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From the President's Desk



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As the fall season approaches, this is the time of year that Grangers are putting on their local and major fairs in Connecticut. The Eastern States Exposition, known as the Big E, runs from September 13th through the 29th. Grange Day will be Sunday, September 22. The New England Grange Building will be having a float in the parade again this year. Come and join us to celebrate the day. The New England Grange Building will be open all 17 days selling jams, jellies and homemade articles donated by Grangers throughout the Northeast. If you would like to help in the store, let Noel Miller or myself know. We could always use help! Hope to see you all at the Fair.

Sharon and I attended the Northeast Lecturer's Conference in Devens, MA. It was hosted by the Massachusetts State Grange. There were 14 members from Connecticut that attended the conference. The theme for this year's conference was "Down on the Farm." There were several workshops throughout the three days. On the first day there was a workshop/panel discussion on how to meet your local agriculturalists. The panel was made up of a dairy farmer, orchard operator, hydroponic lettuce grower and an Alpaca farm owner. The farmers gave an outline of their farms and conducted a question and answer session.

The lettuce grower was very interesting. He has 5 acres under glass for growing just lettuce. He is planning to expand his business by adding on more greenhouses.

On the second day we toured the Jordan Dairy Farm in Rutland, MA. We toured the dairy facilities and the digester they use to digest their manure and the methane runs a generator that runs the farm. Excess energy is sold to the power company. At the end of the tour we all had ice cream before heading back to the hotel. With the leadership of the Massachusetts State Lecturer Janet Segur, the seven State Lecturers worked together to put on a great program for the three day conference.

CT Agricultural Experiment Station

Irene Percoski, State Ag. Committee

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is the Connecticut State government's agricultural experiment station, a state government component that engages in scientific research and public outreach in agriculture and related fields. It is the oldest state experiment station in the United States, having been founded in 1875. Its official mission is to "develop, advance, and disseminate scientific knowledge, improve agricultural productivity and environmental quality, protect plants, and enhance human health and well-being through research for the benefit of Connecticut residents and the nation." The station operates a main research campus in New Haven, a research farm in Hamden, a satellite research facility and farm

Unfortunately, it is sad to report that Norwich Grange No. 172 has sold their hall and will be turning in their Charter. This will be the fourth Grange that has closed since I've been your State Master. I hope that the Norwich Grange members will find a new home in a nearby Grange.

Todd, our State Secretary, has sent out the Call to Session for the upcoming State Session from October 17 to 19 in Norwich. It would be great to see each Grange have a delegate at this session. All Grange members are welcome to attend. The Sixth Degree will be conferred on Saturday, October 19th at 3:00 P.M. We are hoping for a well attended State Session for fun and productive meetings.

I'll see you then.

in Windsor, and a research farm in Griswold.

The founding department of the
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CAES Johnson Horsefall Building in New Haven.



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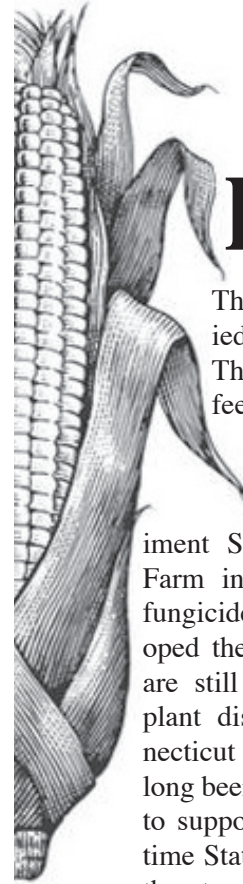
*American Values,
Hometown Roots*

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CT Agricultural Experiment Station

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Station, Analytical Chemistry, began its work in 1875 testing fertilizer and later sees, animal feed, human foods, drugs and pesticides. This work continues today, and is organized into two categories: food safety and environmental monitoring. The department works with State and Federal agencies to improve pesticide and toxin screening of food sold in Connecticut. The department also has the

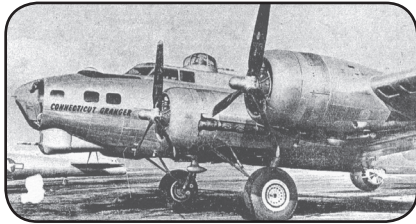
capability to test for environmental contaminants and toxins in toys and other consumer products at very low concentrations. They test soils for heavy metals, and are investigating the cycling of organic pollutants in the environment, with an emphasis on phytoremediation issues. Additional investigations on the impact of nanoparticles on agricultural crops and on the potential contamination of the food chain are also being undertaken. Work has also been conducted in collaboration with Biochemistry and Genetics as well as colleagues from the Valley Laboratory to investigate which seed crops are best suited for the production of biodiesel in Connecticut. Recently, the department has been working with the US FDA on the testing of seafood from the Gulf of Mexico for chemical by-products of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010.



Did You Know?

The CAES has studied dozens of crops. The hybrid corn that feeds the world was invented at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Lockwood Farm in 1919. Organic fungicides were also developed there, some of which are still in use to combat plant diseases. The Connecticut State Grange has long been a supporter, rising to support the Station each time State budget cuts were threatened.

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My thanks to everyone who contributed to the gift I received at Lecturer's Conference. Connecticut is a great state, full of wonderful Grangers.

The new format for the conference was well received by those attending. Connecticut had more in attendance than any other state except the home state of Massachusetts. We had a great group and I was told we had the noisiest group on Spirit group. I thank each and every one of you and hope you enjoyed it.

