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Grange's intergenerational nature ahead of the curve

BETSY HUBER National Master

I recently read about a research project at Penn State called FaceAge. It seems researchers have discovered that "young people don't tend to approach old people and older people don't tend to approach younger people. FaceAge is intentionally trying to help communities of people take the time to see one another differently," said Dr. Andy Belser, professor of theatre at PSU.

The multi-generational household that I grew up in is very rare today. Interactions among generations are no longer part of everyday life like they

used to be on the farm. Dr. Belser says the cost to all of us is enormous. Seniors live in "Over 55" housing, or later in nursing homes, and see their children and grandchildren only a few times a year. Seniors are cut off from younger people at the time of life when they have the most experience to contribute, and also may be most in need of support. Children have lost the example and sympathy of elders who could offer wise advice and unconditional love during difficult times. The generations no longer know how to relate or even talk to each other.

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In May, M Powered Strategies CEO Kendall Lott led the National Grange Staff through a prioritization workshop related to their strategic plan.

HQ tenant leads strategic planning meeting, helps national staff prioritize

M Powered Strategies' nonprofit consulting program recently had an opportunity to assist our neighbor and landlord, the National Grange, which has been serving families and communities across the country since 1867. Today, as with so many nonprofits, budget constraints are probably the number one issue. Getting maximum value out of minimal funds requires a super tight ship.

The staff at the Grange needed help in defining their annual objectives, which in turn would allow them to prioritize workloads. MPS CEO, Kendall Lott started by conducting an environmental scan for the headquarters staff, with interviews and an online organizational diagnostic, to determine the current state of projects, workload, and the viability of the planning process. Kendall recognized a common dilemma that many nonprofits face. "Like so many associations, they are tight on budgets and staff, with more and more mission-

oriented activities they want to do and that members want. With so many ideas, and so much operational activity, it was clear to me (and clear to the overworked staff!) that they needed to narrow their focus on objectives they could accomplish, by looking at their inventory of needs from a value and impact perspective."

Based on the results of the environmental scan, Kendall facilitated a collaborative working session to help the Grange staff refine their strategic goals and performance measures, and eliminate objectives that that were not destined to achieve successful outcomes or that could not be provided sufficient resources.

They were able to reduce the annual plan to 27 key objectives for achieving success in 2018, and identified a risk profile for objectives with the most impact. This empowered the team to allocate work to ensure that the main objectives would be met.

The staff at the Grange was very



appreciative of MPS' efforts. "MPS Assists' service to us was invaluable in making us prioritize all the projects we have on our plate and uniting our staff members into a team to work toward the same priorities. The staff was extremely pleased with the session and felt it was 'priceless' to help us focus on the big picture goals and how we can work together to improve our programs."

MASTER'S ADDRESS

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The loss of traditional family structures leaves many elders to rely on community resources. As Baby Boomers retire, local agencies struggle to keep up with their needs for health care, transportation, and general support.

Younger people cannot picture themselves at 50 or 60 and are reluctant to face their own aging. Just look at the TV commercials we are bombarded with! We need to bring older and younger people together so the younger can begin to understand that growing older isn't a process of loss—it's a process of gaining joy, happiness, and wisdom. Research shows that most people get happier as they get older. Those 65 and older are happier than young adults who seem to be worried about everything and fearful of the future. Friendships and interaction with elders can show them that it's all going to be OK, whatever happens. These elders made it through, surviving world wars, the depression, the Cold War, hurricanes, fires and floods, and they can too.

Others in the Penn State community have launched programs to bring generations together for learning opportunities, such as intergenerational karate or weaving or basket making classes. Students of different ages find they have similar interests and can share rich experiences in learning.

I'm pleased that researchers and professionals are striving to do something about this generation gap that has developed in our society. However, we don't have that problem in the Grange! Granges bring members

of all ages together for meetings, issue discussions, fun, crafts, and fundraising events where all work side by side for a common goal. I've heard of college students away from home who have found a second family in the nearby Grange. Grandparents whose grandchildren may live far away "adopt" little ones at the Grange events.

Isn't it great that we are ahead of society? We don't need scientific studies or elaborate schemes to bring together multi-generational groups. We do it naturally in the Grange, and always have. We encourage mentoring of younger leaders, vocational education and training for careers, and especially mentoring new and beginning farmers by those nearing retirement age. If your children or grandchildren are not interested in taking over your farm, there are many younger people today who

are interested in beginning a career in agriculture and who need a mentor. Some states have programs to assist new and beginning farmers by linking them with more experienced farmers, their land, equipment, and animals. This can be so beneficial to both parties.

The Grange has also been all about mentoring, or teaching by example. If researchers and society are discovering the disconnect between generations, and the Grange offers a solution to this problem, we need to advertise! Be sure to let people know that we welcome members of all ages, and all work together for the common good, the betterment of our communities.



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LETTER: Love letter from an e-member

To The Grange from an E Member:

To the Worthy Brothers and Sisters of the National Order Patrons of Husbandry, thank you for letting me be a part of your Inspiring Organization! When I first joined a traditional Grange in New Hampshire I was only able to achieve Level 4 Grange Membership before life circumstances had me moving out of the State. I still recall with fondness and gratitude the support and friendship I gained by being part of the NH State Grange. I learned so much about organization and teamwork and how to connect and support people in my community. And while my personnel failures and successes were evenly matched I accomplished such personnel growth and had so many smiles along the way I would not trade that for anything.

What I love about the Grange is the sense of belonging. I don't need to go to Minnesota to know I have friends and resources should I have a need, and that I also will be there for a fellow Granger should they need me. The size of a Grange does not matter, nor the number of traditional members for each brings value to their community in the way that best suits that community. For me the Grange is not about the individual but the strength in Community.

Life circumstances have not allowed me the opportunity to join a traditional Grange as of this moment, but I value the opportunity to be a part of this organization through the E Grange. When I have earned the honor of moving up in the Grange membership ranks it will be a joyous day indeed and one I do not take for granted. While opportunities were available for me in the past I knew I had not met the Grange qualification requirements as my fellow community members had.

Grange Happenings Around the Nation was started as a means of inspiring others as each Grange has inspired me and allowed me to stay in contact with the people in the organization. While today I may not have the ability to create an educational, environmental or fundraising

event to the same level as a Grange in Colorado or West Virginia I know I can try because you have been doing it so well for 150 years. The friendship, support and wisdom you all have is such a blessing. And know that the smiles in the pictures you have shared with me through Facebook and your Grange websites continue to give me great joy.

I had the honor of being included in most of the Legislative Fly In events as an Grange E member and will continue working on earning the right to represent the Grange during official legislative meetings. Without the Grange I would not have realized I had the opportunity and civic duty to meet my Government representatives in Washington that represent my State or to be a part of my local legislative process. I look around my community and am aware that humans cause as much damage as value to the Earth and our community. I am comforted in knowing that you exist around the World creating Local, Regional and National programs that fit your community, spread joy and are creating friendship opportunities all while educating and sharing to others around you willing to learn.

