

## Mini -Letter for Mountain County Pomona #4 & Winchester #74 September 14, 2009



A warm welcome to Jody and the members of his Installing Team. This is an unusual meeting with Pomona officers and Winchester officers installed together. It has been a little confusing getting things squared away – but we are sure that all will go well – we just have to persevere!

Thank you to Winchester for hosting, as well as participating, especially to those who have helped get the hall ready and provided the refreshments.

Pomona will meet next at Winchester for the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Do you know of any folks who have not taken the degree? Why not ask them to continue their grange journey. Hope we have a good turnout for that evening.

Phyllis Bierce is having a little more surgery on that hip – but says it may be an "in and out" deal. She has had a lot of pain which they hope to stop.

Many of you may remember Richard Galaise, a past Master of Winchester. He had a massive stroke some time ago and is now at Laurel Hill, down the hall from me. He is making good progress and loves getting news about the grange and Pomona.

Beulah (Noad) Partridge came a-visiting. It was so nice to see her and she sure looks great. She loves her apartment at Holly House Court in Litchfield. Ask her about her "neighborhood", it will make you chuckle!

They say it will be a beautiful autumn. I hope "they" know what they're talking about! Sue's brother from California is coming for a visit in October. He hasn't seen a New England Fall in over forty years. Let's hope the foliage is spectacular.

So glad to see Earl doing so well since his surgery. Ruth Schnell has made a wonderful

recovery since that awful accident. She has been winning prizes "hand over fist" at the area fairs, including \$100. for her *Upside Down Sugar-Free Peach Cake* at Goshen! Congratulations!

Let's take a look around the Pomona -

- Whigville will be holding their FAIR on September 26. They'll have live music, sell hot dogs with all the fixings and have wonderful displays. Ask Helena for an entry form and support them.
- <u>Eureka</u> will have their FAIR on September 21 in conjunction with New Hartford Day. This is held at Brodie Park and always draws a crowd. I am sure Earl has more information if you want to enter items.
- Winchester is having a Super Prize
  Party (Tea cup auction PLUS!) on
  Friday, September 25. Doors open at 6
  and the drawing starts at 7. It is a fun
  way to spend the evening.
- <u>Taghhannuck</u> has a new member, 14 year old Margaret Hopkins, who spearheaded the effort to assemble a fantastic Grange exhibit for the Bethlehem fair. She got her whole family involved and did a wonderful job. They won first prize, \$125!
- <u>Litchfield</u> and Whigville will have a joint installation at their next meeting, September 24.
- Beacon will be holding their FAIR on September 27 from 10 to 3. Contact Joanne Coppola (203-263-4226) for more information.
- Riverton held their fair on Saturday and is now pulling together the Prelli Team for the installation of officers.

Marion is coming home on Thursday. Bud can hardly wait! She misses everyone and wants to be kept informed as to the happenings around the Pomona. Hope everyone has a successful year!

