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From the President's Desk



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As I am writing this report, we are finally getting some dry weather and 90° temperatures so it's feeling more like summer. The Connecticut State Grange has just completed hosting the Northeast Youth Conference which was held at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. There were 30 people that attended the conference for the weekend. Dawn Anstett (Youth Director) put together the program for the weekend. She did an excellent job and hopefully everyone had a good time. I know Dawn will have the winners of the contest in her report. Thank you again Dawn for doing such a great job with this conference. The dorms where most people stayed were not far from Gampel Pavilion where the UConn Men's and Women's basketball teams play their home games. Some of the comments I heard were that the food in the cafeteria was good and they had UConn ice cream with every meal! This year the Connecticut State Grange hosted the Northeast Leaders' Conference and the Northeast Youth Conference. Now that these are behind us, we can focus more on Connecticut State Grange activities.

The Connecticut State Grange annual session will be held on October 17-19, so you should start preparing your Honor Grange applications to be sent in by September 15. I'll be

looking forward to receiving your Honor Grange applications. Your Grange Community Service Reports will be due on September 1st. Please send them to the Overseer, Noel Miller. Check your information packets that Todd sent out for other dates for applications and contests that are due. I'm hoping that all Granges will be represented at this year's state session. This is also the time your Granges should be working on resolutions to be sent to the State Office.

Sharon and I are planning to attend the Northeast Lecturer's Conference,

sponsored by the Massachusetts State Grange in Dover, MA. It will be held Aug. 5-7. We will have a report on that in our September issue.

There are several Grangers who have not returned their self-inspection reports. Please get them to me as soon as possible. If you haven't turned in your Executive Committee report to the General Deputy or State Master, we need that report. Thank you to those who have responded.

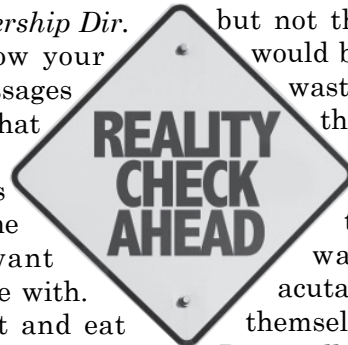
To all the members of the Connecticut State Grange: have a great summer and remember the old saying, "Let's make hay while the sun shines."

We Want to Lose Weight but We Don't Want to Change, Delusional

Faith Quinlan, Membership Dir.

Do you want to grow your membership? My messages each month assume that you do.

Getting new members involves a lot of the same things people who want to lose weight struggle with. I want to lose weight and eat healthy, but I don't want to give up pizza, ice cream, chips, or fries. we want the results without the work. If only someone else could do this for us, we could pay them to lose the weight for us. Huge sums of money are spent on programs by people who want to get healthy and lose weight. Unfortunately, those people who just pay for a program but don't do anything end up with lighter bank accounts and heavier bellies. It is not that spending money to get help is bad. It's investing the money



but not the time that hurts the would be dieter. It is purely a waste of energy on the part of the trainer or nutritionist to give menus and exercises plans to have the person who says they want to lose weight not acutally do anything to help themselves.

Personally I have done this exact thing many times in my life. Plus, I know very well the information these programs are teaching. I know exactly what I need to do, I am just choosing not to do them. As some

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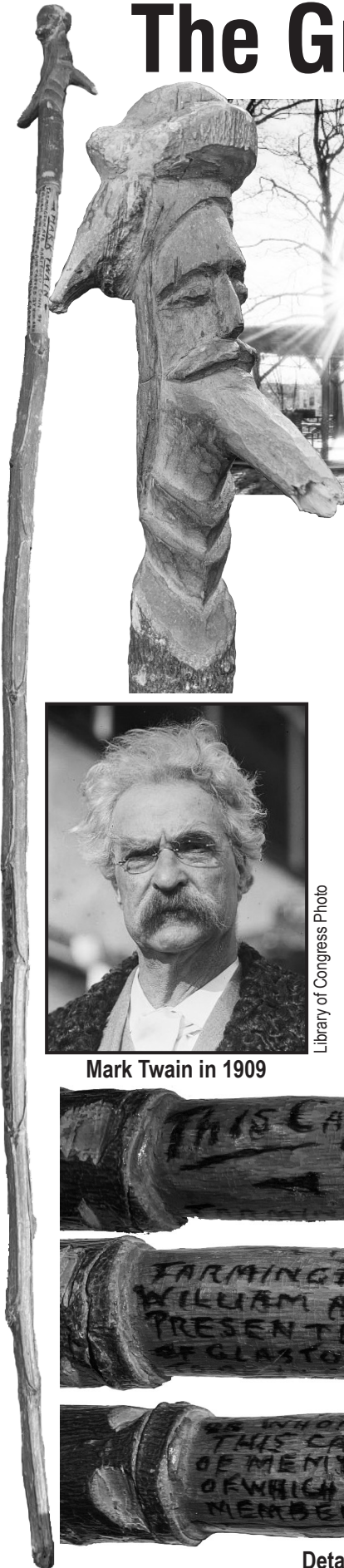