Continue to celebrate and share your gifts to the World around you and take pride in all you have accomplished.

Know that each one of you inspire me daily and warms my heart.

A dream written down becomes a Goal

A Goal broken down into steps becomes a Plan

A Plan backed by Action becomes Reality

Author Unknown

Ellen Weist

AKA Facebook Ellen McManus

Eller offers Senate Farm Bill highlights

National Grange Legislative Director on Monday, June 11, offered an analysis of the highlights of the proposed Senate Farm Bill to the Ag Seniors group - a group of food and agriculture experts who formerly served in USDA at various levels or in corporate or nonprofit organizations with similar interests - that meets monthly in Washington, D.C.

Here are his notes on the 2018 Farm Bill as proposed by the Senate:



Nutrition

Does not impose additional work requirements for able-bodied adults with no dependents as the House bill does. Provides additional funds to help SNAP recipients find better jobs, targets help to older citizens with "special problems", provides incentives for SNAP participants to buy fruits and vegetables and authorizes a "produce prescription" for health care providers.

Conservation

Increases the Conservation Reserve Program to 25 million acres from the current 24 million acres. Caps CRP rental rates at 88.5% of local rental rates. The House increases CRP to 29 million acres and caps payments at 80% of local rental rates.

Caps Conservation Stewardship Program 8.8 million acres, down from the current 10 million acres. Authorizes one-time payments that improve soil health.

The House eliminates CSP.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program funding increases about a billion dollars between 2019 and 2023. Livestock producers are to get half of the EQUIP funding. The House eliminates the livestock carve-out.

Crop Insurance

Insurance agents are given incentives to sell whole farm revenue insurance. Single enterprise units can be formed by combining enterprise units, basic units and units in multiple counties. Clarifies conditions where cover crops and other practices are considered good farming practices. Makes hemp eligible for crop insurance.

Agriculture Risk Coverage

Default yield data for calculating ARC guarantees will be compiled by the Risk Management Agency rather than the Nation-

al Agricultural Statistics Service. ARC payments can be calculated in the county where the covered land is located instead of where the farm is based. Price Loss Coverage reference prices will not be changed.

Payment Limitations

Means test requirements will be tightened from the current adjusted gross income level of \$900,000 per year to \$700,000, but does not tighten provisions defining what it means to be "actively engaged" in farming. The House allows members of LLCs and S corporations to qualify as individuals for up to \$125,000 in subsidies and adds cousins, nephews and nieces to the list of eligible family members.

Dairy Margin Protection Program

Levels of coverage are increased from \$8 per hundred-weight to \$9. The Senate pro-

vides for a 50% premium discount to farms with less than 100 cows and a 25% discount to dairy-men with less than 450 cows. The House increases MPP to \$9 per hundredweight as well.

USDA Reorganization

The Senate gives Secretary Perdue the legal authority to combine NRCS, FSA and RMA into a single mission area under Bill Northey.

Miscellaneous

The Organic Research and Extension Initiative increases from \$20 million per year to \$50 million per year by 2022.

Renews funding for the National Organic Certification Cost Share program at the 2014 level of \$11.5 million per year. The House eliminates fund-

ing for the program.

Creates the Local Agriculture Markets Program at \$60 million per year.

Reauthorizes the Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives Program at \$50 million per year.

Requires USDA to reestablish the position of Under Secretary for Rural Development.

Reauthorizes several additional programs deemed critical by the sustainable Agriculture community.

Reauthorizes and combines USDA's 39 export trade promotion programs for funding purposes.

Creates a vaccine bank with no funding. The House earmarks a one-time expenditure of \$150 million.

Does not reauthorize the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) as the House does.

GRANGE ISSUES STATEMENT ON INTERNET REGULATIONS AND THE RURAL IMPACT

National Grange President Betsy Huber, on Monday, June 11, issued the following statement to mark the beginning of new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) rules governing high-speed broadband service:

"For more than 10 years, the FCC and federal courts have fought over methods of regulating the Internet. This has done nothing to address America's most pressing broadband problem: our national need to expand high-speed Internet access across rural and underserved areas.

"People in rural and underserved areas deserve the same broadband choices and speeds as those who live in suburban and urban communities. Federal Internet policy must reflect the needs of every community.

"It is urgent that Congress recognize how the FCC's constantly changing Internet regulations have acted as a brake on broadband deployment in small towns and rural communities. The 2015 regulations, in particular, caused an unprecedented slow-down in broadband deployment, including tens of billions in lost investment, that hit rural communities especially hard.

"These 2015 regulations marked a bad day for the equity of the under- and un-connected across rural America. After three years of internet experience under Title II, small internet providers across the country say their efforts to deploy broadband have been hindered by the Title II regulations. Today's fresh start offers hope for the good people the National Grange serves in the form of a welcome reprieve from stifling constraints in search of a problem.

"For years, beginning with the Clinton Administration, there was strong agreement on the benefits of a 'light touch' approach to federal Internet regulation that protected Internet users while encouraging greater access. The National Grange urges Congress to continue on this successful path where everyone will benefit."

3 ambitious interns join national office for summer

In summer, Washington D.C. is abuzz - but not just at the monuments or on the metro. 1616 H St., NW, is often a place bursting at the seams with young talent and excitement as interns come to work with the National Grange staff on legislative issues, communications projects, historical dives, members services and much more.

This summer is no different as the National staff has welcomed three young men to the crowded and hot 11th floor and set them on their course for the summer.

Each of them are taking classes and working with the Grange as part of their summer with the Fund for American Studies.

Let's introduce you.

Warren Socher is a history major from Beaumont, Texas, who attends Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee.

Set to graduate in spring 2019, Socher's research as a history student focuses on Islamic history, specifically on the medieval caliphahtes.

After graduating he hopes to pursue journalism in the field of pop culture/music/fashion, and to eventually undertake a graduate/PhD program in Islamic studies.

He lives on a small organic farm where he is from in Texas, and has worked there for several years landscaping, harvesting summer crops, including tomatoes cucumbers, squash, green beans, as well as livestock husbandry with horses, cattle, and pigs. He has also worked as a farrier for rural communities in East Texas.

Familiar with the issues that individual farmers face on a regular basis, he joined the National



Grange as an intern so he could learn about how government and FDA regulations/legislation as well as other agencies affect individual local farmers like him and his family and others involved in the agricultural industry.

Socher said he hopes to "use the influence that the organization has to help promote the interests of farmers through communication with other members of the National Grange as well as represent our organization at hearings on agricultural issues presented within the House and Senate to support the interests of American farmers, residents of rural areas in the United States, and other agriculturalists, so they can support themselves in this rapidly changing and advancing economy and society."

On his first day in the office, outside on the 11th floor terrace with Legislative Director Burton Eller, Socher became the first known stinging victim of our bees in their hives

on our roof. He was a great sport about it, though the accuracy of the bee was undeniable - it struck the dead center of his forehead.