Our part of the program was a fantastic skit written by Nancy Weissmuller entitled "George and Harriet - The Farmer's Wife."

Featured in the skit was Noel Miller as George and Cheri Robinson as Harriet. At one point people in the audience wished they had rotten tomatoes to throw at Noel and one person threatened him with a baseball bat. but, all ended with a smile as they hugged and made up.

No decision has been made on the conference for 2021 except that we will be meeting in New Hampshire. I have a meeting in Jan. and after that I should have more information.

Please don't forget that entries for the Complete Program and Essay Contests are due to me by October 1st. Honor Lecturer forms will be included with the next newsletter. The Honor Lecturer reports and Should Auld Acquaintance forms are also due by October 1st. Remember, you don't have to be a Lecturer to enter any of these in the name of your Grange.

The information enclosed in each issue of The Connecticut Granger is for information purposes only. The Connecticut Granger assumes no liability or responsibility for any inaccurate, delayed or incomplete information, nor for any actions taken in reliance thereon. The information contained about each individual, event or organization has been provided by such individual, event organizers or organization without verification by us. The opinion expressed in each article is the opinion of its author and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Connecticut Granger. Therefore, The Connecticut Granger carries no responsibility for the opinion expressed therein.

135th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ballroom, Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Fourth Degree
Introduction of National Rep., Dwight Baldwin, Treasurer of the National Grange & Sister Kathy.
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Comm. Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of 4th Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credential Committee
Session Committee Announcements
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate.
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State Master George Russell
Report of Overseer Noel Miller
Report of Secretary Todd A. Gelineau
Report of Treasurer Jody A. Cameron
Report of Executive Comm./Board of Directors
Report of Lecturer
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 18, 2019

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate.
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of two members of the Executive Committee (and any other vacancies)
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. BREAK
- 11:30 A.M. Report of *Connecticut Granger*
Report of Camp Berger
Report of Conn. State Grange Foundation
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain Charles Dimmick
- Family Activities Awards & Report
- Membership Awards
- Public Relations Awards
- Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates

- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representatives
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session
- 3:15 P.M. BREAK
- 3:30 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
Professional Agriculture Awards
Scholarships
Lecturer's Program
Past Deputies' Raffle

Saturday, October 19, 2019

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate.
Junior & Youth Tour
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
- 9:45 A.M. Business Session
- 10:45 A.M. BREAK
- 11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
- 11:45 A.M. FFA Representatives Visit
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon
Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain Charles Dimmick
- Junior Recognition
- Youth Recognition
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session
Consideration of Annual Budget
Installation of newly elected officers
- 3:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom (Open to all Sixth Degree members, registration not required to attend)
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests and Past Voting Delegates to Nat. Grange
Conferral of the 6th Degree in full form
Rose Drill
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Members
Community Service Report
Honor Grange Awards
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table- Officers & Court

**Candidates for the Degree must be at the Holiday Inn by 2:30 P.M. They must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree Words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to be admitted to the Degree. Applications are \$10 and can be purchased from the State Secretary.*

*** Program subject to change without prior notice.*



135th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange



All Grange members are welcome to attend State Session, not just officers and committee members! You are encouraged to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the past year and set the ground work for an even greater new Grange year.

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities. The exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Saturday and the Lecturer's Program on Friday evening during the Banquet. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and Saturday also includes admission to that day's buffet luncheon. The Celebration Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the State Secretary if you have any questions.

Registration Form

Grange Name _____ No. _____

Name _____	Delegate? _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Friday & Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$30.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$20.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$20.00 _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.) # of People _____ x 30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above):

- 1) Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- 2) Shrimp Scampi
- 3) Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Horseradish Aioli
- 4) Vegetable Lasagna

All entrees include Tossed Greens with Dressings, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's selection of Vegetables, Vanilla Bean Crème Brulee, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$10.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$10.00 _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$10.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$10.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

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Questions: Please call the State Secretary at (860) 307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

SESSION & HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2019

To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and mention the CT State Grange.

Resolutions for the 135th Annual Session

The following are the resolutions received up to the date of printing of this issue. A list of the Session Committees and their assigned resolutions will be printed in the October issue.

1) RE: BANNING OF ROUND-UP PRODUCTS

WHEREAS Round-Up products were intended as an herbicide as a means to control and eliminate invasive species such as poison ivy, and

WHEREAS research has determined that the active ingredient, glyphosate and the inert ingredients of Round-Up are responsible for an alarming increase in illness and death in birds, animals and potentially humans, and

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that Round-Up kills bees and other insects, and

WHEREAS when in use, the runoff from this herbicide is detrimental to the aquifer and may be toxic to amphibians and fish, and

WHEREAS other developed countries in the world have currently been in the process of banning Round-Up products.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the national Grange contact a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture to encourage the development of legislation to ban the sale and use of Round-Up products or their chemical equivalents in the United States of America.

SOURCE: *Resolution was originally submitted for consideration at the 134th Annual Session where it was tabled to be numbered Res. #1 of the 135th Annual Session and sent to the State Grange Agriculture Committee for review.*

2) RE: CT'S "INVISIBLE" RESIDENTS

WHEREAS a recent report by the State of Maine Department of Motor Vehicles states there are more than 1,457 Connecticut residents

with vehicles registered in Maine, and

WHEREAS these scofflaws cause millions of dollars in lost property tax revenue to Connecticut's municipalities and, in turn, increased tax burden on the rest of the State's residents, and

WHEREAS towns like Manchester and Colchester invested a great amount of time and money tracking down, valuing and listing vehicles owned by these "invisible" residents one by one, and

WHEREAS communication between the Connecticut DMV and their counterparts in other states is severely lacking, and

WHEREAS improved communication and shared information between the six New England states and New York along would go a long way towards improving this situation along with enforcement of the rarely enforced \$1,000 fine for failure to register vehicles in the State of Connecticut within 60 days.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange go on record encouraging the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles to work with the five other New England states and New York to improve communication and information sharing between the states to improve compliance with state law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the \$1,000 fine for failure to register vehicles in the State of Connecticut within 60 days of taking residence be strictly enforced.

