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Giving Thanks!



The Joy of the Season!



President, Jim Correll:

I begin this article with a big congratulations to our Worthy State Lecturer, June Unruh for being selected New Castle Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agricultural award. Thank you, June, for all the work you do for the agricultural community.

Fall is in full swing and by the time you read this Granger, the corn crop will be harvested. The bean crop harvested and the winter wheat crop will be planted. Does this not remind us of the Degree teachings of the Grange? The First degree, we had faith when we planted the seed in the ground. In the second degree, summertime on the farm we had hope for a good growing season with rain coming at the right time. This brings us to the third degree and fall on the farm. This year's corn crop has been very good, and the soybean crop looks good also. For this, we are thankful.

The Grange in Delaware is coming alive again after a year of little activity. Most Granges are starting to meet again and that's a very good sign.

Pencader Grange has had two meetings at the Harmony Grange Hall. New Castle Pomona had their meeting at the Harmony Grange Hall, opening and closing in form. I am happy to see this. I have talked to most Subordinate Presidents and most all Granges are meeting again.

Delaware State Grange will be host to the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference March 18, 19, and 20th 2022. More information on this at a later date.

State Session will be Dec. 3rd, 2021, starting at 9 AM at Capital Grange Hall.

The Delaware State Grange had very little activity during the covid pandemic. We cancelled the Fifth and Sixth Degrees normally held in October of each year. We postponed our State Worship Service from May until October. Some of our Granges and the State Executive committee met by zoom. By Fall, of 2021, most of our Granges are meeting in person again with good success.

The State Grange food booth at the Delaware State fair in July 2021, was open again and did fairly well after a year of being closed during 2020. We had ample work crew to operate, and things went well.

We held our annual State Grange picnic at the farm of Bro. and Sis. Bill O'Day of Seaford, Delaware with a very good attendance.

With Granges not meeting during the pandemic, we had a little growth in membership. We are hopeful now that Grange activity has started back, we can all work on Membership, again. Hope to see you all at the Banquet!

From the Editor, Debbie Edwards:

Last issue I had unforeseen issues with The Granger. A number of articles were "wiped out" when my computer did an update while I was off getting coffee. I did a quick scan and thought they were all there until I sent it out and the emails started flying in. I am very sorry for those omissions.

This issue contains all those missing articles plus this month's articles. So, it may be longer than prior issues.

We are starting to look for another editor for The Granger. If you think you'd like to take this over, please contact me at 302-535-3032 for more information. You can also send an email to Deborah-edwards@hotmail.com.

From the Patron's Chain:

Grange is committed to voluntary, incentive-based climate solutions

By Betsy E. Huber, National President

The National Grange is a member of the Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance, which is comprised of more than 80 organizations representing farmers, forest owners, agribusinesses, manufacturers, sportsmen, state governments, and environmental advocates.

As Congress further debates and negotiates the size of the current budget reconciliation package, FACA is urging Congress to prioritize

the climate-smart agriculture and forestry initiatives contained in the package.

We support investments in voluntary, incentive-based, science-based climate and conservation programs to, 1) foster carbon capture and storage on farms, ranches and forest lands, 2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and 3) provide many other additional environmental benefits such as cleaner water, regenerated soils and improved wildlife habitat.

We also state that the package must protect existing Farm Bill programs and do no harm through tax changes that threaten the economic sustainability and resilience of family farms, working forests and lands and the entire food supply chain.

FACA and the National Grange are committed to ensuring that this opportunity yields the best results for both the climate and the stewards of the land—farmers, ranchers and forest owners.

State Lecturer, June Unruh: VOLUNTEER

V is for Volume
O is for Outstanding
L is for Learning
U is for ultimate
N is for new experiences
T is for time well spent
E is for effort
E is for extraordinary
R is for rewards

Recently, October 11, 2021, I received “The Distinguished Service to Agriculture” award from New Castle County Farm Bureau at their Annual Banquet. I was recognized for my Rural Road safety initiative throughout the state of Delaware. That project I chose to present to both the Delaware Farm Bureau and the Delaware State Grange. I was totally surprised and humbled to be recognized in this way. I chose to write about being a “Volunteer” for the “Granger” today because it was during this time spent, not only for Delaware Farm Bureau but

also for the Delaware State Grange, that I realized the true meaning of the word “Volunteer”.

It is a personal choice that a person makes to become a volunteer and it is up to “You” to make it what you want that experience to be. The great part about being a volunteer is, it not only benefits you, the giver of your time and effort, but the experience benefits others. You may experience along the way, new experiences, and challenges, which only help you to grow as a person, as a volunteer. It can be uplifting to see how your efforts, your idea, is helping others in the community, in your state.

Being a volunteer is definitely time well spent. As Grange members being a volunteer is our second nature. In our organization helping others is our mission. Helping others is what life is all about!

I am happy and thankful to have given of my time and effort to serve Delaware Agriculture. It is who I am, It is where I want to be!

