



141st Annual Session of the OSG Held In Redmond, Oregon



The Court of Flora: Flora - Cookie Trupp, attendants Paula Herrick & Pat Heard; Ceres - Beverly Doescher & attendants Mikela Heimuller & Madelyn Harmon; Pomona - Linda Helm, attendants Grace Hays & Lacy Johnston. Rose Bud drill team members: Captain - Myrna Colvin, Shirley Colvin, Teresa Brott, Mary Brott, Maria Forester, Vanessa Ford, Meriaha Ford & Veronica Ford. Ushers - Nathan Brott & Brandon Parker.

Lexington Grange #726, Reorganized With 22 Members

On July 10, State Master Susan Noah gave the Welcoming Ceremony to twenty-two new members in the process of reorganizing Lexington Grange #726 located in Morrow County. They will be part of Umatilla Pomona. They have already elected some officers and have a list of community service projects they want to work on. The Grange will be meeting the first Wednesday of the month

at 7pm. In addition to the State Master, attending the reorganization were Mark Noah, State Deputy Derrell and Clarann Witty, State Deputy Carol Everman, State Membership Co-Director Sandi Ludi, Webmaster Marilyn Reiher, Umatilla Pomona Master Gail Wilson and OSG Executive Committee #3 Roger Wilson and Dan and Sandy Mallory, Master and Secretary of North End Grange.



Lane County Granges Plan Benefit For The Oregon Paralyzed Veterans Of America

This fun event will include a Poker Run, Raffles, and even BINGO!! The event starts and ends at Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive, Eugene, Oregon on August 23, 2014. You may start at anytime between 8am -

10am & finish the route before 3pm. Any kind of old or new motorized vehicle is welcome to participate!! Vehicle must be street legal; except no motor homes, commercial trucks, and/or trailers. Enjoy the country (the route is approx. 95 miles) with destination points where Cruisers & Riders will have opportunities to buy raffle tickets, draw a poker card, have snacks, visit an old fashioned country market, possibly enjoy some live music, and admire arts and crafts. For sure to have fun, meet and make new friends, learn more about OPVA and the Grange organization. To register please go to www.cruise-n-ride-benefit.org and/or check them out on Facebook.



Oregon State Grange Master, Susan Noah instructs the new members of Lexington Grange.

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The Master's Column

Susan Noah

Master ~ Oregon State Grange

Our State office is nearly back together following the annual convention. Every year we seem to bring almost the entire office with us, so it takes a bit to wind down and put everything back in place. A few things have still not found their rightful home, but for the most part we are back in business.

Our annual session is where the delegates come together to set the many policies that our State Grange continues to live by. This year we had delegates from 68 Subordinate Granges and 13 Pomona Granges, so about 38% of our Subordinate Granges and 68% of our Pomona Granges were represented and made the effort to be a part of the process that determines our path for the next year and the years that follow.

Along with resolutions affecting our policy positions we also made changes to our own by-laws. One of these changes was the adoption of a \$5.00 per member dues raise. A resolution was submitted to raise the dues by \$4.00, but was changed to \$5.00 by the delegates with the extra dollar going into the emergency fund in the hopes that any further raises may be offset or partially offset by this amount. The breakdown of the original \$4.00 included \$2.00 to offset the National dues raise of the same amount, \$1.00 into the State Convention Fund and \$1.00 into the general fund. The State Convention fund pays for the facilities costs of our annual session. We have been working hard to keep these costs as low as possible, but even so we typically have been spending more on the facility than we are making in this fund. The extra \$1.00 (added to the current 50 cents per member) will keep this fund viable for some time to come. Having this money set aside has taken a great deal of the pressure off of the hosting region and will ensure that future hosting committees will enjoy the same relief.

The National Grange will be voting for a second time on a \$2.00 dues raise this November, to go into effect in January. And while we all hate to see a dues raise coming, I see no other course for our National organization. As is well documented the National Grange continues to protect our trademark for our use, and I believe we in Oregon probably know of this

worth far more than many other States. When the "Grange" casino came into the State, the National Grange was there immediately to protect our good name.

I know an increase in dues is never a popular event, but in order to conserve programs we currently have available this was seen as the best option. As I said at the beginning of the year, we need to take the opportunity to grow our Granges, the best possible reprieve from higher dues is a membership increase. Staffing and program development in both the National Grange and our State Grange could stay the same even with a large increase in members, but with a membership gain we would see an immediate increase in revenue to support that staff and the programs we enjoy.

If anyone has any questions or comments on the dues raise I welcome the chance to talk to you. This raise will go into effect in January of 2015, so we probably have many Subordinate Granges who will be faced with a dues raise of their own. Remember this is a change to your by-laws and requires two votes. Again, if any Grange wants more information or a visit please let me know. I want each Grange to feel comfortable with the decisions made by the delegates and will do what I can to get you any needed information.

As for the other resolutions passed at this session, a list has been printed in this paper and is also listed on the website. Some of the decisions made were to support labeling of foods that do not contain GMOs, we oppose any legislation enacting the use of Full File Credit Reporting, we support the labeling of milk products from cows that are given Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) and we support the use of spent grains as animal feed. In addition we call for the use of 2% of lottery funds to organizations that serve veterans and we support all government and fiscal policies that improve the likelihood of success of our small farms. Internally we have made the decision to eliminate the primary preferential election of state officers and we have defined ways to determine if a life member is still living before being removed from your membership. We also

voted to allow the 5th Degree Obligation which should make it easier for all of our Pomona Granges to take in new members.

These are just a few of the resolutions we adopted this year. We should have a new policy handbook available on the website by the time you receive this paper and the changes to our By-Laws will be mailed the end of August to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange. Any resolution we adopted that is National in scope will be submitted for delegate action at the National session in November.

So that is a short recap of the State Session. I hope next year to see more of our Granges represented as it is up to all of us as members to decide the future of this organization. Each Grange has the right and the responsibility to send their delegates to our annual convention. This is our chance to get together as friends and family to discuss issues, to decide our policies and to live our motto:

*In essentials, Unity
In non-essentials, Liberty
In all things, Charity*

Following State Grange this year I had the opportunity to reorganize two Granges! On July 10th we had 10 Grangers present at Lexington Grange in Morrow County to reorganize them following a seven year absence. Twenty-two new members were given the Welcoming Ceremony and four officers were elected before the end of the evening. Hannah Lankford was elected as their new Master and they are already busy planning for the future of their new Grange. On the 15th we Welcomed 15 new members into the newly reorganized Bandon Grange. Former Bandon and life member, Russell Gunther was elected as the new Master. I want to take the opportunity to welcome all of the members of these two Granges. Reorganizing two Granges in the space of one week really makes you feel good!

August is another big Grange month with county fairs going on all around and of course the State fair at the end of the month, not to mention the Western Regional conference in Montana. Several of our youth have the opportunity to travel to Montana for this conference and I'm sure they are looking forward to representing Oregon. I'm looking forward to our 11 days at the State Fair in the Grange Log Cabin, so if you are there be sure to drop in and say hello to all of our volunteers! Have a great summer!

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Master's Annual Address
Susan M. Noah, State Master

Introduction

This is our third time meeting in Redmond. It has been 15 years since we met here at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. At that time the facility was brand new and I believe we were the first group to use it. I'm sure the Expo Center has been the site of many conventions since we initiated it, but we are glad to be back in the facility and glad to return to this part of our beautiful State. Our very first meeting in Redmond was held in 1930 with Worthy Master George Palmiter. I'm not sure where that convention was actually held, but there are references to viewing the drill teams at the fairgrounds. At that meeting the financial report for the past year contained the purchase of a brand new car for the State Master, a 1929 six cylinder Chevrolet Coach, complete with bumpers and an operating cost of approximately 3-1/4 cents per mile. Ah, the good old days! We have come a long ways, with better cars and better roads, but the same sense of fellowship and Fraternity.

Education

One of my very favorite quotes from our ritual is from the Overseer in the First Degree. In the greeting of our sisters as worthy members of our order the Overseer acknowledges that "Education adds the greatest charm to a woman; it is a companion of which no misfortune can deprive her, a friend no enemy can alienate, an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity." Every time I reflect on this I am amazed at how much emphasis our order has always put on education. Many passages of our degree work are filled with references to noting down new and useful ideas and to use good judgment. Others tell us to "encourage the education of the children within the limits of our jurisdiction and to plead that they be not employed in the arduous labors of the field before their minds have received that gentle care and training which enliven, explain and dignify labor." Passages like these are being lost as we step away from our ritual, but even though we may be losing some of the beautiful passages from our ceremonies we still have the same commitment to education.

Studies have shown that students who have a strong support system outside of the school, either in their home or in the community are far more likely to be successful in the classroom. Many of our Community Granges have shown their commitment to education by their support of scholarships. Other Granges regularly collect school supplies for the local school. We have other Granges who work within their community to make sure each grade school student has their own dictionary, and members who work with individuals through mentoring or reading programs. Just look at the Oregon Education Association website for more information on volunteering at your local school.

Do not lose sight of the benefit our Granges can gain from being involved with the local schools. Of course we may gain members, but we also need to keep ourselves informed of the challenges facing schools, parents and children to become a better voting public.

Agriculture

Are GMOs good or bad? What are GMOs, really? The very definition of 'genetically modified organism' is somewhat fuzzy to the layperson because the agriculturalist has always looked to the best examples of a crop for next year's seed, thereby manipulating (or modifying) the plant. Some basic crops such as corn and soybeans have been genetically modified for quite some time, with significant benefits and no apparent negative impacts on health. But health is not the only issue, and in many cases it is not even the primary issue, in the discussion of GMOs. The main reason the question even made the ballot in Jackson County was concern that GMO crops grown in close proximity to non-GMO organic crops would threaten the economic viability of organic agriculture in the area. Organic agriculture is a significant and growing segment of Oregon's economy and thus deserves consideration in any discussion of GMOs, but had the major GMO grower in Jackson County been willing to continue negotiations with organic growers over buffers and crop control, the issue might never have made the ballot. Thus, the GMO issue is in fact two issues—how do Genetically Modified Organisms affect our health,

State Master Susan M. Noah giving her annual address.



and how do they affect the economics of agriculture. Both questions require ongoing study, and perhaps more importantly they require complete transparency on the part of industry and government, so that consumers can make informed choices. Real science studies cause and effect and looks for facts. Real scientists don't promote; they offer the results of their study to their peers for review and verification. We must support ongoing study and always look to verifiable sources of information on which to base our choices.

As Grangers we should be especially pleased to note that, according to the recent Census of Agriculture, Oregon ranks sixth in the nation in farm direct marketing. Farmers' markets, CSAs, roadside stands and U-pick operations are all connecting people directly with the source of their food. As champions of agriculture and education, our Fraternity is ideally suited to promote the benefits and uses of fresh local products and of buying directly from the producer. We have standing committees dedicated to the activities of agriculture and of utilizing 'the fruits of the brown soil' and Grange members who are just waiting to share 'the elements of success' with others. Reaching out and helping others embodies the essence of Grange and your efforts will "bring forth an hundredfold" in public awareness of our Fraternity the benefits of working together for the betterment of our communities and ourselves.

Legislation

I reported last year that the Senate had passed a version of the Farm Bill, but at the time the House had not so no one knew if we would finally see any legislation to help our agricultural community. But finally this year a bill was passed and so we have the 2014 Farm Bill, probably one of the most overlooked mega bills in the last year. The bill of nearly \$1 trillion received final approval from the Senate before being sent to the President for signing into law. While this is called the Farm bill it really is more of a food bill. It will set five years of eating and farming policy in the United States, including what is grown, what you know about your dinner and what the government spends on it through crop insurance subsidies. One thing it will not do is continue the food stamp program at the same rate; instead this program that affects nearly 1 million Americans suffered fairly major cuts.

How many of your neighbors and friends watched this piece of legislation progress through Congress as closely as the Grange and yet this affects us in the most basic of ways. It is said that the "Farmer feeds us all", but without the help received via this law farmers would be even more at the mercy of the elements, or the vagaries of life. Last year I encouraged you to get involved, and even though we finally have this piece of legislation we need to stay aware of what faces our agricultural community.

The Grange is the perfect place for educating ourselves and our neighbors on legislative issues. Even though we are a non-partisan

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group we can and do take stands on issues. We have the ability to effect state and national policy and change laws with our resolution process. As a true grassroots organization our members have it within their grasp to make a difference in the world.

Service to the Community

Franklin D. Roosevelt said,

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have too much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

The words of a President and a Grange member.

As members we have always been instructed that our Grange should be a place for making a difference in the community, a place where individual voices can be heard and where all ages work together for the benefit of all. We pride ourselves on the work we do within our communities. We work with local food banks, we lend helping hands to farmers markets, we are there for friends and neighbors who need transportation and for shut-ins who just need a kind word. It is deep rooted in our very being to provide for those who have too little. There is a need in the world for organizations such as ours. No matter how large or how small the need you can always find a Grange that will take on the task, and members who will make it their mission to provide for those who truly do have too little. I urge all of our members here today to go back to your Grange and truly take stock of your service to the community. I think you will be surprised at the impact your Grange makes.

In Memoriam

Once again our fraternal circle has been broken and it is with heavy hearts that we remember our Brothers and Sisters. This week we will pay tribute to those who have gone before us, and as we are remembering them I see no more fitting tribute than that we dedicate ourselves to the values expressed by our Fraternity. And, that we take the time to express to each other our friendship as brothers and sisters. We should also take the time to honor and to remember those who have served and are currently serving our country in all parts of the world. These dedicated men and women in our armed forces deserve our utmost respect and admiration.

Conclusion

We are here this week to solve problems, both of the Grange and of the State and Nation. To do so we must put personal prejudices aside and work together to set our course for the future. As we meet here as delegates and Grange Brothers and Sisters, we will exchange ideas, we will argue and we will agree and through it all we will remember our obligation to be a true and faithful Patron of Husbandry.



Annual Veterans Committee Report

I want to thank Susan Noah for giving me opportunity to be the Director of the Veterans Committee. I would like to thank my committee for all of their help in this past year: D1 Phyllis Wilson, D2 Dick Wyant, D3 Jim Clute, D4 Carrie Fuller, D6 Roger Wilson and D5 Phil VanBuren. This year was not as positive as we would have liked it to have been but we managed to accomplish a few things. We started to work with a terrific organization that helps veterans, Joys of Living Assistance Dogs. The committee had the privilege of sending care packages to active duty personnel that were sent on forward deployment with only the the gear in their ruck sacks. I had the personal privilege of

delivering hand knitted items to the Veteran's hospital; it is so gratifying seeing the look on the faces of those guys; they just beam. The state committee needs to start focusing its attention on supporting and strengthen the Veterans Service Officer program in the state. The problem with veterans' issues is they are so big it feels like anything you try to accomplish is not enough. To help put it in perspective more Iraq and Afghan veterans have died from suicide than died in theatre. Veterans Service Officers are the backbone of our veterans' support systems, we need to come up with a way to protect it.

