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## State President



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With the coming October issue of the Granger comes the start of fall. Now that the summer is done and most of the fairs have ended are we ready for Grange work? I hope everyone enjoyed their vacations and are well rested. I enjoyed mine but I'm not that rested. Aside from most of the fairs I would hope that many of you visited the Big E and the New England Grange

Building. Many of the friendly faces you met there are the result of Sisters Doris Shaw and Betty Jane Gardiner. They did an outstanding job again this year in getting volunteers from Connecticut to help out at the building. Thank you both.

There will be information in this issue regarding our annual session. Most of it will deal with changes. You probably know by now that we will be meeting in a new hotel. The Comfort Inn and Suites, 900 E. Main St., Meriden, Ct. Those of you old enough to remember it's the hotel we met in for many years until about ten years ago. The Board of Directors has listened to the wishes of many of the delegates

concerned with the cost of our annual session both to the State Grange and to them. Along with this change and because of it the Sixth Degree conferral will be at Meriden Grange hall.

There are other minor changes and I hope they will not be much of an inconvenience. At the close of the session each delegate will be asked to fill out an evaluation sheet to let the board know your feelings and preferences. I am sure that we will still accomplish the work of our annual session.

Speaking of which anyone who has not submitted their resolutions to the State Secretary by this time must follow the rules pertaining to late submissions. Please



**Comfort Inn & Suites, 800 E. Main St., Meriden**

contact Edith Schoell for this information.

State officers and committee members and each Grange will have tickets for the pre-session banquet which will be at the hotel at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14. Please let Edith Schoell

know as soon as possible if you are attending.

We started last year off with a bang because of the National Session being in Connecticut. Let's do the same this year. I look forward to meeting many of you in Meriden this month.

## New CSG website launched

On Thursday, October 1, after nearly 6 months of extensive work, the Connecticut State Grange launched its new and improved website. The new website, designed with the input from Grange members across the state, and consistent with the Grange's commitment to its community, offers its visitors a combination of dynamic and interactive

features such as vastly improved navigability, an enhanced internal search engine, article rating and archiving system, historical and news photo galleries, a virtual scrapbook, and an upgraded events calendar.

"We've also added substantial new content and historical data - hundreds of pages worth - with more to come" says Terri Fassio, Connecticut

State Grange Webmaster, and the site's designer. "The new homepage lets us showcase the work of our Granges, and highlights key news and events from across the State."

The State Grange website is now a dynamically driven website, meaning that the information that the visitor sees is accessed using a database instead of via traditional HTML methods. The switch-over to this functionality began in 2006, and has been slowly increasing over the last three years. Created using the most technologically advanced software, the website has a unique, new and modern feel to it and its new sophisticated search facilities are second to none. This change will allow for easier updating of the website, and the ability to "update on the fly" so that the information is processed and available ...continued on page 3



The annual conferral of the beautiful Sixth Degree will be held at Meriden Grange Hall on Friday, October 16, 2009 at 7:45 P.M. Candidates should be at the Comfort Inn & Suites by 6:45 P.M. Applications can be filled out at this time (\$10.00) and then all candidates will board the shuttle bus to the Grange Hall. All members are encouraged to take the shuttle from the hotel as parking at Meriden Grange is very limited and needs to be available to State Grange officers, deputies and members of the degree court.



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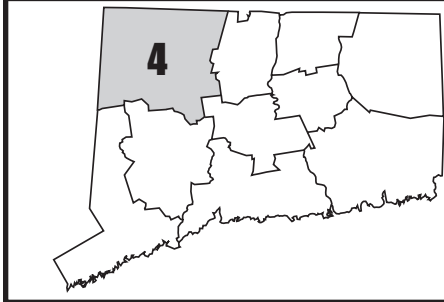
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✓ Riverton No. 169

**MTN. COUNTY POMONA #4**  
*Corr: Todd Gelineau*  
**Oct. 12:** Fifth Degree, Winchester Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M., Paid Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Mountain County Pomona is pleased to welcome our new Secretary Shirley Lemieux. After some arm twisting and assurances that there will be a great deal of support, Shirley agreed to fill this vital position and we know she will do a great job. Shirley and the rest of the new officers of the Pomona were installed impressively by the Jody Cameron/Jeff Barnes Installing Team at the September 14 meeting. We thank them for taking the time to drive across the state to install the officers of both Mountain County Pomona and Winchester Grange.

Our next meeting will be the fall conferral of the Fifth Degree at Winchester Grange Hall on Oct. 12. The degree will be held at 7:30 and there will be a supper served by Winchester Grange at 6:30. Price for the dinner will be \$5. All Granges are reminded to talk up the degree and see if new members of the Degree of Pomona can be initiated. Pomona officers are also reminded that Officer's Reports will be due at this meeting due to the Installation at the September meeting.

**WINCHESTER GRANGE #74**  
*Corr: Todd Gelineau*  
**Oct. 13:** Walking, Autumn Country Store, Ref. Sandy Phillips  
**Oct. 27:** Imagination, Ref. The Mele Family  
**Nov. 3:** Christmas Bazaar, Grange Hall, 9-3 P.M.

Winchester Grange would like to thank the members of the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team for the beautiful ceremony conducted at the Sept. 14 meeting of Mountain County Pomona. This was

a first for the Pomona to have a Subordinate Grange installed at the same time and it seemed to work out very well and may be repeated in the future.

Our second Super Prize Party was held on Sept. 25 with an good crowd buying tickets and a tremendous amount of great prizes donated by the members for the event. While attendance was smaller than the May Party it was still very worthwhile and we thank everyone who donated items, worked in the kitchen and attended the event. Fundraisers are more important than they have ever been and this new event promises to be an annual mainstay for Winchester Grange.

Another successful event for us is our annual Holiday Bazaar to be held this year on November 3. We intentionally set the date very early to get a jump on the numerous church sponsored events held throughout the area during the months of November and December. So far it has turned out very well with excellent attendance and great interest by vendors. Stop by and pick out some of the items on your Christmas shopping list!

Our new Lecturer is Sara Bement and she has a calendar of programs with titles that begin with the letters of our name "WINCHESTER GRANGE NUMBER 74!" First up will be the letters "W" and "I" for Walking and Imagination. It will be interesting to see what she does with these topics. Join us if you can. Our meetings start at 7:30 P.M.

**LITCHFIELD GRANGE #107**  
*Corr: Sara Lee Fischer*

We have had a busy summer - started with a Dairy/Dinner & Neighbor's Night on June 25 which was delicious and well

attended. On June 25 CWA put on a potluck supper. This was followed on July 9th by our annual picnic held at Mt. Tom which was also well attended. On July 23 members presented short skits which were very entertaining.

Election of officers are as follows: Richard Healy, M; Kirby Weik, O; Helena Schwalm, L; Skip Maddox, S; Sara Lee Fischer, A.S. Joanne Klingerman, LAS; Wm. Murphy, Chap.; Janet Healy, T; Beulah Partridge,

S.; Ray Damiani, G; Lucy Hovey, Ceres; Josephine Vaill, P; Barbara Rivers, F; and Beulah Partridge, Pianist. On August 13 guest speaker, John Baker, gave an excellent program on Honey Bees. He was very informative and we all learned many things that we never knew about bees.

August 29 was our annual Grange Fair. Despite the rainy day we had a good turnout. Our bake sale was a success thanks to all who donated

their delicious baked goods. All categories were well represented with almost one whole wall of flower entries. As always Bud and Kirb's hot dog stand was a busy station. We thank all who entered, helped out and attended.

Joanne Klingerman is still at Rose Haven in Litchfield recuperating from a stroke. If you wish to send a card the address is Rose Haven, Ltd., P.O. Box 157, Litchfield, CT 06759.

## Jean Lundeen celebrates 80 years



Taghhannuck Grange honored Jean Lundeen for 80 years of active membership and service to the Grange. Jean joined Silver Lake Grange No. 135 in 1929, transferring to Taghhannuck when Silver Lake closed. Silver Lake Grange was one of three Granges located in Sharon (Webutuck, Taghhannuck and Silver Lake).

Jean has been active on the State Grange level serving as member of the CWA and as a Junior Deputy. She also served as Master and Lecturer of Housatonic Valley Pomona along with holding almost all the offices in Taghhannuck. Currently she is Flora.

Shown left is F. Philip Prelli, Secretary of the National Grange Executive Committee and member of Riverton Grange No. 169 presenting Jean with her 80 Year Certificate. Several members told stories of Jean's activities in and out of the Grange. The meeting was also attended by several members of her family, her church and personal friends and neighbors. The evening concluded with a social hour and refreshments.

## Taghhannuck takes first place

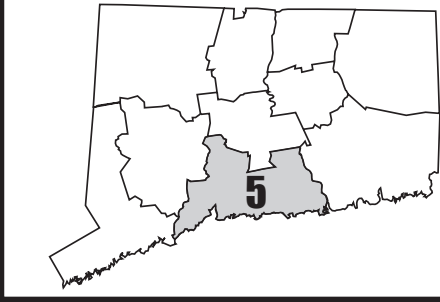


Taghhannuck Grange No. 100 took first prize at the Bethlehem Fair for this Grange exhibit. The challenge has now gone out to other Granges in Mountain County and beyond to enter next year's fair.

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### New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- Totoket No. 83
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

**NEW HAVEN CTY. POMONA #5**  
*Corr: Charleen Dimmick*  
**Dec. 6:** (Sunday) 4pm - Christmas Party At Cheshire

The program for the Christmas Party will be “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” Bring at \$3.00 gift to exchange. A pot luck dinner will follow the program.