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The Grange Cane from Twain



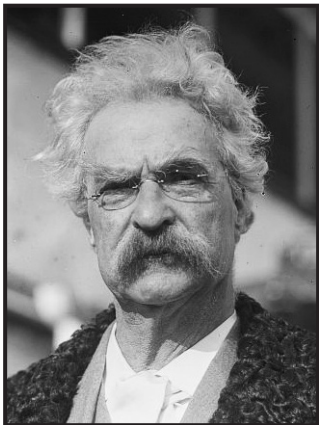
The Mark Twain House, Hartford, CT

Photo from CTVisit.com

by Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

While packing the historical items of the State Grange on display at Good Will Grange Hall, the walking cane (pictured left) was discovered. It is hand-carved with the entire history of its creation and presentation engraved directly on it. The inscription reads:

“By Permission of the owner, This Cane was cut from a tree in the grounds of the home of the late noted humorist MARK TWAIN, Farmington Ave., Hartford, Conn., by William A. Willard, and carved by him and presented to the Good Will Grange of Glastonbury, Conn. To be in custody of the Master of the Grange or whom he directs. This cane carries with it the best wishes of members of the Newington Grange of which Mr. Willard is glad to say he is a member. Hartford, Conn., July 2, 1929.”



Mark Twain in 1909

Library of Congress Photo

The image at far left is the entire cane and the image next to it is a close-up image of the top, highlighting the wonderful detail that has managed to survive 90 years. The cane even includes an inscription towards the bottom indicating that the branch is from a Siberian poplar.

The cane likely came into the possession of the Conn. State Grange following the closing of Good Will Grange over 10 years ago.



Details of the inscriptions towards the top of the cane, below the head.

135th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

Notice is hereby given of the 135th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange to be held at the Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Boulevard, Norwich, CT 06360 on October 17, 18, and 19, 2019. the opening session on October 17 will commence at 7:00 P.M.

ALL GRANGES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION, AS

PRESCRIBED IN THE DIGEST.

Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries will prepare to credential cards that will be sent with the official Call - one for the delegates to bring with them to State Session and the other to be mailed to the State Secretary in Winchester Center.

Room reservations at the hotel must be made by the individual. Please do not call the Holiday Inn corporate number. Please make your reservation as soon as possible by calling the Holiday Inn Norwich directly at 860-889-5201. Tell the reservation desk that you are with the Connecticut State Grange. Our room rate is \$105.00 plus tax, per night.

We are pleased to welcome Brother Dwight and Sister Kathy Baldwin of Iowa as our National Representatives. Brother Dwight currently serves as National Treasurer.

All sessions, meals and the Degree will be held at the hotel.

Celebration Banquet: The Celebration Banquet will be held on Friday, October 19 beginning at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$30 (prior to September 30). Tickets purchased after September 30 will be \$40. Tickets may be

obtained by completing a Session Registration Form (printed in this issue and included in the packets sent to Granges).

Sixth Degree: The Sixth Degree will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 19, beginning at 3:00 P.M. Candidates for the Sixth Degree should be at the hotel by 2:30 P.M. Sixth Degree applications may be obtained during the Session or from the State Grange Office in advance. Cost is: \$10 per person.

Registration Fee: Entire Session is \$30.00 (including lunch both days). One day is \$15.00 (includes lunch for the day registered). Junior registration fee is \$10.00.

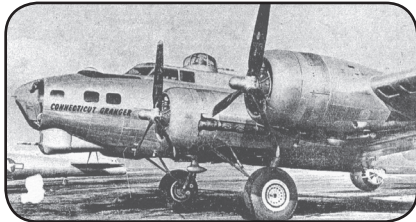
The Annual Session concludes the work of the Grange year. We hope your Grange will be represented to answer the roll call on Thursday evening, October 17, as we look forward to another year of good Grange work in Connecticut.

Per order of the Board of Directors.

Fraternally,
Todd A. Gelineau
Secretary
Connecticut State Grange

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Therefore be it resolved...

The Grange provides a unique opportunity for members to have their opinions heard at ALL levels of government through the drafting and passage of resolutions. As of this printing, the State Grange has received ONE resolution. We can do better than that. Please let the State Secretary know if you need assistance in drafting resolutions. There's still time, but the clock is ticking! You can email Secretary@CTStateGrange.org or call (860) 307-1522 for help and you will be referred to members that can help.

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135th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ballroom, Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Fourth Degree
Introduction of National Rep., Dwight Baldwin, Treasurer of the National Grange & Sister Kathy.
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Comm. Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of 4th Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credential Committee
Session Committee Announcements
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate.
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State Master George Russell
Report of Overseer Noel Miller
Report of Secretary Todd A. Gelineau
Report of Treasurer Jody A. Cameron
Report of Executive Comm./Board of Directors
Report of Lecturer
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 18, 2019

- 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 other vacancies)
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. BREAK
- 11:30 A.M. Report of *Connecticut Granger*
Report of Camp Berger
Report of Conn. State Grange Foundation
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain Charles Dimmick
- Family Activities Awards & Report
- Membership Awards
- Public Relations Awards
- Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates

- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representatives
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session
- 3:15 P.M. BREAK
- 3:30 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
Professional Agriculture Awards
Scholarships
Lecturer's Program
Past Deputies' Raffle

Saturday, October 19, 2019

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate.
Junior & Youth Tour
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
- 9:45 A.M. Business Session
- 10:45 A.M. BREAK
- 11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
- 11:45 A.M. FFA Representatives Visit
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon
Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain Charles Dimmick
- Junior Recognition
- Youth Recognition
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session
Consideration of Annual Budget
Installation of newly elected officers
- 3:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom (Open to all Sixth Degree members, registration not required to attend)
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests and Past Voting Delegates to Nat. Grange
Conferral of the 6th Degree in full form
Rose Drill
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Members
Community Service Report
Honor Grange Awards
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table- Officers & Court

**Candidates for the Degree must be at the Holiday Inn by 2:30 P.M. They must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree Words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to be admitted to the Degree. Applications are \$10 and can be purchased from the State Secretary.*

*** Program subject to change without prior notice.*



135th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange



All Grange members are welcome to attend State Session, not just officers and committee members! You are encouraged to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the past year and set the ground work for an even greater new Grange year.

