

PROGRAM HELPS AND INFORMATION

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Please e-mail me so I can add you to our list.

Congratulations and Welcome Aboard....

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

I hope that you have received this information in a timely manner from your Pomona Lecturer. This packet also contains monthly report forms and forms for our Should Auld Acquaintance reports. Please note that there is a change on your report forms. Many Granges now rely on their affiliated members to have a quorum to meet. Therefore, I have added a place to put their count.

If you are new and haven't received information on Lecturers' Conference, please get in touch with me right away. The conference this year is in Bridgewater, MA. We were there a couple of years ago and the facilities were great. The deadline for registering is July 10th. Connecticut will present their program on Tuesday morning, August 2nd. The theme this year is "Season It" and our program is Spicy. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know. It can be spices as in cooking or spicy as a figure of speech, actions or manner of dress. Hope to see you all at the conference.

Things left to do this year (2011)

Complete Programs Should be mailed to me by October 1st. Remember these have to be presented at your Grange and at another Grange before you can submit them. This year's theme is "When he was President." I have already received a few and they are all totally different.

Essay Contest. Write an essay. It should be 100 words or less entitled "The Grange Then and Now". Why not have your members write these as part of your program one meeting. These also have to be to me by October 1st.

Report forms for **Should Auld Acquaintance** are enclosed in this packet. If you need more, please copy them or just use a blank piece of paper. The important thing is to get the report in and get credit for all the good work you do. This program was started over 40 years ago by Rita Whipple and through it Grangers in CT have brought cheer into the lives of thousands of residents of convalescent and rest homes. I hope you will keep up the good work. I also need these reports by October 1st.

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

More information on all of these is in the Blue Book.

IF YOU ARE NEW, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME SO I CAN GET YOU ADVANCE INFORMATION ON NEXT YEARS CONTESTS AND PROGRAMS AND INCLUDE YOU ON MY MAILING AND E-MAIL LIST.

It has been great working with all of you for the past nine years and I look forward to another rewarding year. And, please remember, I am here to help. Call if you need me. No Grange in this State is too far for me to drive if I can be of help.

See you around the State...

Marge

SHARED NUMBERS...

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES with Thanks to Joan Perry

(These make good cut-aparts)

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was.. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, 'If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six.'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. 'Please don't give me this juice again,' she said, 'It makes my teeth cough..'

DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?'

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried when his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, 'I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in it?'

MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: 'Why is he whispering in her mouth?'

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?'

This particular Sunday sermon....'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust.....' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'

TO KILL AN AMERICAN Written by an Australian Dentist with Thanks to Richard Chapman

You might have missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is so they would know when they found one.

'An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans..

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan . The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion.. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence , which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous.. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was over-run by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

The national symbol of America , The Statue of Liberty , welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001, earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so, you would just be killing yourself because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

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. In what year was the last amendment ratified? Ans. 1992

16. What is the Official Language of the United States? Ans. There is none
17. Who was the first Vice President of the United States? Ans. John Adams
18. Who said "Give me liberty or give me death? Ans. Patrick Henry
19. How many Presidents were assassinated while in office? Ans. Four
20. On July 4th, 1776, we declared our Independence from whom? Ans. Great Britain

PILLSBURY DOUGH BOY FUNERAL with Thanks to Glastonbury Grange

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, The Hostess Cupcakes and Captain Crunch.

The gravesite was piled high with flowers. Aunt Gemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was considered a very smart cookie, but wasted much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children, John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough; their crazy uncle Dough Nut, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father Pot Tart. The funeral was held at 350 for about 20 minutes.

I LIKE TO BEING A GRANGER

I like being a Granger
 Because it is such fun.
 To learn to do so many things
 That I have never done.

My father is a Granger,
 My mother is one, too.
 My sister and my brother go
 Because their best friends do.

My Mother swaps her recipes.

My sister finds new beaus.
 My brother learned to dance – I think,
 On everybody's toes.

Aunt Sarah gathers more scraps
 For her new patchwork quilt
 And Mom finds out the reason
 Why her begonias wilt.

So from the Grange there's much to learn
 Through each month of the year
 Besides new friends and fellowship,
 And all you hold most dear.

A FRIEND

If you've found a friend, don't use him.
 Be a friend as you won't lose him.
 True friends can't be bought or sold.
 They are better far than gold.
 If a true friend you would keep

With a friendship, real and deep,
 Be as true a friend as you can be
 For friendships last through Eternity.

LAUNDRY ADVICE with Thanks to Enfield

This is done while pulling things out of a man's pair of pants.

You have read in various papers,
And perhaps you have been told
Of the woman and her handbag
And all the things it will hold.
But a man is just as guilty,
You can see it at a glance.
And you'd better search his pockets,
When you go to wash his pants.

