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Welcome to Summer,

I hope this finds everyone in good health. It has been a rough few months that we have been through. Things keep changing. I will give you the latest information that I have, but remember things can change.

Talent Contest – National Grange will be judging this as part of a virtual Evening of Excellence. Unfortunately we were unable to hold Let's Celebrate weekend and Grange Sunday when this is usually judged live. Connecticut's judging this year will depend on what happens in the next month or two and how many entries I have, if any. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible

The **Photography Contest** as we know it has been cancelled. Our National Lecturer has announced that in its' place there will be a Virtual Photography Contest. This will be open to both members and non-members, regardless of age. As soon as I get more information in I will get the word out.

The **"A Number" Contest** will not be held this year.

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

Our **Should Auld Acquaintance Project** will continue but you do not have to visit six times. Any Grange that has visited a home should fill out the report and be recognized. To me this is one of the more important programs that we have. It was started in the sixties by Rita Whipple and has continued ever since. I know most convalescent and rest homes are closed to visitors at the present, but hope that you will continue this program as soon as the homes open and you feel safe visiting them.

A Word From Home is as important as ever. Why not take some of the extra time we all have now and write to members of our military in harms' way. If you are doing this on your computer you could print several letters and send them to different bases. You can get addresses by going online to AnySoldier.com or just get them to me and I will mail them for you. While Afghanistan and Iraq have been the hot spots, I sure hope we don't have more action in Korea.

The **Essay Contest** is still on. In 150 words or less just write an essay on "My Grange". This is another way to spend the nights when you would normally be at a Grange meeting. It can be about past events, what you want your Grange to do in the future or what your Grange means to you.

We will still recognize Lecturers with the **Lecturers' Appreciation Award** and the **Honor Lecturer Award** but the requirements will be lowered due to the circumstances we now face. Report forms will be included with the next newsletter.

Have you attended a **virtual meeting**. If you have a computer you can be seen by others. If not you can call in on your phone. It is really easy. All our members should be able to do this. If your Grange isn't having them why not suggest that they start. From what I have seen and heard the

members really enjoy interacting with each other. It helps to have contact with others during these trying times.

I am starting the shared numbers with several quizzes. You may have seen some of them before but most people won't remember the answers. Quizzes make a good number for your virtual program. All your members can contribute. A quiz and a closing thought are an appropriate program for your virtual meetings. The program should only be between five and ten minutes.

If you have question, please do not hesitate to contact me. Right now the most important thing is to stay safe and healthy. ...Marge

Shared Numbers...

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

PATRIOTIC QUIZ with Thanks to Irene Percoski

1. What is the name of the National Anthem? Ans. The Stars Spangled Banner
2. Which right is guaranteed by the First Amendment? Ans. Freedom of Religion
3. What is the title of the head of a city government? Ans. Mayor
4. Who has the ability to declare war? Ans. The Congress
5. How many full terms may a Senator serve? Ans. No term limits for Senators
6. How many full terms can a President serve? Ans. Two
7. How many years is a full term for a Representative? Ans. Two
8. Who becomes President if both the President and Vice President die?
Ans. The Speaker of the House.
9. How many branches of Government do we have? Ans. Three

10. Who elects the President of the United States? Ans. The Electoral College
11. Who was the President of the United States during the Civil War?
Ans. Abraham Lincoln
12. Why did the Pilgrims come to America? Ans. To find religious freedom
13. How many total Senators are there? Ans. 100
14. The Constitution has how many Amendments? Ans. 27
15. What is the Official Language of the United States? Ans. There is none
16. Who was the first Vice President of the United States? Ans. John Adams
17. Who said "Give me liberty or give me death? Ans. Patrick Henry
18. How many Presidents were assassinated while in office? Ans. Four
19. On July 4th, 1776, we declared our Independence from whom? Ans. Great Britain

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR STORYBOOK FRIENDS?

1. Who met the wolf on the way to her Grandmother's house?
Ans. Little Red Riding Hood
2. She slept in Baby Bear's bed. Ans. Goldilocks
3. She ate the poisoned apple. Ans. Snow white
4. She lost her glass slipper at the ball. Ans. Cinderella
5. He woke the Sleeping Beauty with a kiss. Ans. Prince Charming
6. She sat in a tower and let down her hair. Ans. Rapunzel
7. He spun straw into gold. Ans. Rumpelstiltskin
8. They were lost in a forest and found the witch's house. Ans. Hansel and Gretel
9. She went through the Looking Glass. Ans. Alice
10. He won the Silver Skates. Ans. Hans Brinker
11. He lived in Sherwood Forest with his Merry Men. Ans. Robin Hood
12. He was a horse who had a sad life. Ans. Black Beauty

THE LETTER "O" With Thanks to Ekonk Community Grange

Think of a word that starts with the letter "O" to match each of the following.