Respectfully,
Mark Schnetzky



Awarding Taylor High with his 75 year certificate and pin is Oregon State Master Susan Noah.

Midland Grange Honors Members

Four members of Midland Grange #781 were honored for their continuous membership with the Grange. Between them they have 205 years of membership. Those who were honored were Christy Flowers and Karen Robison with 40 years, Lee Sukraw with 50 years and Taylor High with 75 years. Taylor holds the honor of the person with the most years of membership with the Grange in Klamath County and for being the first person in Midland Grange to receive this award.

A dinner was held on June 7th at Midland Grange Hall followed by a program of music and presentations. Jeff and Debbie Plummer entertained everyone with their singing. They even wrote two special songs for the occasion. Oregon State Master Susan Noah and her husband Mark were guests for this event. Susan helped with the presentations and spoke at the program.

All of the recipients have long histories with the Grange. The High Family is a five generation family with the Grange. It started with Taylor's grandparents, then

Taylor's parents, then Taylor. They were members of Poe Valley Grange. Taylor and his 2 children Dean High and Brenda Jensen and Dean's two children Andy and Melissa High are all now members at Midland.

Lee Sukraw has been a member of Midland Grange all his years. His mother Eleanor Sukraw is still a member as well as his sister Louise Holst. Christy (Horton) Flowers started at Lost River Grange with her family. She demitted to Midland Grange after she married Robert Flowers. Robert's family were long time members of Midland Grange.

Karen (Victorine) Robison recently joined Midland Grange after Tulelake Grange in California relinquished their charter. Her family was very active with Tulelake Grange. Karen was unable to attend the party.

Congratulations to them all for their long continuous membership and Midland hopes to award the rest of their families with longevity awards.



(l-r) Christy Flowers, Taylor High and Lee Sukraw get ready to cut the cake.



2014 Oregon State Grange GWA Contest Winners

Drop Cookies

Sponsor: *Dorena Grange #385*

- 1st Glen Harter
- 2nd Cathy Johnston
- 3rd Linda Helm

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Sponsor: *Beaver Creek #276*

- 1st Patty Bunch
- 2nd Robert Parrott
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Bar Cookies

Sponsor: *Jasper # 532*

- 1st Linda Helm
- 2nd Sara Wilson
- 3rd Samuel Bence

Peanut Butter Cookie

Sponsor: *Sara Wilson*

- 1st Ed Schettig
- 2nd Emily Russell
- 3rd Doris Reid

Fancy Holiday Cookies

Sponsor: *Catherine Johnston*
(Spring.)

- 1st Sara Wilson

(Summer)

- 1st Sara Wilson
- 2nd Sarah Kingsborough
- 3rd Robert Parrott

(Fall)

- 1st Sara Wilson

(Winter)

- 1st Elizabeth Bence
- 2nd Mary Parrott
- 3rd Robert Parrott

Crackled Top Ginger Cookies

Sponsor: *Wayne/Catherine Johnston*

- 1st Linda Pugh
- 2nd Dorothy Key
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Cupcake Challenge

Sponsor: *Susan Noah*

- 1st Sarah Kingsborough
- 2nd Diane Parrott
- 3rd Mary Parrott

Sweet Rolls Yeast Only

- 1st Sara Wilson

Muffins Any Kind

- 1st Jeanie Force
- 2nd Heather Elliott
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Gluten Free Baked Item

Sponsor: *Mary/Robert Parrott*

- 1st Patricia Wilson
- 2nd Linda Pugh, Sara Wilson
- 3rd Mary Parrott

Unbaked Cereal/Made In Pan Cookies

Sponsor: *Green Acres*

- 1st Heather Elliott
- 2nd Dorothy Key
- 3rd Alex Coe

Fruit and Vegetable Bread

Sponsor: *Coos/Curry/West Coast Pomona*

- 1st Dorothy Key
- 2nd Jeanie Force
- 3rd Linda Helm

Peanut Butter Candy

Sponsor: *Greenacres*

- 1st Sara Wilson
- 2nd Linda Helm

Fudge (No P.B.)

Sponsor: *Beverly Doescher*

- 2nd Linda Helm
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Divinity (No P.B.)

Sponsor: *Beverly Doescher*

- 1st Georgia Garrett
- 2nd Sara Wilson

Peanut Brittle

Sponsor: *Beverly Doescher*

- 1st Joe Snook
- 2nd Sara Wilson

Decorated Cakes

Sponsor: *Linda Helm*

- 1st Sara Wilson
- 2nd Mary Parrott
- 3rd Cheryl Dunsmore

Crocheted Doilies

Sponsor: *Goshen #561*

- 1st Myra Boyd
- 2nd Nancy Slagle

Embroidery

Sponsor: *Julie Schnetzky*

- 1st Sara Wilson
- 2nd Agnes Snauer

Preemie Afghan and Hat

Sponsor: *Janet Oleson*

- 1st Patty Bunch
- 2nd Laura Utt
- 3rd Nancy Slagle

Crocheted or Knitted Afghans

Sponsor: *The Parrott Family*

- 1st Jan Melcher
- 2nd Deloris Stilted
- 3rd Patty Bunch

National Quilt Block Contest

Sponsor: *National Grange*

- 1st Linda Knifing
- 2nd Judy Huey
- 3rd Place Jeanne Taylor

Miscellaneous Crocheted Items

Sponsor: *The Trapps*

- 1st Myra Boyd
- 2nd Doris Reid
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Table Runner

Sponsor: *Claram and Derrell Witty*

- 1st Ruth Proctor
- 2nd Linda Litts
- 3rd Diane Parrott

Crocheted/Knitted Potholder/Mitt

Sponsor: *Greenacres #834*

- 1st Myra Boyd
- 2nd Nadine Reed
- 3rd Maria Forester

Any Kind of Fabric Potholder/Mitt

Sponsor: *Greenacres #834*

- 1st Nancy Slagle
- 2nd Diane Parrott
- 3rd Janet Jordan

Counted Cross Stitch

Sponsor: *Parkdale #500*

- 1st Shirley Gilman

Plastic Canvas

Sponsor: *Beavercreek #276*

- 1st Diane Parrott
- 2nd Sara Wilson

Special Stitchery

Sponsor: *Jackson Pomona #27*

- 1st Barbara Billick

Baby Quilt

Sponsor: *Sauvie Island #840*

- 1st Susan Warner
- 2nd Sara Wilson
- 3rd Linda Litt

Embroidered Baby Quilt

Sponsor: *Walterville #416*

- 1st Sara Wilson

Quillow

Sponsor: *Maxine Smith*

- 1st Linda Litts
- 2nd Robert Litts

Quilts Hand Quilted By One

Sponsor: *Siletz Valley #558*

- 1st Jeanne Taylor
- 2nd Darlene Magee
- 3rd Dorothea Perkins

Quilt Machine Quilted By One

Sponsor: *Sauvie Island #840*

- 1st Jeanne Taylor
- 2nd Judy Baker
- 3rd Delores Stiltner

Tied By One or a Group

Sponsor: *Sauvie Island #840*

- 1st Alma Day
- 2nd Linda Litt

Apron

Sponsor: *Beavercreek #276*

- 1st Linda Knifong
- 2nd Dorothy Key
- 3rd Myra Boyd

Purses and Totes

Sponsor: *Malcolm and Cookie Trupp*

- 1st Linda Knifong
- 2nd Myra Boyd
- 3rd Mary Parrott

Jelly (Berry Only)

Sponsor: *Illinois Valley #370*

- 1st Loyce Martinazzi
- 2nd Shirley Naylor
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Fruit Butter

Sponsor: *Goshen #561*

- 1st Nancy Slagle
- 2nd Sara Wilson

Pickles Dill Cucumber

Sponsor: *Springwater #263*

- 1st Cindy Manselle
- 2nd Krissy Johnston
- 3rd Janice Hallman

Pickles Sweet Cucumbers

Sponsor: *Springwater #263*

- 1st Larry McClure

Contest: Bread & Butter Cucumbers

Sponsor: *Springwater #263*

- 1st Shirley Naylor
- 2nd Krissy Johnston
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Relishes - Mixture of Veggies

Sponsor: *Springwater #263*

- 1st Loyce Martinazzi
- 2nd Nancy Slagle
- 3rd Sara Wilson

Pickle Other Than Cucumber

Sponsor: *Springwater #263*

- 1st Nancy Slagle
- 2nd Larry McClure
- 3rd Suzy Ramm

Salsa Red

Sponsor: *Tammie Phillips*

- 1st Sara Wilson
- 2nd Suzy Ramm
- 3rd Dorothy Key

Salsa Green

Sponsor: *Tammie Phillips*

- 1st Cindy Manselle
- 2nd Suzy Ramm

Canned Meat and Fish

Sponsor: *Goshen #561*

- 1st Terry Honn
- 2nd Cindy Manselle

Canned Beets

Sponsor: *Illinois Valley #370*

- 2nd Sara Wilson
- 3rd Eva Frost

GWA Report for the 2013-14 Year

This director has had the pleasure to visit around the state meeting Grangers in every district. Visits were made to gatherings at Parkdale, Milwaukie, Sunnyside, Terrebonne, Stanfield, Rockford, Pine Grove, Forest Grove, Central Point and Eugene. A trip was also made to Caldwell, Idaho to join in the gathering of 'Hands Across the Border.' This director also attended the Leadership meeting held by our State Master in Eugene during the month of January as well as the Directors' retreat last fall.

When visiting across the state it was good to see how active our fellow Grangers are in caring for their Grange Halls, helping their communities and their Grange Family. The donations which are sponsored by GWA have been recorded in the reports for Community Service. There were many Calvin caps, comfort caps, quilrows, preemie sets, aluminum pull tabs gathered and countless other items donated to those in our communities who were in need.

Wherever this director went or in articles she wrote for the Grange Bulletin information was shared concerning different facets of family life. Some topics touched on were scam awareness, cooking tips, gardening for the family and emergency preparations. Also this director put forth information on GWA donations and contests at the State and National levels. Sponsors were sought and new contests written for 2014 and for the 2015-2016 State Sessions.

This year 3 GWA Scholarships were awarded to members of the Grange family. The recipients of these scholarships are Mikela Heimuller from Warren Grange #536, Jaylee Jordan from Clarkes Grange #261, and Jason Couch from Phoenix Grange #779. Congratulations to all the winners. (see page 15 for more information about the winners.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Parrott
OSG GWA Director

OSG Membership Committee Annual Report

This past year the Oregon State Grange Membership Committee has met with several Granges (Subordinate and Pomona) that requested membership help on their quarterly reports. We have made every effort to contact each grange personally before sending a committee member so that preparations are made to discuss each Granges' specific membership needs.

The Western Regional Leadership Conference was held in Spokane, Washington in August. Sandi had the pleasure of attending and participating in the workshops. It was a very informative weekend.

The State Grange Membership Committee hosted one day at the Log Cabin at the State Fair in September. We along with Jeff Dehne, Sam Keator, Marilyn Reiher, Gary and Buzi Beckley, Ed, Celia, and Jacob Luttrell worked a shift speaking to fair goers about the Grange. Jim Clute also gave informative Knot Tying Demonstrations throughout the whole day. We especially want to thank everyone for helping to make the day a success!

In October, Bob and I attended the State Director's Retreat in Bend, Oregon. We networked with other committee directors and came up with activities/events that more than one committee could work on together. This was implemented with the collaboration of the Agriculture Committee, Youth Committee, and the Membership Committee in planning the FFA Convention Grange Booth this past March. We hope to plan another event with other committees this year as well.

We have had two State Membership Committee meetings during the past year. Our committee also attended a Leadership Training Conference led by Oregon State Grange Master Susan Noah and Communications Director Sarah Kingsborough.

Sandi was able to attend the National Grange Convention in New Hampshire last November. It was great to talk with other Grangers from other states and she attended the workshop led by National Grange Leadership/Membership Director, Michael Martin. Some of the ideas given at the workshop on Membership were reported on in the February

issue of the Grange Bulletin.

In March, the State Grange Membership Committee along with the State Youth Committee helped the State Grange Agriculture Committee set up, man, and take down the Grange Booth at the State FFA Convention in Bend, Oregon. We were very impressed by how many FFA members engaged in the Grange Booth and by how many familiarities there are between the Grange and the FFA program. We received a lot of positive feedback and know that there is room for improvement for next year's event which will be in Silverton, Oregon.

Ag-Fest was held the last weekend in April at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. Many thanks to these Grangers who helped set up, man, and take down the Membership Table: Susan and Mark Noah, Jeff Dehne, Marilyn Reiher, Gary and Buzi Beckley, Suzy Ramm, Cat Thomas, Sandi Ludi, and Erin McCormack.

May was definitely Membership Month! Michael Martin, National Grange Leadership/Membership Director came to Oregon for the Grange Growth Tour. Clarann Witty, District #6 Membership Chairman, picked Michael up at the airport in Boise, Idaho and drove him to the first conference in Elgin, Oregon. Clarann gave him an agricultural tour as well, pointing out the Peppermint fields and telling him that peppermint oil is made in Oregon. He was not aware of this and was very impressed. Sandi Ludi, Co-Membership Director had the honor of driving him to the next two Grange Conference destinations. We drove through some pretty country and saw 3 elk and a baby calf. He was in awe at how tall our trees can be. Susan Noah, Oregon State Grange Master, took him on a tour of the State Grange Headquarters on the way to the last stop at Tigard Grange. The tour visited Grangers at Rockwall Grange in Elgin, Pine Forest Grange in Bend, Irving Grange in Eugene, and Tigard Grange in Tigard. 121 Grangers representing 38 Granges were reached during this four day tour. We met many enthusiastic, fun Grangers. Many thanks go to all the host Granges for their wonderful hospitality. It was a beautiful week weather-wise to show our National representative

the awesome Oregon countryside. Special thanks also go to Ed and LaVeta Botz, Jeff and Liz Dehne, and Ed and Celia Luttrell for opening their homes for much needed rest and to Ed Luttrell for taking Michael to the airport. It was a very productive and worthwhile tour. Our hope is that each person that attended will take back the information that was presented and come up with a plan of action to get new members into their Grange.