A huge thank you to the “Bill O’Day” family for hosting the State Grange Picnic this year. What a lovely place to hold a picnic! Personally, a special “thank you” to Bill for suggesting that we take the Woodland Ferry since it’s very close to Bill and Donna’s farm. Well, we did take the Woodland Ferry! What a neat experience! I know to Sussex County folks, it probably seems or may be an everyday experience, but to this (New Castle County girl) I have chalked off this unique experience from my bucket list! Seriously though, it was very cool!! And what history stands behind the ferry! Me loving history so much, I googled Woodland Ferry when I got home and was surprised to see that the history dates back to the early 1700’s. It is now maintained by Delaware DOT and is “free” to ride. So glad we decided to go on the Woodland Ferry. You can find information if you google “Woodland Ferry”. Another unique “small wonder” in this great State of Delaware we call “Home”!!



Chaplain, Anna Seuberth:

As you may or may not know my sister, Mary Tress, a fellow Granger died last month of an aggressive form of Breast Cancer. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Per the American Cancer Society, cancer starts when cells begin to grow out of control. The cells usually form a tumor that can be seen on X-ray or felt as a lump as small as 1/2 - 3/4 of an inch. Rapid growth tumors can double in size every 25 days. It can spread when cells get into the blood or lymph system and get carried to other parts of the body. There is 1 in 8 chance a women will develop breast cancer in the US. Every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with it. In Delaware there will be an estimated 7,090 new cases. 1 in 39 women will die per year in the US. Breast Cancer is rare in men, only 1 % will get it. The American Cancer Society recommends that women receive an annual Mammogram after the age of 45. Breast Cancer impacts all of us. Please share your support in your own way.... Through prayers, kindness, information, donations, whatever. If you are the one going through this know that your fellow Grangers support you. For information contact Cancer.org or you can call 24/7 1-800-227-2345.

State Secretary, Sally Bowman:

Fall is approaching, where does the time go? The September Quarterlies are out and

the Pomona yearly's as well. Before you know it, we will have session again. Time to think about your reports for session and any resolutions as well. I will need your reports in no later than mid-November, and preferably electronically. You may send them to my personal email as I am home sallybowman@hotmail.com. If you send them to the office, Deb will send them on to me. If you don't have an electronic way to send them, typed or hand printed sent by the USPS will be fine.

I have recently upgraded my phone to a "smart" phone. Culture shock! I have been using a computer for many years, and still do, however my daughter keeps reminding me the phone is a computer too. A lot to learn.... Why did I take the plunge? Well, my flip phone would not talk to her iPhone when she was in emergency at the hospital and I had to stay in the parking garage.

(She is ok, she fell down the stairs at work.) We had to connect by relay through my son's wife's phone in Newark.

Apparently, iPhones talk to iPhones regardless of impediments in location. So, I am in learning mode where the phone is concerned. At least it texts easier! I can however, check my email when I am out, which is seldom these days.

2021 is rapidly becoming the nightmare of 2020, even if you have been vaccinated.

So, stay cautious, wear your mask inside places that are not your home, keep your hands washed and/or sanitized and get your flu shot this September. And if you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. It's free.

Well, it has begun to turn to cooler temperatures and some leaves are turning color. So, fall may actually be here! While I am never fond of winter, at least fall is pretty.

We are preparing for State Session. And of course, there are things we need from each Grange, delegate names, reports from officers and Granges, RESOLUTIONS! And so forth. Presidents and State Officers should have received a letter from Jimmy about session. The part about 3rd quarter dues was incorrect, that payment should have been in by September 30. If your Grange has not paid it yet it is overdue, due immediately! We have to pay National by the end of October.

Resolutions are due by November 8 so they can be typed (if needed) and printed out and ready for session.

I would like your reports to be emailed to me if possible so they can be cut and pasted into the proceedings without retyping. And I need them before session, not the day of session. You can email them to me directly

sallybowman@hotmail.com. If you cannot email, send them to my home at 2108 Barratts Chapel Rd Felton DE 19943 as I am not in the office regularly.

The rosters have been sent to the secretaries by me with the 3rd quarter dues and they need attention. The National roster needs information. I realize most of you have not met the past year and this one, however we still need to be up to date.

4th quarter dues will go out beginning November and will include bonding as always. My thanks to those who have kept me informed already. It is appreciated.

Don't forget, Mask /or face shield wearing is still recommended by the CDC and the State of Delaware for indoor activity. So, wear one at session. And booster shots are becoming available especially for us older folks. Stay safe. Happy Holidays

Art & Photo Contest 2021, June

Unruh:

The Art and Photo Contest will be held at the Delaware State Grange State Session on Friday, December 3, 2021. The contest is open to all

Grangers and Friends who are not professional Photographers or Artists.

All photos or drawings must have been done during 2021 and can only be entered in 1 category. Photos should not exceed 8x12 and paintings or drawings should not exceed 24x36.

Categories:

- A. Nature Scenes
- B. Animals
- C. Farm Scene
- D. Holiday Scene
- E. Granger
- F. American Flag

Paintings can be in oil, acrylic, or watercolor

Drawings can be in pencil, charcoal, ink, or magic marker.