SOURCE: WinchesterGrange#74

3) RE: OVERHAUL OF CONN. DMV

WHEREAS fees charged by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles are well above the nationwide average in nearly every category, and

WHEREAS Connecticut's residents continue to pay a premium for DMV services while receiving substandard service and wait times

at offices that can exceed two hours, and

WHEREAS failures in DMV systems have resulted in (but are not limited to) thousands of residents driving on expired registrations because of failures in DMV notification systems, and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut is considering reintroducing tolls to increase revenue at a time when the DMV is losing revenue through its inability to track out of state registration and license scofflaws, and

WHEREAS Governor Lamont's proposed solution to the problem is to extend driver's license renewals from six to eight years and registrations from two to three years, and

WHEREAS these proposals may reduce public interactions with the DMV, but they certainly do not correct the tremendous problems with this agency which includes a computer system that's been plagued with problems since its installation and other computer systems used by the agency that are simply out of date, and

WHEREAS Connecticut taxpayers should demand better service, modern systems and a higher level of accountability from the DMV rather than excuses and quick fixes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge the General Assembly to demand changes and/or pass legislation overhauling the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles from the ground up with modern computer systems, greater accountability and a level of customer service that is commensurate with the fees charged.

SOURCE: WinchesterGrange#74

4) RE: ELIMINATION OF STYROFOAM/POLYSTYRENE

WHEREAS Styrofoam is the DOW Chemical trade name for expanded polystyrene plastic

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manufactured in the United States since 1947, and

WHEREAS expanded polystyrene is used in a wide array of products like building insulation, crafting materials, floral arrangements and food packaging, and

WHEREAS nearly 2.5 million drinking cups made from expanded polystyrene are used in the United States each year, and

WHEREAS nearly 30% of all landfill space is consumed by polystyrene, and

WHEREAS polystyrene recycling is extremely limited because it can only be re-purposed into itself or a very similar material, and

WHEREAS it is believed that it can take up to 500 years for polystyrene to break down, but only if exposed to sunlight, and

WHEREAS the cost of biodegradable replacements for polystyrene based products continue to be very expensive due, in part, to the widespread availability of inexpensive polystyrene products, and

WHEREAS Connecticut recently enacted laws limiting the use of plastic shopping bags, and

WHEREAS the use of polystyrene is just as environmentally irresponsible as the use of plastic bags, and

WHEREAS the elimination of single-serve food containers containing expanded polystyrene would be a great step towards improving our environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to pass legislation eliminating the use of single-serve expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) food packaging in this state.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange #74

5) GUN-FREE GRANGE MEETING & EVENT VENUES

WHEREAS Grange meetings and events are held in a variety of venues, but not limited to, e.g.: a dedicated Grange Hall, a public space

such as a library, church hall, school, community center, restaurant or catering hall, public or private park, or even a private residence, and

WHEREAS certain law enforcement officials are required to carry a permitted gun, concealed or visible, on their person at all times, and

WHEREAS in the Ritual for opening the Subordinate/Community Grange meeting, the Gatekeeper's declaration "I therefore close this Outer Gate in Faith, in Hope and Charity and will guard it with Fidelity" implies that the Grange Meeting is a safe place, and

WHEREAS in the Ritual for closing the Subordinate/Community Grange meeting, the Master's declaration "Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens" implies that the Grange meeting is a safe place, and

WHEREAS in the opening charge to the First Degree candidates, the Master's declaration that "the chief objective of the Grange is to build a better and higher manhood and womanhood, and to develop a mutual respect and concern through Brotherhood" implies that the Grange meeting is a safe place, and

WHEREAS it is recognized that some citizens have properly secured a permit to carry a visible or concealed gun on their person.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Grange meetings and events must, at all times, be a safe place for members and non-members to meet, gather and participate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the safety of all Grange members and non-members attending such meetings or events, guns are not necessary on the meeting or event premises, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only authorized law enforcement officials will be allowed to carry a permitted visible or concealed gun at or on Grange meetings or event premises, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any person carrying a gun on their person (other than authorized

law enforcement officials required to carry a visible or concealed gun) must not bring it on to the Grange meeting or event premises, but either leave the gun at home or secured and locked in the glove box of their vehicle before coming on the premises of a Grange meeting or event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that guns have no place or use in a Grange meeting or event and therefore all Grange meetings and event spaces are gun-free at all times, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the 2019 National Grange Session for their consideration and approval.