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

Registration Form

Grange Name _____ No. _____

Name _____	Delegate? _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Friday & Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$30.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$20.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$20.00 _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.) # of People _____ x 30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above):

- 1) Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- 2) Shrimp Scampi
- 3) Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Horseradish Aioli
- 4) Vegetable Lasagna

All entrees include Tossed Greens with Dressings, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's selection of Vegetables, Vanilla Bean Crème Brulee, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$20.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$10.00 _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$20.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$10.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, 100 Newfield Road, P.O. Box 3, Winchester Center, CT 06094

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SESSION & HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2019

To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and mention the CT State Grange.



EASTERN CONN. POMONA #14

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 14: Installation of Officers, N. Stonington Grange Hall, 7:00 P.M.

Join in the installing of the officers of this Pomona and have a safe summer in the meantime.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Sept. 14: Grange Fair 9-noon

Sept. 18: Harvest time program

Sept. 21: Celebrating Ag at the Woodstock Fairgrounds

The Grange continues to be active and we have regular meetings. Our program in July was by member Mary Ellen Blake who spoke on her recent visit to Ireland.

Several members will be working at the Celebrating Ag event on Sat. Sept. 21. A tour of the Fairvue Farm owned by 3 members of the Grange will be held during the event. We will have our annual fair on Sat. Sept. 14. We always have great participation of produce, crafts and baking. We were honored to have 2 Woodstock Academy seniors apply for the 2 scholarships we have available. They are awarded the funds at our special meeting when they discuss their future plan and bring their families. The Grange continues to distribute surplus food from local stores. Thanks to members who do this for us. Looking forward to members joining us for these events.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Cherie Robinson

Aug. 2: The Dog Days of Summer Annual Potluck Picnic

We cleaned our closets, and headed over to the Vernon Grange section at the Strong Farm Big Bad Barn Sale. While we didn't make a lot of money, we had lots of fun and lots of Good Grange Spirit was passed around. If you missed getting any of our treasures, you are in luck! Coventry Grange will be offering them with all kinds of other treasures at their next tag sale!

In July we all participated in the program titled 'It Happened in the USA'. We continue to plan for our BBQ for the veterans at Phelps Village in Rockville. We also continue to collect toiletries and non-perishable food items for them. The proceeds from our tag sale will go towards purchasing items to support the veterans.

On August 2, we will have our annual potluck picnic at the Strong Farm, weather permitting. We will write postcards to deployed troops to thank them for their sacrifices to keep our country free to allow us to travel about. We will also discuss plans for the upcoming Grange year. You are welcome, but please be sure to call ahead to find out where we will be potluck picnicking. After all, it is New England, and we know how the weather changes here!

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Aug. 1: Picnic

In June we draped the Charter for Edith Schoell, a 74 year member, who joined us from Manchester Grange #31. At her request, there were no services. So sad.

We had a tag sale in July with more money trickling into the account. We met with the Town Assessor and got a reduction in our taxes for the next year. The joys of owning a hall. We voted at our last meeting to raise our dues to \$40 per year starting with the 2019-2020 year. Our budget is \$4,000 a year for taxes, insurance, quarterly dues, electric and oil. We need our

Grangers to help.

EKONK COMM. & JR. GRANGE

Corr: Sue Gray

When you read this, Link Cooper will have stepped down as President, taken the office of Program Director again, and Brenda Craig is now at the helm. She has a great number of ideas and lots of enthusiasm. Our hall now has a BIG screen TV on the piano and our webmaster, Jaimie Cameron, has created a wonderful series capturing our activities recent as well as future plans. This will play continuously throughout suppers, Fair, etc. We purchased a new banner which will be first used at our Aug. 10th Fair. At our July meeting, Link passed the gavel to P.M. Russell M. Gray, giving him the honor of welcoming his oldest granddaughter, Lillian Sharpe and her dear friend, Abbey Dexter, into Subordinate membership! Wonderful to have Lillian feeling good enough to attend Grange again, although she still has a long road ahead. Brianna Gervais is the new Junior Grange President. Both Lillian and Brianna are excited to be on the Fair Committee and to their credit, have added several new ideas. The Juniors thrilled to watching "Secret Lives of Pets 2" at Lisbon Landing theater, weeded the flower bed under the Grange signboard as well as planting several of Betsy Molodich's beautiful flowers in that spot and mulched around their raised beds as well as along the south side of the Grange hall. We voted to again participate in Sterling Family Day, where the Juniors also play an active role. We voted to purchase a Velcro tri-board and have an exhibit at Brooklyn Fair. We also donated \$100.00 and Ekonk Community Grange will have its name added to sponsors on the Brooklyn Fair t-shirts! We thrilled to hearing and seeing Red Skelton recite the Pledge of Allegiance on our big screen TV at the July program on "Independence". Guests at this meeting included Lecturer of Vernon

Grange, Cherie Robinson and Ted Beebe, Master of Norwich Grange.

