENNSYLVANIA ... The smiley, :) was first used in 1980 by computer scientists at Carnegie Mellon University.

RHODE ISLAND ... The nation's oldest bar, the White Horse Tavern, opened here in 1673.

SOUTH CAROLINA ... Sumter County is home to the world's largest gingko farm.

SOUTH DAKOTA ... Is the only state that's never had an earthquake.

TENNESSEE ... Nashville 's Grand Ole Opry is the longest running live radio show in the world.

TEXAS ... Dr. Pepper was invented in Waco back in 1885.

UTAH ... The first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant opened here in 1952.

VERMONT ... Montpelier is the only state capital without a McDonald's.

VIRGINIA ... Home of the world's largest office building.... the Pentagon.

WASHINGTON ... Seattle has twice as many college graduates as any other state.

WASHINGTON D.C. ... Was the first planned capital in the world.

WEST VIRGINIA ... Had the world's first brick paved street, Summers Street, laid in Charleston in 1870.

WISCONSIN ... The ice cream sundae was invented here in 1881 to get around Blue Laws prohibiting ice cream from being sold on Sundays.

WYOMING ... Was the first state to allow women to vote.

## **CLOSING THOUGHTS....**

If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?

Fear is useless. Faith is priceless.

If we work together, we can move mountains.

Kind hearts are the garden,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers,  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Doing what you like is freedom. Liking what you do is happiness.

Life is not a plate to be emptied -- it is a bowl to be filled.

Health is wealth...and it's tax-free!

The future belongs to those who are willing to work for it.

## **SONG: AUTUMN-TIME IS COMING with thanks to Lyme Grange**

(Sung to the tune of Frera Jacquea)

Red leaves falling

Red leaves falling

On the ground

On the ground

Autumn-time is coming

Autumn-time is coming

All around

All around

Orange leaves falling

Orange leaves falling

On the ground

On the ground

Autumn-time is coming

Autumn-time is coming

All around

All around

Brown leaves falling

Brown leaves falling

On the ground

On the ground

Autumn-time is coming

Autumn-time is coming

All around

All around