SOURCE: Cannon Grange No. 152

6) RE: DIGITAL COUPONS

WHEREAS many businesses are issuing digital coupons, and

WHEREAS many people, especially senior citizens, are not literate in technology, nor have access to the required technology in order to use digital coupons.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED all digital coupons issued by any business should be automatically connected to the customer courtesy card, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee urge our State Legislators to consider creating a bill to address this situation.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange No. 151

7) RE: OPPOSING TOLLS IN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS the Governor and many members of the State Legislature have signaled support for the placement of tolls on Connecticut's major roadways, and

WHEREAS many of the residents of Sterling and Voluntown use these roadways each day for work, family obligations, and pleasure and spend a significant amount of time on these traffic congested roads, and

WHEREAS the residents of Connecticut deserve, and the

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future prosperity of our state depends on the establishment and maintenance of a world class transportation infrastructure, the costs of implementation of such infrastructure ought not be largely funded by those who cannot afford to pay it, but by means and ideas meant to relieve the citizenry of that burden, and

WHEREAS the implementation of tolls will result in a significant amount of traffic on Sterling’s roads as drivers attempt to avoid the cost burden, and

WHEREAS the residents of Connecticut already pay more in taxes and fees than most residents in other states around the country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the members of Ekonk Community Grange are opposed to the imposition of tolls on its residents and urges its elected representatives in the State Legislature to oppose any measure that would impose tolls on our constituents.

SOURCE: Ekonk Community Grange No. 89

8) RE: FELONS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE OFFICE IN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS the spiritual health of any political entity rests upon the public’s trust in the ethical integrity of its government, and

WHEREAS the government of democratic societies is drawn by election from its citizenry, and

WHEREAS the People of a democratic society, by common consent, may impose such requirements and restrictions on eligibility for election to public office as they see fit to ensure that eligible persons shall maintain or advance the public trust in government, and

WHEREAS it is not possible to know with absolute certainty any individual person’s integrity; but the best gauge so far known to estimate their integrity is their known history of conduct; and

WHEREAS innumerable examples exist of persons who committed past transgressions in the

public trust and may or may not have intended better in the future, yet committed further transgressions when again so entrusted, and

WHEREAS the potential injury to the body politic from such transgressions transcends economic, material, or other immediate damage, but may extend to enduring erosion of public trust in all government, to the spiritual detriment of all citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the policy and law of the State of Connecticut shall permanently forbid eligibility for any elective office to any person found guilty in any court in the United States of committing a felonious breach of public trust while holding any public office, but such persons shall not be otherwise be barred from public employment.

SOURCE: Cheshire Grange No. 23

9) RE: PAYMENT FOR DELEGATES

WHEREAS Delegates to State Session are no longer reimbursed for mileage to the Session, and

WHEREAS Delegates are no longer given a stipend for attending each day’s attendance, and

WHEREAS Delegates do not have an incentive to stay beyond the opening roll call of Granges, and

WHEREAS by the final day of the Session, barely more than a quorum is left to vote on resolutions to be accepted or rejected, and

WHEREAS some of the last resolutions could directly affect or change State Grange policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Connecticut State Grange determine one fair amount to be provided to the delegates for mileage traveled and sessions attended, and payment of this amount not be given until the end of the final day of the State Session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that failure to attend the full session negates the payment, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this policy become effective at the

2020 Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange No. 151

10) RE: CONNECTICUT GRANGER

WHEREAS many non-Grangers visit the Connecticut State Grange website seeking information, and

WHEREAS there is much information regarding the various departments and contests on the website, and

WHEREAS there is no separate space dedicated to access an online version of the Connecticut Granger on the website.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Webmaster shall set up an appropriate program to add all the Granger articles each month.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange No. 151

11) RE: LANGUAGE

WHEREAS the National, State and Local Community Granges have several promotional means to attract members, and

WHEREAS the population in the United States is very ethnically diverse, and

WHEREAS all Federal and State Publication and notifications are now printed in more than the English language, and

WHEREAS most utility companies offer billing and advertisements in more than English, and

WHEREAS the promotional items of the National, State and local Granges, such as pamphlets, signs and websites are all printed and presented in English only.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED all printed promotional publications of the National and State Granges be printed in English and Spanish, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution be sent to the 2019 National Grange Session for their approval.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange No. 151



EASTERN CONN. POMONA NO. 14

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 14: Installation of Officers

Our Installation of Officers meeting will be at North Stonington Grange at 7:00 P.M. Dues notices have been sent out so please pay your \$5.00 dues and come and join us at the start of a new year.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane & Paul Miller

Oct. 16: Fall is Coming

Our Grange continues to be active. We are pleased to welcome 5 new members and one by demit. We had our Obligation Ceremony to have these new members initiated into our Order. In July we had our annual picnic and on August 1 we had our Awards Night. We were able to give scholarships to two students who will be beginning college this fall. The students were asked to bring their families and tell us about their future plans. We have been working on a couple of exhibits for the local fair as well as our own fair. We continue to have the food distribution. A local artist is using our upstairs for a painting project. There is always something to be done in our hall. The AARP continues to use the hall for their monthly meetings. We encourage members and friends to join us for meetings.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Cherie Robinson

Sept. 6: Here We Go Again

August saw Vernon Grange at our Annual Potluck Dinner, held at Strong Family Farm. It was a beautiful evening, with plenty of

great food. We wrote postcards to deployed military members to thank them for their sacrifice and service which allows us the freedom to travel about our great country. We used postcards collected by Grangers and friends from all over the USA. We even had postcards sent to us by the Minnesota State Grange.

We enjoyed watermelon as we learned of its health benefits. As darkness slowly began to fall, we ended our evening turning our eyes to the southern sky trying to view Orion's belt and the star of his dog Sirius as we learned to do as part of our Lecturer's program.

In September we will set our goals for the upcoming Grange year, and think on the principles of our Order. We may have some surprises in store, so feel free to visit us!