**CHESHIRE GRANGE #23**  
*Corr: Charleen Dimmick*  
**Nov. 4:** “On My Watch”  
**Nov. 18:** 6pm -- Turkey Dinner  
**Dec. 2:** Neighbors’ Night. Country Store  
**Dec. 16:** Christmas Party. Open Meeting. \$3.00 grab bag. Card exchange. Everyone bring their favorite Christmas treat.

Our officers were installed by Jody Cameron and the team. The Installing Officers were Jody Cameron and Jeff Barnes. Emblem and Regalia Bearers: Debbie Barnes and Jim Palmer; Chaplin and Marshall: Pat Palmer; Soloist: Joan Perry; Pianist: Helen Coombs, pianist for Quinebaug Pomona.

The Charter was draped in memory of Ethel Prentice.

**NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35**  
*Corr: A. Tollette*  
**Oct. 6:** Harvest Time

**Nov. 3:** Be Thankful  
Not much to report this time. Another Grange year has begun and we hope it will be a good one.

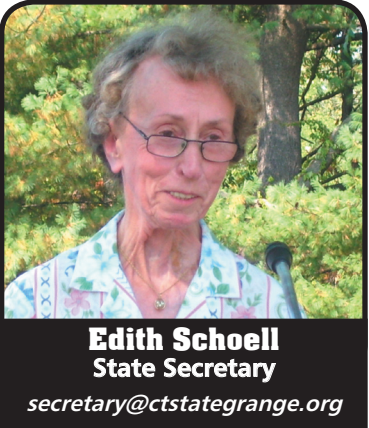
After a strange summer we are hoping for a better autumn. The katydids are making themselves heard loud and clear every night now.

**OLD LYME GRANGE #162**  
*Corr: Barbara Kulisch*  
**Oct. 9:** Visitors from Far & Near  
**Oct. 23:** Harvest Time  
August 28th found our State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt narrating & showing slides “From Sea to Shining Sea!” They were beautiful with the narration. We enjoyed a picnic in the hall preceding the meeting.

Brother Henry is no longer able to get to Grange due to his chemotherapy treatments and then not being able to get out with people for 10 days following treatments. He also is no longer able to climb those stairs to the hall or to any hall. He truly has enjoyed his years in the Grange and truly misses all his friends as well.

We are busy, like the rest of you, getting the end of the reports ready to send and getting started on new community service projects as well.

## State Secretary



State Session is almost here. Most of our members know that the place will be the Comfort Inn, 900 East Main St., Meriden. If you plan on taking the Sixth Degree, candidates should be at the Comfort Inn by 6:45 P.M. to make out an application (\$10.00) and then go by bus to the Meriden Grange Hall. The parking at the Meriden Grange Hall is very limited and will be utilized by the girls in the court and the Deputies. The bus will be there to return Grangers to the Inn.

As Grangers we are flexible and go with the flow. Just because we have “always done it another way” doesn’t mean it can’t be done differently. See you at the session.

## New CSG website unveiled

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to the viewer as soon as it is entered into the system. This functionality has also enabled many new interactive features.

“Built with new flexible technology, the site significantly improves our ability to provide timely information and facilitate the sharing of knowledge among members, and offers a powerful platform for future development,” Fassio said.

One of the new interactive pieces of the website is called “My Grange”. Similar to web-based news systems like “My Yahoo” and “Google News”, this feature allows the visitor to group similar news articles together and display them according to their personalized interests, such as their Subordinate Grange and Pomona. Visitors will also be able to sort calendar events specific to their Grange, and add events of interest to their “personalized” calendar. Visitors will also be able to rate and share news articles.

The new and improved Downloads page is anticipated to be one of the most widely used hubs of information. Visitors will now have access their commonly used forms as interactive PDF files available for download. Interactive PDFs allow the user to complete the form by typing within

the fields, and then once saved, the document can be printed or e-mailed. The Downloads page also features brochures, posters, pamphlets and other pieces of information that can be utilized by individual Granges, officers and members alike.

The website renovation has been implemented by SkullCo Technology Solutions, who have graciously donated their time and services to the Connecticut State Grange. Over the next few months, they will be working to greater enhance visitor interactivity, to implement additional features such as online forms, video streaming and RSS feeds, and to ensure the site’s overall consistency in design and content.

The Connecticut State Grange website went live May 1, 2003. In less than five years time, the CT State Grange website hit a milestone of over 500,000 visitors back in February 2008. Since that time, interest in the website has significantly increased. As of this writing, (September 26, 2009) the website has now totaled more than 1,250,000 visitors.

Currently, the website is averaging over 2000 visitors daily. These numbers are far above standards for the average website. Where the Connecticut State Grange website is search engine optimized, the site ranks

either first, or within the top 10, of all of the major search engines, including Google, Bing, Yahoo, AOL, Ask and DMOZ. Many of the visitors are from across Connecticut of course, but other states such as Virginia, New Jersey, Vermont and New York, and some as far away as Arizona, Oregon and California have frequently visited the site. The website has also entertained numerous International visitors, from countries such as France, Canada, China, Korea, Sweden, Germany and Mexico.

The CT State Grange website is currently updated 2 to 3 times a week. (And sometimes daily if information warrants it.) We welcome submissions to the website at any time, from articles and photos to calendar events. Articles can be e-mailed to Todd Gelineau at granger@ctstategrange.org with a note specifying that the article is for the website, or directly to Terri Fassio at submissions@ctstategrange.org. Articles regarding all Grange-sponsored events, award nights, and more are welcome.

If anyone reading this would like additional statistical information on the website, or regarding an individual Grange page or column, please contact Terri Fassio at info@ctstategrange.org.

## Session Committee Assignments

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Greenfield Hill #133  
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Vernon #52  
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Stonington #168  
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Wallingford #33  
Beacon #118  
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Redding #15  
Winchester #74  
N. Stonington #138

**GRANGE ACTIVITY**  
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Coventry #75  
Lyme #147  
Hillstown Jr. #87  
Cheshire #23  
Hillstown #87  
Bridgewater #153  
Senexet #40  
Trumbull #134  
Simsbury #197



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✓ Lyme No. 147

✓ Stonington No. 168

Norwich No. 172

NEW LONDON COUNTY  
POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Oct. 10: Fifth Degree, North Stonington Grange

Thanks to Tropical Storm Danny our picnic was a bust. With an expected 5 inches of rain it was decided that it was better to cancel than to fight the cats and dogs. We'll try again next year.

We hope to have a good class of candidates for the Fifth Degree on October 10. It is a beautiful degree (once you get through the storm), and Pomona's Court is always lovely. North Stonington Grange has a stair lift and a ramp, so it is easily accessible. Please come.

It's time for the Fifth Degree again.

Can you believe it's fall?  
We hope you'll come and bring your friends,  
So we can fill the hall.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

It seems we have had no real spring or summer this year. We have had a lot of rain and slugs! The same thing happened in 1816 and many people died from lack of food and illness. Thank God we are now able to purchase food from all over this great land we are blessed to live in. Forget about most imported food, vegetables, fruit and meat. they are full of chemicals or chemically engineered and put our own farmers out of business.

Our own garden has not produced as well as in past years. We have plentiful blueberries, the apple trees are heavy and at the NH place they were able to cut hay twice and maybe will get a third cutting. Hope you all had a good summer and we will see you at State Session, too.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Oct. 9: "Getting to Know You" from the King and I, Legislative Program

Oct. 10: We host New London County Pomona, 5th Degree Conferral at 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 23: "Yo Ho-A Pirate's Life" Halloween Party at 7:30 P.M.

On August 14 we learned about the Norwich Vet Center from Dan Carr, one of their counselors. There is much we can do to help our veterans.

On August 28 we were enthralled by music of three incredibly talented siblings. Christina DiCaprio, eldest, played piano and harp, Sam played piano and cello and Joel played violin (he is also proficient on the piano). The played several numbers and received a standing ovation.

We will "meet the candidates" at our first meeting in October. Come and put a face to a name and listen to the issues before you vote.

Our Halloween party is always a festive affair. The hall will be spookily decorated and there will be ghosts, goblins and princesses aplenty. Bring your children and grandchildren and prepare for an evening of costume parades, games, great refreshments and a cup social.

Dues will be due October 1st. As State is again raising dues, dues will be \$30.00 this year. If you would like to contribute refreshments for a meeting this year, contact Margaret Rauch. And if that little spotted fawn who keeps visiting my front lawn will just leave my azalea bush alone, next time I'll tell you all about stupendous

September.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Dick Chapman

Oct. 1: Color Us Orange

Nov. 5: Color Us Brown - CWA

Happy new Grange year to all! Our new program theme will give us a colorful year as we explore 12 of Crayola's 133 colors. Interesting to note that Crayola started with 8 colors in 1903. Our new community service project will be "Nickels for the Needy." Members and friends are to bring all the nickels they can find to each meeting all year and help fill the container. Members will choose the recipient in the fall.

We are so proud of our own Dan and Ron, State Talent Winners, who delighted the audience at the New England Lecturer's Conference. Their music is a delight.

Watch for one of our more interesting resolutions at the upcoming State Grange Session. We wish to make the Election Cake Connecticut's State Cake. Besides being quite a treat, this piece of Americana has quite a history. Remember it was the Grange that placed the last symbol, the State Fish, on the list in 2003 (American Shad). Let's do it again!