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| 1. Jesse James was one...Outlaw | 5. Grange Pledge...Obligation |
| 2. Reverse...Opposite | 6. Repugnant...Obnoxious |
| 3. Philharmonic...Orchestra | 7. Lookout...Observatory |
| 4. Fat...Obese | 8. Excess...Overabundant |
| 9. Saltwater Mollusk...Oyster | 18. Hamlet's Love Interest...Ophelia |
| 10. Just the usual...Ordinary | 19. Thin, translucent paper...Onion Skin |
| 11. The best...Optimum | 20. Academy Award...Oscar |
| 12. Grove of fruit trees...Orchard | 21. Large Fish Eating bird...Osprey |
| 13. Tropical, brilliant flower...Orchid | 22. Large Quantity (Slang)...Oodles |
| 14. Nocturnal bird of prey...Owl | 23. Science of ocean study...Oceanography |
| 15. Grain...Oats | 24. Variety of Hardwood Tree...Oak |
| 16. Iridescent Gem...Opal | 25. Breakfast Porridge...Oatmeal |
| 17. Privy...Outhouse | 26. Tree in the Bible...Olive |

THIS AND THAT – A QUIZ ABOUT THIS AND THAT

1. When you start your car, you're ABS light comes on. What does this mean?
Ans. Your Anti-lock brake system is working properly.
2. What baseball legend hit Yankee Stadium's first two World Series home runs?
Ans. Casey Stengel – in the 1923 World Series when he was playing for the New York Giants.
3. After retiring as a player, with what team did baseball great Babe Ruth spend one year as a coach?
Ans. Brooklyn Dodgers in 1938
4. How many dots are there on a pair of dice?
Ans. 42
5. Mistletoe is the state flower of what state?
Ans. Rhode Island
6. What was the powder used by America's Founding Fathers to keep their wigs white?
Ans. Ground Rice
7. What bird has been spotted flying at 27,000 feet – higher than any other bird?
Ans. The Whooper Swan. A flock of 30 was spotted by a pilot and picked up on radar.
8. In what state is West Point?
Ans. New York
9. What is known as The Big Apple?
Ans. New York City
10. Previously known as MT McKinley, what did the natives rename this mountain.
Ans. Denali

NOODLE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What people are on record as making noodles and other pasta as early as 3,000 BC?
Ans. The Chinese
2. "Noodle" comes from the word "nudel" which has origins in which language?
Ans. German
3. How many quarts of water should be used to boil one pound of dry noodles?
Ans. 4-6
4. What ingredient do noodles contain that makes them different from most other pastas?
Ans. Egg
5. Noodles and other pastas are what kind of carbohydrate?
Ans. Complex
6. Noodles play a starring role in which traditional dessert?
Ans. Kugel
7. Noodles are available in which different varieties?
Ans. Fine, Medium, Wide and Extra Wide
8. Noodles are best used in which dishes?
Ans. Casseroles, Soups and topped with sauces of all kinds
9. True or False – All pasta are noodles?
Ans. False

MUSICAL QUIZ

You give the first word or two and members give the rest of the Title

OVER.....There
ANCHORS.....Away
AMERICA.....The Beautiful
YANKEE.....Doodle
WHEN JOHNNY.....comes marching home
STARS.....and Stripes Forever
MY COUNTRY.....tis of Thee
WHEN CAISSONS.....Go Rolling along
STAR.....Spangled Banner
THIS LAND.....Is My Land
YELLOW.....Rose of Texas
BATTLE.....Hymn of the Republic
OFF WE GO.....Into The Wild Blue Yonder
THE MEN.....Behind The Gun
SEMPERFidelis
I'LL BESeeing You
THE BUGLE.....Boy of Company B
DON'T SIT UNDER.....The Apple Tree with Anyone Else But Me
I'LL SEE.....You In My Dreams
HAPPY DAYS.....Are Here Again

AMAZING, SIMPLE FUN HOME REMEDIES

1. AVOID CUTTING YOURSELF WHEN SLICING VEGETABLES BY GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO HOLD THE VEGETABLES WHILE YOU CHOP.
2. AVOID ARGUMENTS WITH THE FEMALES ABOUT LIFTING THE TOILET SEAT BY USING THE SINK.
3. FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SUFFERERS ~ SIMPLY CUT YOURSELF AND BLEED FOR A FEW MINUTES, THUS REDUCING THE PRESSURE ON YOUR VEINS. REMEMBER TO USE A TIMER.
4. A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.
5. IF YOU HAVE A BAD COUGH, TAKE A LARGE DOSE OF LAXATIVES. THEN YOU'LL BE AFRAID TO COUGH.

