

NEWSLETTER

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At this time last year we were switching heating fuel suppliers to Cenex; I can't give you an exact dollar amount, but I can say that we have saved money by switching. Another change from last year is that we no longer have the "First Friday Dances", but the hall rentals are to nearly full capacity, so the time is, as far as I know being filled. Our Executive Committee voted VIA telephone to authorize a structural survey of the Hall; if all works out, we will come up with a plan to reduce some of the sags and bulges in our building. Our next general meeting is on April 6th at 7: pm. See you there!

Fraternally Yours,

Master: *Ken Schillinger*

GRANGE MEETING

Tuesday April 6th, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

Budget, Audit, Delegates, Farm Tour.

DID YOU BAKE OR CAN?

This event held March 6th had great participation by our membership. Seven Deer Lagoon members and one non-member won their categories and will be competing at the State level at the end of June. Over thirty entries were judged by our expert panel MaryAnn Davis and Pat Nostrand:

- **Candy Contest** - Cooked Candy, Chuck Prochaska.
- **Baking Contest** Yeast Breads & Dinner Rolls, Jim Hicken; Bread Machine Breads, Ken Schillinger; Frosted Layer or Frosted Sheet Cake, Roxie Chamuler; Cake Mix Cake, Judy Prochaska; Baked Cookies, Meena Prochaska; Cookie or Cake Mix Cookies, Chuck Prochaska; Diabetic Cookies, Chuck Prochaska.
- **Canning Contest** Fruits, Chris Williams; Vegetables, Molly Kay; Soft Spreads, Molly Kay; Meat, Poultry, or Seafood, Chris Williams.

For details refer to the "Program Handbook". For help contact Tarey Kay 341-2008 or Judy 222-3110.

FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Our first family garage sale at the Grange Hall was profitable as well as lots of fun. We had good participation from the public. The next one will be May 1 (This is an update, the April event was cancelled) from 9 to Noon. Set up will be Friday April 30 at 6 pm. If you're interested, talk to Judy, 222-3110, to get the particulars and sign up. If you have things to sell and want to donate the money to the Grange we will have a table manned by a volunteer. So, if you don't like working sales, You won't even have to attend and it will help out our treasury.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITY

- Island County Pomona, May 8th.
- The 2010 State Convention Committee is issuing a challenge to our Island County Granges. The County with the highest percentage participation in members taking the 6th Degree this year will be awarded \$100 from the Committee.
- April is Grange Month.
- The talent contest is April 25th.

GRANGE and TILTH

DLG and SWT co-sponsored "2010 Food Gardening, the organic way". This Course was a great success.

FOOD : Back to Basics

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GRANGE STUDY GROUP

Call Ken for the next event.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO P/Cs

Bob and Yvette need volunteer help to support our new schedule for "Public Access" to our computers. They will be "open to the public" on Mondays Noon to 3PM and Thursdays 1PM to 4PM. Call Bob at 678-5939 to schedule your time to help