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

We enjoyed a dairy pot-luck supper which preceded our September meeting. Local dairy and organic farming experts, Ed & Belinda Learned, shared their experience and advise with us.

We sent several entries from Stonington Grange to the State CWA's "Let's Celebrate" Day. Congratulations are extended to Barbara Read, first place winner in the Dress a Doll Contest and to Debbie Barnes on her first place winning Latch Hook entry.

Our program in October is "The Legend of Hell Hollow Road." Come join us for a night well calculated to keep you in Suspense!

# A New Grange Year



It is a new Grange year and a chance for a new beginning for all our Granges. If you didn't get everything done you wanted to in the past, the slate is wiped clean and we start all over again. Let's plan to have good programs which will bring out more members. Ask those who

haven't attended in a while to be in a program. New members are important, but let's not forget our other members who may have gotten out of the habit of coming. Remember, all Grange programs should be between 30 minutes and an hour long. The average being reported to me is around 35 or 40 minutes.

Do you have a good idea for a program? Tell your Lecturer about it, or better yet, offer to do a program for her.

I have heard of some new Lecturers being installed around the State. Welcome to our group. Remember, if you ever need help, all you have to do is contact me and I will be more than willing to give you a hand. The Lecturers job is unique. You have to be inventive and work constantly to find new ideas. Our seasoned veteran lecturers will tell you that it can be a very enjoyable and satisfying job. Just do your best. That is all that anyone can ask. Good Luck!

Hopefully I will see many of you at State Session.

## Colchester member gives back to town



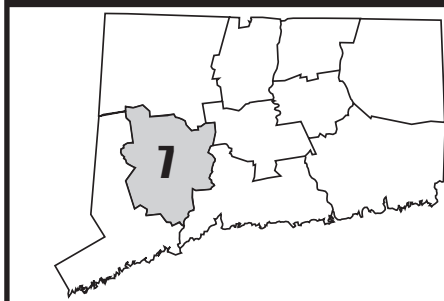
Jeff Watson

For several years there was no gate in the Marlborough Cemetery. When Bob Paris inquired he was told it was "down at the Town Garage and had been for some 10 years at least." It was all "rotted out." A new gate was needed and Mr. Paris decided to repair it. Along came Jeff Watson, owner of JRW Construction of Colchester and Jeff's carpenter Glenn Tuck to assist Bob Paris. Working together they volunteered to construct a new fence in Paris' garage. It took about 1-1/2 years to complete and was a community effort. Besides Jeff's time and labor he and Bob donated the paint and hung the gate.

When you travel on Route 66 in Marlborough you can't help but notice this sparkling new gate! Say a little prayer of thanks to all and to our Jeff Watson, another good Granger doing what Grangers are supposed to do!



## Excelsior Pomona No. 7



Beacon Valley No. 103  
Bethlehem No. 107  
✓ Watertown No. 122  
✓ Prospect No. 144  
Bridgewater No. 153  
Wolcott No. 173  
Oxford No. 194

### EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

*Corr: Mary Dubay*

**Nov. 7:** Roast Beef Dinner

Excelsior Pomona No. 7 does not meet in the month of October, but on Nov. 7, 2009 the 35th Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Bazaar will be held at Beacon Valley Grange Hall, 1354 New Haven Road, Naugatuck.

Bazaar opens at 2:00 P.M. and dinner served from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Price \$10.00 for adults-\$5.00 for children.

For more information and table rentals call Joanne Cipriano, at 203-754-5863.

### WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

*Corr: Mary Dubay*

**Oct. 2:** Black and Orange

**Oct. 17:** Omitted

In October we celebrate Columbus Day, and at the end of the month we have Halloween, a fun time for the kids in the neighborhood.

Our first meeting's program is called Black and Orange in keeping with the theme for Halloween. Our Lecturer will do the program at the first meeting as the second which is closer to Halloween will be omitted because of the annual Grange Session is held in October.

Our annual picnic will be held on October 10th at the home of Sharon and Fred Fairchild, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Our Fall Tag Sale was held at the end of September and Master Sharon thanks all who helped in any way. This is the first of a few more tag sales coming up, so members keep this in mind.

Our CWA Chairman Malinda will be sending thirty pajama bags to the Grange Session from Watertown members for the Cat Nap project for foster children.

Now that the weather is cooler come and join when you can, we love company.

### PROSPECT GRANGE #144

*Corr: Jean Meehan*

Prospect Grangers have been very busy these past four or five months helping a homeless family get jobs and a home. This is the only real publicity we can do because of the delicacy of the situation. We are happy to report the male has a good job and his wife also have a job and they have moved into an apartment. A long way from living in a tent or box on the streets. This was a big challenge, but was well worth it.

At our September meeting the Youth and Junior Committee put on the program. They did a great job.

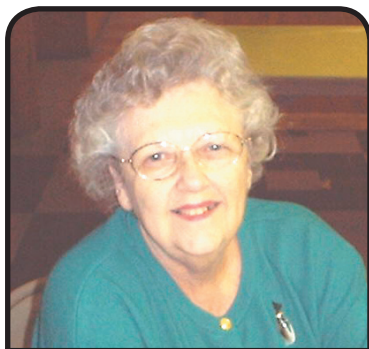
Seven Prospect Grange ladies will be in the Rose Drill this year. As the sixth degree will be at Meriden Grange Hall, it was much more difficult to do a drill in a small space with so many ladies. We hope everyone likes it.

We were fortunate to have 4 new members this year and they are young. Three were men. We hope they will continue to participate and enjoy our granger activities.

We are getting ready to distribute dictionaries to the Third Graders at Algonquin School again this year. The dictionaries are being prepared with our bookmarks and Grange history and labels. We are just waiting on the date from the principal to deliver them.

Our October meeting will be October 8 at the Prospect Senior Center. We start our meetings at 7:30 P.M. We would like to see visitors once in a while.

# Regional CWA schedule set



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*Joan Ziegler, State WA Committee*

Here we are in October. Our grange year is ending and a new year will soon begin. Our CWA contests have been judged at Celebration Day and the first place needlework winners have competed in the New England finals at the Big E. Thank you for all the beautiful entries and congratulations to all. You'll be able to see the winning needlework and

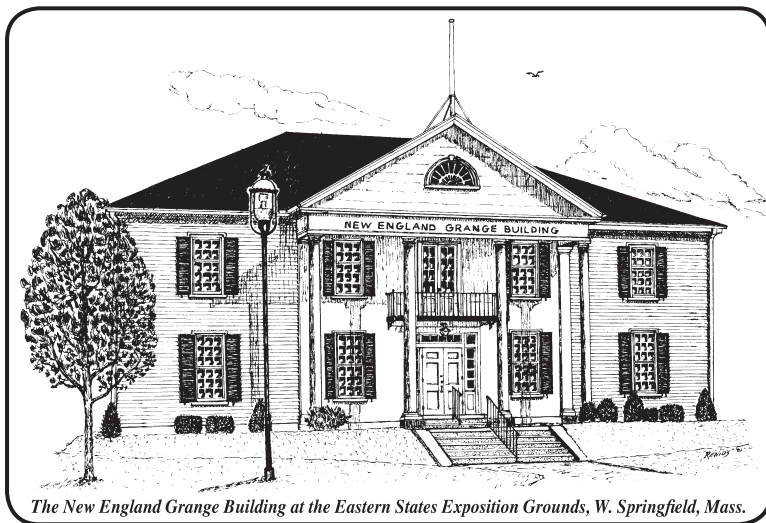
the craft entries on display at the State Session. I hope many of you will be able to attend at least a part of the convention. We'd especially like to have you come on Friday afternoon when we'll be reporting on all the good work you've done – your donations of money to our State Projects, toys and comfy covers for Covenant To Care and pajamas and memory books for Foster Kids as well as other items for children in need. We're very grateful for all you do. We're also very thankful for the hundreds of handmade items you've sent to be sold at our Country Store in the Grange Building at the Big E. Thank you also to those of you who came to work in the store. We really appreciated it.

For the start of our new

year, the CWA Regionals will take place, as usual on the four Saturdays following State Session: October 24 at Norwich, October 31 at Redding, November 7 at Good Will and November 14 at Cheshire. All the meetings will start at 1:00p.m. If there are any changes to this schedule we will notify the Pomona Chairmen. It's important for all of the Subordinate and Pomona Chairmen to attend these meetings. All the packets of information and instructions for the 2010 year will be distributed. We encourage anyone interested in our program to join us at any of these conferences but we especially hope the Masters and Committee members will come. See you soon.

of the members and friends of the Grange who donated so many wonderful items for the Country Store at the New England Grange Building and for the many members who gave time to man the store or to help support the NE Grange in any way.

The funds raised during the Eastern States Exposition go toward the ongoing maintenance of this beautiful building. The New England Grange Building is unique in that it is the only Grange building that is continuously maintained by a group of State Granges. In this case the State Granges of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine work together to staff it during the 17 days of the fair and work together to ensure its continued presence on the expo. grounds for future generations.



The New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds, W. Springfield, Mass.