You may find a pair of glasses
And his good old pocket knife.
With your picture as a maiden
When he took you for a wife;
You may also find a hammer
That would make your washer dance
If you didn't search his pockets
When you go to wash his pants.

There may be a box of matches
And a dozen rusty nails.
And a bunch of twine he used
When the bailer knotter fails;
You may find a pair of pliers

That he brought along from France,
So you'd better search his pockets
When you go to wash his pants.

You may find his watch a-tickin'
As it whiles away the time.
If you run it through the washer
It will not be worth a dime;
You may find a roll of greenbacks
That would put you in a trance –
If you fail to search his pockets
When you go to wash his pants.

You may find a set of uppers
He should carry in his mouth.
And a pipe his sister gave him
While off fishing in the South;
You may find a box of rivets
The washer wouldn't stand a chance!
So you'd better search his pockets
When you go to wash his pants.

THE HELICOPTER RIDE with Thanks to Senexet

Morris and his wife, Esther, went to the State Fair every year. Every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is \$50 and \$50 is \$50."

A few years later, Esther and Morris went to the fair. Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter now, I might never get another chance." Esther replied, "Morris, that helicopter is \$50 and \$50 is \$50."

The pilot overheard the couple. He said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But, if you say one word, it's \$50."

Morris and Esther agreed – and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers. But, not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris. He said, "By Golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, I was going to say something when Esther fell out, but \$50 is \$50 dollars."

THE DOG

Announcer: The scene is the _____(your town) Green and a young boy is sitting on the bench waiting for the bus.

Man enters

Man: Could you tell me how to get to Town Hall?

Boy: Across the street, Sir. (Points) Go around to the back of the building. That's where the door is.

Man: That's a pretty dog there.

Boy: Yes, sir. He's a UConn Husky.

Man: You mean like Sgt. Preston and his wonder dog, Yukon King?

Boy: No, like UConn and its wonder basketball team.

Man: Does your dog bite?

Boy: Oh, no, sir. My Dad calls him the burglar's friend. He might lick you to death, but he'd never bite.

Man: Well, thanks for the directions, (Starts to walk away)

Boy: It's a good thing you're walking. The parking over there is horrible.

Man stoops to pet dog, jerks away, and yells in pain. He storms back to where the boy is sitting.

Man: You lied to me! That mangy mutt bit me!

Boy: I didn't lie to you. I never tell lies.

Man: You did so! You told me your dog doesn't bite and look at my hand!!

Boy: Mister, that's not my dog. That dog belongs to _____(someone from your Grange)

LIFE WITH THE WRIGHT FAMILY

Ask everyone to bring a small item in a bag to the next meeting. Have a few extras for those who forget. Everyone stands in a circle. Every time you say left the bags get passed to the left. Every time you say right the bags get passed to the left. When you are done everyone gets to open their bag and see what their surprise gift is.

One day the Wright family decided to take a vacation. The first thing they had to decide was who would be left at home since there was not enough room in the Wright family car for all of them. Mr. Wright decided that Aunt Linda Wright would be the one left at home. Of course this made Aunt Linda Wright so mad that she left the house immediately yelling "It will be a right cold day before I return".

The Wright family now bundled up the children, Tommy Wright, Susan Wright, Timmy Wright and Shelly Wright and got in the car and left. Unfortunately, as they turned out of the driveway someone had left a trash can in the street so they had to turn right around and stop the car. They told Tommy Wright to get out of the car and move the trash can so they could get going. Tommy took so long that they almost left him in the street. Once the Wright family got on the road, Mother Wright wondered if she had left the stove on. Father Wright told her not to worry he had checked the stove and she had not left it on. As they turned right at the corner, everyone started to think about other things that they might have left undone.

No need to worry now, they were off on a right fine vacation. When they arrived at the gas station, Father Wright put gas in the car and then discovered that he had left his wallet at home. So Timmy Wright ran home to get the money that was left behind. After Timmy had left, Susan Wright started to feel sick. She left the car saying that she had to throw up. This of course got Mother Wright's attention and she left the car in a hurry. Shelly Wright wanted to watch Susan get sick, so she left the car too. Father Wright was left with Tommy Wright who was playing a game in the backseat.

With all of this going on Father Wright decided that this was not the right time to take a vacation, so he gathered up all of the family and left the gas station as quickly as he could. When he arrived home, he turned left into the driveway and said "I wish the Wright family had never left the house today! Right?"

CLOSING THOUGHT

"Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars."