We have some Celebrations to share with you. District#5 has one Pomona Grange and at their last meeting 19 Grangers attended! We have reorganized Multnomah Grange in Multnomah County and the State Master is working on the possible reorganization of two more. In addition to this a group of urban farmers in the NE Portland area made contact with us and were interested in learning more about our organization. We do not know where this might go, but it is gratifying to know that people are still looking to the Grange!

In closing, we want to thank our fearless Membership Team—Jeff Dehne, Sam Keator, Gary Beckley, Louis Holst, and Derrell and Clarann Witty. Combined they have driven many miles this past year visiting Granges to help them "Grow their Grange" or in other words to get their "Membership Mooving."

We want to say a special "Shout Out" and "Thanks" to our State Grange Communications Director, Sarah Kingsborough, for helping us with all of our flyers for the Grange Growth Tour, designing the shirts and posting them on Facebook for all to see and pre-order, and for helping have the buttons made that were available to buy at State Grange this year. She is so awesome to work with and is an invaluable resource. As we stated in one of our reports in the Grange Bulletin, we encourage granges to ask for help with any advertising needs. For those of us inept with the new technology that is out there to use, she has great ideas that she can share with you and is such a GREAT HELP!!! We can't say thank you enough Sarah.

Last but not least, we want to thank Susan Noah, Oregon State Grange Master, for all her help, encouragement, and advice as we carry on the requests and needs of individual Granges in regards to the Membership Program. She challenged each Grange this year to acquire one new member. This is not too much to ask of each Grange so...let enthusiastically accept the challenge and remember to "JUST ASK!!!!"

Fraternally,
Sandi and Bob Ludi
Oregon State Grange
Membership Co-Directors



Picking up the iPad Mini was State Grange Assistant Steward, Phil Van Buren for the winner, his son Shaun Van Buren.

Membership Committee Raffle Winners

The winner of the iPad Mini was Shaun Van Buren, son of our State Grange Assistant Steward, Phil Van Buren. Six District Membership Baskets were also given away.

The winners of the baskets were as follows:

- District #1 Robert Parrott - Parkdale #500 Hood River Co.
- District #2 Pam Arion - Columbia #267 Multnomah Co.
- District #3 Sunnyside Grange #842 Clackamas Co.
- District #4 Marilyn Mann - Rockwood #323 Multnomah Co.
- District #5 Joanna Flores - Winona #271 Washington/Yamhill Co.
- District #6 Cindy Chandler - Rockwall #679 Union Co.

\$2,200.00 was raised from the sale of the raffle tickets! Many thanks to all those who supported the State Grange Membership Committee Raffle. Funds will be used to help promote Grange Growth.



The Membership Game

Bob & Sandi Ludi

Membership Directors ~ Oregon State Grange

One of the ways to promote the Grange name is to wear clothing with the Grange logo out in public. The State Grange Membership Committee sold Ladies Tees for \$25.00 and Polos for \$35.00. The price includes shipping. Orders were taken until Aug. 1. Sorry this was the only order that we did.

Remember the goal that our State Grange Master challenged us with is to try to get at least one new member into our Granges. That is not too steep a goal to attain. We CAN do this!!!

Membership Contest Winners!

- Highest % Gain - Multnomah Grange #71 - Multnomah Co.
100% gain - \$100.00 prize
- Second Highest % Gain - Fairview Grange #273 - Tillamook Co.
64.7% gain - \$75.00 prize
- Third Highest % Gain - Pine Valley Grange #815 - Baker Co.
53.8% gain - \$50.00 prize
- Fourth Highest % Gain - Redwood Grange #760 - Josephine Co.
42.8% gain - \$25.00 prize

Granges with a 15% gain or more that qualified to be in a drawing for an Indoor/Outdoor Grange Flag were as follows:

Grange		% Gain
Fairfield #720	Marion Co.	40.0%
Chetco #765	Curry Co.	35.3%
Fruitdale #379	Josephine Co.	33.3%
Midland #781	Klamath Co.	30.8%
Gresham #270	Multnomah Co.	28.6%
The Sandy #392	Clackamas Co.	22.2%
Sunny Valley #916	Josephine Co.	22.2%
Lake Creek #697	Jackson Co.	20.0%
Mosier #234	Wasco Co.	17.5%
Pleasant Grove #475	Union Co.	16.6%

The winner of the drawing for the Indoor/Outdoor Grange Flag went to Fruitdale Grange #379 Josephine Co.

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

The Grange Growth Tour Swept Through Oregon This Past May

Michael Martin, National Grange Leadership/Membership Director visited Oregon in May for the Grange Growth Tour. A four day long sweep over the state of Oregon with conferences held at Rockwall Grange at Elgin, Pine Forest Grange at Bend, Irving Grange in Eugene and ending at Tigard Grange in Tigard. 121 Grangers representing 38 Granges attended the conferences.



At his first stop at Rockwall Grange in Elgin, Brother Michael performed the Welcoming Ceremony for 4 new Grangers.

Abernethy Grange #346 Honors 70 Year Member

On Sunday April 27th Abernethy Grange #346 celebrated Grange Month with an Open House to honor several of their members for their many years of service to the Grange. Brother Ed Luttrell, National Grange Master was the guest speaker and presented the awards.

membership. In addition, several of the Grange's renters including the Early Ford V-8, the Vintage Radio Club, B n B Square Dance Club, Oregon City Camera Club, Canine Training, Diggity Dogs (4-H Canine Group) and the Abernethy Grange Scrapbookers had displays setup explaining their activities.

Honored were Marilyn Kirchhofer with both her 65 and 70 year seals, Delores Paulin with her 55 year seal, James McConnell with his Golden Sheaf Certificate for 50 years and Lisa Paullin-Anzaldua with her Silver Star Certificate for 25 years of

After the presentation of awards the crowd was invited downstairs to view the displays and enjoy a bit of Grange hospitality and refreshment.



Sister Marilyn Kirchhofer receives her 65 and 70 year seals from Worthy National Master Ed Luttrell. Many former youth from Clackamas County remember her playing for many of the drill and degree teams.



Washington/Yamhill Pomona Master Marilyn Reiher presented 65-year seal to Darrell Dickson, a member of Winona Grange #271 who lives in Redmond, during the Tuesday morning breakfast at state session. Darrell joined Winona the year after his brothers Kenneth and Keith, who both received their 65-year seals last year. The Dickson "boys" have been Grange members for a total of 197 years. In addition Kenneth's wife Rosa Lee is a 51-year member and their son Ronald has been a member for 31 years.



The Lecturer's Column

Jeanie Force
Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

What a wonderful State Session. I was able to connect with many grangers, who gave me some new ideas and suggestions. The Lecturer's committee will be meeting in the next couple months to discuss and plan for the next year with more news to follow in the next couple Grange Bulletins.

We had a lot of entries in the Lecturer's contests this year. Thanks to all that participated. If you did not participate this year, think about taking part next year. Here is the list of winners.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Scenic:

- 1st - Suzy Ramm - Springwater
- 2nd - Ed Schettig - Beavercreek
- 3rd - Sandi Ludi - Sunnyside

Close ups:

- 1st - Diane Parrott - Parkdale
- 2nd - Leela Dunsmuir - Eagle Creek
- 3rd - Grace Hays - Abernathy

Family:

- 1st - Aleshia Lacey - Warren
- 2nd - Marissa Schindale - Warren
- 3rd - Heather Elliott - Ada

Pets/Farm Animals:

- 1st - Jacob Yost - Deer Creek
- 2nd - Patrick Anderson - DeerCreek
- 3rd - Suzy Ramm - Springwater

Wild Animals:

- 1st - Leela Dunsmuir - Eagle Creek
- 2nd - Suzy Ramm - Springwater
- 3rd - Grace Hays - Abernathy

Potpourri:

- 1st - Suzy Ramm - Springwater
- 2nd - Suzy Ramm - Springwater
- 3rd - Diane Parrott - Parkdale



Suzy Ramm's entry was the Overall winner and will represent Oregon in the Photography contest at National Grange in November.



The overall Talent Contest winner was Mary Parrott from Parkdale Grange.



The runner-up winner in the Talent Contest was Thomas Parker of Springwater Grange.

ART:

Oils and Acrylics:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd - Jean Snook - Dorena
- Honorable mention - Marilyn Martin - Eagle Creek

Charcoal, Pencil & Chalk:

- 1st - Judy Baker - Lacombe
- 2nd and 3rd - Mary Brott - Terrebonne

Pen & Ink:

- 1st - Justine Kuiper - Warren

Flyer:

Handmade:

- 1st - Linda Wetzell - Goshen

Computer:

- 1st - Dana Fontaine - Winona
- 2nd - Suzy Ramm - Springwater
- 3rd - Denise Bishop - Walterville

Poster

- 1st - Tammie Phillips - Illinois Valley

Pamphlet

- 1st - Linda Wetzell - Goshen

Program -

- 1st - Eva Frost - Warren
- 2nd - Mike Gaber/Jeanne Taylor - Spencer Creek
- 3rd - Linda Wetzell - Goshen

WRITING

Skit - Humorous

- 1st - Jesse O'Dell - Santiam Valley
- 2nd - Sara Wilson - Columbia
- 3rd - Shirley Wright - Clarkes

Skit - Soap Opera

- 1st - Shirley Wright - Clarkes

Pen in Hand:

Poetry:

- 1st - Linda Wetzell - Goshen
- 2nd - Jesse O'Dell - Santiam Valley
- 3rd - Sara Wilson - Columbia

Tell the Story "My Grange"

- 1st - Sara Wilson - Columbia

TALENT

Vocal:

- 1st - Sarah Kingsborough - Warner

Instrumental:

- 1st - Thomas Parker - Springwater

Variety:

- 1st - Mary Parrott - Parkdale
- 2nd - Jesse O'Dell & Riley Reynolds - Santiam Valley

Overall winner:

Mary Parrott - Parkdale, she will represent Oregon in the Evening of Excellence at National Grange

Runner up:

Thomas Parker - Springwater, he will represent Oregon at National Grange, if Mary is unable to attend.

Stay cool during this hot weather.

Fraternally,

Jeanie Force, Oregon State Grange Lecturer



Jean Snook's 1st place painting in oils and acrylics.

Justine Kuiper's winning pen and ink drawing.



Judy Baker's 1st place winner in charcoal, pencil & chalk.

Lecturer's Annual Report Deaf Awareness and Family Health Committee Annual Report

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

I accepted the appointment to Oregon State Grange Lecturer in August 2013.

I was delighted to participate in the National Grange filming of Ritualism for the Assembly of Demeter on September 7 at Abernathy Grange.

In September, I attended the 140th Anniversary celebration at the State Grange Headquarters and was installed as the Oregon State Grange Lecturer, during part of the program.

In January some of the committee members and I attended the Leadership Training presented by Master, Susan Noah and Treasurer, Sarah Kingsborough. The training was excellent and we were presented with challenges to increase membership. Later that day our committee met to plan for the rest of the Grange year.

Six District Leadership Conferences were held in March and April around the state. These conferences were lead by our State Master - Susan Noah. The Lecturer's department was a portion of these conferences. Part of our presentation was reviewing the Lecturer contests, encouraging Lecturer programs which could lead to new members and passing out the Lecturer's handbook. The handbook is full of ideas for Lecturer programs. On a couple of occasions our District Chairmen were available to present ideas that could be used as a Lecturer program. I would

Banana Bread

*Dorothee Key of Goshen Grange
1st place Fruit/Vegetable Bread*

1¼ cup sugar ½ cup butter
2 eggs ½ cup milk
1¼ cup very ripe bananas, mashed
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp vanilla
2½ cups flour
1 tsp. salt
1 cup coconut flakes
½ cup Craisins (dried cranberries), chopped

like to thank the following Granges for hosting these conferences: Fairmount, Forest Grove, Sunnyside, Terrebonne, Stanfield and Central Point. I appreciate them hosting the conferences and their gracious hospitality.

In the past months, my committee chairmen and I have visited: Pomona and Subordinate meetings, visitations, open houses, breakfasts, a Grange sponsored hockey game, movie nights, exemplification of degrees and other assorted Grange sponsored events. We also plan on attending some of the National Membership conferences being held in May at Granges in various parts of Oregon.

I would like to give a big thank you to my committee members for all their hard work:

District #1 - Becky Brier
District #2 - Iva May VanNoy
District #3 - Theresa Thorud
District #4 - Dan LeBrun
District #5 - Ray Andrieu
District #6 - Clare Jacobson.

These past few months I have been able to connect with old friends and meet many Grange members. I have been busy, but have enjoyed every minute.

I would like to thank my husband Bob and family for supporting and encouraging me. I am proud to be part of this wonderful organization.

Fraternally,
Jeanie Force,
Oregon State Grange Lecturer



Preheat oven 350 degrees. Grease bottoms only of two 8"x4" pans or one 9"x5" loaf pan. In a large bowl, mix sugar and butter. Add eggs, bananas, milk, lemon juice and vanilla. Beat with an electric beater until smooth. Add the flour, baking soda and salt and mix until moistened. Fold in coconut and Craisins. Pour into pans and bake 8" loaves for 1 hour or 9" loaf for 1 ¼ hours (or do the toothpick test). Let cool 10 minutes then loosen sides of loaves and remove from pans. Cool one hour before cutting.

Another year has passed and we are meeting at state Grange session to discuss issues important to Grange members and enjoy fellowship. Conferences are held by appointed directors during the week and Deaf Awareness and Family Health Conference will be Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Eastlake - Middle Sister Room.

Among the many issues involved in family health, eye care and diabetes are two of the most important. Glaucoma can steal your vision, especially if not discovered and treated early. There are no early symptoms so it is important to have eye pressure checked regularly.

The importance of knowing the causes and treatment of type one diabetes cannot be

overemphasized. Studies have shown the age at which babies are fed solid food can influence the likelihood of developing diabetes one.

Glaucoma, and type one diabetes, benefit greatly from regular exercise. It helps to keep blood pressure under control. Everyone get a dog and walk 15 to 30 minutes five days a week!! That what I did, Benjamin and Iva May can be seen walking slowing, smelling the roses and stopping to talk to new friends (dogs and humans) on our walking routes.

Hope to see many Grangers at the conference Monday evening at 7:00 in the Eastlake - Middle Sister Room.