## Big E Contest Winners

Congratulations to all of the winners at the New England Grange Needlework Contest held at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in West Springfield, MA in September. Connecticut's winners are the following:

Barbara Cameron- 1st & Best of Show - Crocheted Wedding Gown

Hazel Hallier - 2nd - Embroidered Tablecloth

Debbie Barnes - 2nd - Latch Hook Rug

Norma DiPietro - 1st - Baby Set

Jennifer Scherman - 1st - Stuffed Toy

Cindy Anderson - 3rd - Doily

Joan Ziegler - 2nd - Plastic Canvas

Richard Bruchac - 2nd - Counted Cross Stitch (Non-Member from Trumbull)

Special thanks go to all

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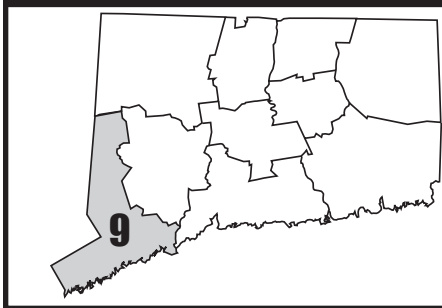
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### Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- Harmony No. 92
- Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Trumbull No. 134
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- Cannon No. 152

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

POMONA #9

Corr: Karen Macdonald

We're all commenting on the cool, crisp air, as Edith Schoell remarked at our recent Installation of Officers. She and her team are an example of devoted skill, as they initiated each new officer into his or her role. Edith's memorization of every statement is truly awe inspiring, please plan to attend your local initiations and witness for yourself. As the world changes so quickly, I often feel that the things I participate in at the Grange, and what other members do, giving so much time and service to the Grange, is part of living history. Social organizations are all declining, what a shame, for all that we contribute to our communities and to our own personal growth and enjoyment. As we return from summer festivities, bring some of that sunshine to the Grange. Visit Grange and other Country Fairs, plan to attend State session, the Grange has so much to offer, don't miss it! Join us at Redding Grange for our 5th degree on October 7 at 7:30.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

**Oct. 12:** Fall Flowers  
**Oct. 26:** Hobo Beef Stew Supper 6:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 7:** Tag & Bake sale 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

October and fall is in the air. This is a busy month. Aren't they all? Between meetings we have the state session. We'll muddle through somehow.

Our famous hobo stew supper will be on the 26 of the month. It is famous because we have some of the best stews made that night and we usually have

a hungry crew of visitors. Afterwards we have them join our Halloween fun and fun we have. If you want to join us that evening please let us know and be sure to come hungry.

Usually in November we have a pancake supper and bingo but this year we are trying something different. We will have a tag sale and a bake sale. Because of the upcoming holiday I'm sure there will be plenty of Christmas items in the sale. Maybe you will find just what you have been looking for.

So come and join us, we will be glad to have you.

TRUMBULL GRANGE #134

Corr: Sue Sullier

Hi, fellow Grangers and welcome to the month of October, where ghosts, goblins, jack-o-lanterns, witches and a host of other spooking things take delight in scaring the living daylights out of us –all in the light-hearted spirit of fun.

Now onto the Grange stuff – Louise Malatesta, Val Barrachina, Pat Gerckens and I have been busy planning for the 2009-2010 Grange year. As in past years, Val B. will organize our "Ice Cream Social" and our "Pizza Party" and Pat G. and her crew will host our "Soup and Sandwich Night" and our "Irish Night". Thanks, "sisters" for all the time, energy and love you put forth for the betterment of our Grange. Your efforts are most appreciated!!!

Special thanks go to Randy Miller for stepping up to the plate and taking over the role of putting together our annual Pomona Handbook, which is quite a labor-intensive project. I am confident Randy is the right man

for the job and I am sure he will handle the task conscientiously. Thanks again Randy!!!!

Featured CT AARP Column #4 - On Monday, July 20, 2009, Connecticut's Legislature overrode the Governor's veto of SustiNet (H.B. 6600), a comprehensive health reform plan developed by the non-profit Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut. The SustiNet Plan, which has been endorsed by AARP, aims to make affordable health coverage available to 98 percent of state residents by 2014. To learn more about SustiNet, go to <http://www.healthcare4every1.org/>.

In closing, please remember that as Grangers, we are family, we are brothers and sisters and we should always treat each other with respect and compassion.

On Halloween, be cautious of "trick or treaters" darting out into ongoing traffic.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

**Oct. 13:** Halloween Party  
**Nov. 10:** Neighbor's Night, Supper, 6:30, Veteran's Day

A small but happy group attended our Family Grange Supper in August, and after a great meal they sat down around the piano and sang songs and swapped stories and jokes. In other words, we had a good time doing what Grangers have been doing since the 1800s!

Our Agricultural Fair date was changed from September 13 to the 20th, and the Charter was draped in memory of Arlene Nowak at our September meeting. The Installation of Officers also took place that evening. With Halloween on the schedule for October 13, the fall activities are in full swing!

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

**Oct. 1:** Business Meeting. Supper at 6 P.M., meeting follows


**Nov. 5:** Neighbor's Night Supper @ 6 P.M.

**Nov. 19:** Special Program-Business Meeting, Supper at 6 P.M., meeting follows

Our 77th Annual Agricultural Fair was a wonderful time as we welcomed more than 2300 area residents to our hall and grounds. There was much enjoyment during the day as visitors viewed the judged exhibits of vegetables and flowers, baked goods, sewing, photography and crafts inside. Outdoors there was delicious food at the food court, and terrific musical entertainment all day by our own musicians. Cannon Grange indeed is fortunate to have talented members. The Baked Goods department has not seen so many entries of baked goods for sale in years, and many thanks to Mary Offinger for running a successful bake table. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a great


time.  
Our new officers for the year ahead are Doug Shepherd who will be our President, Michelle McDonald who will be the Vice President, and Don Offinger who will be Treasurer and fill-in for Secretary to manage the business side of our Grange enterprise, and Sue Sulla will be our Chaplain.  
Cannon Grange is partnering with the US EPA in a solid waste reduction program (WasteWise) to find ways to recycle and reduce our waste. We have been tracking our waste and recyclables since the start of 2009, and we compile our data into a database that the EPA manages. We are in the non-profit sector, joining some 1300 businesses and institutions across the US who are WasteWise partners. Visiting Patrons are always welcome... won't you join us?

## Special Mystery Contest



The Information-Publicity Committee will be awarding a special prize to the first Connecticut Granger who can identify the name and location of this Grange Hall. You can call me at (203) 272-4620 or email at [mbcb76@cox.net](mailto:mbcb76@cox.net), or see me at State Session. The award will be presented at State Session.

# Youth Report

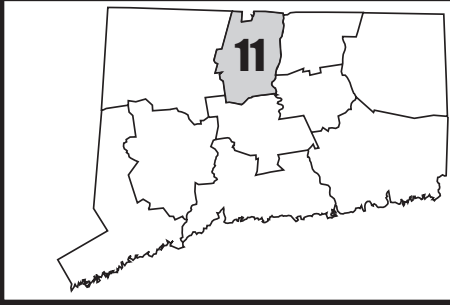


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Youth Director  
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Hi everyone, I thank you all that have sent in their youth reports and youth night reports. At the State session in a couple of weeks I am planning on having the youth hospitality room and I am looking for goodies and drinks for the room. I will thank you in advance for these goodies. Friday night after the Sixth degree we will play Bingo please come and join in the fun of the evening.



### Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Tunxis No. 13
- ✓ Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197
- ✓ West Suffield No. 199
- Cherry Brook No. 210

**FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11**

*Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner*  
**Oct. 5:** The Fall Season  
Everyone enjoyed the annual picnic which was preceded by a nice worship service conducted by Chaplain Bob Brockett.

Maggie Schofield presided at the grill. The food was delicious. Lin Erickson led the ambitious folks in a ring toss game.

Election of officers took place at our last meeting. There were only two changes. The Steward and Gatekeeper swapped places. Master Doris Shaw will install the officers at our next meeting.

We are all “go” for the new Grange year. Let’s work together to make it a good one.

**GRANBY GRANGE #5**  
*Corr: Vivian C. Shaw*  
**Oct. 9:** Halloween Program  
**Oct. 16:** Bloodmobile, S. Cong. Church, sponsored by Granby Grange  
**Oct. 24:** Public Setback Card Party

Carol Innes organized the Annual Potluck Picnic at People’s State Forest Pavilion, Pleasant Valley with 9 Grangers and 7 family members and friends attending.

**TUNXIS GRANGE #13**  
*Corr: Pam Covington*  
**Oct. 6:** “Boo”

Our August meeting proved to be a lot of fun! We had a box lunch before the meeting and a delicious cake with strawberries was brought by Joan Goetjen for dessert. It was delicious!

During the program, we were asked to think back and name some of our favorite books we had enjoyed in our childhood. It was fun to think back

to remember what we had enjoyed as children.

We want to congratulate Doris Shaw for getting honorable mention on her Banana Cupcakes. We had some at the run-offs and they were delicious.

To check on our meetings, please be sure to give Doris Shaw a call as we sometimes change the day. We love to have neighbors!

**CAWASA GRANGE #34**  
*Corr: Marguerite Schofield*  
Our first meeting of the season was in September. We are planning for the new year for October. Please join us sometime...

Lin and I enjoyed helping out at Simsbury Grange for their Fair on Saturday, August 29th. It was a lot of fun.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 12:30 P.M. at the Canton Community Center/Library.

Please remember Thad Wendell in your prayers. He is still feeling poorly. We miss them very much. See you next month!

**SIMSBURY GRANGE #197**  
*Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner*  
**Oct. 14:** Colorful Fall  
**Oct. 3, 10, 17, 31:** Card Parties

The day of our Simsbury Grange Fair arrived along with “tropical rain.” In spite of the weather, it was successful. The crowd was small, but most people must have been doing their holiday shopping and gave us a nice profit for the day.

Master Frances Sarnecki thanked all who took part.