Categories:

- Fish
- Farm Animals
- Birds
- Holiday Scene
- Flowers
- Butterfly

All entries must be received prior to 9:15 am on Friday, December 3rd in the downstairs area to be considered.

Web News, Andrew Adams:

I was able to attend a few meetings this past month or so at the newly re-opened Harmony Grange Hall, and it has been a fantastic experience seeing meeting held in form! It has also been great to see the happiness on fellow granger's faces and see this happening again! As for social media, the Facebook page is going strong, being updated fairly often and the website as well! If you guys have anything you would like posted, or have any old photos you'd like to share with other grangers, please let me know and I can get them posted!

As always, if you need to contact me, my cell phone is 302-464-9045 and email is andrewadams119@gmail.com

Stay safe and be well.

Grange News:

Kent Pomona - Phil Bowman, President:

The Pomona has met by zoom in the spring. I want to thank Harvey Thomas for his service over the years in presenting the 5th degree. Harvey has asked to stand down from this post. With that in mind and the current uncertainty with the delta Covid surge, and a current lack of candidates, it is felt best to postpone the 5th degree until sometime early next year. As our community of Granges slowly get back to normal it will be better to wait and then be able to enjoy the presentation of this degree to our members, new and seasoned.

Kent Pomona, as most Granges has not met in person in 2021. We have a virtual meeting coming up on November 4th at 7pm by zoom. Smyrna Grange is meeting again in person, while the others keep in touch. Some of the members helped out at the State Fair booth, attended the picnic and the State worship service. However, many members are still refraining from gatherings due to the Covid situation.

I would like to thank Harvey Thomas for his years of service for heading up the 5th degree. Even though we did not have this again in 2021, we are hoping that 2022 will improve and get back to some normalcy. With this in mind, we are looking for someone to take up the 5th degree planning and executing. If someone in the three Kent Pomona Granges is interested, please let me, or our Vice President Donna Jean Kiessling know. Thanks, and stay safe, and have a safe holiday.

New Castle County Pomona – Ron Martin, President:

This year at State Session, host NCC Pomona Grange has decided to keep with the tradition of sending care packages overseas to our military personnel. I have talked with two former airmen that I work with and they both agreed that the following items are especially preferred in care

packages. Trail mix, beef jerky, slim jims, crackers, cookies, powdered mixes to be mixed with cold water, candy (chocolate will melt in mid-east countries) nuts, chips, pretzels, nacho chips and salsa. As one can see, the common theme appears to be food items as the favorite in the packages. If you Google Military Care Packages, you can also get many ideas of items to include. NCC Pomona looks forward to hosting session this year and we are always proud of the generosity that Grangers have in sharing of our good fortunes, with the men and women, who so unselfishly serve our country.

Pencader Grange, David Z. Correll, President:

Pencader Grange met September 14th at harmony Grange. We opened and closed in form. We had 9 members present and 7 guests who helped us fill the chairs for our meeting. State President James Correll gave a report on the food booth from this past July and other upcoming events. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Pencader met again Nov 5th. A covered dish was served before the meeting and was enjoyed by everyone. We had 7 members attend NCC Pomona which was also held at Harmony Grange Hall which also opened and closed in form. A covered dish dinner was served before the meeting and enjoyed by everyone. Our next meeting will be held at Harmony Grange Hall Nov 2nd at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone at state session and at the banquet Dec 3rd.

Temple Grange, Mervin Richard, President:

Temple Grange has begun their meetings with a meeting Wednesday, September 29, at 1:30 PM. most of the members were able to attend. After the opening, as I have hearing and understanding issues, the Vice-President, Margaret took over to conduct the business to be

discussed. Worked well. It was decided that for now meetings will be Tuesday afternoons, at 1:30. The next meeting will be October 12th. It was also decided to proceed with the Fall Rummage and Yard sale on Friday, November 5th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. And Saturday, November 6th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The main activity now will be getting the Rummage and Yard goods arranged and the necessary news out to our customers. We will be mailing about 65 posts that go to those on our mailing list. So, hoping for a good sale and to the best of health to our members and sale customers.

In Memoriam:

Mary Tress – 9/11, Broadcreek #59

Welcome New Members:

Allen Fondemie – Harmony Grange #12

Ellen Fondemie – Harmony Grange #12

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Upcoming Events/Meetings:

Nov 2	Pencader Grange, 6:30pm at Harmony Grange Hall	Dec 1	7pm Set up for State Session – Capital Grange
Nov 4	7pm Kent Pomona via zoom		Reports due to State Secretary – Sally Bowman
Nov 8	Resolutions for State Session Due	Dec 3	9am State Session Day 1
Nov 25	THANKSGIVING		9am Donations for Military Personnel – see NCC Pomona Article
			6pm Banquet – Modern Maturity
		Dec 15	Granger Articles due!
		Dec 25	CHRISTMAS

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