Fraternally,
Iva May Van Noy

GWA Contest Winners

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Canned Carrots

Sponsor: Illinois Valley #370
1st Eva Frost

Canned Tomatoes

Sponsor: Illinois Valley #370
1st Dorothy Key
2nd Cindy Marselle
3rd Janice Hallman

Canned Veggies Other Than Beets, Carrot, Corn, Peas, Tomatoes

Sponsor: Illinois Valley #370
1st Dorothy Key
2nd Doris Thurston

Canned Peaches

Sponsor: Illinois Valley #370
1st Sara Wilson
2nd Nancy Slagle
3rd Eva Frost

Canned Pears

Sponsor: Illinois Valley #370
1st Dorothy Key
2nd Eva Frost

Applesauce

Sponsor: Illinois Valley #370
1st Loyce Martinazzi
2nd Eva Frost
3rd Sara Wilson

Canned Best of Show

Sponsor: Tammie Phillips

Case of Pints - Cindy Manselle

What to Do With Worn Out Jeans
Sponsor: Greenacres #834
1st Kathy Hekking
2nd Debbie Wilson
3rd Dorothy Key

Jewelry

Sponsor: Goshen #561
1st Jessie Stober
2nd Lori Matthews
3rd Debbi deBoer

Hand-Crafted Baskets

Sponsor: Clarkes #261
1st Bev Bush

Pin Cushion

Sponsor: Dixie Wafler
1st Julie Carson
2nd Jan Wilber
3rd Debbie Wilson

Touch Of Oregon Wood

Sponsor: Wayne/Catherine Johnston
1st Vern Manselle
2nd Robert Parrott

Small Wooden Article

Sponsor: Phyllis Wilson
1st Emy Buttram
2nd Vern Manselle
3rd Ed Schettig

Recycle

Sponsor: Hurricane Creek #608
1st Julie Carson
2nd Pam Key
3rd Suzy Ramm

Potluck

Sponsor: Myrt And Evan Powell
1st Myra Boyd
2nd Nancy Slagle
3rd Doris Reid

Bailey's Good Dog

Sponsor: Bailey & Susan & Mark Noah
1st Shirley Gilman
2nd Dara Wilson
3rd Bob Force

Here Kitty

Sponsor: Tom, Huck & The Parrotts
1st Shirley Gilman
2nd Mary Parrott
3rd Sara Wilson

Metal Art

Sponsor: Phil Van Buren
1st Cole Wilson
2nd Tim Yaden



OSG Agriculture Committee Annual Report

The Officers and Members of the Oregon State Grange,

It seems only a short time ago that we closed the 140th annual session of the Oregon State Grange and we gather again for this 141st session. As we prepare to culminate another year of our work and begin anew the subsequent happenings, it is my pleasure to have the opportunity to report to you on the activities of the Oregon State Grange Agriculture committee. By reviewing sheer numbers it is evident that your Agriculture Committee touches more potential members than any other function of the Oregon State Grange. All deeds are designed to promote Agriculture, the very foundation of our organization, and to disclose the virtues of the Grange.

Oregon State Fair Log Cabin

The goal of the Log Cabin experience in 2013 was to increase activity at the Log Cabin with the expectation of increasing the number of those attending the Oregon State Fair Log Cabin. To this end the Agriculture Committee secured an hourly sheep shearing demonstration and an incubator in which chicks were hatching during the day. Rick and Brett Martin, who have participated in the Oregon Agricultural Festival shearing demonstration willingly volunteered to demonstrate this highly technical skill once per hour during the entire day. This demonstration generated significant interest as indicated by the sizable group gathered each hour. This endeavor also provided the opportunity to educate those relative to this industry in Oregon. Audrey and Aurianna VanHouten also provided samples of wool to the audience. Comments provided by the fair spectators were very positive.

Austin VanHouten brought one of his incubators and set it up in the Log Cabin. He had planned for this activity by placing in the incubator eggs that would be ready to hatch that day. Through the entire day those entering the Log Cabin were presented the opportunity to view chicks hatching. Austin, our resident chicken guru, instructed and answered questions related to poultry production. This certainly accomplished the goal of increasing the attendance at the

Log Cabin and improving the exposure of the Grange at the 2013 Oregon State Fair.

State FFA Convention

In March, the Agriculture Committee, Membership Committee and Youth Committee cooperated in the Oregon State Grange booth as part of the career show at the Oregon FFA Convention held at Mountain View High School in Bend, OR. The format for the presentation was modified for this year. Over 4500 FFA members, parents, advisors and guests were present at the annual convention. The members were able to discuss Grange policy and activities of local Granges that may be of interest to young people and other rural or metropolitan citizens. We were able to display the banners that illustrate the similarities between the FFA officers and the Grange officers. Henry Groseclose, referred to as the "Father to the FFA", was a Grange member from Virginia and wrote the FFA ceremonies.

For those of us that have been associated with both organizations, we realize the relationship between the FFA and the Grange. As the sponsor of the Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event, the Oregon State Grange is the longest continuous sponsor of any FFA event in the Oregon program. Our opportunity to interact with these young people who are not just our future leaders but are the leaders in their communities today is a prospect that cannot be taken lightly. These young people are always ready to explain their projects, the career development events they have participated and the activities of their local chapter. If, we as Grange member are prepared to engage them. The volunteers who assisted during the weekend, especially the members from the local area, are responsible for our positive impact with the FFA members.

Oregon Agriculture Festival

The Grange booth at the Oregon Agriculture Festival April 25 and April 26, 2014 proved to be a major attraction in Columbia Hall. During the weekend Grange volunteers assisted with planting 5000 tomatoes, peppers and marigolds that the children were able to take home. This activity provided the opportunity to introduce the Grange through our actions to the many who visited

our exhibit. Another positive aspect of this endeavor is introduction of mostly urban people to the industry of Agriculture. Although securing volunteers continues to be a challenge, we were able to accomplish our goals. The participation in the Oregon Ag. Fest. is only possible as a result of the many volunteers who contribute their time and effort. The membership should also be aware of the effort of Herrick Farms who produce the 5000 plugs that are the heart and soul of the Oregon Ag. Fest.

Agriculture Tour

The 2014 Agriculture committee tour was held Sunday June 22, 2014. The tour began with an hour ride through the high desert, and dusty, area of central Oregon. Upon arrival at the Hay Creek Ranch headquarters, we were met by Gordon Clark the ranch owner. He joined us on the bus and provided a very informative and educational program to the members on the tour. Gordon explained that the road through the ranch was at one time the main road through central Oregon and the ranch headquarters were the site of a store available to travelers on the road. Gordon also described the operations of the ranch and led us through the general yearly schedule. We were able to observe the electronic identification tags used on the ranch for both the cattle and sheep. He is able to read the ear tag on an animal and that number transferred to the main computer. He pointed out that he erected his own tower in order to facilitate the use of GPS. This system provides the valuable information needed for making decisions relative to genetic improvement. The highlight of the tour appeared to be the wild boar, completely mounted, that had been shot by Gordon's daughter during a trip back from Madras one evening. I believe that all on the tour came away with a sense of appreciation for the progressive practices that Gordon Clark utilizes.

Agriculture Conference

On Monday June 23, 2014, the annual Agriculture Conference was held with an informative program related to the Extension program on the Warm Springs Reservation. Even though Fara Brummer could not be a part of the instruction personally, she provided a slide presentation which explained the activities of

the Extension service on the Warm Springs reservation. Warm Springs is the only reservation that has a cooperative agreement with Oregon State University to participate as a part of the statewide extension network. I had seen the presentation before and communicated with Fara prior to the convention and was able, on a limited basis, to describe the very extension program that responds to the needs of the Native Americans that make Warm Springs their home. I hope that all enjoyed this discussion of the "non-traditional" traditional extension program.

Agriculturalist of the Year

This year there were three Grange members who were nominated by their Community and Pomona Granges for consideration for the Agriculturalist of the Year 2014. The recognition is meant to distinguish those members who have rendered outstanding service to the Grange and to the industry of Agriculture. Those nominated were: Francis (Bud) Dumolt, Jason Carroll, Sarah Queener-Plourde. As has been the procedure in past years, I provided the nominations and a scoring rubric to an outside person who is charged with making the final selection. The member to receive this recognition has been a Grange member for over 60 years, serving as an officer most of those years. Grange activities have been a responsibility of this member throughout his membership. He has also been responsible for maintaining the Grange hall and grounds. His involvement in Agriculture included producing milk, beef, pork, chickens, hay, sudan grass, corn, oats and wheat. He also has extensive experience utilizing his carpentry skill to build Agriculture structures. It is an honor to present the 2014 Oregon State Grange Agriculturalist of the Year to Francis (Bud) Dumolt from Beavercreek Grange.

This is my last report as the Director of the Agriculture Committee. It has been such a pleasure to have been afforded the opportunity to associate with the members of the committee. They have been such a support in accomplishing our goals. The pleasure to be given such a path for service to the organization will remain in my memory for years in the future. For 50 years

the chance to serve this very special organization on the Community, Pomona, State and National level has been a special calling for me. At my church one of our reminders says "Am I using my God given talents to serve Him and others". Since my talents are limited, I make every effort to be of service at any occasion. My deepest appreciation. It is becoming more challenging to maintain relationship with other Agriculture organizations and groups and to initiate new efforts. This really is critical if we are to preserve our position as a preeminent Agricultural organization.

We trust that the efforts of your Agriculture Committee will meet with your satisfaction and we

can expect your support in the future. The Agriculture committee is confident that we have sown the seeds for increased membership but the challenge to all is to cultivate and harvest the new members. All of these activities are only possible as result of the members who volunteer to support our efforts. We look forward to the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
 John Fine, Director
 Candy Maidens, District 1
 Dan Hemshorn, District 2
 John Knox, District 3
 Ed Thurston, District 3
 Lynn Trupp, District 4
 Keith Colvin, District 5
 Walt Forsea, District 6
 Vern and Paula Herrick,
 Members at Large



State Ag. Director John Fine presents the 2014 Oregon State Grange Agriculturalist of the Year to Francis (Bud) Dumolt from Beavercreek Grange #276 in Clackamas County. Brother Dumolt has been a Grange member for over 60 years, since joining the Grange at age 17 and has served as an officer most of those years both in subordinate and Pomona Grange. Bud is currently Agriculture Chairman at Beavercreek Grange and a member of the Executive Committee of Clackamas Pomona Grange #1. His involvement in Agriculture included producing milk, beef, pork, chickens, hay, Sudan grass, corn, oats and wheat. He also has extensive experience utilizing his carpentry skill to build agriculture structures. Bud has put up a



Republican State Representative, Mike McLane, of Powell Butte, addressed the Wednesday morning Legislative Conference at the Oregon State Grange Convention. Mr. McLane is the House Republican leader and represents House District 55.

greenhouse at his own place and has a garden growing both vegetables and flowers. Bud and his wife Leila live on a 28 acre farm at Markum and have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. They are members of the OSG GROW Club and were the 1967 Oregon State Grange Young Couple.

OSG Legislative Committee Annual Report

Patrons,

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Legislative Director for the Oregon State Grange this past year.

This was an even year in the State Legislature so we only had a one month session to deal with the budget. Other issues that did

Notes from the Foundation...

Grange Members,

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Grange Foundation was called to order by President Claudia Boswell on Monday, June 21, in Redmond during the Oregon State Grange annual session. All Board members were present. The Treasurer, Wayne Cabler, gave a favorable financial report for the Foundation and all the donors to the Foundation were thanked. A copy of the financial report was distributed to the members present.

Claudia Boswell regretfully resigned her position on the board due to Ben and her moving to Spokane in August. The board thanked her for her dedicated service to the board.

Our Secretary, Dan Williamson's, position is up for the term. Dan has done a superb job as secretary and the board thanked him for his service. His work may require him to move out of the area and is unable to continue on the board.

Nominations were opened to fill the two vacancies on the board, one representing District #3 and the other District #6. Susan Peter,

District #3 and Roger Wilson, District #6 were elected. We thank Susan and Roger for their willingness to service on the board.

At the annual meeting the 2014 winner of the Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Souders of Springwater Grange in Clackamas County. Jennifer was selected from five qualified candidates. We wish her the best in her college career and hope this award will help.

The board met following the annual meeting and the following officers were elected:

- President Malcolm Trupp
- Vice President Phil VanBuren
- Secretary Roger Wilson
- Treasurer Wayne Cabler
- Trustee Jan Oleson
- Trustee Susan Peter
- OSG Master Susan Noah

Support the Foundation by our donations. The Foundation is here to help you.

Fraternally,
 Malcolm Trupp, President



The 2013-14 Foundation Board at the annual meeting. Back row l-r: Treasurer, Wayne Cabler; Secretary, Dan Williamson; Vice President, Phil VanBuren and District #2, Malcolm Trupp. Front row l-r: OSG Master Susan Noah; President, Claudia Boswell and District #4, Jan Oleson.

come up in the Legislative session, we dealt with them within our policy.

I appreciate the members that have contacted me through the year when help was needed with their concerns. I would like to thank my committee members for their dedication to the legislative committee and the Oregon State

Grange.

May the Grange prosper and continue to be a voice in local, state and national issues as we continue to grow.

Fraternally,
 Dean A. High



The Oregon State Grange Officers exemplified the 6th degree on Wednesday night. (listed in roll call order) M-Susan Noah, O-Celia Luttrell, L-Jeanie Force, St-Wayne Cabler, AS-Phil Van Buren, LAS-Louise Holst, CH-Peggy Fine, T-Sarah Kingsborough, S-Phyllis Wilson, GK-Orrin Schnetzky, C-Beverly Doescher, P-Linda Helm, F-Cookie Trupp, EC1-Malcolm Trupp, EC2-Don Sether, EC3-Roger Wilson & MUS-Claudia Boswell.



These young people were initiated in the 5th degree on Tuesday evening: Jacob Yost-Deer Creek Grange, Patrick Anderson-Deer Creek Grange, Nathan Brott-Terrebonne Grange, Erika Anderson-Deer Creek Grange, Brianna Herrick-Waltermville Grange and Mary Brott-Terrebonne Grange.



The Memorial Drill team members: Ken & Shirley Naylor, Scottie & Ann Dickson, Bud & Leila Dumolt, Dick & Annette Wanker, Suzy Ramm, Don Kingsborough & Howard & Judy Huey; Musician Ruth Newman & OSG Officers M-Susan Noah, Ch-Peggy Fine, S-Phyllis Wilson & F-Cookie Trupp put on an inspiring service honoring past state officers and delegates on Tuesday afternoon.