We have completed our reports and requirements for the year so now it’s back to our regular schedule and on with a new Grange

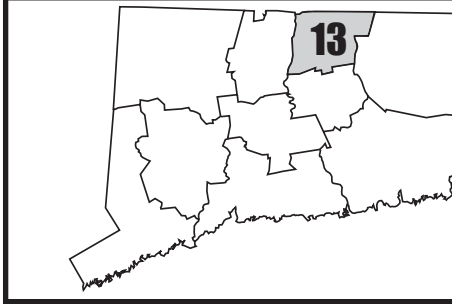
year!  
**WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199**  
*Corr: Pam Covington*  
**Oct. 13:** Pumpkin Harvest  
August was the meeting of our Agricultural Program. Everyone enjoyed it.

Bob Sheldon told us

about his tobacco this year as the wet weather has made it bad. a lot has to be harrowed up. The next number was about the Charter Oak. The history of this famous tree was informative and interesting. Everyone was given a calendar that tells us which vegetables and

fruits grown in Connecticut are available. An excellent program, Bob.  
We are enjoying our meetings during the day, and hope you can come visit us! Lunch is at 12:00 and meeting 1:00. Bring your own sandwich. Enjoy the fall, everyone!

### North Central Pomona No. 13



- ✓ Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

**NORTH CENTRAL POMONA #13**  
*Corr: J. Jordan*

North Central Pomona will meet on October 8 as guests of Stafford Grange No. 1. There is a possibility that the Fifth Degree will be conferred at this time. Call Pomona Master Nancy Strong to check for further details. Happy Fall to all.

**STAFFORD GRANGE #1**  
*Corr: Edward J. Festi*  
**Oct. 20:** Neighbor’s Night, Ashford, Enfield, Tolland, Vernon. Speaker on Donkeys.

**Nov. 17:** Speaker on Stafford’s Old Schoolhouse  
At our July meeting, we had a nice ice cream social. In August, we played Bingo. Our annual picnic was at the Bradway Family Pavilion. North Central Pomona joined us. We

ate hot dogs, hamburgers, and Milo’s homemade ice cream.

At our September meeting we had Canine Officer Paul Osella and his dog Benny. Officer Osella is with the University of Connecticut Police Department. He talked about law enforcement at the University. He spoke about his involvement with the Canine Olympics.

At our October meeting we will have Kathy Hartley speaking about her Donkeys and their medical problems.

**TOLLAND GRANGE #51**  
*Corr: J. Jordan*

Tolland Grange will be meeting on October 6 at the Hall on the Green in Tolland at 7:30 P.M. The program is entitled “Did I ever tell you...?” Come and

learn interesting tidbits about fellow Grangers.

At a meeting this spring Elizabeth Robertson and Robert Smith both received their 60 year seals. Worthy Master Robert West received his 70th seal. Congratulations to these three outstanding Tolland Grangers.

**ENFIELD GRANGE #151**  
*Corr: Irene Percoski*  
**Oct. 11:** Baldwin- Oh Oh! This one has a worm!  
**Nov. 14:** Delicious, Peel & Slice- Turkey potluck, 12 Noon - Don't be late!

We love picnics so much we went to Stafford #1 and joined them for theirs. What a beautiful grove! Thanks for inviting us and a special thanks to Milo for his homemade ice cream.

October brings us into the new Grange year and that means we need to put on our thinking caps for community service projects. Bring those ideas to the next meeting. Apples will be featured in all of our meetings this year. Yum! Come and visit.

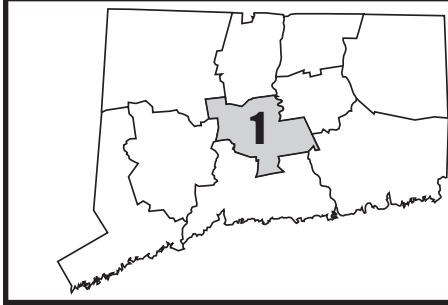
## Tolland Grange No. 51



Tolland Grange recently presented seals for continuous membership to the following: Elizabeth Robertson (60 years); Robert Smith (60 years); Robert West (70 years).



### Central Pomona No. 1



- ✓ Southington No. 25
- Meriden No. 29
- ✓ Westfield No. 50
- ✓ Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

**SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25**  
*Corr: Lisa Lamoureux*

**Oct. 12:** Business Meeting  
**Oct. 26:** Ghosts, Goblins and Candy!

Autumn greetings from Southington Grange! I am giving Lisa a month off and am writing this report as a ‘guest’ correspondent.

When I joined the Grange nearly 12 years ago, three Grangers strongly influenced my decision to be an active member of the Order. They provided encouragement, advice, and friendship. Without their influence, I would not have achieved the role of Subordinate Master, Pomona Deputy, or vice-president of the Connecticut Agricultural Fair. These Grange members are Mildred Bell, Florence O’Hare, and Agnes Moquin.

Sadly, Florence O’Hare recently passed away. She was our most recent past-Master and past Grange Fair President. Florence was active in every facet of our local Grange and served by the creed that the more you put into it the more you get out of it. She worked tirelessly to recruit new members. Many of our active new families, the Putala’s, Bacon’s, Dutra’s, and Johnson’s were recruited by Florence. Someone once asked her how she attracted so many new members. She replied “I asked them”. Sometimes it’s just that easy.

Florence had a passion for family, her faith, and her Grange fraternity. Our condolences go to her son Tommy and the family. She’ll be missed by all who new her.

On a happier note, Southington Grange held its family picnic in July and our 59th annual fair in August. The fair was a success despite the oppressive heat. We brought back animals this year and fairgoers seemed

to enjoy the llama, chickens, rabbits, and turtle.

Lisa and I had the pleasure of attending the Litchfield Grange Fair this year. Here’s a secret. They have the best hot dogs of any fair we attend!

As always, our doors are open for anyone and everyone who would like to join us for a meeting. Remember we meet on the 2th and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (at the Southington Grange Hall located at the corners of Summit Avenue and Knowles Avenue in the Plantsville Section of Southington.

**WESTFIELD GRANGE #50**  
*Corr: Phyllis Redford*  
**Oct. 1:** The Red & Gold  
**Nov. 5:** Holiday Craft  
**Dec. 3:** Stories Behind the Carols

“Preserve the Harvest” was the theme of the September program when we discussed various methods of preserving the fruits and veggies of summer that these might be enjoyed in the winter months. Common methods including canning, freezing and cold storage. By contrast, we learned what our ancestors did, centuries before the appearance of the supermarket. These thrifty New Englanders knew how to dry some produce, each colonial house had a root cellar, and a smoke oven where meat products could be cured and hung up for winter consumption.

The October program will explain why certain leaves turn color when the days grow cooler.

Did you know that cotton plants can grow in Middletown?

**HIGGANUM GRANGE #124**  
*Corr: Richard Prescott*

We held our first meeting of the new year the first Friday in September. New Master ,Richard Prescott had to learn about the correct number

of raps of the gavel at the appropriate times, but all-in-all things went well. The young boy who we sponsored for attendance at Camp Burger during the summer reported to us at our summer meeting picnic. He had a great time during his one week, and might consider going

back as an entry level working assistance. All Granges’ in the state should consider sponsoring at least one youth from their community. Our Mystery Ride found us visiting a winery with lunch and samples of wines. We in Higganum are looking forward to our

new program year.

**HEMLOCK GRANGE #182**  
*Corr: Maureen Sanborn*  
**Oct. 9:** Omit- Portland Fair  
**Oct. 23:** Harvest Moon  
Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

# State finally adopts a budget



After many months of debate and negotiations, the State finally has a budget for the next two years. The one thing everyone can agree on is that no one is completely happy with the budget. But passing the budget is one thing; having it work is something else. The budget is like a family deciding how to spend its future paychecks. Many assumptions have to be made. If the assumptions are correct, all is well. If they are not, the budget will not work.

The first assumptions are where the money will come from. A family assumes their paychecks will continue at their present level, but if hours are cut or someone in the family is laid off, the money is not there to spend. The State assumes taxes will produce a certain amount of money, but if people’s income goes down, so does the income tax they will pay. If people do not have the money to spend, sales will decrease and the revenue from the state sales tax will also decrease.

When the family’s income goes down, they have to cut back on their spending. When the State’s tax receipts go down, the State has to cut back on its spending. The next assumptions are how their money will be spent. A family budgets for essential expenses such as housing, food and clothing. Depending on their priorities, the family

then budgets for savings, medical care and their children’s education. Finally the family budgets for things they would like but are not essential, such as recreation and vacations. If the family’s assumptions are good, their budget works. But if the cost of heating their house or the cost of groceries goes up more than they anticipated, they have to cut back on something else. The State has to make similar assumptions. If the cost of heating the state’s buildings or the cost of food to feed the inmates in the prisons goes up more than the General Assembly anticipated, cuts have to be made in other areas. Without a doubt, the 2010 General Assembly will have to look at how the budget is working and make whatever adjustments are needed. But this is only part of the budget process. After the family budgets their current income, they may look at how much they can borrow for home improvements, a new car or whatever else they need or want. The State is no different than the typical family.