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 5: Neighbor's Night

Hopefully our Back to School Tag Sale is a success. We are counting on UConn students to buy all of the Grange furniture that we have accumulated from all of these Grange halls that we have sold.

Patty the Platypus is at Coventry after being stolen from Vernon Grange. Our sewing group has sold all the first group of Tote Bags and have made Traveling Trays (made of cloth). We meet every third Thursday at Alma's house because she has three sewing machines.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Frank Forrest

Hillstown Grange will host its 131st annual Agricultural Fair on September 14 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at our Grange Hall at 617 Hills St., East Hartford.

Our fair will feature exhibits, bake sale, raffle and great food.

The public is invited to enter needlework, flowers, crafts, hobbies, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, jams, and jellies. Ribbons and cash prizes are awarded to winning entries. This year's special contests are "Largest Tomato by Weight"

and the largest marigold flower with some stem to prove it's a marigold, any color. **IMPORTANT:** Items for the exhibits (to be judged) need to be dropped off **THURSDAY** evening, September 12th between 5 and 7 P.M. Forms are available by email to save time filling them out Thursday. We are a participating fair for the CT Apple Pie and Baking Contests. All CT Fair rules must be followed for these contests to go on to state judging this fall.

Our famous hot dogs and hamburgers will be available with peppers and onions from 11 to 1 P.M. along with other tempting foods. The bake sale usually runs out of pies by 1 P.M. so get here early to get homemade pie.

The Hillstown Grange Fair is the area's only Agricultural Fair, serving the Hillstown area of the towns of East Hartford, Glastonbury and Manchester for 129 years, come feel the history. For more information call, text/call 860-690-2845 or email: hillstowngrange@aol.com

EKONK COMMUNITY & JUNIOR GRANGES

Corr: Sue Gray

Our August meeting started with a moment of silence, praying for the victims of the tragedy in Texas and Ohio. On a happy note, Evelyn Dexter gave a report on the Northeast Youth Conference, which she thoroughly enjoyed at UConn! We found it necessary to replace our old outside oil storage tank with a new one and it now has a shingled roof over it and sits on a cement slab. Despite the incredible heat, we did extremely well on our July Blueberry Supper, having an all time record of take-outs.

By this reading, the Brooklyn Fair will be history and thanks to Jodi Ann Cameron for once again handling it as Chairperson extraordinaire! We were very fortunate to sell our side by side refrigerator/freezer to a group from Newport, RI and replace it with a brand new, matching commercial refrigerator-- two side by side, they take up most of one kitchen wall, but

are most necessary as our crowds continue to swell at our suppers. We are helping Sterling Family Day with a fundraiser in the month of October. We will have a booth at Family Day, giving away apples and fabric bags made especially for and about our Grange. Thanks to Andrea Truppa-Gagas for handling the design and purchase of these great bags, especially handy since

“no more plastic.”

On August 15th, Grange families went on a “Full Moon Stroll” on Flat Rock (path in the woods off Hell Hollow Road).

Our Fair got excellent newspaper coverage, we had lots of vendors and the addition of six beautiful quilts added much to our inside entries! We also purchased a popcorn machine and gave away

a multitude of bags of delicious popcorn!

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 13: Fall Down

Sept. 27: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled

Oct. 11: Fair Time

Oct. 25: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled

Have you promoted Youth membership?



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As we get closer to State Session, I have to remind everyone to send info on who meets the requirements for our award on “Building Youth Membership” and any Community or Pomona Grange that hosted a youth event or put on a youth program. The Northeast Youth Conference has been my biggest undertaking this year, I still feel increasing youth membership is the most important.

In addition to sending in contest info, I am encouraging all Community Granges to send your Youth to our program on Saturday morning at State Session and attend our luncheon on Saturday. The program will present ideas of what has been done to encourage youth and young adult membership and still give me time to listen to you about what you want and need.

Here are the parameters for this year’s contests:

Building Youth Membership: The Connecticut Youth Committee would like to recognize Community Members that bring in 3 or more youth/year into the Grange and present to the Grange member who brings in the most with a paid 1 year Community Grange Membership.

Community & Pomona Youth Event/Program: The CT Youth Committee would like to recognize

Granges who promote the Growth of Youth Membership through the following types of programs:

1. Guest program presentations of a community youth group or FFA chapter.
2. Stand-alone youth interest events.
3. Events and programs for young families.

Be open to ideas. What can your Grange do for youth and young adults? How can we get more between the ages of 14 and 35 to know what we can do for them?

Please write a paragraph and send me pictures about your program or event. For programs, list information about the program, the number of youth in attendance,

and if it did encourage any to ask about membership or the Grange, even if they didn’t join, did they ask about us. if it was an event, including a bit about how you came up with the idea and the process to get it going. Did it lead to youth asking about the Grange or Grange membership? Your paragraphs are what I would like to read at the luncheon and if anyone involved in the programs is there, I would like to recognize you.

To contact me you can send an email to youth@ctstategrange.org or send standard mail to Dawn Anstett, 235 Old North Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063. I need to receive all information by September 30, 2019.

Grange Hall WiFi Grants

Noel & Marcia Miller, Chairpersons

I hope that all your reports are turned in so they can be judged for Community Service, and Firefighter, Police and School Teacher Awards. Many Granges have listed many activities on Facebook and local newspapers so I hope you take the time to fill out the forms.

