

PROGRAM HELPS AND INFORMATION

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Hi All...

Hope you all survived the storm with little or no damage and weren't without lights for too long. We were one of the lucky ones who only lost power for a short time and were still able to get away for the Labor Day weekend. We went camping in Maine with four generations of our family. Very hectic, but very enjoyable. Unfortunately I didn't get the newsletter done before we went and I hope you will all understand why the trip took precedence.

SOME REMINDERS: Reports are due October 1st. This includes the Complete Program, Should Auld Acquaintance, Essay and your Honor Lecturer Report. The Auld Acquaintance report forms were included in the packets distributed by your Pomona Lecturer or their representative in June or July. The Honor Lecturer Report is included with this newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them along with the reports.

LET'S CELEBRATE: Since the July-August newsletters were distributed in June at Let's Celebrate I couldn't include the winners.

Our **Talent Contest winners** were:

- 1st Beth Bradley from Greenfield Hill Grange
- 2nd Nancy Weissmuller from North Stonington Community Grange
- 3rd The Cousins 102 from Cheshire Grange.

Beth represented us at the North East Lecturers Conference at Bridgewater University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts and took 3rd place. All the Connecticut Grangers and many from other states thought she should have won.

Winners in the **"A Number" contest** were:

- 1st "Canada Geese" by Hillstown Grange
- 2nd Be Bear Aware by Mountain County Pomona
- 3rd "George and Harriett in the Great Outdoors" by North Stonington Community Grange.

Photo Contest Winners were:

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

- 1. Debbie Barnes, Stonington Grange****Best In Show**
- 2. Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange
- 3. Jeff Barnes, Stonington Grange
- HM Andrea Brown, Whigville Grange

ANIMALS

- 1. Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange
- 2. Andrea Brown, Whigville Grange
- 3. Bob Sendewicz, Redding Grange
- HM Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange

GRANGERS IN ACTION

- 1. Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange
- 2. John Alexander, North Haven Grange

3. Bob Sendewicz, Redding Grange

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

1. Andrea Brown, Whigville Grange

2. Bob Sendewicz, Redding Grange

3. Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange

HM Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange

HISTORIC PLACES OR EVENTS

1. Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange

2. Barbara Foskett, Cheshire Grange

3. Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange

HM Jeff Barnes, Stonington Grange

YOUTH ENTRIES:

ANIMALS

2. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown Junior Grange

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**The Best In Show entry will go to Oklahoma this fall for judging at The National Grange Session.

LECTURER'S CONFERENCE

Once again the Connecticut Grangers came through. There were 34 of us in attendance – the most from any state. It was a good conference and a lot of fun. I hope everyone came home with lots of new ideas for your programs. My thanks to everyone who helped. We had a lot of good sports who participated in our Spicy Program. We had spicy food, spicy music, spicy dancers, a spicy poem, and even a spicy commercial. To those who missed it, we will have a couple of these numbers at State Session.

My thanks, also, to everyone who contributed to my gift. Connecticut Grangers are the best!

As I mentioned before, Beth Bradley of Greenfield Hill Grange, our Talent Winner, placed third in the Northeast. Beth was an excellent representative of Connecticut. This is the last year there will be a North East Talent Competition. Next year on Tuesday evening there will be a Variety Show featuring one or more numbers from each of the states. Connecticut will still have its Talent Contest along with the "A Number" Contest on Grange Sunday. Our State winner will still be eligible to perform at the National Grange's Evening of Excellence.

On Thursday, after everyone else had left, the State Lecturers met again and started planning for 2012. The Conference will be held in New Hampshire. The theme of the conference will be "Beyond The Earth". Connecticut's program will be on the Moons. Others will be doing programs on planets, stars, comets, asteroids, constellations and the sun. Please keep your eyes open for ideas we can use in our program. As always I will be counting on you to help.

Thanks again for everything. See you around the State.

Marge

SHARED NUMBERS....

AUTUMN SONG

Sing a song of Autumn, A basket full of leaves;

Glowing yellow pumpkin; Grain in golden sheaves.

Sing a song of harvest, Of a bright Autumn sky;

Thank the Heavenly Father who sends them from on high.

"BEE Quiz"

What "BEE" fits each of these definitions?