Now that the budget for current income has been set, the General Assembly is looking at how much the State should borrow for many things. The State borrows money by issuing bonds which are sold in the open market. The General Assembly sets a limit on how many bonds can be

sold and what the money from those bonds will be used for by authorizing the sale of the bonds. There is no guarantee what interest rate the bonds will sell at until they are offered in the market, but the more bonds that are authorized, the higher the interest rate the market will demand. The General Assembly can choose any amount they want, but the bonds are not sold until the State Bond Commission approves the sale of the bonds. Normally, the State Bond Commission approves the sale of the bonds in smaller amounts than the total authorized to cover expenses for the next few months. This is similar to a family having a home equity loan they can use as they need it, or charging purchases on their credit card. There is a credit limit which is the maximum amount the family can borrow, but if they are prudent they borrow or charge only what they need to. Just like a family, when current income is not enough to pay current bills, there is a temptation for the State to borrow money to pay the bills. And just like a family, the day of reckoning will come when the money borrowed to pay the bills must itself be paid. Then both the family and the State face the same problem: How will they pay the piper? All they can do today is hope they will have the money when that day of reckoning arrives.

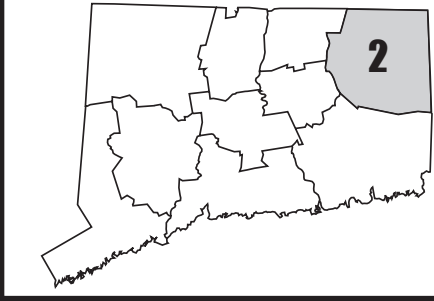
# THANK YOU!

The Kulisch family wish to thank everyone who has held us in your thoughts and prayers and who have sent cards or called and have sent emails. As you read this article in the Granger, Henry will have had at least 2 chemo treatments, if not 3! They are trying to keep his numbers & the cancer at bay, in hopes that he will once again be able to walk with the walker, something he has not been able to do lately.

Henry & Barb Kulisch



### Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



Senexet No. 40  
✓ Brooklyn No. 43  
✓ Wolf Den No. 61  
✓ Ekonk No. 89  
Ashford No. 90  
Putnam No. 97  
Killingly No. 112  
Echo No. 180

**WOLF DEN GRANGE #61**  
*Corr: Elsie Johnson*  
**Oct. 14:** Fall Event - Youth Committee, Ref. Apples, plus...  
**Oct. 28:** Potluck 6:30, Halloween Dress-Up  
Summer has not been that good. A blight has ruined many gardens. People I've talked to say it is the worst garden they ever had. Our peaches have rotted on the trees. But- a lot of pears- maybe.  
Not much going on- last meeting talked about fairs. Children starting school for another year.  
Last meeting Ted brought in about 25 lbs. of cans and tabs and a lot of them came from Putnam Grange.  
Contractors are busy on the Grange building and it will be a couple more months before the addition is done.  
Remember our shut-ins.

**EKONK GRANGE #89**  
*Corr: Sue Gray*  
**Oct. 5:** "Changing Seasons" Mtg/Prog 7:30 pm  
**Oct. 30:** "Ceaseless Activity" HALLOWEEN FUN 6:30 pm, Families Welcome!  
**Nov. 2:** "Thrifty Farmers" Mtg/Prog 7:30 pm  
**Nov. 21:** TURKEY SUPPER 5-7 pm

By the time you read this column, we will have welcomed Sarah Davis Phaiah into membership! Sarah has been coming to meetings & our Fair to learn about Grange. She has asked questions and will be a most welcome addition to our "active" membership!  
Barbara Cameron has 2 entries that made it to be judged at the Big E- congratulations Barbara (and also on the occasion of your 75th birthday- her children threw her a "suprise" party).  
Thanks to those volunteers who maintained the yard throughout the

spring and summer season: truly appreciated!  
Many pulled together for a Peach Supper; special thanks to Robin Cousens, who came up with the idea and worked the supper as well.  
Our kitchen floor and roof are now paid for in full: this was a major financial burden but happily is now behind us. We now must address the flooring in the main hall: yet another expensive undertaking.  
Colin Sebastian reports thoroughly enjoying Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA. His sister, Katrina (our new Program Dir.) keeps us posted on his success.  
JaimieCameronhasbeen the recipient of much good luck: she won our "dollars" drawing two months in a row at Subordinate Grange and won the \$35 Hula hoop at our Fair too: congratulations, Jaimie.  
J. Allen Cameron and Jacob Gervais were Installed as Subordinate and Junior Presidents by the Cameron Team in mid September: we certainly will support these two exemplary young men in their endeavors.  
The Youth presented the program in August and did a fine job. We all learned how much we had forgotten about "Disney".  
MANY of our active members kept busy volunteering throughout Brooklyn Fair (Rick Hermonot in President) and many played key roles in the success of Sterling Family Day (Mike Molodich is Chairman). Our Grange also sponsors the "American As Apple Pie Contest" each year (part of Family Day).  
We now have all levels of Scouting (for girls) using our facilities! Beginning right after school (on Tuesdays) our hall is dedicated to Scouting until nearly 8 pm! This has been a wonderful association

and we are pleased to have added more "troops".  
Anyone is welcome to our hall on the hill: we will greet you with a smile and feed you well before you leave!  
**KILLINGLY GRANGE #112**  
*Corr: Glenna Bruno*  
Welcome to fall. More on that next month. Back tracking to June when we had election of officers, we elected our Pro-tem Secretary Gail Greenleaf as Secretary and husband Phillip Greenleaf as Treasurer. Steward- Tiffany Aubin, Assist. Steward Natasha Lukuche, Overseer Glenna Bruno, Gatekeeper Albert Bruno. All other officers stayed the same.  
Our meeting night in August was also a "dine out" night. We had three car loads to Hometown Buffet. This was a renewed occasion as we haven't done this in many years-- all had a good time.  
Killingly Grange has gained new members but have lost at least (4) four of our older members - sad to say. One other is in a rest home. We also lost our past Master Patricia Renaud.  
A new project going on recently is the floor replacement in the kitchen and ladies bathroom.  
Killingly Grange Fair was held on September 12 and our Craft Fair will be held on December 12.  
This correspondent will "try" to "keep up" and "ahead" of events in the coming months and have a cool and happy fall.

**Junior Grange**

Well, State Session is right around the corner. The Junior Committee will again be holding our contests. They must be there by 12 noon on Thursday. We will also be holding our raffle. Anyone who would like to donate to our raffle, just bring a gift to be raffled off. We will also have our snack table available. All monies will be used to fund the Helmet Project. See you at State Session.

**HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87**  
*Corr: Rita Schaefer*  
The Grange has started its meetings. They are busy finishing their projects for judging at the State Session. They are planning several trips for the coming year. One will be the Science Center in Hartford.  
They are still working on getting new members.  
More news after the State Session.

**Helmets Donated**

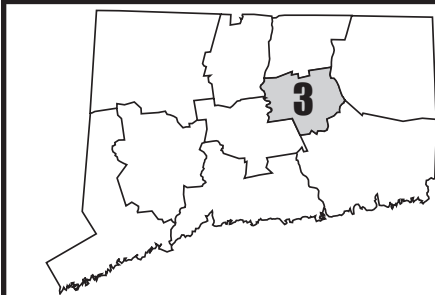
Marlborough Grange President Laura Combs presents Marlborough Resident State Trooper Marck Packer with bike helmets for children's safety. The helmets were made possible by the State Grange Junior Committee and the Granges donating and working to purchase them.

**Ekonk's next generation of leaders**

J. Allen Cameron (far left), Jodi Ann Cameron, Jacob Gervais, Pat Palmer, James Palmer and Jody Cameron. J. Allen was installed by his parents as the new Master of Ekonk Community Grange. Jacob was installed as Master of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange.



# East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- Manchester No. 31
- Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

### EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

*Corr: John Waterhouse*

**Oct. 3:** Meeting 5:00 P.M.;  
Potluck Supper 6:00 P.M.,  
Fifth Degree, 7:00 P.M.

**Nov. 7:** Regular Meeting,  
7:30 P.M.

October brings to mind Halloween with the goblins and ghosts. A specter will be seen at Good Will Grange Hall on October 3rd as the Fifth Degree will be conferred on what we hope will be a large class of candidates. Please join us for a potluck supper at 6:00 P.M. and the degree at 7:00 P.M.

The contract has been signed and we hope our new front doors will be installed very soon. Again, a big thank you to all who supported this project with donations and loans.

Happy Halloween.

## GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*

**Oct. 1:** Meeting, 7:30 P.M.,  
Harvest Time

**Oct. 3:** Food Sale & Unique Boutique Sale, 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M.

**Oct. 10:** Monte Carlo Card  
Party, 7:00 P.M.

**Nov. 5:** Meeting, 7:30 P.M.,  
Happy Thanksgiving

Another Grange Year has begun. The summer really flew by fast. I am not ready for the fall season. Brooklyn Fair is this weekend and I can't believe the fairs have begun.

The refreshments for the October 1st meeting will be served by Taffy Hyyppa and Kay Ruff. We will need all the member's support for our Food Sale and Unique Boutique Sale on Oct. 3. You will probably receive a phone call from either Jean Accornero or me. I thank you one and all for your continued support. The Card Parties will begin on October 10th. Come join us for a fun evening and bring a friend with you. We do need to build up the attendance. This is one of the fundraisers and they help pay our bills. Please help us with this activity.