These Grangers came from all over the state to exemplify the 5th degree. (listed in roll call order) M-Sarah Kingsborough, O-Mark Noah, L-Carol Everman, St-Don Kingsborough, AS-Bob Ludi, LAS-Sandi Ludi, CH-Connie Suing, T-Shirley Colvin, S-Ruth Cholin, GK-Teresa Brott, C-Vanessa Ford, P-Kim Schettig, F-Louise Holst, EC1-Ed Luttrell, EC2-Ron Cholin, EC3-Ray Andrieu, MUS-Bob Force, Specter-Phil Van Buren, attendant-Meriah Ford, attendant-Veronica Ford, attendant-Leila Dumolt, attendant-Judy Huey, attendant-Myrna Colvin, attendant-Joan Profitt, Usher-Brandon Parker & Usher-Thomas Parker.



Connie Suing, Vickie High & Louise Holst back up Ben Boswell in a rendition of the "Little Teapot" song.

Clarkes #261 and White Eagle #683 were awarded Gold in the Honor Granges,



Silver Honor Granges



Sister Susan Noah is installed as OSG Master.



Bronze Honor Granges

These members of Clarkes Grange #261 did a beautiful job installing the 2014-16 Oregon State Grange officers. From l-r back row: Scottie Dickson, Jim Dumolt, Ken Naylor, Jim Dumolt and in the front row Ann Dickson, Shirley Naylor and Christy Dumolt.



Membership Contest Winners; 1-Multnomah Grange #71, 2-Fairview Grange #273, 3-Pine Valley Grange #815, - 4- Redwood Grange #760



Lacy Johnston addressed the youth luncheon after the announcement that she had been selected as the 2014-15 Oregon State Grange Youth Ambassador.



The 2014-15 Oregon State Grange Youth Officers are M-Angela Hascall, O-Mikela Heimuller, L-Erika Anderson, St-Cole Wilson, AS-Patrick Anderson, LAS-Alexa Suing, Ch-Alexander Coe, T-Thomas Parker, S- Orrin Schnetzky, Gk-Madelyn Harmon, C-Erin McCormack, P-Misty Gorbett, F-Lacy Johnston, EC-Brandon Parker, EC-Grace Hayes & EC-Jacob Yost.



State FFA Prepared Public Speaking winner Meghan Stadeli of the Silverton FFA gave her winning speech Friday afternoon.



Lacy's sister Mattie Harmon was recognized as the 2014 Teenager of the Year, pictured here with their mother Krissy Johnston.



Public Speaking Contest Winners



Prepared Speech 14-19 year old category – 1st Thomas Parker



Impromptu Speech – 1st Mikela Heimuller



Elevator Speech – 1st Jacob Yost

These youth installed the Oregon State Grange Junior Officers; l-r Mikela, Heimuller, Cole Wilson, Erika Anderson, Lacy Johnston, Thomas Parker, Angela Hascall and Brandon Parker.



Youth Goodie Basket drawing time. Jacob Yost goes in head first after the winning ticket with the help of Orrin Schnetzky, Brandon Parker and Alexa Suing as Alexander Coe watches.



Junior officers prepared to march in and exemplify the Junior Degree on Wednesday morning.



The Junior Grangers presented each Veteran a flag as part of the "Honoring Veterans" activities on Tuesday afternoon.

Thanks to Stephen & Sabra Miller, Connie Suing, Tina O'Dell and Mark Noah for helping photograph this year's state convention.

More pictures will appear in upcoming issues.

Suzy Ramm, editor



2014 Oregon State Grange Junior Officers: M-Austin VanHouten, O-Austin Ancheta, L-Elias Utt, St-Cameron Herrick, AS-Riley Reynolds, LAS-Payton Miller, Ch-Audrey VanHouten, T-Owen Ancheta, S-Aurianna VanHouten, Gk-Ethan Utt, C-Briauna Herrick, P-Elizabeth Bence, F-McKenzie Lindler, EC-CJ Lindler, EC-Jaden Peters, EC-Ginny Ford.



Jennifer Souders

Marcel “Muzzy” Mandel Scholarship Awarded

Jennifer Souders, a 2009 graduate of Estacada High School, has been awarded the Marcel “Muzzy” Mandel Memorial Scholarship by the Oregon State Grange Foundation.

Jennifer will be a senior this fall at Warner Pacific College majoring in elementary education. Upon graduation in the spring of 2015 she hopes to secure a position as an elementary school teacher for grades kindergarten through sixth grade or as a specialized reading teacher. During the 2013-2014 school year she did her student teaching practicum in a first grade classroom at Bilquist Elementary school.

Jennifer currently works part-time as an assistant teacher at the Early Learning Center at Warner Pacific College. Previously, she worked part-time for three years at the Red Barn Preschool in Estacada, a non-profit, private cooperative preschool. This past year she set up and directed a major fundraiser for the school.

Jennifer is a member of Springwater Grange #263. She currently serves in the office of Lady Assistant Steward and is the editor of the Grange newsletter. She is the daughter of Vernon and Kathleen Souders, also officers in Springwater Grange. She has been involved in many of the Grange’s projects and activities including the annual Strawberry Social in June, the monthly Grange breakfasts and as an actor and spotlight operator during the annual Grange play. She serves as the game coordinator for the Grange Halloween party and

the craft entry coordinator for the annual Grange Community Fair in September.

On the county level, she is Education Committee Co-chair for Clackamas Pomona Grange.

In addition to Grange she has been youth group leader and teaches Sunday School at Springwater Presbyterian Church, Director/Teacher for Vacation Bible School, and Camp Counselor at Eagle Fern Camp. She volunteers at the Estacada Food Bank and works with the Springwater 4-H club.

The Marcel “Muzzy” Mandel Scholarship was created with funds donated to the Oregon State Grange in memory of Mr. Mandel from the sale of the old Sherwood Grange Hall. Brother Mandel, who served for many years as the Agriculture Chairman for the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange, gave very detailed reports, which are captured in their minutes. It has been said that if you wanted to write a history of agriculture in Washington County during that period (mid-1980s-1990s), you wouldn’t have to Google anything, just read his reports.



Chase Berg

Charles E. Spence Scholarship Winner

Christopher S. Loughridge, a 2014 graduate of Molalla Union High School, has been awarded the Charles E. Spence Scholarship by the Oregon State Grange.

Christopher is a member of Clarkes Grange #261 and currently serves in the office of Assistant Steward. He has been involved in many of the Grange projects and activities including the catering and breakfast fundraisers, community picnics and the Clackamas Pomona Grange youth scavenger hunt.

In the community he is involved in the Boy Scouts of America where he has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He is also involved with many school activities serving as president of the Connecting Beyond club, a member of the National Honor Society, active in the Drama Club and has had numerous roles in

high school plays. He also works on school fundraisers. Outside of school he is involved with his church youth group and helps with the community road clean-up project.

Christopher will be attending the University of Oregon this fall where he will major in Cinema Studies and minor in Anthropology.

The Charles E. Spence Scholarship is named after Mr. Spence who served as the Master/President of the Oregon State Grange from 1910 to 1923. The Spence Memorial Fund was created in 1929 as a permanent loan fund for the purpose of aiding the education of needy children of Grange members. In 1982 it was changed to a perpetual scholarship and has been given every year since.

Hurricane Creek Grange Awards Scholarships

Five financial assistance scholarships were awarded by Hurricane Creek Grange #608 at its regular meeting held May 15, including two to college students who received scholarships last year. All recipients are majoring in agriculture-related subjects.

Enterprise High School graduating seniors receiving \$250 awards were Sara Kunkle and Ashtin Olsen, both who plan to attend Eastern Oregon University. Also receiving a \$250 scholarship was Bailey Wearin of Joseph High School who will go to Oregon State University.

The two repeat recipients are Cody Arbogast and Myranda McFetridge. Cody is attending Northwest College in Powell Wyoming and is majoring in Equine Science and Agribusiness with a GPA of 3.3. Myranda McFetridge is attending Eastern Oregon University majoring in Agricultural Sciences with a GPA



Cody Arbogast

of 3.5. Two of the seniors awarded \$250 have 4.0 GPAs while the third one has a GPA of 3.7.

Hurricane Creek Grange scholarships are awarded to students majoring in any field of agriculture and graduating from high school in Wallowa County or continuing college. They need a minimum GPA of 2.5. Awarded money is to be used for books or tuition. They must have demonstrated scholarship, good character, extracurricular activities, and display potential for growth as well as financial need.

Deer Island Grange Awards Scholarship

Deer Island Grange awarded 2014 Don Coin Walrod Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to Chase Berg. Chase is a 2014 graduate of Clatskanie High School and will be attending Oregon State University in the fall where he will be pursuing a bachelors’ degree in Forest Engineering.



Myranda McFetridge

Three Oregon Grangers Awarded 2014 GWA Scholarships



Jason's wrap is from his tribe, The Muskogee Creek Nation, the red, white and blue honor rope represents his veteran status, the blue and gold rope is for his membership in the honor society Delta Alpha Pi; the white tassel is because of "The Arts" in his B.S. and the tie is of Ravenclaw colors.

Jason R. Couch

Jason R. Couch recently received his Bachelor of Science in Emerging Media and Digital Arts/Film from Southern Oregon State University and will return to grad school this fall to earn a Master of Fine Arts in Film. His long-term goal is to make documentary films in support of indigenous peoples and his earth-based beliefs.

Jason is a member of Phoenix Grange #779 and currently serves in the office of Chaplain. He is also the Overseer/Vice President and Veterans committee chairman of Jackson County Pomona Grange #27. He is a veteran and has been a Granger for about 8 years. He has been happily married for over 34 years and is a member of the Muskogee Creek

Nation. Jason was one of the primary advocates who convinced the Jackson County Pomona Grange to back the passage of Measure 15-119 the GMO-Free Movement. Many claim that the Pomona Grange's backing of that measure was critical to its overwhelming passage. Jason believes that the Grange is at a critical juncture in its history; that the Grange "can back corporate farming or we can get back to our roots and use our clout and knowledge to support non-corporate farming.....only many small farmers and home gardeners can feed the world's communities in a non-toxic and sustainable fashion."

The Grange Worker's Activities (GWA) Scholarships are supported by donations from the Subordinate/Community Granges throughout the state of Oregon. To be eligible, the applicant must be a Grange member, who by the time the tuition scholarship is awarded in September has had at least one year of college and is registered for 12 credit hours.



Mikela Heimuller

Mikela Heimuller, of St. Helens, completed her freshman year at Eastern Oregon State University in June. Her educational goals include completion of Veterinarian school so she is just getting started. She currently has an internship at a local veterinarian clinic in La Grande, Oregon.

Mikela is a graduate of St. Helens High School. She and her family are members of Warren Grange #536 where she serves as youth committee chairman and was a delegate to this year's Oregon

State Grange convention held in June in Redmond. She has been active in the Oregon State Grange youth program and has served as a youth officer the past five years. She is the 2014-15 Youth Overseer/Vice President as well as a member of the state Grange Youth Committee representing district #3 (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties). She has competed in the Grange public speaking contests for several years and placed 1st in this year's Impromptu competition.



Jaylee Jordan

Jaylee Jordan, of Clarkes Grange #261 will be a senior this fall at the University of Oregon majoring in Family and Human Services. She plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Special Education Teaching after she graduates next spring. She has had several internships that have given her experience working with people with disabilities. This past school year she had a different internship each quarter. During the fall she interned at Early Childhood Cares working with preschoolers with autism. Winter term saw her at a local elementary school in their special education department and spring

term at the Eugene Adaptive Recreation, working with adults with disabilities. For her last year of undergrad work, she plans to intern the whole year in the special education department at the same elementary school she worked at last winter. This internship will include her senior project.

Jaylee is a graduate of Sherwood High School and is the daughter of Bill and Janet Jordan of Sherwood. Her grandparents are Ken and Shirley Naylor of Molalla; both parents and grandparents are members of Clarkes Grange.

Oregon State Grange Annual Youth Director's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Since we separated in Canby at the conclusion of the 2013 convention, the youth have contributed their skills and enthusiasm for the benefit of our fraternity. While this report cannot capture all their accomplishments, we can highlight some of our successes and contributions.

One goal for the year was not met and we'll look at it again next year with an eye to revamping it. The missed goal was for each district to host an event and invite the youth across the state to participate. I truly believe that unless youth in our State have the opportunity to come together more often than just state convention this program will never see its potential fulfilled. The friendships forged are one of the keynotes to having participation as our fraternity is known for the social integration of its members. One reason youth look forward to convention is the face to face time they spend with friends as they participate in activities and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that reason.

This year we created a District Chair Handbook at the request of our team members. The handbook captures the responsibilities of various youth chairs (Subordinate, Pomona and District). It also details the programs we agreed would be highlighted this year and encourage the youth to participate in.

We are inviting members input regarding changing the format for the Annual Youth Goodie Basket Raffle. Presently all tickets are put in one barrel thus there are six opportunities to win. As each ticket is drawn, the ticket holder chooses which basket they want from the baskets remaining unclaimed. However it has queried if raffle participation would increase if we create the baskets earlier so we can inform the members the theme and contents of each basket allowing them to choose which basket(s) they wish to bid on with their ticket(s). This would change the format to each district basket having its own draw.

First activity after convention was a weekend of fun and fellowship at the Clear Lake Campout. The state youth team contributes

financial assistance to this event which has paid for the campsites and the Saturday evening community meal. This program continues to be well attended with participants enjoying the time they've come together. One of the questions posed is if the event can move around to various lakes in the state and this will be seriously considered in 2014.

Western Regional's were hosted by Washington State this year. The youth in attendance were Lacy Johnston, Mikela Heimuller and Thomas Parker. Lacy participated in the prepared speaking contest and placed second. Mikela Heimuller participated in the impromptu speaking. All three youth participated in the drill exhibition earning a National Achievement Award. The weekend was filled with interesting workshops and fun in equal measure. This was the first time for a couple of the youth to travel to a Grange event outside of Oregon and they enjoyed meeting new friends while learning how other Grangers approach their work.

We hosted a day at the Log Cabin. Youth unable to help man the cabin the day we hosted were encouraged to contribute their time on another day. The Log Cabin remains a premier opportunity for the Grange to reach out to non-members and share the value of Grange membership. One of the hurdles is many have the belief the Grange is only old folks so having youth participate is vital to the image we present to the public. All the youth sharing their time to work at the Log Cabin have my appreciation.

Thomas Parker represented Oregon very admirably at the 2013 National Convention held in New Hampshire. Thomas participated on the National Youth Office Team as Gatekeeper. In addition to the officer practices, he took in various leadership workshops. Fun in the form of dances and a youth tour concluded the week of activities.