Example: Pleasing to look at.....Beautiful

1. Sandy stretch of coast.....Beach
2. Signal Fire.....Beacon
3. Glass Globule on a string.....Bead
4. Type of Hound Dog.....Beagle
5. Birds bill.....Beak
6. Ray of sunshine.....Beam
7. Whiskers.....Beard
8. Type of large seed.....bean
9. Wild animal.....Beast
10. Frothy Beverage.....Beer
11. Small round hat.....Beanie
12. Flat-tailed mammal.....Beaver

13. Device to whisk an egg.....Beater
14. Meat of a cow.....Beef
15. Chemist's cup.....Beaker
16. Old style pager.....Beeper
17. Rear end.....Behind
18. Small shot.....Beebees
19. Naval construction brigade.....Seabees
20. Horse Race.....Derby
21. Flying playing disc.....Frisbee
22. Fast food place.....Arby's
23. Southwest cookout.....Bar-b-que

THE GOLDBERG BROTHERS – THE INVENTORS OF THE AUTOMOBILE AIR CONDITIONER BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

Ford got very excited and invited them back to his office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls. (I can hear your groans from here.)

ARE YOU A GENIUS? With Thanks to Senexet Grange

These are all true or false.

1. It's OK to keep a cell phone charger plugged in all the time.

False. If you leave any charger or electronic appliance in an outlet, it continues to use power – even if you turn off the appliance.

2. When it comes to living green, the 4 R's to follow are reduce, reuse, recycle and reread.

False. The best ways to conserve the Earth's resources are to reduce, reuse, recycle, and reject.

3. People in the United States use at least 100 billion plastic bags a year.

True. And it takes about 12 million barrels of oil to make those bags.

4. Most paper can't break down in modern landfills.

True. Paper can break down and be absorbed by the environment. But it needs water, oxygen, and light to do so. Most paper in landfills is buried under layers of soil where air and sunlight (and often water) can't reach it.

5. It hurts the environment to toss fruit and vegetable scraps into a compost pile.

False. Composted fruit and vegetable scraps can be used to enrich the soil.

6. A few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank can show you how to save water.

True. If the food coloring seeps into the toilet bowl, you know you have a leak. Fix the leak, and you might save more than 600 gallons of water a month.

7. Burning coal and oil as fuel produces CO₂ which is always good, because plants need CO₂ to live.

False. Plants do use CO₂ (carbon dioxide), and we can't avoid burning some fuels that produce CO₂. But we are releasing too much of it into the air. This is causing global warming, which is harming wildlife and people. Besides, there are better ways for plants to get CO₂.

8. On a hot day on the highway, it's better to drive with the car windows open than to drive with the air conditioner on.

False. When you're going fast and the windows are up, your car is more streamlined, which makes it easier on the engine and saves fuel.

9. It's more efficient to heat up a snack in a microwave oven than in a regular oven.

True. A microwave oven uses far less energy to heat food than a regular oven or a stovetop burner.

10. Frogs can give scientists an idea about how "green" things are.

True. Frogs react quickly to changes in their environments. That's why they may be called "indicator species" – they "indicate" the health of the surrounding environment.

HOW DID THE STATES GET THEIR NICKNAMES? With Thanks to North Haven Grange

The actual name of the state may have some historical basis, but the nickname gives us an idea what the state and its people are like. Let's consider some of the most interesting ones and see how they started.

Pennsylvania is called "The Keystone State" because it was the central state of the original 13 and the 7th in order at the time of the formation of the Constitution.

Texas is called "The Lone Star State" on account of the single star in the center of its flag.

Ohio is "The Buckeye State" from the number of buckeye trees that used to grow there.

Indiana is called "The Hoosier State" for a curious reason. In the early days, the boatmen of Indiana were quite tough and rude and they were able to silence anyone in an argument. So they were called "hushers" and in time this became "hoosier" and the name was applied to the whole state and its people.

Michigan is called "The Wolverine State" because of the many prairie wolves that used to be found there.

Wisconsin is called "The Badger State", but not because badgers used to be plentiful there. The reason is that the first workers who came to the Wisconsin mines made homes for themselves in the earth as best they could, somewhat like the badger does, and these people came to be called "badgers".

New York is called "The Empire State" because of its wealth and resources.

A "NUTTY" QUIZ with Thanks to Glastonbury Grange

1. Which state grows the most nuts? Ans. Georgia

2. In the 1908 song "Take Me Out To the Ballgame" the singer suggest you "Buy me some _____"
Ans. Peanuts and Cracker Jacks.