Alex Mostaghimi is another intern working for the National Grange this summer. He is a political science and economics double major from the University of Connecticut and is excited to delve into the deep world of politics.

His interests primarily concern economics and how large and small firms function, but he also has a fascination with macroeconomics in the past and present. One of his personal hobbies is learning about history, specifically relating the late 1700s and the founding of this nation.

His reasons for joining the National Grange are mostly imputed to an interest in expanding his knowledge on the interconnectedness of government policy and local impact.

While he may not come from a rural background, Alex sees the

importance in paying attention to a group of people so often neglected in everyday society. While most legislation debated and discussed in the news may hardly affect the lives of ordinary Americans, the Grange and its initiatives have a visible impact on its members. The palpability of the effect of his actions brings him back to the original reason for studying politics, to have the ability to help people.

Alex hopes to expand his horizons and develop a stronger sympathy for those who grew up in a world much different than his own. Sympathy is a valuable life skill which will not only create the opportunity to enrich the lives of others, but also one's self. Overall, he would like to be able to assist honest ordinary Americans in their daily lives and empower them to do the same in their local communities.

Nouhad E. Melki II serves at The National Grange as a Communica-



WARREN SOCHER



ALEX MOSTAGHIMI



NOUHAD MELKI II

tions and Legislative Affairs Intern in Washington, D.C. for the Summer of 2018 while studying at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. He is a triple major at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana, where he studies political science, national security, and journalism, while minoring in law.

Melki said feels it is his "civil duty to speak for rural Americans. After all, I grew up my whole life on the backroads, among the cornfields and cattle farms — where the smell

of maize and manure is all too familiar!" he said.

Melki said he knows firsthand the struggles that rural citizens face.

Melki hopes to be an asset to the organization, putting to work his various specialties to produce multichannel materials that help Grangers and those outside the Grange community better understand our organization and our policy. He will also be assisting with several member service tools and tutorials.

Submission of Grange community service hours is helpful context

Pete Pompper

National Community Service Director

As we approach the end of another Grange year and start to put together the Community Service books chronicling what your Grange has done for your communities, I hope that it includes the number of hours the members of your Grange have worked to better your area. These numbers should include members, non-members and any Junior Grange hours. I have requested these hours to be collected and the State Grange Directors to include them in their reports to me. I would like to report that Washington State Grange has already reported their members performed over 210,000 hours in their reporting year.

Why is it important that we collect these number of hours? So when the National or a State Grange is talking to non-Grange groups, instead of just saying Granges give a lot back to their communities we can give them actual numbers. Last year Granges gave over 1 million hours of community service time back to the areas they are in. That is with just 24 State Granges reporting the

number of hours. Can you imagine the impact those numbers of hours have when speaking to an outside group? I have personally seen the impact that has. If your State Grange does not collect those hours you can email them directly to me by October 1, 2018.

Speaking of Community Service books, I thank the Granges who have utilized the suggested guidelines that we came up with for the books. We feel that they make the books easier to compile and give a better example of what your Grange has done throughout the year. I know at the National Grange level last year the judges said the books were easier to judge and the point difference between first through honorable mention was minimal. Again these suggested guidelines are just that -- suggested. They are available on the National Grange website in the Community Service section.

I also hope if you are on Facebook that you "like" the National Grange Community Service Facebook page. There is a lot of wonderful information shared on there from Granges all over the United States. I am always sharing great programs/ideas that Granges can use in their communities.

Train to lead: Fellows program open to all members

We invite you to apply to become a 2018 Communications Fellow at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention in Stowe, Vermont. This opportunity is made possible thanks to generous funding provided by TracFone but there are VERY limited spots available and those who become fellows are expected to make time for training prior to the start of National Convention.

WHO CAN BE A FELLOW?

The program is open to any Grange member in good standing that is nominated.* It teaches the basics of communications, such as press release writing, news-letter planning and creation, interacting with the media, podcasting and live streaming, social media management, and more. It has also grown to include additional training for future Grange leaders, with a special focus on the intersections of programming, membership recruitment, retention and engagement and communications.

WHAT IS COVERED/EXPECTED?

Through the program, participants receive a 9-night stay at the convention resort hotel, free registration, and most meals for the duration of the program. Participants are only responsible for the cost of travel and a few small meals. They are encouraged to bring a small amount of money for snacks, personal items and souvenirs they wish to purchase during their time at the convention.

Fellows must arrive at the hotel in Stowe no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 and can leave anytime on Sunday, Nov. 18.

This year, Fellows will hear from the National Master, National Grange Staff and Officers, other communications professionals and more. Fellows will produce content for the daily convention newsletter, interviews for Grange Radio and Good Day!™ magazine, take photos, livestream events, and produce short blurbs for social media - and much more. This is a hands-on training with a support from many of the 35 plus previous Fellows who participated. Those previous Fellows now hold many significant offices and jobs in their State and National Grange and often credit the program with providing them insight into the differences across State Granges and the opportunities and challenges to the organization, as well as great motivation for being part of our next 150 years of service.

NOMINEES

Nominees must complete the attached form with

writing sample (described in form) and provide their own letter of interest in the program (typed).

The deadline for all materials to be submitted by email to the National Grange Communications Department is PRIOR to “start of business” (9 a.m. Eastern) Wednesday, August 1.

Early submissions will receive priority evaluation. Those who have not participated in the past will receive highest priority. Please inform the Communications Department as soon as you know you will be applying, even if you have not yet completed the application materials, so we are prepared to organize submissions accordingly and let us know who your recommendation letter will come from. We will follow up with you and them if we do not receive the letter in a timely fashion. A committee of the National Master, National Communications Director and at least one prior Communications Fellow will participate to make the final decision regarding placement. Decisions regarding participants is expected by noon on Monday, August 6.

NOMINATING A FELLOW

*State Masters/National Delegates, National Grange Officers, National Grange Staff and former Communication Fellows are permitted to nominate no more than two Grange members in good standing for the program. Nominees do not need to reside in the same state as the nominator, however the nominator should have great knowledge of the skills, personality and commitment of the person they nominate.

Nominators are asked to write a letter of recommendation, noting the following:

How long has the nominator known the nominee?

What makes the nominee stand out as a member?

What does the nominator believe the nominee will bring to the program?

What skills does the nominator believe the nominee can learn or most improve in the program and how will that positively impact their local, State or the National Grange and that they will be committed to assisting throughout the year with various projects at all levels?

Do you believe this person understands or is interested in programming and membership (recruitment, retention, engagement)?

Send any questions or all nominating material to communications@nationalgrange.org

Application form following page.



2018 NATIONAL GRANGE COMMUNICATION FELLOWS
Program information and Nomination Materials

NOMINEE FORM

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Age as of 11/10/2018: _____ Gender: _____

Years in Grange (may count Junior years): _____

I hold active membership (and office/appointment) in the following Grange(s) (may include Pomona):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are you willing to be housed with up to three other members of the same gender in a hotel room with two queen beds for the duration of the program? ____ YES ____ NO

If no, do you commit to funding (personally or through your own source of fundraising) your own hotel room and/or finding your own roommates for the duration of your stay? ____ YES ____ NO

Please rate your skills in the following areas on a scale from 1 (no knowledge/experience) to 5 (highly proficient/professional level).