BREAKING NEWS! The Community Service Committee has been entrusted with a NEW GRANT this fall. Any Grange wanting to install internet access to their Grange Hall, the Community Service Dept. will provide a \$250.00 up front grant that will help you get it installed with the equipment. The monthly bills after that will be your



Grange’s responsibility. Interested Granges should contact Chairman Noel Miller for information. This is a great venture to gain access to all of our Grange halls. Check it out.



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Mountain Laurel Pomona was scheduled to hold Installation of Officers on Sat., Aug. 24. Due to a large number of absent members and a lack of installing officers, the installation of officers was postponed until December. In the meantime, the meeting did go on scheduled with a program instead. As the meeting was happening when this issue went to press, we will have more in the next issue.

Enjoy the cooler fall weather!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 10: Corn Maze, Ref. by Ted & Linda Benedict

Sept. 24: Installation of Officers, Ref. by Ramona Fassio

Sept. 28: Winchester Center Day, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

It's been a busy summer at Winchester Grange! The State Grange is finally, completely moved in and we thank the State Grange for the tables and other items from Good Will Grange Hall in Glastonbury.

The new items drew our attention to the amount of little used items we had in storage in the garage. In late July we held a tag sale and made a respectable profit and the remaining junk was donated to Good Will (the non-profit company) and the worn out wooden tables, lumber and other items were donated to a person who collects scrap. As a result the garage is now cleared out.

Right after our tag sale, inexplicably, people were dropping

off lamps, exercise machines and other HUGE items in the driveway of the hall with no advance warning. We hesitate to put up signs to stop donations as the signs may be confused and hurt donations to the St. Pauly Shed.

We have no plans to have another tag sale in the near or distant future so please... no more doantions of tag sale items. We are still accepting donations of books for the Grange book sales in August and textiles/clothing for the St. Pauly Shed at the back of the hall.

Our Fair was held in August. It was a beautiful day but our attendance was down. Is it possible the weather can be "too good"? We still realized a decent profit and best of all, we are property tax-free

Grange Sweethearts



At the July meeting of Stonington Grange #168, we celebrated the 55th return visit of John and Shirley Lawson to Stonington Grange. Shirley met John at Stonington Grange and started going steady 55 years ago this July. The Lawsons will have their 49th wedding anniversary this year. John is Past Master of the Rhode Island State Grange and Shirley is Past Secretary of the National Grange.

for another year.

Moving on to September - we will be participating with the Winchester Center Cong. Church, the Fire Dept. and Historical Assoc. to put on the annual Winchester Center Day. The Grange's contribution will continue to be our sale of homemade apple crisp at the Grange Hall while there are demonstrations, live music and booths around the Winchester Green. Join us from 10-2 on Saturday, Sept. 28. Admission and parking are always free!

Family Activities

Cindy Legg, Family Activities Dir.

Hello everyone. Hope all of you had a wonderful and safe summer. It sure was a hot one.

Just a reminder: The Big E starts on Friday, September 13 and will run until September 29. If you you have anything to donate, you can bring it directly to the fairgrounds the week before. Thank you in advance for your donations.

I would also like to thank all of you that sent in your CWA reports.

Our committee is working on plans for 2019-2020. Our theme is "ships." Enjoy the autumn season, it is a beautiful one.

A special hello goes out to Loretta Rowland of Oxford, on the passing of her husband Phil. Phil was a long time member of the Grange and a sweet and gentle man. He will be greatly missed.

Past Masters

The Southern Connecticut Past Masters will meet at Beacon Valley Grange on Saturday, September 14. In place of the usual potluck supper we will attend Beacon Valley's Kielbasa Dinner. The regular meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. Cindy Legg, Vice President will present the program and Robert Buck, President will preside at the meeting.

We will have a country store.

Premium Books for our Fun Fair at the Oct. meeting at Beacon Valley are available by calling Joanne Cipriano.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.



We heard from Jim Palmer who said the person with Marge Bernhardt in the July picture is Dorothy Matson. Thanks, Jim.



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

The next meeting of Nutmeg Pomona No. 16 will be held at Cheshire Grange on Sunday, September 8 at 2:00. It will be our Annual Inspection by General Deputy Peter Keefe. We will be conferring the Fifth Degree. All committee chairpersons and Masters should be prepared with a report.

Cheshire and Wallingford Granges will be in charge of refreshments. We will have a country store.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

September looks like a busy month. We start on Friday the 13th, our regular meeting. The program is in the charge of Cindy Legg who will entertain us with her entry in the Complete Program contest. Joann Muscillo will be hostess.

On Sat., Sept. 14 we will have a Kielbasa Dinner serving from 5 to 7. For more information call Ron at 203-729-2624. We will also be hosting the meeting of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters at 7:30 P.M.

On Wednesday the 18th we will be at the hall doing our monthly cleaning beginning at 1:00.

Saturday the 21st is our Open Mic. Entertainment from 2 to 5. We invite everyone to come and participate or just enjoy the music. We always have some free tasty snacks.

On Saturday the 28th we will be participating in Naugatuck's Summer Fest with a promotional

table.

That takes us into October. On Saturday, October 5 we will have our 2nd Annual Pre-Holiday Bazaar and Tag Sale. BVG will have a Bake Sale and Snack Stand. Table Space is available- call Pat at 203-729-2624.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Lori Golias

Sept. 14: Agricultural Fair, 10-3

The Greenfield Hill Agricultural Fair will be held on Saturday, September 14 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., 1873 Hillside Rd., Fairfield. There will be agricultural exhibits, judged contests, food, music, a petting zoo, pony rides, vendors and much much more. Home-baked goods will be available to purchase. Come out for a good old-fashioned fun. For more information, call Jim 203-259-8023.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Sept. 13: "The Birds"

Sept. 27: "and the Bees"

We held only one meeting in July due to the North Stonington Agricultural Fair and the New London County 4H Expo being held on our grounds the second and fourth weekends. Both fairs involve many of our members and their hard work is much appreciated. We would especially like to thank Mike, Bev, and Jason who dedicated their entire weekend to working in the food booth at the 4H Expo. We could never have made it without you. Thanks to all the other Grangers and friends who worked tirelessly to make the Expo a special weekend for all the New London County 4H kids.