3. Hawaii is the world's chief producer of macadamia nuts. The trees were first brought to Hawaii in the late 1800's from Australia where they were named after a Scottish chemist. Can you guess his name?
Ans. Macadam

4. Which is the Nutmeg State? Ans. Connecticut

5. Around the turn of the century, roasted-chestnut vendors were common on the streets of New York and many other big cities. Why do we not see them today? Ans. A disease killed almost all American chestnut trees during the early 1900's.
6. What is the "nutty" name of the late Robert Kennedy's antebellum mansion in McLean, Virginia?
Ans. Hickory Hill
7. Do Brazil nuts grow only in Brazil? Ans. No, they grow on uncultivated trees in the amazon River region of South America including Venezuela and Guiana.
8. Which U.S. President was a peanut grower? Ans. Jimmy Carter.
9. According to a nursery rhyme, "The king of Spain's daughter came to visit me." Why?
Ans. "All for the sake of my little nut tree."
10. The name of what nut sounds like a sneeze? Ans. Cashew

LEAVES with Thanks to Whigville Grange

How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Contents to sleep, their work well done.

Colors gleaming in the sun
At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare
Exhauster, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow.

HALLOWEEN FACTS

41% of adults indulge in sweets from their own giveaway bowls.

1.9 billion dollars are spent on Halloween candy each season.

90 million pounds of chocolate are sold during Halloween week. More than double the amount sold for Valentine's Day

How long can you keep the candy?

Though they won't ever truly spoil (you can thank the generous amounts of sugar for that), sweets will lose their flavor and color. This is when you should toss the goodies out.

Chocolate – Dark and milk varieties can last for 1 to 2 years. Wrap it in foil and store in a dry, odor-free spot.

Jellied candies – Unwrapped in a candy dish, they'll last for 6 to 9 months if kept away from heat and light. If wrapped, they're good for a full year.

Hard candy – This should be thrown out after one year of storage at room temperature.

Corn candy – Unopened packages will last up to 9 months, but stray corns only keep for 3 to 5 months. Store them in an airtight container in a cool dry place.

Gum – Chewable for 6 to 9 months. Keep packs in a cool, dry location to prevent the pieces from drying out.

Caramel – Keep it covered and away from heat and it'll last for 6 to 9 months. Or freeze it and save it for next year.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS – CAN YOU GUESS WHO THEY ARE?? With Thanks to Ekonk Grange

1. This "Robin Hood" type of outlaw of Civil War era fame was leader of a "gang" that robbed and gave money back to rebuild the south... Ans. Jesse James
2. This early American automobile manufacturer was famous for his "Model T"... Ans. Henry Ford
3. This influential, creative force in the world of rock and roll was born in Bubbock, Texas and died in a plane crash in 1959 at the height of his career... Ans. Charles Hardin Holley also known as Buddy Holly
4. This lady was a famous country, honky-tonk singer and songwriter. Like Buddy Holly, she too died in a plane crash at the height of her career... Ans. Virginia Patterson Hansley, also known as Patsy Cline.
5. This Italian born movie star has achieved 2 Oscars, 5 Golden Globes, Grammys and 50 International Film Awards! She was born in 1934 and her last film was in 2009... Ans. Sofia Villani Scicolone also known as Sophia Loren
6. This native of Maine is a renowned author of suspense and horror. His books have sold over 500 million copies and many have been made into movies... Ans. Steven King (his real name)

SKIT – CAR TROUBLE with Thanks to Irene Percoski

WIFE: "There's trouble with the car."

HUSBAND: "What kind of trouble?"

WIFE: "There's water in the carburetor?"

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous".

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor".

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is, I'll check it out myself. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool".

SOME CLEAN JOKES With Thanks to Richard Chapman

A minister was not very popular with his congregation. Then one Sunday he announced from the pulpit, "The Lord Jesus has told me He has work for me elsewhere and that I am to pick up and move to another church." The congregation rose spontaneously and sang, "What a friend we have in Jesus..."

A tenant complained to his landlord, "The people in the apartment upstairs sure are annoying. Why, last night they stomped and pounded on the floor until midnight."

"Did they wake you" the landlord asked.

"No," the tenant explained. "Fortunately I was up playing my tuba."

A lawyer sent an overdue bill to a client and attached a note that read, "This bill is one year old."

In the return mail, the lawyer received his bill back. To it was clipped another note: "Happy Birthday"

Every night, Barbara prays, "Dear Lord, I'm not asking a thing for myself. I just want you to send my parents a son-in-law."

A famous author sat in a department store autographing copies of his new book. He was especially pleased when one man brought up not only his new book, but reprints of his previous two novels as well.

"My wife really likes your writing," the man explained, "so I've decided to give here these autographed copies for her birthday."

"Oh, a surprise, eh?" the author guessed.

"I'll say," the customer agreed. "She's expecting a Cadillac."