We will be joining Richmond Grange at their annual picnic at Larkin's Pond in West Kingston, RI in August.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Aug. 9: "All Aboard"

Aug. 23: "To Infinity & Beyond"

We have lost yet another of our Golden Sheaf members. Elizabeth Miner went on to the Great Grange

Above on June 7th. She will be sadly missed.

Our Election of Officers returned all officers to their stations. Robert Miner will again lead us as our Master.

Nineteen hardy Grangers and friends braved the heat of a summer's eve to enjoy a varied menu of delicious potluck dishes, augmented by hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cold lemonade. Tables were set up in the shade and all relaxed to enjoy a friendly evening of food and

conversation.

The men will have the program at our August 9 meeting with the ladies providing the refreshments. The tables are turned at the Aug. 23 meeting, with the ladies entertaining and the men wearing the aprons. And if those pesky thunderstorms will just keep away that oppressive summer heat next time we'll tell you all about joyous July.

Some resolution-worthy topics to consider



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
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Alma Graham, Leg. Director

As we are starting to wind down on summer it is time to start thinking about fall and our upcoming State Grange session. Have you begun preparing or submitted any resolutions for the upcoming session? This last state legislative session brought up quite a variety of topics that we as Grange members may be interested in.

We saw the enactment of banning single use plastic bags pass the legislature this year. There were also bills which did not pass recommending the banning of Styrofoam food containers and plastic straws. What about expanding the bottle bill beyond soda and water bottles to include those plastic bottles of juices, teas, and sports drinks.

We saw the legalization of industrial hemp this year which allows our state farmers to begin growing and selling that product. What about the legalization of recreational marijuana? We already allow it for medical reasons. If it is legalized there must be ways to enforce laws such as impaired

driving. Is there a way to test for impairment like they do with alcohol?

There was a bill that passed the Senate but died in the House which would have established a task force to study ways to increase farmland availability for beginning farmers. It was to look at the costs of purchasing or renting farmland and the accessibility of farm financing. What do you think?

There is an increase in the bear population in this state with them breaking into homes. Should we now enact some sort of population control for bears, which could include the hunting of bears.

Of course, the big topic which will be returning is tolls. What is your feeling on tolls? We seem to agree that we need to improve our transportation infrastructure, but how are we going to pay for it?

These are just some topics that I remember. What are your feelings on topics being discussed in the state? Write a resolution.

Resolutions should be submitted to your local community Grange then onto your Pomona Granges for action. The deadline for resolutions for State Grange is September 15th. If it is received later than that we cannot guarantee that it will be printed in the State Grange program but it still could be presented at the session. Individuals can not

submit resolutions directly to State Grange, they must go through a Grange.

Ekonk Jrs. help celebrate 4th



Jared Gervais and Russell Sharpe marched July 4th as Junior Senators with Senator, Heather Somers in the annual Town of Groton Parade. They were grade 6 and grade 8 winners in the Sterling Patriotic Essay contest and received citations from the CT General Assembly and \$50.00 cash prize along with a certificate from the Sterling Board of Selectmen and Sterling Republican Town Committee.



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

The next Pomona meeting will be held on Aug. 24., 4 P.M. at Wolcott Grange Hall. Please note this change of date.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: T. Gelineau

Aug. 10: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market

Aug. 13: Exhausted?, Ref. Men

Aug. 27: Awards Night & Community Picnic, 6 P.M.

Winchester Grange held a tag sale at the Grange Hall on July 27 to help clear out some of the "stuff" that's accumulated in the garage during the last year (or years). We are fortunate to have a spacious hall, but... it does create too many opportunities to build up things that will never be used. This became abundantly clear when the Old Firehouse was cleared out for the new State Grange office. All of the "stuff" that was tucked away up there had to find a new place to be.

Looking ahead, we are planning for our annual Grange Fair and Flea Market to be held at the Grange Hall and on the Green in Winchester Center on August 10. There will be exhibits, a giant book sale, a raffle, plenty of food and a flea market on the green. Come on out and enjoy a beautiful summer day in Winchester.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

At our July 11th meeting Taghhannuck Grange welcomed 3 new members into our Grange. A big THANK YOU goes out to Todd Gelineau, State Sec., for doing

such a great job on the Obligation Ceremony. Members came up to me afterward to say how much they enjoyed it.

Our August 8th our regular meeting will include judging the Ct. State Grange Baking Contest with members making Peanut Butter Cupcakes with Peanut Butter Frosting. The program will be Memories.

The August 22nd special meeting will be a potluck picnic at 6:00pm at the Master's house with rain location being the Grange Hall. All are welcome to attend and bring a covered dish to share.

On September 7th from 10:00am to 4:00pm we will have an exhibit at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair on the Green in front of Cornwall Town Hall. It is always a fun time with a non-commercial flair and lots of kid's activities, food (not food trucks), crafts, judging of fruit,

veggies, baked goods and last year they had paint a vegetable. Come see our exhibit and talk about what we are doing this year.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 17: Watermelon Daze

Sept. 14: Vegetable Bingo.

Oct. 12: Apples.. and create a mask.