____ Writing (news)	____ Videography	____ Audio Editing
____ Writing (Storytelling/feature)	____ Video Editing	____ Interviewing
____ Editing (writing)	____ Photography	____ Photo Editing
____ Layout/Design (newsletter/magazine)		____ Website Assistance
____ Social Media Management	____ Meeting Deadlines/Time Management	

Do you have a laptop/tablet/iPad you will bring to convention? ____ YES ____ NO

Do you have a digital camera that you will bring to convention? ____ YES ____ NO



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Do you have any dietary restrictions, allergies or foods you must avoid? ____ YES ____ NO
If so, please describe and be specific.

Check one: ____ Morning Person ____ Night Owl

Check one: ____ Loud/Outgoing ____ Quiet/Shy

Check one: ____ I want to network with other future Grange Leaders

____ I want to network with current Grange leaders

Check one: ____ I need 8 hours sleep but can work all day.

____ I don't need a lot of sleep but I need regular breaks during the day.

What are your three non-alcoholic beverages of choice?

On a separate page, please type a letter of interest, noting the most important skill or experience you hope to get out of this program, in addition to why you would be a good fit and how you will use the knowledge and skills to assist your local, Pomona, and State Grange and the National Grange.

On a separate page, choose one of the following to answer *(please respond in no more than one page but no less than one-half page)*:

Who is your favorite Granger and why?

What one Grange "rule" (or custom or tradition) would you change and why?

Let's talk.

Amanda Brozana Rios

Communications & Development Director

Are you a State or Local Grange Communications or Membership Director or part of a committee that handles your public relations or membership drives?

We're here for you. And we'd like to hear from you.

This month, we launched an initiative to have one-on-one conversations with Communication and Membership Directors at the State Grange level, and we are expanding to the local Grange level at the beginning of July.

Why?

During our strategic planning sessions, we identified many things we as a staff would like to do to provide you more services and available resources, but we also realized there was no additional manpower, money or time for current staff to tackle new projects if they are not deemed essential or don't show great promise - and trust us, this isn't the position we

like to be in. One of the biggest take-aways from our 12-plus hours spent in strategic planning sessions so far was that every member of the National staff is committed to growing the Grange, seeing it survive and understand that "a team is a group that shares the same fate" as our trainer, Kendall Lott, CEO of M Powered Strategies, told us.

We want that fate to be a positive one, not one where we wonder "what if."

This is where you come in.

It's important for us to learn what is working and what needs attention. What new things you could (and would) use to assist with your day-to-day Grange work, your outreach and your investment in the future through solid reputation and identity building and membership happiness, engagement and growth.

The calls allow us to let you know about resources that are available to you as a member and as a leader in the Grange. And you can tell us what may be helpful so we can produce materials that are informative and

make your job easier.

Here are some examples of ideas that have come out of the few calls that have already happened: a lesson/guide/PowerPoint on how to make short links to promote information you have on your website with a really long name; template flyers for events Granges often have (ex. "Spaghetti Supper" flyer with blank spaces to fill in your Grange name, time, date and place of event); and more.

If your local Grange doesn't have a Communications Director or Committee or a Membership Director or Committee, designate someone to schedule a call or become the contact for your Grange today on these important issues.

Schedule a call today by at **tiny.cc/GrangeCall18**

If you don't find a time that works for you, feel free to email me at communications@nationalgrange.org so we can work out a time that may fit.

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Do you have a Distinguished Youth program on your hands?

Charlene Shupp Espenshade
National Youth Director

The Distinguished Youth Program, similar to the National Grange Distinguished Grange Awards Program, was established to encourage our state youth directors to get their youth/young adults to participate in all the programs available to our members.

Being named a 2018 Distinguished Youth Program shows a Grange's commitment to the youth of our Order,

their leadership training, skill enhancement, participation in Grange activities and much more.

The Distinguished Youth Program Awards will be presented at the Friday evening GROW Club/AOLE Banquet at the National Grange Convention.

Download the application for State/Pomona Granges at goo.gl/nJKxww or for the Subordinate Grange at goo.gl/Gih8Lo (for both, please type directly as you see it - capitalization and punctuation



make a difference).

For any questions, please contact National Grange Youth Director Charlene Shupp Espenshade at youth@nationalgrange.org.

July is...

National Ice Cream Month | National Hot Dog Month | National Picnic Month

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Deadlines Approaching

- **Communication Fellows deadline Aug. 1, 2018, 9 a.m. Eastern**
- **Grange Legacy Family nominations now open. Deadline is August 6, 11:59 p.m Eastern**
- **Distinguished Grange Application deadline August 6, 11:59 p.m Eastern**
- **National JG Ambassador applications due August 15**
- **Super JG Award applications due August 15**

Even healthy guys need health screenings

MEDICARE BLOG
blog.medicare.gov

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Are you the type of guy who puts off doing a task and later wishes he'd just done it? Do you think that if you don't feel ill, then everything must be fine? If you're a man with Medicare, now's the time to talk with your doctor about whether you should get screened for prostate cancer, colorectal cancer, or both. Screening tests can find cancer early, when treatment works best.

Don't put off screenings if you're worried about the cost—if you're a man 50 or over, Medicare covers a digital rectal exam and a prostate specific antigen (PSA) test once every 12 months. Also, Medicare covers a variety of colorectal cancer screenings—like the fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy—and you pay nothing for most tests.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, second only to lung cancer in the number of cancer deaths. Not sure whether you should get screened? You're at a higher risk for getting prostate cancer if you're a man 50 or older, are



African-American, or have a father, brother, or son who has had prostate cancer.

Colorectal cancer is also common among men—in fact, it's the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States among cancers that affect both men and women. If everyone 50 to 75 got screened regularly, we could avoid as many as 60% of deaths from this cancer.

In most cases, colorectal cancer develops from precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon or

rectum. Fortunately, screening tests can find these polyps, so you can get them removed before they turn into cancer. If you're 50 or older, or have a personal or family history of colorectal issues, make sure you get screened regularly for colorectal cancer.

June is Men's Health Month. It's the perfect time for you to take the steps to live a safer, healthier life. Watch our video on how Medicare has you covered on colorectal cancer screenings, and visit the Men's Health Network website on Men's Health Month for more information.



SUPPLY STORE

Sesquicentennial Celebration Coin - Great items to give to guest speaker, state session or a friend of the Grange - \$25 plus shipping

TOXIC EXPOSURES AMONG POST-9/11 VETS IN FOCUS

You may have heard about Agent Orange and the damage it has caused to the health of Vietnam veterans and their offspring, and chances are you may have also heard about the health implications the open-air burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan have for our Post-9/11 veterans.