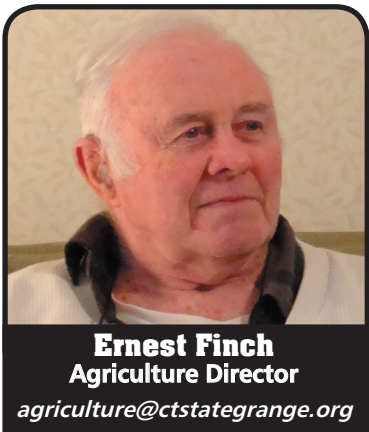
## HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

*Corr: Rita Schaefer*

Youth Room. Program:  
"Surprise"

Marlborough Grange  
#205 President Laura  
Combs presented

# AgNews



*Jon Hermonot, Agric. Comm.*

What a great time of year for agriculture! Local fairs and fall festivals are in full swing demonstrating and educating about agriculture's passionate history, production excellence, and the vital importance of agriculture to our community.

Volunteering at the Brooklyn Fair I get to see this showcased first hand in competition and showcasing involved with agriculture; working hard, passionate, for their future. These traits integrity in individuals which are's image in Connecticut.

Many friends I know are interested in farming and are optimistic about what the future holds! Helping lead agriculture down a road of prosperity in Connecticut lies in the hands of those passionately interested! Keeping the public informed on practices and management style will help booster agriculture's image and standing! Otherwise regulation by the government may control the size of barn you build or how many cows you can milk! Keeping the public and government informed on issues is the better solution which helps keep things less complicated and costly.

Currently the fall harvest of crops is being finished up after suffering through a wet beginning to summer! Agricultural producers can now access their situation for up the coming months! Finding support and advice from other farmers sometimes can help solve problems.

What a tough year for the dairy farmers who are suffering from low milk price and a poor corn crop! Being optimistic and planning for the future is what I believe keeps a lot of agricultural businesses strong even in the tough times. Crunching the numbers and budgeting is now the name of the game. Finding a way to survive during the down times sometimes can make you more efficient. Farming is a tough business to operate with so many variables and risks but the rewards are great when things are going good. The great thing about America's free market is that high risk can lead to high return. As farmers we must focus our energy on becoming experts at managing the high risk under which we operate our businesses. I believe that those of us who do will have a long and viable future here in Connecticut.

helmets were presented from the CT State Grange Junior Committee for Community Service.

# What is the Grange?

What is the Grange? I tell people that the Grange is everything we, the members, want it to be. The Grange is our extended family. This doesn't happen in a month or a year but in years of helping our Grange and its members to become better, more rounded, better informed members of our Town, State and the Great Country we live in, the USA.

I often hear people complain how hard we have it here. I know it's true, but we also have the people and the will to get things done and make it even better than before. We work together. We need to get back to basics with improvements along the way to a better path in life.

Grange basics are good, but our world is changing fast. We can make a difference in our lives and show non-members how we can do this in an extended family way.

We need to let people know what we are and why. Then make the changes needed to make ourselves better than before. Get those information signs out along our roads and tell people what is the Grange.

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# 2009 Connecticut State Grange Resolutions

1) **RE: CT’S STATE CAKE**  
WHEREAS before our country gained its independence, colonial housewives were making special cakes to celebrate the democratic ideals of their new homeland, and  
WHEREAS Connecticut is the birthplace of the Election Cake, a.k.a. Hartford Election Cake, and can be traced back to the gubernatorial elections held in Hartford, CT as early as 1660, and  
WHEREAS Election Day (held in May) was considered an important holiday in early New England ranking second only to Thanksgiving. Election cake was indeed a major part of the holiday, and  
WHEREAS Election Day was also known as Training Day when the colonial American farmers were called to military practice for days of training and they would partake of this same cake calling it “Muster Cake,” and  
WHEREAS this is such a unique part of Connecticut’s history and should be recognized.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Election Cake, this piece of Americana, be placed on the list of Connecticut’s symbols, and that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee submit this resolution to the State Legislature for their consideration, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grangers in Connecticut be urged to get behind this effort following the guidance of the State Legislative Committee.

2) **RE: TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR CT STATE GRANGE**  
WHEREAS presently a telephone call to the State Grange office or to the Worthy State Master is a toll call from most areas in our state, and  
WHEREAS a toll free number would prove very convenient to many people who have reason to call our State Master and State Secretary, and  
WHEREAS one toll free number can serve several extensions from the main number, including voice mail, and can be expanded as needed to other extensions.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange activate an 800 toll free number with extensions as soon as possible.

3) **RE: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FUNDING**  
WHEREAS more Americans than ever are taking advantage of the National Park System as an affordable form of recreation in tough economic times, and  
WHEREAS the National Mall attracts more visitors than Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon and Yosemite National Parks combined, and  
WHEREAS nearly \$400 million is needed to repair and maintain the buildings and grounds that encompass this national park, and  
WHEREAS deferred maintenance has resulted in

fetid pools that kill ducks and ducklings with avian botulism, sea walls around the Jefferson Memorial sinking into the mud, soil up and down the Mall trampled into virtual concrete where grass will not grow, among many other examples, and  
WHEREAS support in Congress is limited due to the District’s lack of a vote and the ability of legislators to send earmarks home to curry favor with constituents, and  
WHEREAS many legislators believe funding a park in Washington would be perceived by voters as Congress spending the money frivolously all the while employing 1,900 workers to maintain the buildings and 450 acre grounds of the Capitol complex while the National Park Service has approximately 200 workers for the 650 acre Mall and its memorials, and  
WHEREAS a Federal Stimulus appropriation of \$50 million for 2009 will largely go towards repairing the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, the reflecting pool and the District of Columbia War Memorial, and  
WHEREAS the National Grange Birthplace Marker is in disrepair and likely will remain in this condition as long as the National Park Service’s funding for the National Mall remains at current levels.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange encourage Congress to appropriate the necessary funds or to establish a funding plan or program to meet the estimated \$400 million necessary to repair and properly maintain the National Mall.

4) **RE: HIGHWAY ON/OFF RAMP SAFETY**  
WHEREAS there has been an increased number of accidents throughout the state and region in recent years involving wrong-way drivers, and  
WHEREAS many of these accidents have involved alcohol or substance abuse and impairment due to age, medical condition and/or lack of sleep, and  
WHEREAS many of the highways ramps throughout the state are poorly marked, especially where on and off ramps run side by side with “DO NOT ENTER” signs posted between both ramps which can cause even the most alert and cautious driver to second guess themselves momentarily.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Department of Transportation review signage and the overall design of highway ramps throughout the state to make them safer and to more clearly differentiate between on and off ramps, especially when such ramps run side by side.

5) **RE: CONNECTICUT LINE OF SUCCESSION**  
WHEREAS the unwritten custom of the Connecticut State

Grange has been to choose its State Masters by electing a Gatekeeper who will spend the next sixteen years serving as Gatekeeper, Asst. Steward, Steward and Overseer before finally being elected Master of the Connecticut State Grange, and  
WHEREAS this custom has discouraged many members from seeking any office in the line, including Master, because of the minimum 20 year commitment involved in this process, and  
WHEREAS most states outside of the Northeast Region have abandoned this process in favor of electing qualified members to office without regard to a line of succession, therefore encouraging more members to take an active role in the State Grange and to allow members who do not necessarily desire to be State Master to serve in offices now considered to be part of the “line” of succession.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange officially endorse the practice of electing any qualified member to any office without regard to a line of succession.

6) **RE: MEMBERSHIP/ LEADERSHIP TRAINING FUND**  
WHEREAS the National Grange has made great efforts to train all members to revitalize and organize Granges throughout the country through the Grange Growth Summit, Team Speak programs, workshops with the National Membership/ Leadership Director Rusty Hunt, and through the development of PowerPoint programs and materials to advance this program, and  
WHEREAS members of the Connecticut State Grange have attended the Grange Growth Summit and have begun the process of revitalizing Granges in Connecticut, and  
WHEREAS many more trained members are needed in addition to the six member Revitalization Team appointed by the State Master earlier this year, and  
WHEREAS Membership/ Leadership development and training should be made available to all Grange members throughout the state.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange create a new line item in the budget for Membership/ Leadership Training and allocate \$10,000 to fund these critically important programs.

7) **RE: NEW GRANGE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
WHEREAS the National Master has challenged each state to organize/reorganize and revitalize Granges, and  
WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has a commitment to organize/reorganize at least one Grange and to revitalize at least one Grange, and  
WHEREAS the National Grange

has established an incentive program that encourages new or reorganized Granges to meet specific goals early on to receive the following monetary awards:  
**New Granges**  
• \$100 - Charter Application filed, obligated and officers installed.  
• \$100 - First report to State Grange filed on time.  
• \$100 - Conferral of all Four Degrees  
• \$100-Net gain in membership after 4 quarters.  
**Reorganized Granges**  
• \$50 - Charter Application filed, obligated and officers installed.  
• \$50 - First Quarterly Report filed.  
• \$50 - Four Degrees conferred  
• \$50 - 4th Quarterly Report with net gain.  
WHEREAS these incentives provide much needed money for new Granges and, more importantly, forces these Granges to build momentum and to work together early on to meet these goals, thereby promoting the long-term success of the Grange.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange match each of the incentives as outlined above to provide a maximum of \$400 for new Granges and \$200 for reorganized Granges in addition to the money provided by the National Grange.

8) **RE: GRANGE REVITALIZATION KIT**  
WHEREAS the National Grange has developed materials through the Membership/ Leadership Department that can be valuable tools in revitalizing Connecticut’s Granges, and  
WHEREAS simply telling members where to find them on the National Grange website may not be the best way to encourage their use, and  
WHEREAS it is the belief of the members of the western (CT) Revitalization Team that these materials need to be placed in the hands of the leaders of each of the Granges in this state.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange establish a Grange Revitalization Kit to include (but not be limited to) the following items:  
• Applications for membership that are specific to Connecticut, not the generic applications provided by the National Grange.  
• Meeting/Notice Postcards which are included in the National Grange Builder Kits.  
• Declaration of Purposes (the new full color, magazine format from National Grange) and get these kits into each of the Granges in the state as part of the ongoing Revitalization program.