The wonderful hot days of summer have all feeling lazy. This is the time for picnics and beachcombing, anything to help clear our minds of the stresses of our busy lives. Our August meeting will be held a week later than usual due to vacationing members. Now that we have planned our programs for the next year, we will complete the plans for our display at the Fair in September. That date will be here before you know it. Hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer.



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange friends!

We went to the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus for the Northeast Region Youth Conference in July. It was a fun couple of days spending time with all of my friends from Connecticut, throughout New England and New York. There were a lot of fun activities. Thanks to Dawn Anstett for planning such a great event.

Want to follow us on all of our fun Grange summertime adventures? Just follow the link to my Facebook page, and then click the "Like" button once you are on the page. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>



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 history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of 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



Last Month

We heard from Jean Meehan on the July photo — she believes the photo was taken during State Session in either 1968 or 1969. Jean believes that the woman standing is Dorothy Maxson, and the woman at the podium is Marge Bernhardt. . From Russ & Sue Gray: Russell and I are certain that the lady at the microphone is none other than Marge Bernhardt! Memories!



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8 at Cheshire Grange. We will be conferring the Fifth Degree. Read more about this meeting in the next issue. Cheshire and Wallingford Granges will be in charge of the refreshments. If you have candidates please let Pomona Secretary Joanne Cipriano know ahead of time.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Aug. 14: Sea To Shining Sea

Aug. 24-25: Cheshire Grange Community Fair

We had our annual picnic on July 17th at Marge Bernhardt's. At the picnic, we drew up our programs and refreshment committees for the new Grange year. Our craft nights finished up for the summer making up new road signs for our fair with the new dates. Later in the month and into August, we will be distributing our fair books to various businesses, etc in town.

It has been an interesting summer thus far with late May and early June getting their weather act together. In any event, we hope you all are enjoying the summer as Labor Day will be here before we know it.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: Ron Bunovsky

Harmony Grange will hold its annual Agricultural Fair on Sat., Aug. 24 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Grange hall in Monroe, CT.

Agricultural exhibits, judged contests (vegetables, flowers, eggs),

food (breakfast & lunch), music, petting zoo, pony ride, show cars & tractors, baked goods sale and antiques.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Officers for the next two years have been elected. Most remain the same. Joanne Cipriano was re-elected Master and Cindy Legg, Secretary. Changes: Gary Frankel is our new Gatekeeper and Thomas Honyotski was elected to the Executive Committee. We are sorry that Gatekeeper Diane Godin and Executive Committee member Victor Godin felt that they could not continue in their offices due to medical reasons. We thank them for their many years of service.

Our August meeting will be on the 9th and will be our annual picnic. Come with a good appetite. August Open Mic is on Saturday the 17th.

On October 5th we will have a Fall bazaar and tag sale. Table space is available.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Goliath

Our elections were held and we are proud to say all positions are filled for 2019 to 2021. Installation will take place in September.

Our concentration is now on our annual agricultural fair scheduled for Saturday, September 14th from 10 to 3. Our co-chairs Sharol Harwood and Stephanie Thompson are putting all efforts into making this the best fair ever. Vendors are still needed. Anyone interested please call or email Sharol Harwood -greenfieldhillgrange@gmail.com or phone Steve Goliaths at 203-367-4373. For applications and info. Please save the date.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Prospect Grange was excited to receive an invitation to attend the opening of the Statue of Liberty Museum in New York. We were able to donate toward the construction and will have our name engraved in recognition of our donation. We took on this project because of our many

ancestors who came through Ellis Island and became citizens of the U.S.

We also were able to donate several animals to a third world country through Heifer International.

Prospect Grange continues to do community service within our community and surrounding communities.

At home we collected several items and donated them to the veterans and also a family that was burned out of their home.

We have been trying hard to increase our membership, however, nothing seems to work. We will continue to try until the end of 125 year working our community. We meet the second Thursday of each month at the recreation center. Please call our Secretary before coming as sometimes we meet elsewhere.

Our thoughts and hearts go out to the family of Edith Schoell. She was truly a great person and Granger. Six of our members had the privilege of knowing her as she played for the Rose Drill Team.

We want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Sept. 5: How did we do this year?

Oct. 5: Here and There, Black Cats, Bats and Goblins.

Nov. 7: Let's Talk Turkey & Veterans

Fans are wonderful... the noise isn't. We had a pleasant meeting a week after the 4th of July. The fact remains, we need to do something to earn money. A discussion is planned at our picnic in August. Bring ideas. A new member was given the welcome ceremony.

Hopefully the man upstairs will send us some nice weather for our fair in August.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Aug 1: Business Meeting

Aug 15: Short Business Meeting followed by final prep for Fair set-up

Aug 25: 87th Agricultural Fair, 10 AM - 4 PM

Sept 5: Business Meeting
Sept 19: Business Meeting

All are welcome and invited to attend our 87th Agricultural Fair which will be held on Sunday, August 25th from 10 AM to 4 PM, rain or shine. Small admission fee with a canned good for the Wilton Food Pantry. Come see many extraordinary exhibits of horticulture and homemaking inside the Hall, and some fascinating non-profit organisations from town along with an assortment of concessionaires. We look forward to seeing many Grange members from near and far this year.

We are happy to announce that our election of officers will have

Dearta Fusaro as our new president. Dearta has been active in many facets of Grange activities and it is fitting that she will serve as our next president.