Although it was a very warm night, twelve members enjoyed Sue's program "From Bi-Planes to Jets;" and those ice cream sundaes hit the spot after the meeting.

With fall right around the corner it's not too early to plan your Hallowe'en costumes for the party on October 25. The party starts at 7:30 with prizes for costumes and games, and there will be a cup social during refreshments. And if this heat and humidity would just

go away until about the middle of January, next time I'll tell you all about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Oct. 3: Here and there Black Cats, Bats and Goblins.

Nov. 7: Let's talk Veterans and Turkey

Dec. 5: Ho Ho Ho Anything Goes. Potluck supper at 6:30, grab bag game- collect food.

As I write this on Aug. 2, we have just had one of the hottest Julys on record. Hopefully August will bring cooler temperatures and good fair weather.

We had a delightful potluck supper preceding our August meeting. It's amazing how everything comes together with no duplicates. Nancy made shepherd's pie in a muffin tin. Such a treat.

We emptied our hall of regalia in preparation for our fair.

Hope everyone had a great summer and survived the heat.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Robert Buck

Sept. 4: Business Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 18: Social Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 27: GOMAD potluck and music, begins 7:00 P.M.

We are in the process of replacing the back door to the Grange Hall and that project should be finished by the time this is printed. This will make the building more secure as the old door was broken and unable to be secured from intrusion. People have been popping the lock and helping themselves to the bathroom for years. We passed our annual fire marshal's inspection this year with no violations. Yeah! The gardens around the hall feature a number of flowers, fruits and grains. Aye has been working to develop this project. We hope to use it as a teaching tool with a group of home-schooled children. It is hoped that we can finally put on our climate change series of lectures and discussions in the fall. Complications prevented us from doing it in the spring.



by Hank the Burro

Hello Grange friends!

August has been a busy month! It started out with the Northeast Grange Lecturer's Conference held in Massachusetts. We had a lot of fun catching up with our friends from across New York and New England. Connecticut had a fun skit called "The Farmer's Wife."

We then went to the CT Past Deputies Association Picnic. I got to oversee the obstacle course. It was a lot of fun - and so much good food too!

Then I got to lend a hand at the Riverton Grange Fair. There was a nice display of all different types of exhibits from flowers to vegetables to needlework and more! It was a nice day with Grange friends.

Where will we prop up next? To catch up on all my latest adventures, just follow the link to my Facebook page, and then click the "Like" button once you are on the page. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>



A poster for a live music event. On the left is a large illustration of an acoustic guitar and a vintage microphone. The text reads "Live Music" in a large, cursive font. Below that, it says "Saturday September 21, 2019". Further down, it says "Classic Country Hits from the 50's, 60's & 70's" and "Featuring JIM MOORE". At the bottom, it says "6:00PM-9:00PM at the Riverton Grange Hall".



National Master Betsy Huber poses for a picture with the new landscaping at National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

State Grange Website Resources

We've recently had a couple of inquiries regarding the CT State Grange website and its offerings. Even though we had an article about this very subject back in March, it never hurts to once again mention the many resources available.

• Did You Know... that past issues of the Connecticut Granger are available in digital form online? Issues are made available for download as PDF files on the CT Granger section of the CT State Grange Website (www.ctstategrange.org/grangerdownloads.asp) a month or so after the current issue has been mailed. This service has been offered since 2008, and now includes older archival issues as well, dating back to the very first issue of the CT Granger!

• Did You Know... that all articles from the CT Granger are uploaded each month to the CT State Grange website? They upload dates of the articles are scattered over the course of the month so that there is always something new loading each day.

• Did You Know... that past Master's Addresses are available on the CT State Grange website? Complete versions of past Master's Address are available dating back to 1998 by following this link www.ctstategrange.org/MastersAddress.asp, and then selecting the year from the dropdown box.

• Did You Know... that Resolutions and their results as acted upon at the CT State Grange Annual Session are available online, dating back to 2003? Follow this link www.ctstategrange.org/Resolutions.asp, and then select the year from the dropdown menu.

• Did You Know... that the CT State Grange website has a list of all the Past State Masters/Presi-

dents, with photos of all but three, dating back to Harvey Goddard, the first Master of the CT State Grange in 1875? Visit www.ctstategrange.org/paststatemasters.asp# to view the list - and each photo is clickable to a larger image too!

• Did You Know... that all of the Lecturer's Department newsletters dating back to 2009 are available for download as PDF files on the Lecturer's section of the CT State Grange Website (www.ctstategrange.org/LecturersTips.asp)? This newsletter is a great resource for Granges in planning programs

for the meetings.

• Did You Know... that there are many forms, flyers, promotional materials, booklets, resources and more available as digital downloads from the Downloads page on the CT State Grange Website? From the latest Executive Committee Form to Blue Books, Journals of Proceedings and Legislative Handbooks, promotional posters and much, much more are all available for download. Visit this link - www.ctstategrange.org/downloads.asp - then select a category from the drop down menu to view all of the different sections of downloads available.