9) **“DO NOT MAIL” LIST FOR ELDERLY**  
WHEREAS many elderly parents

demand their independence to live in their own homes, and  
WHEREAS these elderly are constantly receiving unwanted mailings from companies and organizations seeking donations or purchases. Many elderly are targeted for buying or donating to these mailings by well-phrased ads which address many elderly concerns, Social Security, Medicare, Investments, Medications, etc., and  
WHEREAS many of these elderly mailing addresses are given or sold by organizations they belong to without their permission.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange work with our legislators to make a “DO NOT MAIL LIST”, similar to a do not call list that allow elderly to have their names removed from these unwanted mailings nationwide and allow our elderly to live independently without unnecessary junk mail, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution go on to the National Grange for their support on a national “Do Not Mail List.”

10) **RE: INCREASING LENGTH OF TERM FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVES**  
WHEREAS the length of term of office for the House of Representatives is two years, and the length of term of office for the Senate is six years, and  
WHEREAS the term of office for the House of Representatives is only two years, incumbents initiate re-election fundraising efforts early in their term and such efforts encompass the majority of their terms, thus allowing less time and energy being devoted to the task of the office, and  
WHEREAS campaign costs are great and ever-increasing, and as a result of the disparity of length of terms between both aforementioned offices, requiring three fundraising campaigns for a Representative to be equal to one term of a Senator.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange initiate and support a change in the length of term of office for the House of Representatives.

11) **RE: A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ENDING GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO FILL SENATE VACANCIES**  
WHEREAS controversies have surrounded some of the recent gubernatorial appointments to vacant United States Senate seats, and  
WHEREAS in 1913 the seventeenth amendment to the Constitution gave citizens the right to elect senators, and  
WHEREAS citizens should have the same right in the case of an unexpired mid-term vacancies, and  
WHEREAS the United State  
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Senate should be as responsive as possible to the will of the American people, and

WHEREAS the Constitution already requires any vacancies in the House of Representatives be filled by a special election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution ending gubernatorial appointments to fill unexpected mid-term vacancies in the United States Senate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendment require states to hold a special election to fill the vacancies, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

12) RE: CREATING COINS CHEAPER

WHEREAS it costs the U.S. Mint 1.5 cents to create a penny -- and nearly 9 cents for a nickel, and

WHEREAS with each new penny and nickel we issue, we increase the national debt by almost as much as the coin is worth, and

WHEREAS substituting a cheaper metal, perhaps steel, could save up to \$100 million annually, and

WHEREAS only Congress has the power to regulate currency which means legislative efforts are necessary for a change, and

WHEREAS common sense dictates that a change be made promptly regarding using a cheaper metal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee initiate the necessary legislative process.

13) RE: REAR VIEW MIRRORS

WHEREAS there are more bicyclists on the roads, and

WHEREAS bicyclists ride with the traffic on the roads and not always on the side of the road, and

WHEREAS many bicyclists wear earphones, and

WHEREAS a rear view mirror on the bike or helmet would allow the bicyclist to see the traffic coming up behind, and

WHEREAS the bicyclist should move to the side of the road allowing traffic to pass.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the State of Connecticut to take the necessary process for the use of rear view mirrors by bicyclists.

14) RE: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

WHEREAS daylight saving time has been around since 1929, and

WHEREAS the National Grange opposed the continuation of daylight saving time in 1929, and

WHEREAS prior to 2008, daylight saving time commenced in April and went to October, and

WHEREAS in 2008 it was extended to March through November in an attempt to conserve energy, which did not happen, and

WHEREAS daylight saving should be returned to the April to October months, or abolished entirely.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange to urge our legislators to return to the April - October months or abolish daylight saving entirely.

15) RE: IDENTITY THEFT

WHEREAS Identity Theft continues to be a serious problem, and

WHEREAS the advance of technology makes protection of individual privacy more of a challenge, and

WHEREAS the responsibility of maintaining privacy of personal information belongs to the individual, and private and public entities, and

WHEREAS more awareness if identity theft needs to be recognized by all concerned, and

WHEREAS responsibility and accountability to prevent Identity Theft needs to be addressed more strongly, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED New London County Pomona No. 6 request the Connecticut State Grange to adopt a resolution on this matter at their 2009 Annual Session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we recognize this matter is a national and even an international one, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all solutions be considered in addressing this problem including appropriate individual, and private and governmental action and standards.

16) RE: CT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SIGNS

WHEREAS there are many interstate highway signs that are faded and cannot be read, and

WHEREAS traffic traveling on Connecticut interstates have trouble finding exits, and

WHEREAS Connecticut wants to promote tourism and business traffic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the DOT to replace the faded signs on the interstate highways.

17) RE: WEIGH STATIONS

WHEREAS big trucks, semi's, are used to bring products into the state, and

WHEREAS many of these trucks are overweight and have not had repairs done in order to safely operate on the highways, and

WHEREAS many of these trucks have caused damage to our highways and by-ways, and cause accidents, and

WHEREAS the few weigh stations in Connecticut are seldom open five days a week for inspections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to open the weigh stations more frequently, and impose fines for violations of weight and safety regulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fines be used to make repairs to our highways.

18) RE: REGALIA/SASH FOR SPOUSE OF STATE MASTER

WHEREAS the spouse of the Connecticut State Grange (hereafter CSG) Master wears no regalia to mark this individual as such, but is in a visually prominent position at various functions, and

WHEREAS there is no specific prohibition against issuing a sash to the spouse of the CSG Master in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange, or the Constitution and By-Laws of the CSG.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CSG mark our First Spouse with a pink sash worthy of this dignified position.

19) RE: FARM SIGNS

WHEREAS traffic on Connecticut's rural roads is always increasing, and

WHEREAS seasonal agricultural equipment driven or towed uses these same roads.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the interest of safety, the Connecticut State Grange support legislation encouraging the towns in our state to post the familiar yellow and black agricultural equipment area caution signs where applicable.

20) RE: LOW COST INTEREST LOANS FOR FARMERS

WHEREAS farmers are having difficulty running their farms in hard economic times, and

WHEREAS farms are being lost because of financial problems, and

WHEREAS Connecticut must not stand by and watch as farms are going out of business, and

WHEREAS the government should set up a low interest loan system to assist the farmers, and

WHEREAS farmers may borrow money at low interest to keep their farms solvent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative and Agricultural Committees submit this resolution to the State Legislature for their consideration.

21) RE: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS the United States opens its doors to those wanting to come to this country, and allows persons to do so by applying through proper channels, and

WHEREAS most countries have similar laws regarding immigration, and

WHEREAS there are many who have come into the country illegally and have put a financial burden on municipalities and their hospitals, housing and services, and

WHEREAS many of our citizens are looking for housing

and good health care as well as employment, and

WHEREAS the Federal Government wants to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange urge

our Representatives to enforce stricter compliance to the immigration laws, and

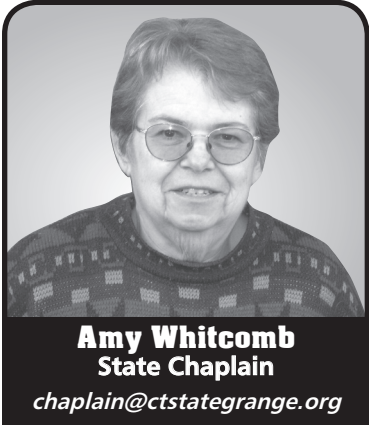
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for further implementation.

### In Memoriam

Florence O'Hare	Southington Grange #25
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## Chaplain's Message



Autumn is on the way now and we look forward to the annual session of the Connecticut State Grange. Let us consider how to make ourselves more likeable person in the world. People to whom we are attracted, naturally respond with kindness and caring to others.

Highly likeable people are good listeners. They value people and value them by listening carefully when they speak. These kinds of people are always interested in what others have to say. When we speak to likeable people we have the strong impression that we are the top-most thing on their minds.

Likeable people care about others. They make it a habit to care about the success, happiness, joy and comfort of others. They are not blind to the needs of others even though they have a fierce need to achieve their own success. And when they come up short in terms of caring, they are quick to make a correction.

Highly likeable people have a vibrant spiritual life. Just as the body demands physical exercise and the mind calls for intellectual challenge, the spirit demands attention and practice to keep that inner flame glowing. Likeable people work consistently on their spiritual lives. As a result, they not only develop inner strength but have a greater tendency to be open, nurturing, kindhearted and compassionate, loving and tender. While we can be good people without a special awareness, I think we more consistently practice loving caring behavior when we are connected to a divine source than when we are not. One of the usual purposes of spiritual practices to turn awareness away from ego-based needs toward consideration of a higher good. The less I am focused on my own ego-based power, the more beneficial, present and serene I can be.

Highly likeable people are honest. They demonstrate an unusually high level of integrity and trustworthiness. Doing the right thing is a constant for them. They are deeply principled. We can all practice in our lives the ability to be more likeable people by inspiring others believing that they are capable of great accomplishments. They believe that others will follow through with assignments, and do whatever is needed to accomplish goals. Having positive expectations of others predisposes leaders to expect more, check less, and encourage people to give their best.