We enjoyed a nice picnic meeting in mid-July; something we haven't done in a while. Many of our members are very skilled in the culinary arts, and the foods on the buffet table attested to that. To live well is to eat well for sure! Especially when so many of the vegetables that were enjoyed were picked within hours of the picnic at one of our member's farm here in town.

Interested in learning about Tai Chi? Check our website for times and dates of the class with certified

instructor Bil Mikulewicz (he's one of our members!).

Follow us on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram--you'll be glad you did! Visiting Patrons are always welcome -- won't you join us?

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Aug. 9: Dog Days of Summer

Aug. 23: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Sept. 13: Fall Down

Sept. 27: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

We Want to Lose Weight but We Don't Want to Change, Delusional



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delusion noun
de-lu'sion | \ di-lü-zhen :
something that is falsely
or delusively believed or
propagated

Merriam-Webster

of you may also know when you make an effort to be healthier you feel better and as you lose weight certain things become easier and more enjoyable.

Our patterns, habits and level of effectiveness are what got us here, our health and bodies and also our Granges. We have reached a point where the situation is desperate in many towns. Sadly, the truth is that for many Granges it means our buildings will need to be sold and our charters will need to be surrendered.

My articles are usually full of ideas and positive messages but I want you to know I see the truth. I am passionate about changing the direction we are headed in with membership. Like the environmental changes in our world, we are not

talking about "some day" we are talking about today, now. The situation is dire and should be the center of every event you organize.

It is important to be honest with yourself and your Grange. We do not want to be delusional about what we want to happen with our membership. If you believe that you can choose not to have community events, not interact with new people or your community, choose not to share with people what your Grange is up to... then think people will want to join your Grange, you are delusional.

When you have meetings at

inconvenient times for working people or families, or you do not try to make concessions to allow new ideas or approach new segments of your community, you are choosing not to grow. When there is no change, we must live with the consequences of that choice. Those consequences will include decline and decay, closure and lost Granges.

I believe that you love Grange. I really, *really* do. Acknowledge whether you actually want to grow your membership. if you do, ACT NOW or for those who are out there hustling (I know who you are.) Keep up the Great Work!

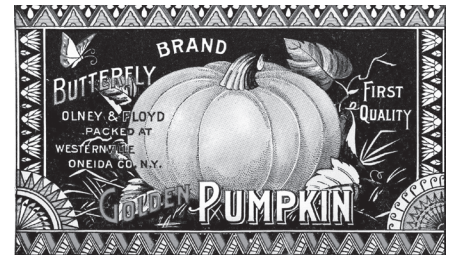
Enjoy Pumpkins

Irene Percoski, Agriculture Committee

Pumpkins: Pumpkins are a good source of vitamins and are good to eat. They are a variety of winter squash like butternut or acorn squash. Winter squash are left on the vine until they are mature, have a hard rind and are baked for eating. Summer squash are picked off the vine while still green, have a soft rind and can be eaten raw or cooked. They do not store well and are eaten fresh.

If you want to have a decorated pumpkin but also want to save it for eating later you can use tempura markers to make your design on the outside without cutting it open.

Small pumpkins can be eaten as a vegetable, either steamed or boiled or battered and fried. They can be sliced thin and eaten raw with a dip. A little research on line has a wealth of information on how to select and cook fresh pumpkin. There you can find recipes for nut bread, roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin cheesecake and many more delicious ways to eat this nutritious vegetable.





Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

What is your Grange pitch?

*Terri Fassio,
Public Relations Co-Director*

What is a pitch? A pitch is a short positive statement detailing a potential story, event, activity or project, with the goal being to catch the attention of the target audience (which in the case of the Grange is the media, the public, and even potential or existing members).

What methods do you use to get your Grange into the spotlight? With the media cycle passing by at lightning speeds, and attention spans shortening, information is often forgotten as quickly as it appears. This is where a strong pitch becomes an important part of your Grange public relations toolbox.

In order to navigate the communication waters, your Grange needs a creative, innovative, positive and interesting pitch to be sure to stand out in the crowd.

Here's a few tips and tricks to crafting that perfect pitch and get your Grange noticed.

- **Stay Timely.** Your Grange might have a vault of historical information you can draw off of when selling your Grange, just be sure to only use past information as a foundation. Stay relevant to today's Grange when crafting your pitch. Keeping up-to-date with trends and news stories is important for your Grange, so that you can execute a pitch that not only catches attention, it is current to the audience.

- **Be Creative and Original.** Thousands of pitches are sent to your local media on a weekly, if not daily, basis. These pitches are continually read and heard by the people you want to join and support your Grange. If your Grange does not stand out, it will be lost in the crowd and not gain the attention it deserves. Think beyond the boundaries of what you want to say, and

how your Grange can make an impact with the reader.

- **Be Human.** Make your Grange personal. People relate to emotions - it's a fact of life. If you are pitching your Grange on a level that hits below the surface with your audi-

ence, there is a good chance your Grange will not only engage but garner good coverage in the media.

Make a lasting impression by encouraging your audience to say "Aww" or "Wow" when they read/hear your pitch.

The manner in which you pitch your Grange is important - and can make all the difference in the amount of attention your Grange receives. Pitch your Grange in a timely, creative, and human angle, and the likelihood of making an impact on your audience will increase ten-fold.