These are just a few of the many resources available - and we are frequently adding new resources to the list. E-mail us at information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org for more information.



Cranberry-Apple Sweet Potatoes

One of the staples in fall cooking is apples. Midwest Living has an easy recipe for Cranberry-Apple Sweet Potatoes that is perfect to make for your next Grange Potluck - or even for the upcoming holidays!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1-21 ounce can apple pie filling
- 1-40 - ounce can cut sweet potatoes, drained and cut into chunks
- 3/4 cup whole cranberry sauce
- 2 tablespoons apricot preserves
- 2 tablespoons orange marmalade
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

Spread pie filling in an 8x8x2-inch baking dish (2-quart square). Arrange sweet potatoes over pie filling. In a small bowl, stir together the cranberry sauce, apricot preserves and orange marmalade. Spoon over sweet potatoes.

Bake, covered, in a 350 degree F oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. If you like, sprinkle with chopped pecans. Makes 6 to 8 side-dish servings

SOURCE: <http://www.midwestliving.com/recipe/vegetables/cranberry-apple-sweet-potatoes>

State Session around the corner



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The fall season brings a rush of paperwork and arrangements that need to be made for end of year projects and, of course, State Session.

The first deadline is the Scholarship deadline. As you are reading this the deadline has already passed for this year. However, there are a couple of things you should all keep in mind. The Scholarship application asks for very specific things. Part of being a successful student is being able to follow directions and to complete projects by a given deadline. Unfortunately we have had no other choice than to turn away applicants who would otherwise have qualified for an award because something was missing from their applications.

If an applications arrive with missing items PRIOR to the deadline, I am happy to remind applicants so they can get the necessary items to me in time for the deadline. Unfortunately, the majority of the applications come in on the day of the deadline or are postmarked September 1 leaving no margin for error.

Please talk up the scholarship program to eligible Grange members in your Granges and Grange families. It is a tool to encourage inactive youth members to become active as it is a requirement that applicants demonstrate active participation in the Grange. It is also intended to be used as a tool to bring in new members. There isn't a Grange in this state that couldn't use a few new Youth members.

At the beginning of September Dues Receipts booklets will be arriving in Granges. Secretaries-please remit payment as soon as you can. In some cases it can take

the entire year to get payment.

I did not send out order forms this year as all Granges that received them last year will receive the same order this year.

State Session is rapidly approaching and with it deadlines! Please send in your delegate cards as soon as your Grange decides who will represent you at State Session. Registrations are due to me by October 1. Please don't procrastinate. Get them in early.

Hotel reservations should be made immediately by calling the hotel directly at the number listed on the form printed in this issue. As I have stated many times, the Holiday Inn is very close to the Casinos and is in very high demand. All it takes is for one extremely popular show at Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun and the general public gobbles up rooms not already reserved to us, making expansion of our block of rooms much more difficult later on.

There is still time to get resolutions in to be considered at Session. In fact, resolutions will be accepted on the floor of Session as long as 125 copies are provided

for distribution to the officers and delegates. If you have resolutions, get them in to me at any time leading up to State Session. Just know that the longer you wait, the less likely they may be printed in the Session Book. All resolutions received up to the time it goes to press will be printed. Any others received after that time will be inserted into the packets. It makes things much easier for me if we have a minimal number of last minute items to stuff into the packets.

We have received many requests from Granges for promotional items for Fairs and events. Please keep those requests coming. Nothing makes me happier knowing that Granges are taking the time and making the effort to promote the Grange in their communities and we (as a State Grange) will do everything we can to make that possible. Issues of the Connecticut Granger, membership applications, promotional brochures and posters are all available from the Grange office... that hasn't changed with the move to Winchester... just give me a call or send me an email or a note.

Until next time... enjoy the early fall weather... it's Connecticut at its best!

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Justice



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He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

If one remembers that loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the two great commandments, then it follows naturally that seeking Justice is a corollary to them. In the above quote the Hebrew word *Mishpat* is translated as Justice. Another word for Justice in Hebrew is *Tzedakah*. Sometimes both are used in the same sentence, as in Deuteronomy 32:

*his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.*

*A God of faithfulness
and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.*

In the above “just” is *Tzadiqh*, an adjectival form of *Tzedakah*.

Mishpat normally refers to legal justice, making sure that everyone gets a fair shake, that the workers are justly rewarded for their labor, that no punishment is



more severe than the offense, that property is not taken without due process and just compensation, that weights and measures are true. *Tzedekah* goes further, and requires that justice must be tempered by compassion. One could also say it means, “doing the right thing.”

Tim Keller, in an August 2012 article in *Relevant Magazine* explained the difference thusly:

These two words roughly correspond to what some have called “primary” and “rectifying justice.” Rectifying justice is mishpat. It means punishing wrongdoers and caring for the victims of unjust treatment. Primary justice, or tzadeqah, is behavior that, if it was prevalent in the world, would render rectifying justice unnecessary, because everyone would be living in right relationship to everyone

else. Therefore, though tzadeqah is primarily about being in a right relationship with God, the righteous life that results is profoundly social.

Both kinds of justice are necessary if we are to make a more perfect world. The prophet Amos says: “but let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” And in Matthew we hear Jesus say: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

Finally, remember the Golden Rule: Do unto others what you would have them do unto you, and do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you.

Thank you

Thank you for the kind cards and notes. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Bob & Marge Sendewicz

In Memoriam

Philip Rowland, G.S.
Oxford Grange #194

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”