The youth were invited to participate in the FFA Convention career fair. So we joined forces with the membership and agriculture teams. Madelyn (Mattie) Harmon, 2013 Youth Flora, worked the booth greeting FFA members and talking Grange. While the director

contributed some social media posts on Facebook, Mattie preferred instagram (another social media format) to post updates. Our appreciation also goes to Cole Wilson, 2013 Youth Treasurer, and Brandon Parker, 2013 Youth Assistant Steward. While they are FFA members and had responsibilities calling their attention, when they found themselves with a break both brought friends to the Grange booth for an introduction to Grange. While FFA members signed up for the drawing for the tablet give away, they were happy to talk about the Grange and the similarities between our organizations.

The youth were pleased to assist the Junior Committee with the Junior Jamboree in April hosted by Terrebonne Grange. From announcing the Junior Jamboree on their outdoor reader board, to the warm hall and great meals, we truly owe Terrebonne Grange a hearty round of applause for opening their doors to us. The youth assisted by providing crafts, prepping the egg hunt, providing guidance in the ritual and helping with the marching drill. Thank you to the Junior Committee for being open to our assistance. The weekend was enjoyed by all.

Ag Fest also saw assistance from the youth. While most prefer the hands on fun of helping the kids plant seedlings, some helped with the membership outreach by talking Grange with parents as their kids plant their seedlings. This is the Grange's opportunity

to extend some goodwill to the public at large. My appreciation is unending to all the youth who donated their time to this endeavor.

In the 2013 Master's address, she touched upon the need to keep the lessons of our fraternity before us. The lessons of our ritual are the values we purportedly try to live in our daily lives. To this end, she expressed a desire to have the first four degrees exemplified on Sunday at the 2014 convention. The teams are multi-generational. Many youth have stepped forward to participate on these teams. The involvement of our youth on these teams shows that our ritual and its accompanying lessons still have value in our busy lives of today. I am grateful to all, young and young-at-heart, who have stepped forward to make these teams and share our history.

While this has been a year filled with accomplishments, there is still much that the youth can step up and contribute to the success of our fraternity at the local, county and state level. I constantly urge them to look around and find activities that interest them and allow them to lead into the future. The Grange brings workshops to the youth to increase their skills and in turn, we need the youth to step and find ways to lead. Yes, youth are our leaders today and in our future tomorrows.

As always, encourage a youth,
Cat Thomas,
OSG Youth Director

Oregon Grange Youth Goodie Basket Winners

The major fundraising activity for the OSG Youth Activity Fund is the Goodie Basket Raffle. Each District provides a basket and the winners are drawn during the Youth Luncheon at state convention. This year's winners are:

- Dist. #1 Duane Decker, Albany
- Dist. #2 Catherine Johnston, Jefferson
- Dist. #3 Wayne Cabler, Medford
- Dist. #4 Dixie Mountain Grange
- Dist. #5 Dorena Grange
- Dist. #6 Goshen Grange

Oregon Junior Granges

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Junior Director Oregon State Grange

I am excited to be part of the State Junior Grange program. I grew up with the Junior Grange, participated on the local and state levels, and looked forward to Junior Grange camp every year. I think all of us who had this privilege can agree on the positive difference it made in our young lives. I am delighted to see the 1+ program rolling out for Juniors. It opens new doors for a greater impact on the next generation of Grangers. If your Grange has children that regularly come to

meetings with family, the Junior Committee will be here to support you in providing a consistent program for these young people. I look forward to visiting your 1+ members over the next year and providing them with some fun activities to participate in and attend. Please feel free to reach out to me and my committee with any questions or concerns.

Fraternally,
Charlotte Taylor



It's official. On June 17, 2014 Mason Taylor became a third generation Junior Granger. Mason is the first 1+ Junior member at Boring-Damascus Grange #260. He is the son of OSG Jr. Director Charlotte Taylor and the grandson of Ed and Celia Luttrell.

2014 Junior Talent Show Winners

Sponsors: Malcolm And Cookie Trupp

Variety	Variety
Age 5-7	Age 11-14
1. Aurianna VanHouten	1. Austin VanHouten
2. Ginny Ford	Vocal
Age 8-10	Age 8-10
1. Audrey VanHouten	1. Riley Reynolds
2. CJ Lindler & McKenzie Lindler	2. Aurianna & Audrey VanHouten

Oregon State Junior Grange Annual Director's Report

Brothers and Sisters:

It has been my pleasure to have served as your Junior Director for the last eight years (June 2006 – June 2014). Thank you for entrusting your children to me. The Junior Department has been blessed with talented and gifted young people. I hope they have learned as much I have learned from them. I wish them a bright and rewarding future.

I would like to thank Sister Phyllis Wilson for giving Jeff and me the opportunity to lead the Junior Department. She was very helpful and guided us through with patience and love. In return we tried to give love and guidance to the Juniors.

Also thank you to Peggy Fine for being my co-Director from 2010-2012. We had fun together working with the Juniors. Kudos to John Fine for helping in the Degree Work.

The highlight of my Junior years was when Brother Ed Luttrell, Master of the National Grange asked me to step in and help with the National Junior Program for the National Convention in Boise. I was delighted to have been asked. I hope I did him proud. It was my dream to see the Juniors do the Degree Work in front of the National Delegates. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity.

As I prepared for my last State Convention as State Junior Director, I knew that it has all been possible because of the help and support I have gotten from my Brothers and Sisters of the Grange.

Thank you to the District Chairs,

Deputies and At-Large: Carol Hales; Christy Dumolt; Allison Curry; Iva May Van Noy; Linda Dorland; Linda Helm; Gloria McCuchen; Nina Stables; Karen Cansler; Kris Van Houten; Tina Reynolds; Elveree Fine; Jim Westbrook; Peggy Jillson; Carly Sether Itami; Shirley Colvin

Special "Thank You" to Cookie and Malcolm Trupp; Paula and Vernon Herrick; Walterville Grange #416; Louise Holst; Susan and Mark Noah; Larry Rea; and to a special person that lets me do volunteering and helps me; for it surely does take some of his time also.

Another one of the real key moments was when Grangers pulled together and helped raise the extra money needed to take the Juniors on the Crooked River Train. There were 28 Granges that donated a total of \$1265.00. That was really inspiring.

To continue growing the Grange and getting more young people involved we need to work on the Junior Plus One Program so that every subordinate can have at least one Junior in their Grange.

There are three Pomona Junior Granges starting up in Benton; Washington-Yamhill and Lane Pomonas. Please continue to support these programs.

As I leave at the end of this year's session, I hope the leaders that take it over are given the same great support I have had. Even though we will be on the sidelines, we will be giving our support and guidance as best we can.

Fraternally yours, Liz Dehne

2014 Junior Grange Craft Entry Winners

Sponsors: Louise Holst: Ada Grange, Walterville Grange, Mark and Susan Noah, Midland Grange, Abernathy Grange and Clarkes Grange.

Creative Writing	Tissue Paper Art:	Fork Painting:	Fork Painting:
5-7 age	5-7 age	8-10 age	11-14 age
1st Aurianna VanHouten	1st Aurianna VanHouten	1st Cameron Herrick	1st Elizabeth Bence
8-10 age	8-10 age	1st Riley Reynolds	2nd Brianna Herrick
1st Audrey VanHouten	1st Audrey VanHouten	2nd CJ Lindler	3rd Jaden Peters
11-14 age	Fork Painting	3rd Audrey VanHouten	HM Elias Utt
1st Austin VanHouten	5-7 age	HM Owen Ancheta	Payton Miller
Wood Craft:		Ethan Utt	Austin Ancheta
1st Brianna Herrick	1st Aurianna VanHouten	Ceramics:	
Bracelet Single Band Quad	2nd McKenzie Lindler	1st Riley Reynolds	
1st Austin VanHouten	3rd Aurianna VanHouten	Misc. Crafts:	
	HM Ginny Ford	1st Brianna Herrick	
	Zachary Jacobson		

Oregon State Grange Community Service – Involvement Annual Report

Granges Reporting first half of year: 18
 Granges Reporting second half of year: 29
 Granges turning in an Annual Report: 41 23.3% reporting

By Pat Heard, Community Service~Involvement Director

Community Service - Involvement Projects Performed By The Community Grange:

Money Donated by the Grange for Grange Community Projects	\$48,622.60
Non-Monetary Donations given by Community Grange (value)	\$43,157.00
Pounds of Food Donated Locally	12351 lbs.
Dollar Value of Community Grange Hall Usage by Non-Grangers	\$82,761.00
Hours Donated by Members for Grange Community Service/Involvement Projects	55,906
Miles Driven for Community Grange Service/Involvement Projects	73,451
Number of "Words For Thirds" Dictionaries provided to 3rd Grade Students	883
Number of Campbell's Labels for Education Points collected	4,662

Community Service - Involvement Performed By Community Grange Member In Non-Grange Community Activities:

Money Donated by Grange Members for Non-Grange Community Projects	\$103,398.57
Amount of Non-Monetary Donations given by Grange Members	\$67,165.17
Number of Volunteer Hours by Grange Members for Non-Grange Projects	677,946
Miles Driven by Grange Members for Non-Grange Projects	89,016

Your Own Grange Hall "In House" Projects:

Member Hours spent working at or for your Community Grange	44,813
Miles Driven at or for your Community Grange	75,867
Money or Materials (\$ value) Donated to YOUR Community Grange	\$32,521.45
Number of New Members Gained through Community Service/Involvement	61

Granges answering yes	1st Report	2nd Report
Our Grange actively recycles	18	26
Our Grange provides a Scholarship that is available to the public	8	9
Our Grange is involved in or donates to a Service Dog project	8	9
Our Grange participates in plays or other cultural events for the public	13	16
Our Grange actively participates in Pomona Grange	7	20



2014 State Community Service Awards were presented to these Granges for their project notebooks. l-r 1st place Clarkes Grange #261 Clackamas County with 295 points. They received \$100. In 2nd place Walterville Grange #416, Lane County with 294 points received \$75. In third place Lorane Grange #54 also in Lane County with 293 points received \$50 and in fourth place Tigard Grange #148 in Washington County with 285 points and received \$25.



This year's recipients of the OSG Food Bank Drive was the NeighborImpact Food Bank which collects and distributes food to more than 40 different sites throughout Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. \$225.00 and 450lbs of food were collected by Oregon Grangers



The Education Committee

Lyle Utt

Education Com. Director ~ Oregon State Grange

Testing in Oregon

In this article I will attempt to cover testing in Oregon, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and the waiver that the state of Oregon department of education (ODE) is currently under.

Starting in the early 1960s Oregon has had some form of standardized testing of school students. Standardized testing of school students is an attempt to eliminate the high school student who gets a diploma but cannot read or write. I have heard teachers and parents talk about test the teacher not the student. The issue I have with that is I personally have had teachers that could pass any test you give them but because of burnout, ability and style could not teach anyone anything. Currently testing is required at both the state and federal level. If you don't need any state or federal money then you could eliminate all standardized testing. That is not practical. The federal government requires testing at certain levels as part of NCLB.

The ODE and state legislature chose to move from Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) to Smarter Balanced

Assessment. OAKS assessed a student against state standards. Smarter Balanced is based on Common Core Standards. Common Core attempts to not only assess what you know but what it means to know it. Common Core is rubric based and builds on knowledge in previous years and attempts to guide teachers and school districts to developing lessons and teaching guides that cover the standards.

Before the state obtained the waiver for NCLB it was required to get all students at 100% of a set of national standards, even special education students. A special education student that is at 100% of standards is not in special education any more. That one piece of the NCLB was not obtainable. Before Common Core all textbooks in the US were written for Texas and California, but not written to meet for Common Core standards in over forty three states.

I hope I have covered some of the issues with standardized testing in Oregon and a little information on NCLB and Common Core.

Annual Report of the Oregon State Grange Communications Team

Since last year your Communications Team has done a lot of work in support of the members and Granges in Oregon. The Bulletin Editor (who is new and awesome) is now an active participant on our Communications Team, allowing us to be more cohesive and strategic in our messages to the membership. We have regular planning sessions to discuss how, when, and why we will communicate with both the membership and the public about the Grange.

Social Media

This year we created a public Facebook page for the Oregon State Grange. We now have more than 200 followers, many of whom are not members. The Oregon State Grange Youth also created accounts on Instagram and will soon join Twitter. These offer us the opportunity to share our message and connect with others via this critical media form. Our private member groups continue to be a forum for sharing ideas and connecting with members across the state. Please get your phones or tablets out today and "like" us!

Marketing Tools

The Communications Team has supported members with a number of new tools this year. We are happy to help any Granges or committees with writing press releases, setting up social media accounts, creating custom flyers/posters, or any other tools to help with your marketing and publicity. Granges are doing amazing things across the state. We are here to help you connect those good deeds with your community and attract potential new members to help us be an even more effective organization.

E-Membership

A resolution passed in 2013 asked the Communication Team to work with a special committee to promote e-membership. Our special committee met last summer and helped form a few new tools including a poster used in the State Fair Log Cabin, and additional information on the Oregon State Grange website. In December we sent a flyer to all Subordinate Granges encouraging e-membership as a great gift idea, and have run numerous promotional posts via social media.

OSG Website

A major accomplishment was the

conversion of the OSG website from old software running on a now-no-longer-supported laptop (XP) to WordPress. The conversion focused on transferring the current content. The only new feature is the often requested "Search this website." We are still working to resolve redirection issues but will soon be able to add other new features that WordPress provides.

Getting content for the website remains a challenge. Committee Directors have been told that the page for their department on the website is theirs to update; the communications Team just facilitates. Committee web pages are powerful communications and membership tools that are available at the click of a mouse. Every Director of an Oregon State Grange committee should be familiar with the content of their committee's page on the OSG website, check it regularly and promptly send updates to webmaster@orgrange.org.

On our website, the same as in our Bulletin and State Roster, accuracy is important and the computer expression 'garbage in, garbage out' rings true. Please be accurate when sending in names, addresses, dates and locations of scheduled events, and other information. Our State Grange staff do not mess with the web page, so be sure to send information and questions about the web page to the webmaster.

Another accomplishment was the purchase of software that makes forms that readers can type into. Ninety percent of the forms on the website are now available in both formats: print and write information with a pen or type and print.

Marilyn has studied how to write press releases and helped develop some standardized content we'd like to see all Granges using. Come to our Communications Workshop & Conference Wednesday afternoon from 2-3:30 pm to learn more.

Subordinate/Community Grange Websites

Did you know that there is a web page already set up for your Grange, for every Grange, at no cost? The National Grange website includes links to pages for each local Grange; all you have to do is access it and put in your specific information. You can add

pictures and posters, advertise events and meetings, and link your page to others. If your Grange already pays for a private web page, you can put a link to that page on your Grange.org page. Check out this excellent member benefit today, and start putting it to good use! Additional information and instructions will be available at this convention and in the August/September issue of the Grange Bulletin. Contact the Communications Team if you would like help setting up your Grange website.