However, most are not aware of the varied and multiple exposures to toxins that occur during the course of one's military service. Some of these exposures are recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), however many are not. The purpose of this article is to inform you, the Post-9/11 veteran, of your possible toxic exposures, so that you may have a conversation with your doctors, family members, and fellow service members.

The following list, while not comprehensive, provides a starting point for discussions: Open-air burn pits; depleted uranium and radiation exposures; infectious diseases, such as Leishmaniasis; toxic chemicals, including aircraft fuel, perflouride compounds, and phthalates; local mineral dust and particulate matter; noise and vibrations, vaccines and other medications; and various occupational materials. Please refer to www.veteranshealth.net, the website of

Veterans of America's Veterans Health Council, which lists the toxic exposures of our military service, as well as other pertinent health information.

What are the steps to take if you feel you may have been subject to toxic exposures during your military service? Sign up for the voluntary environmental health registry through the VA. You can do so at <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/benefits/registry-evaluation.asp>. The VA maintains multiple registries, and we encourage you to sign up for all for which you qualify. The registry evaluation is separate from VA's disability compensation process and does not confirm exposure during service. We encourage you to speak with a certified veteran service officer about filing a claim for service connection for your toxic exposure(s).

While you may not have symptoms now, you may have them later in life. And whether you are receiving your healthcare through the VA or elsewhere, we encourage you to speak with your doctors about these exposures, so they may determine what to keep a focus on or to test for.

The Veterans Health Council is a



program of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) whose mission is improving veterans' health through information and education. With our partners from the Wounded Warrior Project and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), we have come together in part to ensure that our Post-9/11 veterans and their families don't have to wait a lifetime for the government to make good on its promise to care for those injured in defense of our Constitution. No longer can we accept "delay, deny until they die." Rather, we must work collaboratively to address the effects of toxic exposures during our military service. Now is the time for those who served after 9/11 to begin to educate and advocate for research on their toxic exposures.

Membership Matters

Through Zoom teleconferencing, join National Grange President Betsy E. Huber and select staff, officers and other guests at **8:30 p.m. EST on the third Tuesday** of each month in 2018 to talk about membership issues and share your successes, ask questions and focus on what it means to be a Grange and a Granger in our 150th year.

Go to **tiny.cc/1867** or call **(669) 900-6833**.

Use meeting ID **279 165 699**

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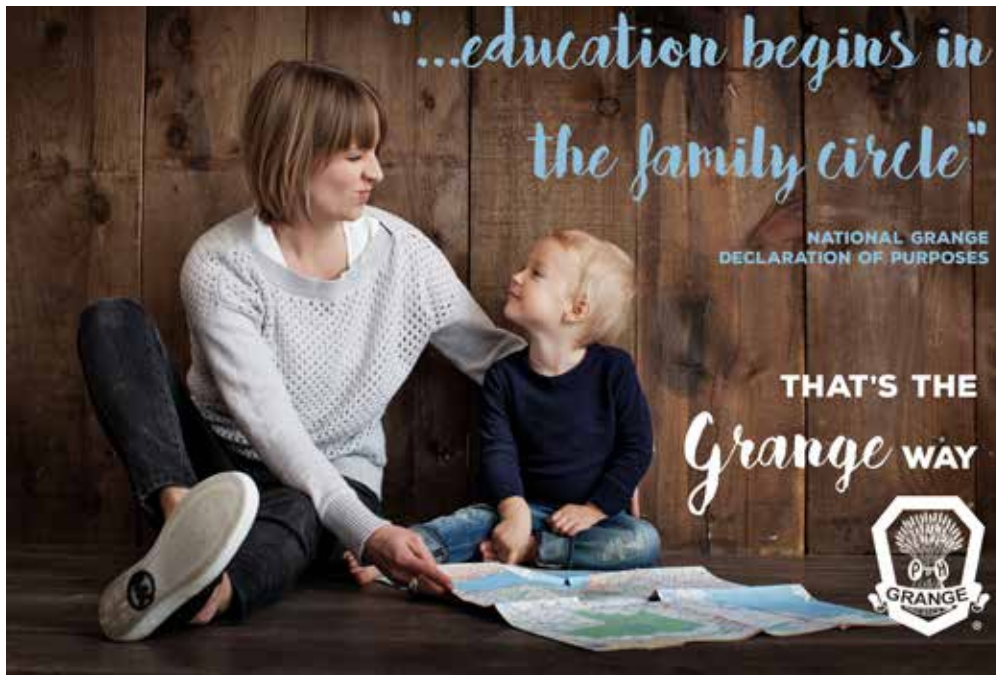
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INFOARMOR ID provides compre-
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defense, which includes Social Media Reputation Monitoring and Free Credit reports. You can offer this program to your family, relatives, and friend. It is backed by AIG, one of the largest and most respected insurers. For more information go to:

<http://nationalaffinity.net/national-grange-infoarmor/>

Pre-order your “That’s the Grange Way” 2019 Calendar



You can pre-order your 2019 calendar today and never miss a major Grange date! This is a fundraiser of the Grange Foundation for the Communications Interns program.

Calendars, priced at \$20, will be mailed in November for a small fee, or available for pick-up at the 152nd National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT.

If you have a major event you think should be included in the calendar, email communications@national-grange.org today.

tiny.cc/GrangeCalendar19

Lecturer's round-up and preview

Brothers and Sisters,

As we head into summer and our first State Grange conventions, many of our regional conferences, picnics, fairs and all sorts of great gatherings remember to share the information in this newsletter with your fellow members, neighbors and friends. It is the work each of you do at the local level that makes these programs a success and I thank you for, and appreciate, your efforts!

Quilts of Valor / Under Our Wings Partnership

Our partnership with the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® program is being noticed and is making a difference.

Cindy Paulsgrove of Priest River, Idaho, and not currently a Grange member, believed in this partnership enough to step up and volunteer to both sew and custom long-arm the Quilt of Valor shown here for Edgemere Grange who

purchased the supplies for Cindy. Thank you Edgemere Grange members for your support and thank you Cindy for your time and beautiful work!

Please send me photos of any and all Quilts of Valor presentations that you make at the local or state level.

Also, I now have both official Quilts of Valor labels and our own Grange labels to be sewn to the back of each Quilt of Valor - just let me know how many you need.

Finally, please contact me, see contact information below, if you have any questions about how to get involved with this wonderful partnership.

2018 Grange Foundation Raffle

I am starting to see evidence that the 2018 Grange Foundation raffle tickets are being sold. Yay, this is great news!

I have once again attached the flyer with the photos of this year's three raffle prizes. If you



are working to sell tickets please print a copy of this flyer to show potential ticket buyers what they have a chance to win.

I remind you that all proceeds from the sale of these \$5 tickets go to support the Grange Foundation. I know we can sell every one of these 5,000 tickets. Thanks for your help in getting this done!

2018 Quilt Block Contest

As we roll into summer you still have plenty of time to sit down and put together a Tender Heart quilt block or two, or three.

It is exciting to see these beautiful blocks arrive in my mailbox.