Fresh Apple Cake

No meal is complete without dessert - particularly special summertime barbecues, picnics and potlucks. This recipe doe Apple Cake from Southern Living is perfect for the next Grange picnic!

CAKE:

1 1/2 cups chopped pecans, divided	2 cups flour
1 stick butter, melted	2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs	1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	
4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and cut into wedges	

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt

CAKE DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°. Bake pecans in a single layer in a shallow pan 5 to 7 minutes or until lightly toasted and fragrant, stirring halfway through.

Combine butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla extract in a large bowl until blended. Combine flour, salt, cinnamon, baking soda and butter mixture, stirring until blended. Stir in apples and 1 cup pecans. Spread thick batter into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch pan.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Remove from oven when a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack for 30-45 minutes.

Spread frosting on cake and sprinkle with remaining pecans.

FROSTING DIRECTIONS:

Beat cream cheese and butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add sugar and salt, beating until blended. Stir in vanilla.

SOURCE: <https://www.southernliving.com/recipes/fresh-apple-cake>

Hallelujah... the move is completed!



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Brothers and Sisters, the long arduous journey that has been the State Grange Office's move from Glastonbury to Winchester Center has been completed! My apologies to all for any delays in processing requests and paperwork in recent weeks. It's really not fun working on a project only to find that pieces of it may be located in either my home office or the Glastonbury or Winchester offices.

For those that are curious, I have included pictures of the new office with this article. Even though it's tucked away in the Northwest Hills, it's still YOUR State Grange office, ready to serve you as it always has been.

With the move behind us, we're ready to jump head first into State Session. How's that for a segue?

On pages 2-4 of this issue I have included all of the necessary information for the 135th Annual Session of the State Grange, Oct. 17-19, 2019 in Norwich. The same information will be included in the Official Call to Session to be mailed to each Grange at the beginning of August.

The Call will also include the delegate cards to be completed by your Grange's Secretary once your Grange has selected its delegates. All Pomona and Subordinate (Community) Granges are entitled to select two (2) delegates to State Session (as long as your Grange is entitled to be seated at Session). Granges in arrears for dues for the second quarter of the year are automatically suspended from eligibility to be seated at Session until all dues are current. Please be certain this is done when you submit your registrations for session. Junior Granges are entitled to one (1) delegate and the same rules



Two different angles of the new State Grange Office in Winchester Center.

regarding alternates apply to Junior Granges as well.

Please DO NOT submit alternate delegates on your credential cards. They cannot be accepted as credentialed delegates should one or both of your chosen delegates be unable to attend. It is your right, as a Grange to select alternate delegates in the event that one or both of your delegates are unable to serve. This, however, cannot be done in advance.

Also, please DO not mail both credential cards back to the State Grange. One card (as indicated on the card) is intended to be completed and returned to the State Grange and the other (as indicated) is intended to be completed and given to your delegates to present at Registration when they arrive at State Session.

PLEASE send in your registrations as soon as possible and be sure to make your reservations with the Holiday Inn as soon as you can to be certain rooms are available. This hotel can fill up fast due to its proximity to Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods.

It has been mentioned elsewhere in this issue, but it is worth repeating... there is only ONE resolution in the "hopper" to be considered at State Session. Yes, there is still time to get resolutions

in, but the clock is ticking. As has been the case in the last several years, I will accept resolutions up until the time the Session Book goes to press at the beginning of October. However, I don't guarantee when specifically it will go to print, so Granges hoping to get them printed in the book need to be in touch with me. Resolutions that arrive late, will have to be submitted with 125 copies (as required by vote of the delegate body).

It is also important that ALL resolutions be adopted by a Subordinate/Community Grange and/or a Pomona Grange before being submitted to the State Grange for consideration. Resolutions submitted by individuals without consideration of a prior Grange will not be accepted.

Because there has been so much going on with the State Grange in recent months, I was unable to get out order sheets for Dues Receipts. This will be your fair warning, unless I hear from you within the first couple weeks of August, your Grange will receive the same order you received last year. If your Grange needs to increase/decrease your order, please let me know as soon as possible.

Until next time... enjoy the closing days of summer!

We “Found Our Hero Selves”



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July was conference month for our Youth Grangers. We were the host state this year for the Northeast Youth Conference held July 12-14 at UConn in Storrs. Five youth from Connecticut attended the conference this year and competed in the Grange Baseball and Public Speaking contest.

Youth Winners: Angelina DeDominicis, 2nd Prepared Speech; Kayla Michaud, 3rd Impromptu Speech.

Adult Winner: Michelle DeDominicis, 1st in both impromptu and prepared speech.

Friday night we all checked in and had a chance to gather with others, play some badminton and prepare for the weekend. It was a quiet night but the rest of the weekend kept us busy. Saturday, National Grange Youth Leadership presented a workshop on “Bridging the Generational Divide,” and we all got to work through scenarios where we could use our talents to help get our ideas across and organize our ideas. After lunch we spent the afternoon competing. Grange baseball was exciting no matter if you were a participant or a spectator. Congratulations to Evelyn Dexter and Jaimie Cameron, who helped propel their team to first place in baseball.