Grange Bulletin

Our new editor came into this position with writing and computer skills but no actual experience using a publishing program. However, she did have a vision of what the paper could be. The goal was to make it not only a means of communicating within the membership but also a marketing tool that Granges could use at their community events. We have had some very positive comments on the new look and feel of the paper and hope you will be just as happy with the upcoming changes the editor has planned. Remember the paper is only as good as the stories the membership provides. To that end there is now an OSG Bulletin Facebook page and the editor 'friends' local Granges (not individuals) to find out what's going on (if your Grange does not yet have a Facebook page, talk to one of the members of the OSG Communications Team and get on board with this excellent communications tool!) If the Bulletin editor posts on your Facebook page requesting more details about posted events such as pictures and information about the outcome, please respond! You want to see your Grange's name in the paper, don't you? We hope to cover the variety of events that Granges are doing, and to have stories from all corners of our state.

More changes are in order for the OSG Bulletin. Starting with the August/September 2014 issue the paper will be published every two months; August/September, October/November, December/January, February/March, April/May and June/July. Additionally in November of odd years and March in even years a four-page paper will be published containing the statements of candidates for state office. The deadlines for submittals will be

moved forward to the 10th of the month prior to publication, with the paper then going to print on the 1st of the month and delivery planned for the first week of the month. And watch for surprises along the way. Please take a moment while at convention to check out the OSG Bulletin display and give your feedback to some questions. We value your input.

Several press releases have been sent out this year: November 2013 – about the National Grange Quilt Block Winner from Oregon; March 2014 – Sponsorship of FFA Public Speaking Awards; April 2014 – Ag-Fest Sponsorship and Activities. More are planned for the month of June including: National Grange Representative to State Session; Speakers for Session Conferences open to the public; any speakers/presentations that the press might want to cover; and our Tuesday Night Talent Contest. During Convention press releases will go out immediately for notable recognitions such as winners of talent contests, scholarship recipients, selection of Youth Ambassadors, final results of State Grange officer elections, announcement of State Youth Officers, and more. After convention, press releases will be sent on policy actions taken and any additional winners or honorees not covered during session. Remember, minutes and proceedings are not for public consumption until released by action of the delegates or the State Master.

In communication, as in agriculture, 'Every member should experiment to discover new methods...or to ascertain what are the elements of success.' Your Communications Team is here to help you discover some new methods of communication that will help you succeed. Just call us. Or email. Or Facebook us, or tweet, instagram, or text, or even 'drop us a line.' We'll get back to you!

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Resolutions Approved at the 2014 State Session

Agriculture

AG #3: Support Progressive Farming

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support farming methods which minimize unwanted cross pollination of seed types. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support and encourage methods of seed creation which minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support and encourage methods of seed creation that will increase the nutritional value of the food. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support and encourage research assessing impacts of agricultural seed and practices on human health, the natural environment, and the economy. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange equally support farming originating from all seed types on condition that the above assurances are met.

AG #4: Change State Grange Policy on Genetically Altered Seed

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange should support that plant crop Genetically Modified Organism traits are linked to cytoplasmic male sterility (sterile pollen). And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports a farmer's right to produce his own seed free from contamination by patented Genetically Modified Organism products.

AG #6: GMO Labeling

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support legislation to label foods that do not contain GMOs.

By-Laws

BL #1: Determining if a Life Member is still Living

Resolved: That a new section be added to the By-Laws 4.7.7(f): After a two-year period of time, in which the Subordinate/Community Secretary has attempted, by telephone, US mail and electronically, to contact the Life Member or other family members, the Life Member may be dropped from the active rolls of the Subordinate Grange.

BL #2: Life Membership Investment Income Return

Resolved: Article 4 Section 7.10(a) be amended to read: By the fifteenth (15th) day of April the income generated by the investment of the Life Membership Fund be remitted to the participating Subordinate/Community Granges. This income shall be paid on a pro-rata basis determined by the balance of the Life Membership Fund at the beginning of the previous year.

BL #3: Eliminate Primary Preferential Election of State Officers

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange By-Laws be amended to eliminate the Primary election by:

- (a) Deleting sections 1.8.2(b), 1.9.2, and 1.9.3.
- (b) Advancing the dates for nomination, notification, acceptance, and appointing the Election Board by four months (September becomes January, November becomes March, etc.)
- (c) Deleting the words "Primary" and "Final" whenever they appear before "Preferential Election."
- (d) Renumbering remaining sections accordingly.

BL #4: Dues Raise

Resolved: That the by-laws of the Oregon State Grange be changed to read:

Section 10, Dues

4.10.1 (a) The minimum regular annual dues shall be **forty-five dollars (\$45.00)** for each individual member. All dues shall be paid in advance to the end of the calendar year.

(b) The annual individual member dues are distributed as follows: \$1.90 to subsidize Oregon State Grange Bulletin; \$1.50 to the Oregon State Grange Convention Fund; one dollar (\$1.00) to the National Grange Convention Fund, \$14.00 to National Grange; \$0.40 to Pomona Grange; \$25.20 to the Oregon State Grange, and \$1.00 to the Oregon State Grange emergency fund.

4.10.2 The minimum regular annual dues shall be **ninety dollars (\$90.00)** for each Family Membership.

Section 12, Officers and Their Duties

4.12.6 Duties of the Secretary

(a) The Secretary of each Subordinate/Community Grange shall report quarterly to the State office, the names of all individual persons and families initiated, obligated, welcomed, admitted by demit, reinstated, suspended, expelled, deceased, dropped for non-payment of dues, dropped by request or lost by demit during the quarter and pay to the State office one dollar (\$1.00) for each person and two dollars (\$2.00) for each family initiated, obligated or welcomed during the quarter; also quarterly dues of **eleven dollars and twenty five cents (\$11.25)** for each member and **twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50)** for each Family Membership reported in good standing at the close of the preceding quarter. And be it further Resolved: That the by-laws change is effective January 1, 2015.

BL #6: 5th Degree Obligation

Resolved: That Oregon State Grange allow the use of the official 5th Degree Obligation Ceremony authorized by the National Grange Patrons of Husbandry several years ago, and encourage the candidates to take the 5th degree ceremony as soon as is convenient.

BL #7: Energy Committee of Oregon State Grange

Resolved: That the Energy Committee be removed from the Standing Committees in section 1.16.1 of the Oregon State Grange By-Laws, and that section 1.16.8 be stricken and the subsequent sections be renumbered.

Federal Affairs

FA #1: Full File Credit Reporting

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will oppose any legislation in regards to the enacting of the use of Full File Credit Reporting.

FA #3: GMO Terminator and Traitor Seeds

Resolved: That the National Grange requests the U.S. Congress to revoke the patent on the terminator and traitor seeds.

FA #4: Label Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) Milk

Resolved: The National Grange requests the U.S. Congress to pass a law to label all milk products that come from cows that are given Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH).

FA #5: Support H.R. 4380, the Gun Confiscation and Registration Prevention Act

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Gun Confiscation and Registration Prevention Act.

FA #6: Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin

Resolved: That Granges at all levels and Grange members in the United States immediately and fully support the concept of the issuance of a commemorative coin and related memorabilia to honor the Grange sesquicentennial. And be it further

Resolved: That the federal government, its agencies and contractors work together with the Order of Patrons of Husbandry for their mutual benefit to design, license, mint and sell, in a timely manner, a coin commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Grange's founding. And be it finally Resolved: That any profits or surcharge collected from the sale of the coins to go toward an appropriate and mutually agreed upon program or purpose specified in the enabling legislation.

FA #8: Sustainable Use of Spent Grains

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support the use of spent grains as animal feed.

Grange Bulletin

GB #1: Support for Advertisement in the Oregon State Grange Bulletin

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange should be allowed to sell advertisement space in the *Bulletin* in order to generate a new source of revenue for assuring continued quality, subject to the policies of the Oregon State Grange and the United States Postal Service.

Good of the Order

GO #4: Demonstrate Respect for Flag

Resolved: That The National Grange and all levels of Grange

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observe United States Flag Etiquette in all our promotional materials.

GO #8: Licensing of the Grange Name

Resolved: That the National Grange provide and require all current and future businesses licensed to use the Grange name to display a sign either on their front door or in a window by their front door saying "The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry has licensed this business to use the Grange name." And be it further

Resolved: That this sign also include a license number, date license expires if applicable, a Grange logo and the National Grange website address. And be it further

Resolved: That a list of the Grange licensed businesses be easily accessible on the National Grange website. And be it further

Resolved: That the National Grange provide, at least once a year, the State Granges with a list of the Grange licensed businesses in their state.

GO #9: Recognition of 125 Years of Service

Resolved: That the members and delegates at the 141st annual session of the Oregon State Grange extend their sincere and fraternal congratulations to the officers, members and delegates of the Washington State Grange on the occasion of their 125th anniversary. And be it further

Resolved: That the members of the Oregon State Grange convey our best wishes for a successful Washington State Grange session. May your Grange's efforts bring a bright future for your beautiful Evergreen state. And be it further

Resolved: That this resolution, complete with the whereases, be hand-carried by the Oregon State Grange Overseer for presentation to the Washington State Master during the Washington State Grange 2014 annual session.

GO #10: State Session Memorial Service

Resolved: That beginning with the 2015 Oregon State Grange Session that the names of any Past State Youth or Past State Junior Officers who have passed on since the previous State Session be included in the Memorial Service so that they are honored in the same manner as our other State Officers.

Grange Programs and Activities

GPA #2: Growing the Grange by being a Grange Ambassador

Resolved: That all Grangers attending events that will have exposure to the general public be encouraged to wear or have with them items that have the Grange Logo on them and in plain view, to promote the Grange and be a good ambassador.

Health & Welfare

HW #1: Support Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange and National Grange actively support passage of "The Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act."

Legislative

LE #1: Active Support for Small Farmers

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange support all government and fiscal policy that improves the likelihood of success, and reduces the impediments to that success, of small farms.

LE #2: Oregon Lottery Funds

Resolved: That 2% of Oregon Lottery funds be designated and made available to the not-for-profit organizations that serve veterans.

LE #3: Repeal Oregon Senate Bill 833

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange will support the repeal of all legislation granting driver privilege cards to illegal aliens.

LE #4: Opposition to Marijuana Legalization

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to legalize marijuana through the initiative or legislative process.

LE #5: Bicycle Registration in Oregon

Resolved: That all bicycle riders/operators over the age of 15

year old must study and prove knowledge of rules and safety practices on public roads and shall be licensed. And be it further

Resolved: That all bicycles would be licensed. A license plate or tag would be attached to the bicycle. And be it further

Resolved: That the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles be authorized to manage and enforce the licensing of bicycles and the licensing of bicycle operators over the age of 15 in the State of Oregon.

LE #6: Extension of Daylight Savings Time

Resolved: That the Pacific Time Zone in the State of Oregon change to full daylight saving time.

Transportation

TR #1: Encourage Easily Fastened Seatbelts

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange and the National Grange lobby to require all auto makers to provide seatbelts on future models that can be easily fastened by all people, no matter their size or physical ability.

TR #3: Stoplight at Oregon Highway 224 & Carver Bridge

Resolved: That Oregon State Grange requests the Oregon Department of Transportation address the Oregon Hwy 224 and Carver bridge intersection with the installation of a traffic light. And be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to the Oregon Department of Transportation, the City of Damascus, and local transportation system planning committee.

TR #5: Oil Train Safety

Resolved: That the Oregon State Grange shall support efforts on a federal level to increase railroad safety standards for the shipment of oil and require the use of safer tank cars.

Utilities

UT #1: Satellite Television Freedom of Choice of Local Marketing

Resolved: That satellite viewers should have the freedom to choose which local television (TV) channels they want to watch, if the stations are available to the satellite company. And be it Further

Resolved: That, if passed by the Oregon State Grange, a copy be sent to National Grange.



Early days of the session found committees busy at work debating the resolutions.



**OREGON STATE GRANGE Executive Committee Minutes April 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. on the above date by Master Susan Noah with Secretary Phyllis Wilson and Executive Committee members Roger Wilson, Malcolm Trupp and Don Sether in attendance. Overseer Celia Luttrell was excused due to health concerns of her mother. A quorum was declared. The opening prayer was led by the Secretary.

MINUTES: Malcolm moved, Don 2nd to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2014 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Current Reports – The 2013 reports are being finalized so that the 2014 reports can be compiled. The Life Membership checks and Trust Fund reports have been mailed.

Membership/Grange Information Report – This report, dated 03/08/14, was prepared by staff member Jan Oleson and shows totals for different classes of individual memberships. We have 88 Family Plans and 137 exempt Golden Sheaf members. There are 31 Granges with 17 members and 13 with only 13 members. There are seven (7) Granges on the “loan receivables” list and two (2) Granges on the “notes receivables” list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rockford Grange – Members had approved a resolution pertaining to the purchase of their building and a ground lease for the land from the West Side Rural Fire Protection District during a meeting with the OSG attorney. After review of this resolution, Malcolm moved, Don 2nd for its approval. Motion carried.

Notice of Restriction on Title – Staff member Suzy Ramm has completed information on six (6) counties, they are now ready for review by attorney and filing by title company.

Willows Property – Malcolm moved, Phyllis 2nd to approve an offer of \$55,000 from the Morrow County Grain Growers for purchase of this property. Motion carried.

Rufus Property – Net proceeds from the sale of this property totaled \$27,970.

Matching Grant Program – Information on this new program, along with an application, were reviewed today. Susan was asked to have a grant committee formed, if possible, so that any committee questions could be addressed at

our next meeting. Reporting requirements also need to be established.

Melrose Property – The property has been sold at a price of \$70,183. Riversdale has received \$1,000 of this amount and the remainder placed in a Trust Fund for this Grange.

Elk City Property – The prospective buyer has been informed that we would not carry the contract but would be open to other proposals if he could secure financing.

State Session Schedule – Malcolm asked about the possibility of morning coffee with committees or others “sponsoring” this for our members. The convention center caterer would have to be paid to do this.

Consolidation of Colton-Foothills & Springwater – The consolidation plan was reviewed but Malcolm requested the pertinent minutes for both Granges to be submitted. Malcolm moved, Don 2nd to approve the consolidation upon receipt of the minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Investments – Susan has been meeting with Ron Boucher of Wells Fargo to discuss our investments. We reviewed his proposal dated April 11, 2014. Malcolm moved, Don 2nd to transfer any excess money from the checking account to Wells Fargo. Motion carried. Our new audit firm, Moss Adams, will do a financial recap for us along with an analysis of our investments.