I have included photos of two of the most recent submittals to serve as inspiration for you ... thank you Sister Karen Wilcox of Kirkland Grange #684 in New York and Sister Marie Paoletta of Walpole Grange #125 in New Hampshire for your beautiful quilt blocks. I can't wait to





see these made into finished quilts!

The 2018 Quilt Block Contest information sheet and entry form are attached to this newsletter.

Grange Mercantile

For those of you who are considering making and donating an item or two to the Grange Mercantile at this year's National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont, but haven't decided what

to make - a couple of suggestions are aprons and soft, cuddly baby quilts. You will find both the Mercantile Flyer which provides information on how to donate and the Mercantile Donation Form attached to this newsletter.

STILL Wanted: Grange Quilters

Yes, I am still looking for Grange quilters who would be willing to make a Quilt of Valor to be

presented to a Grange veteran - especially quilt makers in the 2018 National Grange Convention host states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. If you are interested in helping with this amazing project please contact me for details. Come on Northeast quilters I know you are out there!

For additional information, I can be reached by Email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text).

Be a DO-er!

Fraternally yours,

Christine E. Hamp

Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange

Fundraiser

During the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, National Lecturer Chris Hamp unveiled challenge coins as a fundraiser for the department, through the Grange Foundation, and a way to celebrate the DO-ers of the Grange.

There are a limited number of the 250 coins remaining to be sold. These beautiful, American-made coins make great thank you gifts for speakers/presenters or awards for Grangers of the year, besides being a must-have for all Patrons. Don't get caught without a challenge coin in your pocket. Get your order in today!

Coins measure 1-1/2" and are \$20, plus shipping. Order your challenge coins by contacting National Lecturer Chris Hamp at (509) 953-3533 voice/text or by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.



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Grange Legacy Family

Guidelines:

1. Deadline is **the first Monday in August** to be recognized in that year.
2. Must have at least 5 generations of Grange members, including Junior members
3. Anyone can nominate a legacy family
4. Families will be recognized at the annual National Convention in November.

Please print clearly & neatly!

Family Last Name(s): _____ **State:** _____

1st Generation Name(s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & number: _____

2nd Generation Name (s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & number: _____

3rd Generation Name(s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & number: _____

4th Generation Name(s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & Number: _____

5th Generation Name(s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & number: _____

6th Generation Name(s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & number: _____



Grange Legacy Family

7th Generation Name(s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & number: _____

8th Generation Name(s): _____ # of Years if possible: _____

Name of Grange & number: _____

Submitted by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____ Date submitted: _____

In order to be recognized at the upcoming Annual National Convention, application must be in by the first Monday in August each year.

How many copies of the certificate do you need? _____

(The family will receive the number of copies submitted, no additional copies will be printed.)

Please include a picture of the family or the family members, if possible

(Any photo(s) submitted will become property of the National Grange, and may be used in future publications)

Please return to: Loretta Washington

Sales, Benefits, Programs and Membership Recognition Director

National Grange

1616 H Street, NW

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Citizen science involves everyday people and plays a vital role in protecting lives and property. Help build a Weather-Ready Nation by becoming a citizen scientist!

4 Ways Grangers can become Citizen Scientists

Become a Storm Spotter under the NWS SKYWARN Program



SKYWARN
STORM SPOTTER

Do you know what to watch for when severe weather threatens? Help keep your community safe by volunteering to become a trained severe storm spotter for NOAA's National Weather Service. Storm spotters report hazardous weather to the NWS, which aids the warning process. Volunteers are trained by NWS meteorologists to identify and describe severe local storms, including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods.

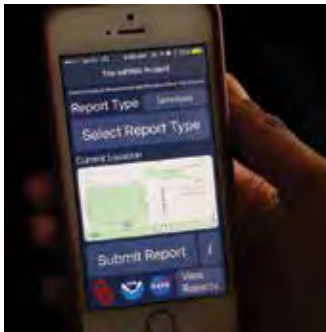
Interested? Visit the **NWS SKYWARN** Web site then contact your local NWS office to find out about free local and online training. Many offices require training, which typically is about 2 hours.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/>

Become a NWS Cooperative Observer

The **NWS Cooperative Observer Program** is truly the Nation's weather observing network of, by and for the people. More than 8,700 volunteers take observations where they live, work, and play. The NWS depends on thousands of volunteer observers committed to taking observations at the same location for 10 or more years who report weather and climate information on a daily basis using the phone or Internet. NWS provides the training, equipment, and maintenance, you provide daily data! Data from the program supports warnings, forecasts, and helps build a long-term weather history for an area. This program has existed since 1890 and is one of the few programs that measures snowfall and its water equivalent.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/coop/>



Use mPING to Report Precipitation

mPING. (Meteorological Phenomena Identification Near the Ground project). Weird name, cool app! Users can report the type of precipitation they are experiencing. No need to measure! Use the free mobile app to send reports anonymously. Reports are automatically recorded into a database, which improves weather computer models. The information is even used by road maintenance operations and the aviation industry to diagnose areas of icing.

<http://mping.nssl.noaa.gov/>



Join the CoCoRaHS Community

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network is a volunteer network of observers who measure precipitation from their backyard. Any age can volunteer.

CoCoRaHS sells low cost equipment to help volunteers get started. Observers enter their observations onto a website. Data is used by a wide variety of users ranging from meteorologists and hydrologists to insurance adjusters and engineers.

<http://www.cocorahs.org/>

NOAA Citizen Science

NOAA Community of Practice works to compile best practices, share resources, and maintain a searchable database of citizen science projects. Find out more at: <http://www.noaa.gov/office-education/citizen-science-crowdsourcing>

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NOAA also supports Citizen Science projects studying marine biology, satellite data verification, water quality, and more!

<https://ccsinventory.wilsoncenter.org/>



Photo: NASA



For more information, contact National Grange Lecturer Christine Hamp by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by voice/text at (509) 953-3533.

American Handicraft Raffle

to benefit Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)(3) organization



Win one of three hand-made items.

- 1) Queen-size (77"x90") Garden Path quilt made from blocks submitted to the 2017 National Grange Lecturer's Contest
- 2) Spiderweb Star quilted table runner (16"x63")
- 3) Hand-painted Patriotic Saw (26" blade)

\$5 donation per ticket.



Raffle will be held during the Evening of Excellence at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, VT.
Need not be present or a member of Grange to win.

to purchase tickets, contact YOUR STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT
at National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or (509) 953-3533.



Grange Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations may be tax deductible. Contact your financial adviser.