The theme for the weekend was: “Finding Our Hero Self” and on Saturday night participants were asked to do just that. We identified who we would be if we were a hero, make a cape because you can’t be a super hero without a cape and then form alliances with others to come up with a plan for how you were going to help the community. Some teams made

videos, others presented a plan, and one group even sang their own theme song. It was a lot of fun and everyone stepped up their game and tried something new, be it Grange Baseball or participating in an exhibition drill team. They did a spectacular job or just one night

of practice and many are looking forward to organizing one for next year.

Now that weekend is over, the next endeavor I will be taking on as Youth Director is to get out to the Granges. Will write more about that in the next Granger.

Community Service

Noel & Marcia Miller
Comm. Serv. Co-Directors

The Hot days of Summer are upon us and we hope that you are a cool and relaxing. The Blue Book is out and the Community Service work sheets are given to each Grange, make sure that the Secretary gives those reports the Community Service Committee so they can fill out the reports. Every Grange should submit a because we hear of all the things Grangers

do through Facebook so you should be able to file a Community Service Report.

This year the Fire Fighter, Police Officer and School Teacher forms are out, look around for that outstanding person who should be recognized for the hard work that they do for our Community.

Deadlines will soon be here so while you are chilling by the pool or Air conditioner take time to fill out your forms.

Hillstown Garden Talk

Hillstown Grange is holding a mid-summer Garden Talk on Thursday, August, 15, 2019. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

The 1 hour workshop will start at 7 P.M. Topics for this meeting are: Fall/Winter Pests and Diseases, Putting the Garden Bed to Bed, Prepping the Soil to Grow Garlic, Is it Time to Lime and Storing Seeds.

Garden talks are free and open to the public and for experienced as well as new gardeners. Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills St., East Hartford.



Riverton Grange Fair

3rd Saturday in August



Food Available
Agriculture, Photo
& Craft Exhibits

2019 Northeast Youth Conference



Participants from throughout the region pose for a picture during the 2019 Northeast Youth Conference.



The drill team with members from CT, RI, NH and NY.



Members "Finding their Hero Selves"

New Ekonk Members



Abbey Dexter and Lillian Sharpe receive the obligation in the Fourth Degree from Russell Gray. Lillian and Abbey recently graduated from Junior Grange and became full members of Ekonk Community Grange.



90th Annual Fair

Sponsored by

Meriden Grange, No. 29

September 7th, 2019- From 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
At the Meriden Grange Hall, 540 Broad Street,
Meriden, CT

www.meridengrango.org/grangeagfair.asp

Create in me a clean heart



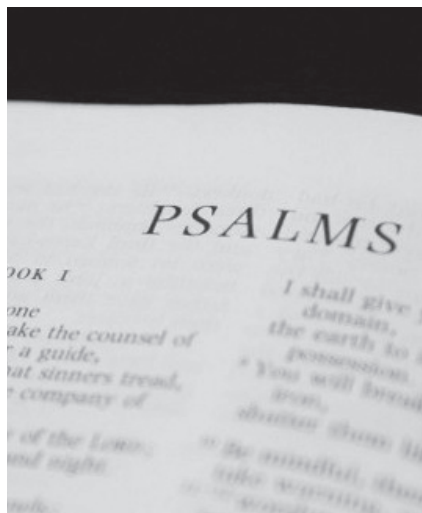
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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
(from Psalm 51)

It has been said that one can find in the Psalms a reflection of every human emotion and need. Frequent reading of the Psalms allows one to recall certain passages when they are appropriate to a situation. Psalm 51 is devoted to asking God to cleanse us from sin, to forgive our sins, and lastly to allow us to accept that forgiveness by cleansing our hearts of the scars that sinning has left in us. As we should all know, God is ever willing and anxious to forgive our sins if we ask and truly repent of them. But it is a human weakness that we have trouble accepting that we are forgiven.

There are three ways we can go wrong when it comes to matters of forgiveness. All three can poison the heart. First is not forgiving others; second is not asking God to be forgiven, when he is always



willing to do so; and third is not truly accepting that we have been forgiven. This is a problem more common than perhaps you realize. I know people who are still burdened with the guilt of things they did many years ago, and cannot accept that God has forgiven them, even though they have prayed for forgiveness. I don't know why this is so difficult, but it is. I, myself, have occasionally had difficulty with the same problem. God has forgiven me; why can't I forgive myself? Reciting to myself the above section from Psalm 51 as a sort of prayer has been of help at those times.

One other thing that may ease guilt is to carry out some action which compensates for the wrong things that you may have done. The possibilities here are endless and I leave it up to your

own imagination, but often we feel less guilty if we can do some good, either for those we might have hurt or for others who need help of some sort. Remember that such actions are not an attempt to "buy" forgiveness; God has already forgiven you. Rather consider it to be a Thank Offering for God's mercy and love.

Past Deputies Assoc.

The Past Deputies Association will hold their annual picnic and meeting at the home of Marge Bernhardt in Cheshire on Sat., Aug. 10 at 2:00 P.M. Those attending are asked to bring a picnic dish for supper. Dessert, beverages, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Noel Miller will be in charge of the program and George Russell will show his skills on the grill.

Special Order of Business: By-Law Change - We will be voting on the dates of our fiscal year.

At the last meeting the following officers were elected for a two year term: President, Noel Miller; Vice President George Russell, Secretary Joanne Cipriano, Treasurer Marge Bernhardt, Chaplain Irene Percoski and Exec. Board Gordon Gibson.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Miner, G.S.
North Stonington
Community Grange #138

"Well done, good and faithful servants."