Request from “Oregon Medicare Savings Connect” – After determining that this was a legitimate company, it was the general consensus to mail their fliers to Granges along with a statement that OSG does not promote or endorse this and does not receive any monetary support.

Bulletin Printing and Scheduling – Per request by the Master, based on 2013 delegate action a proposal for changes to the Bulletin was submitted by the Bulletin Editor, Suzy Ramm, that included issues to be published in August, October, December, February, March and April plus issues to cover by-law requirements for elections. Two issues per year would have color and publication dates would be moved from the 10th to the 1st of each month. This change would require moving deadlines from the 20th of the month to the 10th

of the month. Don moved, Phyllis 2nd to accept her proposal with changes to become effective with the August, 2014 issue. Motion carried. She was commended for her research in putting this proposal together. Don moved, Malcolm 2nd to have a 4-page tabloid printed this year as an experiment, specifically for the State Fair with expenses to be paid from the Leadership/Membership Fund. Motion carried. The Secretary also asked that we consider providing a bag, imprinted with the OSG logo, to accompany the tabloid as such bags had been available at the Log Cabin a few years ago and were well received.

Request from Little Deschutes – \$20,000 was requested from its Trust Fund. Don moved, Malcolm 2nd to allow only \$15,000 to cover expenses for a new heating system, insulation for the entire building and new chairs and tables. Motion carried.

Request from South Fork – Members requested permission to sell their property to an adjacent property owner for \$34,430. A fire, earlier this year, completely destroyed the Grange hall; current zoning and building codes will not allow the hall to be rebuilt. Don moved to approve the request after information is received by the OSG Master showing that membership was properly notified and a vote taken regarding the sale – per the OSG By-Laws. Motion carried.

Request from the Accounting Office – Our renters are asking for some improvements to their parking area and submitted a bid from a local company totaling \$2,000 for an overlay and restriping. Phyllis moved, Malcolm 2nd to approve the bid. Motion carried.

Highland Property – Clackamas Fire District #1 is interested in purchasing the property and has requested a selling price. Malcolm moved, Don 2nd to offer the property at a starting price of \$61,053, which is the real market land value determined by the Clackamas County Assessor. Motion carried.

DECISIONS MADE BY E-MAIL:

Phyllis moved, Malcolm 2nd to ratify the actions made by email since our last meeting. Motion carried. The decisions included: **Kinton Proposal** – (March 11 email) Unanimous approval to allow Kinton Grange to sell a portion of its property to Wash. County Dept. of Land Use &

Transportation for \$46,100. **Sandlake Grange Request for \$2,164.07 from Trust Funds** – (January 31 email) Unanimous approval to approve request to allow further improvements to building.

North Fork Property – Unanimous approval to reject \$15,000 offer for the property from a neighbor.

MASTER’S REPORT:

Bellview – Visited this Grange in February and discussed some of the concerns expressed by their members and by members of the OSG Exec. Committee. She installed newly-elected officers and discussed protocol and by-laws.

Central Point – Will continue to operate and not close.

Crow – Communicating with members regarding loan repayment. Malcolm moved and Phyllis seconded to accept their proposal of quarterly payments of \$375.00 for a total of \$1500.00 being paid annually, new payment structure to start in June of this year. Motion was carried.

Elmira – Met with them to discuss fund raisers, rentals, increasing membership.

Fair Oaks Property – No weather-related problems.

Gold Hill Property – Spoke with city manager; told him we are exploring reorganization. John Knox has changed the locks and put up some fencing around steps.

Goshen – Still working on retaining wall issues with adjoining property owner. Will be meeting with him, his attorney and OSG attorney.

Lookingglass – Need to have an OSG rep at their May meeting.

North Fork Property – Still listed at \$80,000. Spoke to real estate agent about possibility of having a water tank installed rather than a well. Possibly have property marketed in California as a fishing spot.

Rickreall – Performed Welcome Ceremony for new members and acknowledged that Jerry Freeman is their County Deputy.

South Fork Property – Members are planning to rebuild.

Woodburn – Apparently ODOT made contact in March and Woodburn is to receive \$3,000. Discussing whether or not to donate money to charity.

Coos-Curry-West Coast Pomona and Umatilla-Morrow Pomona – New charters received April 10th and ready for signatures.

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Payment - \$5,370 received for 1st Quarter, 2014.

OFFICER / DEPUTY REPORTS:

Malcolm Trupp – No offers yet on the Franklin property. Has been advertised in commercial real estate section. Might want to consider a zone change to allow someone to live in hall.

Phyllis Wilson – Started re-organization process for Bandon Grange; held an “informational” meeting and has scheduled a re-organization meeting on April 15

with Susan attending. Has visited with Sixes Master and conducted workshops at Rogue and Chetco. **Roger Wilson** – Visited Umatilla and Morrow County Granges. White Eagle has several youth as members – all are officers who do not object to the ritual work.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. The next meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis A Wilson, Secretary

Lane County Pomona Grange Votes To Change Meeting Day

At their regular meeting on July 12, 2014, Lane Pomona Grange #14 voted to change all their meetings to the 2nd Saturday of the current month. Lane Pomona currently meets on the 4th Saturday of January, April and October, and the 2nd Saturday in July. (The July meeting was changed last year to avoid conflict with the Lane County fair.) The current motion would

change all meetings to the 2nd Saturday of those months.

This will be a bylaws change for Lane Pomona. The initial motion passed by a 2/3 majority and a final vote will be taken at the next meeting on October 25, 2014.

This article constitutes legal notification of the proposed bylaws change.

Illinois Valley Holds Breakfasts

Illinois Valley Grange #370 holds several breakfasts every month. The August schedule is the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays and the September schedule is the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays always from 8am to noon at 3763 Holland loop Road, Cave Junction, Oregon.

The “All You Can Eat” plate of eggs any style, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, ham, sausage patties, bacon, coffee and juice. Other size plates are available as well as \$1 pancakes and “to go” boxes.

Keizer Grange # 785 Plans Open House

Keizer Grange #785 will be having an Open House on Saturday, September 6th from 11am to 2pm. The hall is located at 441 Chemewa Road, Keizer, Oregon. Refreshments will be provided.

For further information contact Hannele Gauthier at 971-218-9693 or cr8tvhsprs@icloud.com.

Dear Friends of the Oregon State Grange;

Thank you for all your cards, letters and telephone calls during Frank and my illness; also for the sympathy cards when Frank died and for attending the memorial service. Frank was a wonderful and really loved the Grange and Grange family. Thank you. God bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally, Mary Knapp

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	August 9	10:30 AM	Missouri Flat #621	
Benton #36	August 16	10:30 AM	Willamette #52	
Clackamas #1	October 25	10:00 AM	The Sandy #392	
Columbia #18	November 1	10:00 AM	Warren #536	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	August 16	10:00 AM	Myrtle #289	
Deschutes #25	August 9	10:00 AM	Midland #781	
Douglas #13	October 25	6:00 PM	TBA	
Jackson #27	September 13	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	August 23	10:00 AM	Sunny Valley #916	
Lane #14	October 25	10:00 AM	Irvine #377	
Lincoln #10	August 16	10:30 AM	TBA	
Linn #12	October 11	10:00 AM	Lacomb #907	
Marion #4	October 11	10:00 AM	Fairfield #720	
Multnomah #15	September 20	9:30 AM	TBA	
Polk #3	October 18	10:00 AM	Oak Grove #198	
Tillamook #9		10:30 AM	TBA	
Umatilla #26	August 23	10:30 AM	Boardman Marina	
Wallowa #22	October 11	10:00 AM	North End #820	
Washington-Yamhill #2	October 25	10:00 AM	Tigard #148	



In Memoriam

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| Michael Griffith
Beaver Homes #518 | Alice Waandering
Forest Grove #282 |
| Dorothy Luttrell
Boring-Damascus #260 | Wayne Marks
Hurricane Creek #608 |
| Selma Hossner
Boring-Damascus #260 | Garold Botts
Hurricane Creek #608 |
| Esther Bush
Clarkes #261 | Chris Redmann
Lacomb #907 |
| Kermit Stoneburg
Coburg-West Point #535 | Blanch Flowers
Midland #781 |
| Joseph (Joe) Giesel
Dorena #835 | Lucille Berger
Olney #793 |
| Charles Kee
Eagle Point #684 | Frank Knapp
Pleasant Valley #348 |
| Alice Marshall
Eagle Point #684 | Charles P Case
Rogue Grange & Community
Center #767 |
| Doris Hammond
Eagle Valley #652 | Josephine Reed
Roxy Ann #792 |
| William Neel
Eagle Point #684 | Robert Pease
Yankton #301 |
| Don Pfaffle
Fern Hill #592 | Raymond Steward
Yankton #301 |

Seen through the eyes of Faith, we remember our Brothers and Sisters not as ones dead, they have only gone on before us through the gates of the Grange above, where dwells the Great Master of us all.

2014 State Chaplain’s Annual Report

Worthy Master, Worthy Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

This has been a most challenging year as your Chaplain. The tragic loss of our State Lecturer, Kendall Phillips, shortly after state session, was a shock to of us. We all sorely miss him.

I have sent many get well cards this year and unfortunately many sympathy cards. Even the most difficult I have ever sent to a young mother and father grieving the loss of their first born child. I always sign my cards, Peggy Fine, Oregon State Chaplain and all your Brothers and Sisters in the Grange as I know you share the loss as deeply as I do.

I appreciate all the information I receive from you informing me of illness and death.

Unfortunately as I look around, old age plays a great part of our membership make-up. It only

goes to show, we need younger members and that is up to each one of us to recruit and then mentor those younger members in our Grange.

Something happens when our youth graduate into adulthood - those of us that are older don’t let them in – we are not ready to step aside so we hang right in even when our time is up. I encourage all of you no matter what position you hold in the Grange to be looking for your replacement. It is the only chance our Grange has if it is to survive and thrive.

I would be much happier sending out cards that say congratulations on the birth of your child than I am so sorry for your loss.

So let’s all do our part in growing this great organization from the bottom up.

Fraternally Submitted,
Peggy Fine, Chaplain OSG

Bailey Barks!

Ah summertime! Don't you love being outside and letting the grass tickle your tummy while you snooze away the day. Is this the dog days of summer or what?

I started June with a great time at the Dogs for the Deaf Dog Walk. You might notice in the picture I had the pleasure of spending a little quality time with Miss Oregon, Allison Cook. We were exchanging thoughts on our "diamonds". The dog walk theme this year was "Super Hear-O Dogs", so I went as a "Super Princess", complete with a bling encrusted cape! She had her crown, I had my cape, and I think we both looked very regal. I did take third place in the costume contest, and the emcee said I was his favorite; of course first place went to a golden retriever puppy in a Wonder Woman costume and who can compete with that!

I hear that Bailey's Good Dog Contest took in fewer entries than the Cats! I can't believe all my canine friends could let us down that way, how will I be able to look the neighborhood dogs in the eyes, and you know the next door cat will walk around with that "superior" look cats always have.



I guess though that the cats deserve a break now and then, and it is good to be nice to everyone. Mom says I should not bark at the neighborhood cats, but I just can't help myself. I'm just saying hello, how are you, isn't it a nice day – at least as far as Mom knows that's what I'm saying. And even though the cats won the challenge, there were 15 baskets donated to go to shelters, 6 for the dogs and 9 for the cats! So way to go fellow Grangers! I love that shelter animals will be receiving some really nice items to help them until they go to their forever homes.

For now I'm kicking back at home trying to beat the heat, but I'm ready for the Lane Pomona Grange camp-out in August and then our annual trip to Miller Lake. Ambrose Bierce said that "the most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog", so meet me at the lake and find out!

Woof, Bailey



A check was presented to the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America at the Lane Pomona meeting in July. Receiving the check is Toby Newton, President of OPVA. Also in the picture l-r is Richard Wyant, OSG District #2 Veteran's Committee Chairman; Beth Anderson, Lloyd Anderson, Richard Lewis and Jeannie Hartman from the top fundraising Grange, Central #360; and Terry Brown, VP of OPVA.

District #2 Veterans Committee Fundraiser A Success For OPVA

During the Lecturer's program at the July 12 meeting of Lane County Pomona Grange a presentation was made by Richard Wyant, District 2 Veterans Committee director, of a check for \$1789 to Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America President Toby Newton and Vice President Terry Brown. This money was raised as a result of

counties. Those donating included Lacomb, Waltherville, Scotts Mills, Goldson, Morning Star, Goshen and Central Granges as well as the Oregon State Grange. Central won the contest for largest donation by raising \$600! Toby Newton and Terry Brown each spoke and thanked the Grange.

Brother Wyant's challenge to District 2 Granges in Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk



Central Grange #360 held a benefit dance with the Poodle Creek Pickers, bottom, and The Classic Country Band, top, donated their time and talent to the May 31 events as the major fundraiser for their donation.



Deschutes Pomona #25 Meets

On Saturday, May 10th, Fort Rock Grange #758 hosted Deschutes Pomona #25. Pictured: Dalton Johnson and Robert

Tuttle, Fort Rock with Phil Van Buren, Midland standing behind them. Back row – Teresa Brott, Keith Colvin, Terrebonne; Ron Cholin. Lookout Mt.; Dean High, Midland; Tom Koch, Fort Rock. Middle row: Veronica Ford, Mary Brott, Terrebonne; Jana Kittredge, Fort Rock; Vickie High, Midland; Meriaha Ford, Terrebonne; Doris Kittredge, Fort Rock. Seated: Ruth Cholin, Lookout Mt.; Myrna Colvin, Ginny Ford, Vanessa Ford, Terrebonne; Vesta Thompson, Lookout Mt. Photo by Louise Holst, Midland Grange.

Marian Pomona's Country Harvest Tea

The Marian Pomona Grange #4 will present their 2nd annual Country Harvest Tea – A Tea Like No Other at the Scotts Mills Grange hall, 299 4th St., Scotts Mills, Oregon on Saturday, September 20 from 1-3pm. There will be door prizes, raffles, silent auctions and entertainment as well as contests for aprons, hats, tea pots and tea cups. The public is invited and you are encouraged to bring finger food to share.

The proceeds from the raffles and silent auction will go to benefit the Pomona Grange's "Books for Children" program for first and second graders in schools in Marian county. Last year 98 books were given by Pomona to the children of Victor Point School.

Seating is limited so please RSVP to Hannele Gauthier @ 971-218-9693 or Jan Hallman @ 503-304-0115 and prepare to have fun.



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