2018 Quilt Block Contest

Tender Heart

(Credit to: Missouri Star Quilt Company)

Sherbet Pinks / Oranges - 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark – prints or solids

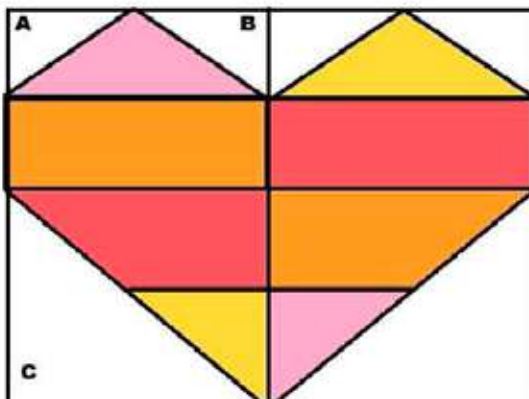
- Cut 4 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ "), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

White

- Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.
- Cut 4 squares, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

Constructing the Quilt Block:

- Fold the four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.
- Place a creased $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white square on one corner of a 5" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn seam (A).
- Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.
- Fold the two 5" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).
- Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn seam.
- Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.
- Unfinished Block is $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".





2018 Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2018**. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- G. A 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.



2018 Quilt Block Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

☐ - Group I (Age 14+)

☐ - Group II (Age 13 and under)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to:

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Call 800.253.2232 and mention you are with the Grange.



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The National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® program. This program allows Grange members to create quilts and present them to veterans in their communities or in the organization, and teach the art of quilting to novices and young people while completing this meaningful community service.

All quilts awarded should be reported to the National Lecturer so the information can be made official with the Quilts of Valor® Foundation. Labels are available through the National Lecturer to be sewn onto the quilt indicating the name of the recipient and Grange/member who made the quilt.

For more, contact National Lecturer Christine Hamp at 509.953.3533 or lecturer@nationalgrange.org or send mail to 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

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Grange Foundation



Questions or inquiries?

Contact National Grange

Lecturer Christine Hamp at

lecturer@nationalgrange.org

or by phone at (509) 953-3533.



The Grange Foundation Mercantile is seeking donations of **high-quality handcrafted items** (quilted items, embroidered items, hand-sewn aprons, doll clothes, handmade jewelry, baskets, etc.).

Donations may be hand-delivered to the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention or sent to the Grange Foundation.

If delivering to the Stoweflake Mountain Resort and Spa, in Stowe, Vermont, donations must be received by Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Donations sent must be received by no later than November 1 at the National Grange Headquarters. Packages should be addressed **GRANGE FOUNDATION, Attn: Mercantile, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.**

Once received, the items will be prepared for sale at the Mercantile and all profits will go to the Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)(3) organization.

All donations will receive a thank you letter recognizing the item(s) donated by the Foundation.



The Grange Foundation Mercantile

DONATION FORM

2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

Estimated \$ Value: _____

- EACH item donated must have a completed Donation Form.
- Please bring all donations with you (or send with a friend) to the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- If shipping donations, all donations must be received at the National Grange Headquarters by October 31, 2018.

Ship donations to: Christine Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange
1616 H Street NW
Washington DC 20006





2018 SUBORDINATE GRANGE SURVEY

This serves as the Grange Month Survey

Grange Name and Number _____ State _____

What is the overall "health" of your Grange?

START WITH 25 POINTS

- We have members from at least a half dozen different families. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have taken in at least two new members in the past few years who have remained active, engaged members of our Grange. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have a Junior Grange or at least three Junior +1 members. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have had fairly regular change in leaderships/officers/directors over the past decade. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- Overall, our membership gets along and enjoys time together. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- Our membership is positive about our Grange's future. (If yes, Add 5) _____
- We have a relationship with our local FFA, 4-H, NJHA, Boy or Girl Scouts, or other youth service, leadership development or agricultural group. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have tried something new in the past two years. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We are known in our community for something positive. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- It is not a struggle to have quorum for at least ten meetings per year. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- If we need to get in touch with our members about something of importance, we can connect with nearly all of them in 48 hours or less. (If yes, Add 5) _____
- We have a mission statement or fairly clear focus. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have a hall or regular, public place to meet (not a restaurant). (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have less than 13 members on the roll. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- About half or more of our members live at least 10 miles from the community/area we primarily serve. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- We collect only enough dues (or less) per member to cover our State and National dues. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- The average age of our membership is 75 or greater. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- A majority of our members do not attend meetings anymore and are not active in our events. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- We do not have any members under the age of 40 who attend our events or meetings regularly or contribute time/talent to our fundraisers/outreach. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- We have talked in the past two years about turning in our charter and not much has changed since then. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- Our Grange doesn't feel connected to State/National Grange and typically does not participate in State Convention/National contests or programs. (If yes, Subtract 5) _____

Your Grange Health is _____.

Poor (30 pts. or less) Fair (35-65 pts.) Good (70-120 pts.) Excellent (125+ pts.)

Your meetings

When does your Grange meet (Time, Day) _____

Where does your Grange meet _____

What elements of a traditional Grange meeting (opening ceremony, open Bible, flag) as outlined in the Subordinate manual do you following strictly and in what ways has your Grange adapted the standard meeting form and ritual? ***Please describe why the changes work better for your Grange on an attached paper.***

Who is your “glue?” Some Granges have one or two people/families who hold their local Grange together, without whom their Grange would likely stop meeting or have to give up its charter. We wish to show them that we value their contribution. If this describes your Grange, please provide the following information:

Name(s): _____

Address (or email): _____

Grange Month 2018

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide information about any events/outreach/service your Grange held during April (Grange Month) as well as clippings of any press coverage of the event. *Please note: Did you follow the theme and if so, please describe how you incorporated it.*

Would you like National Grange to continue to offer a theme for Grange Month? ____ YES ____ NO

150th Celebration

On a separate sheet of paper, please detail anything your Grange did to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Grange.

What resource or service does your Grange most need from your State/National Grange?

Submission details

Your name _____ Office/Title _____

Preferred Contact Information _____



1 in 1,000 Club of the Grange Foundation



Only 1,000 numbered lifetime memberships for the 1 in 1,000 Club will be available for a one-time buy-in of \$1,000 each. All funds raised will be used for the good of the Order. Individuals may make a pledge to hold a space (provided the maximum of 1,000 memberships has not already been attained), but will not be provided a member number until their final payment is received. Membership is for individuals and groups. We apologize in advance, however, upon advice of nonprofit professionals and legal advisors, couple and family memberships are not available. Established, autonomous Groups (such as State Grange Foundations or non-Grange organizations) or local or State Granges are eligible for membership with special requirements.

When the member passes away, the membership may be first made available to an individual designated by the late Club member, but will require a "renewal" payment of \$1,000 in order to keep the membership number. Should the designated individual wish not to renew the membership, it will be offered to the person at the top of the waiting list (or general membership if 1,000 are not already assigned). Autonomous Groups, or local and State Granges who wish to hold membership in the Club will require a renewal payment of \$1,000 every 10 years in order to keep their membership.

Members will receive a special pin and certificate and be entitled to invitation-only events throughout the year and during National Convention.

This form reserves your place in the 1 in 1,000 Club. You will be provided full paperwork to complete the full and proper transaction of the donation including documents related to deductibility for your tax profession. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE NONPROFIT, CHARITABLE Grange Foundation.

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP NAME: _____

Address: _____

IF APPLICABLE: My primary membership is held in _____

Grange # _____, _____(state).