6. YOU ONLY NEED TWO TOOLS IN LIFE - WD-40 AND DUCT TAPE. IF IT DOESN'T MOVE AND SHOULD, USE THE WD-40. IF IT SHOULDN'T MOVE AND DOES, USE THE DUCT TAPE.

SOME CUT-APARTS TO THINK ABOUT

A smile is a curved line that sets things straight.

A good example can overcome a lot of bad advice.

He who stoops to help a child stands tall.

For excellence, ask an expert...for wisdom, ask a sage...for honesty ask a child.

The important thing about your lot in life is whether you use it for parking or building.

Personality has the power to open doors, but it takes character to keep them open.

Getting back on the right track usually involves getting out of a rut.

Don't count the days – make the days count.

The best preparation for tomorrow is the proper use of today.

When someone says "That's the way the ball bounces," he's usually the one who dropped it.

Minds are like parachutes...they function only when open.

The time to make friends is before you need them.

Success is a marathon, not a sprint.

A person lost in his work has probably found his future.

If you're too busy to laugh, you're too busy, period.

When there's work to be done, turn up your sleeves, not your nose.

It doesn't do any good to sit up and take notice if you just keep on sitting.

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

When to Be Hungry

Three cowboys had been riding the western range since early in the morning. One of them was a member of the Comanche Nation. Being busy with herding stray cattle all day, there had been no time for the three of them to eat. Toward the end of the day, two of the cowboys started talking about how hungry they were and about the huge meals they were going to eat when they reached town. When one of the cowboys asked the Comanche if he was also hungry, he just shrugged his shoulders and said, "No".

Later that evening, after they had arrived in town, all three ordered large steak dinners. As the Comanche proceeded to eat everything in sight with great gusto, one of his friends reminded him that less than an hour earlier he had told them that he was not hungry. "Not wise to be hungry then," he replied. "No food."

The Cowboy and the Saloon

A cowboy rides up to a saloon on his horse. He goes in, orders a drink, then leaves. His horse is missing. He goes back to the saloon, and asks, "Where's my horse?"

No one replies. So he says, "I'll order one more drink, and then if my horse isn't outside, I'll have to do what I did in Texas and I don't like doing that".

So the locals hurry around, and when he leaves, his horse is outside. As the stranger gets on his horse, the bartender asks, "What did you do in Texas?" to which the cowboy replies, "I had to walk home."

SOME CLOSING THOUGHTS...

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.

BLACKOUT SKITS

She: Louie, there were two pieces of pie in the pantry this morning and now there's only one. How is that?

Louie: I don't know. It was so dark I guess I didn't see the other piece.

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Louie: Did you mark the spot where we caught all those fish?

Ron: Yeah, I put a big X on the side of the boat.

Louie: But suppose we don't get the same boat the next time?

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Gloria: What have you done to your hair, Pearl? It looks like a wig.

Pearl: It is a wig!

Gloria: Goodness, you'd never know it.

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Husband: How are the newlyweds next door?

Wife: Oh, that poor husband, remember when they first moved in how he'd come home from work and his dog would bark and his wife would get his slippers? Well, now his dog brings him his slippers and his wife does all the barking.

Husband: Well, what's wrong with that? He's still getting the same service, isn't he?

THE 7 UPS! With Thanks to Irene Percoski

1. Wake Up!! - Decide to have a good day. 'This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up!! - The best way to dress up is to put on a smile... A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. 'The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' I Samuel 16:7

3. Shut Up!! - Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. 'He who guards his lips guards his soul.' Proverbs 13:3

4. Stand Up!! for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. 'Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up... Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...' Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look Up!! to the Lord. 'I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me'.
Philippians 4:13

6. Reach Up!!for something higher. 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.'

Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift Up!!your Prayers. 'Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.'

Philippians 4:6