....Henry Van Dyke

NAME THE BABIES with Thanks to Ekonk

1. Adult Alligators are a bull and cow. What is the Baby? Ans. Hatchling
2. Adult antelope are bucks and does. What is the Baby? Ans. Calf
3. Adult apes are called male and female. What is their Baby called? Ans. Baby
4. Adult bats are called male and female. What is their Baby called? Ans. Pup
5. Adult bears are boars and sows. What is the Baby? Ans. Cub
6. Adult camels are bulls and cows. What is the Baby? Ans. Calf
7. Adult coyote are dogs and bitches. What is the Baby? Ans. Pup
8. Adult deer are bucks and does. What is the Baby? Ans. Fawn
9. Adult dolphin are bulls and cows. What is the Baby? Ans. Calf
10. Adult elephants are bulls and cows. What is the Baby? Ans. Calf
11. Adult Giraffe are Bulls and Does. What is the Baby? Ans. Calf
12. Adult gorillas are male and female. What is the Baby? Ans. Infant
13. Hyenas are male and female. What is the Baby? Ans. Cub
14. Kangaroos are jack and jill. What is the Baby? Ans. Joey
15. Opossum are Jack & jill. What is the Baby? Ans. Joey
16. Penguin are male and female. What is the Baby? Ans. Chick
17. Squirrels are bucks and does. What is the Baby? Ans. Pup
18. Toads are male and female. What is the Baby? Ans. Tadpole
19. Turkeys are tom and hen. What is the Baby? Ans. Poult
20. Zebras are stallions and mares. What is the Baby? Ans. Colt/foal

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

(These make good cut-aparts.)

1. Where do they get the seeds to plant seedless watermelons?
2. Why does night fall but never break and day break but never fall?
3. Why do we bake cookies and cook bacon?
4. A nice box of chocolates provides your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?
5. Could your eyes be called an academy, because there are pupils there?
6. Crime doesn't pay. . .does that mean that my job is a crime?
7. Did Noah include termites on the ark?
8. Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected become the expected?
9. Do fish get thirsty?
10. Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
11. How do you get off a non-stop flight?
12. How come wrong numbers are never busy?
13. How is it that a building burns up as it burns down?
14. If a brown cow eats green grass why is it's milk white?
15. If a giraffe had a sore throat, how many lozenges would it need to make it better?
16. If a person told you they were a pathological liar, should you believe them?
17. If a turtle does not have a shell on, is he homeless or naked?
18. If a vegetarian is someone who eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
19. If beef comes from a cow and ham from a pig, why do they put beef in hamburgers?
20. If corn oil comes from corn....where does baby oil come from?

Home Safety Checklist

Make your family safer, step-by-step

- **Sound the Alarm:** Install smoke detectors on every floor of your home and carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas. If already installed, test them! Tip: Replace the batteries every daylight-saving time change.
- **Avoid Overload:** Check for overloaded extension cords – usage should not exceed the recommended wattage.
- **Don't Get Tippy:** If young children are in the home, bookshelves and other furniture should be firmly secured with wall brackets to prevent tipping.
- **Paint Safe:** Check walls for loose paint. If re-painting, do so in a well-ventilated area and consider VOC-free paint.
- **Childproof, Childproof, Childproof:** Check your local library or online for complete lists of childproofing suggestions. Areas of particular danger include outlets, appliances, electronics, stairs and windows.
- **Cover Outlets:** Cover all unused outlets to prevent children from sticking a finger in the socket.
- **Watch Cord Placement:** Extension cords should not be placed under rugs or heavy furniture, tacked up or coiled while in use.
- **Get Grounded:** All major appliances should be grounded. Be sure to check your ground fault circuit interrupters regularly.
- **Plan Your Escape:** Practice a fire escape plan with your family where you identify two exits for every room and what to do with young children.
- **Give Your Air Heater Some Space:** All air heaters should be placed at least three feet from beds, curtains or anything flammable.
- **Keep Extinguishers Handy:** Place all-purpose fire extinguishers in key locations in your home – the kitchen, bedroom and basement. Be sure to check expiration dates regularly and know how to use them safely.
- **Create a Safe Exit:** In addition to alarms and extinguishers, consider an escape ladder if your home has two floors. Keep emergency numbers and contacts readily available by the phone.
- **Unplug Appliances:** Unplug appliances and electronics when not in use and store them out of reach.
- **Go New in the Nursery:** Check that all painted cribs, bassinets and high chairs were made after 1978 to avoid potential lead paint poisoning.
- **Cool Your Jets:** Set your water heater below 120 degrees Fahrenheit to avoid potential burns and to save energy.
- **Put Away Medications:** Take medications and medical supplies out of your purse, pockets and drawers, and put them in a cabinet with a child safety lock.
- **Look for UL:** The UL Mark appears on products that have been tested, verified and inspected for safety. Make sure to look for it to keep your

A wise old owl sat on an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?
(Edward H. Richards)