Email (and/or phone): _____

I anticipate: _____ Paying one lump sum (net 60 at the time of invoice).

_____ Making payments equaling a total of \$1,000 within 12 months.

SIGNATURE: _____

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Final Payment Date: _____

Member #: _____



National Grange Building Fund Pledge Form

We are dedicated to the preservation of our place and distinction as the only privately held building in the federal block around the White House. As many of you know, this summer the chiller unit in our headquarters building suffered a complete and catastrophic failure and the price tag to purchase and install a new unit has topped \$1 million. This is the most pressing, but not the only needed renovation or replacements item for our building. Our boiler unit is past its intended lifespan, our windows are not energy efficient and must be replaced and much of our building is dated and unattractive to some potential tenants.

Because rental income from the building makes up a large portion of our organization's operating revenue, it is important that we maintain our headquarters so that we may continue our good work as a national organization. Please show your Grange pride, and make a pledge to donate. All contributions will be recognized. Please complete the form below and send to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Building Fund.

Name _____ Grange Name, # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

SELECT ONE

_____ My check or cash donation is enclosed for \$_____.

_____ Please send me an invoice for my donation of

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$_____

_____ I wish to have my credit card charged for a one-time donation of

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$_____

_____ I wish to have my credit card charged monthly starting _____ a recurring amount of:

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$_____

Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted.

Please list name on card and/or address if different from above.

_____ Card Number

_____ Exp. Date

_____ CVC

_____ I pledge that my Subordinate Grange, _____, will donate before the close of 2018 the below selected amount. *(Only State Masters may make pledges on behalf of their State Grange.)* Please send me an invoice quarterly as a reminder

_____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$2,500 _____ \$ 5,000 _____ Other \$_____

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Ensure the *Grange* future in 4 easy steps

Contribute to the National Grange Building Fund or Other Worthy Projects

With necessary repairs like the chiller unit, the National Grange is in need of your help. You can make a difference by donating directly to the National Grange. Donations to Grange Foundation help in many ways to strengthen our organization and ensure it truly lives on forever.

STEP 1. SELECT FUNDS OR PROGRAM(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT.

Please indicate the amount you wish to donate to each fund or project. Choose as many as you wish to support and indicate the percentage or amount of your total donation you wish to go to each fund or project selected. If you do not indicate amounts, an equal distribution of your donation will be made to each. Unspecified donations will be credited to the Grange Foundation Endowment/General Fund.

NATIONAL GRANGE

A nonprofit, agricultural fraternity designated as a 501(c)(5) by the IRS.

\$_____ National Headquarters Building Fund

\$_____ Internship Program

\$_____ Legal Protection Fund

GRANGE FOUNDATION

A nonprofit organization, focused on the betterment of rural America and agriculture based on education and leadership development, designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS. Donations to the Grange Foundation may be tax deductible. Consult your financial advisor.

\$_____ Endowment/General Fund

\$_____ Junior Grange Fund

\$_____ Grange Youth Fund

\$_____ Community & Leadership Development Fund

\$_____ American Arts and Culture Fund

\$_____ Kelley Farm Fund

\$_____ Communication Fellows Program

\$_____ Grange Radio Project

STEP 2. CALCULATE YOUR TOTAL DONATION.

100% of all proceeds go to the programs you wish to support.

I am making a \$_____ donation to National Grange.

I am making a \$_____ donation to Grange Foundation.

STEP 3. PROVIDE YOUR PAYMENT DETAILS.

Check one.

_____ I have enclosed checks made payable to National Grange and/or Grange Foundation.

_____ I wish for my donation to be made via credit card.
(Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted)

Name on card _____

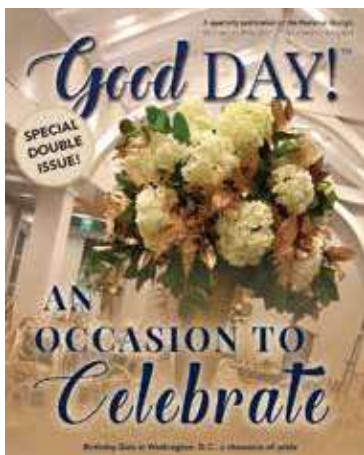
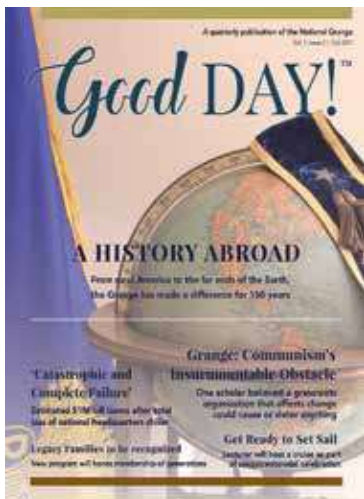
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Signature _____

You may also go online to www.nationalgrange.org/give or call Amanda Brozana Rios (202) 628-3507 ext. 102 to make your contribution today.

STEP 4. SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM to the National Grange at 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 and relax, knowing you have honored our past and helped to secure our future.



Make it a Good Day!™

Members around the country are feeling informed and engaged thanks to the new National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!™ Even those outside our membership have taken note, including world magazine expert, Samir Husni, AKA Mr. Magazine™.

In May 2018, our 80-page fifth issue arrived in subscribers' mailboxes. Previously, we've had a 180-page special double issue (Jan 2018), a 118-page September 2017 issue, an 84-page May issue, and the 96-page February debut edition. The double issue is sold out and there are few copies remaining of the first three issues that can be ordered individually through the Grange Store for \$5 plus \$2 shipping.

If you subscribed in 2017, renew now to ensure you continue receiving this highly reviewed publication. You can do so online at tinyurl.com/BuyGoodDay or by phone with National Grange Sales Director Loretta Washington at 202-628-3507 ext. 109.

Help facilitate orders for those without the internet or who are less comfortable with online payments by having your members/friends fill out their order information on the back of this sheet, then go to our website to enter. This helps significantly cut down on the staff time and potential confusion as it enters the subscription directly into our database and gets them enrolled right away.

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You can collect checks or cash and pay together online through your credit or debit card or you can send the separate payments into the National Grange headquarters at 1616 H St., NW, Washington, DC 20006 ATTN: Good Day!™ after entering your order online.

**Next deadline to subscribe is July 15
to receive the AUGUST 2018 edition.**

Good Day! TM Order Form

Subscription price for Grange members is \$16.

Price for those who are not Grange members is \$28 annually. Price includes 1-year e-membership.

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Have something to say?

We'd love to hear from our readers. Tell us what you like, what you'd change, what you wish to see!

We also welcome reader submissions. We always look forward to details about what your Grange is doing. Or, get creative! Send us your short story, poetry or photo essay. Feel free to write your Grange news tips and enclose them or provide short poems in your envelope, but all photos and longer written pieces must be submitted electronically to communications@nationalgrange.org (under 5MB; or albrozana@gmail.com up to 25MB) or by thumb drive.
