



Winchester Grange No. 74

News from Your Grange

Here I am – and it is about time – I know! I was sick - but now I am better - slow but sure. Took six months out of my life tho'! Anyway, I can finally get the newsletter done and it is about time.

I have 98 people who have sent in their dues in response to my first call – and THANK YOU! Now – how about the rest of you?

Please let this newsletter serve as your bill. A slip is printed in this newsletter enabling you to pay your dues to both Winchester Grange and Mountain County Pomona (if you belong) as well as renew your subscription to the Connecticut Granger (if you would like it).

Now ~ on with the show!

Our 2006 Grange Fair wasn't the first without a supper but it was a good decision not to have one. After a long day, the supper was always a really hard and tiring thing to put on. The 2006 Fair ended about 4:00 and things were cleaned up at 5:00 instead off 8:30. It was a good decision. And we still cleared about \$700. Not too bad! This year's fair will be held on August 12 (the second Saturday in August). The flea market, children's games, chance table, exhibits and food are just a few of the things which will again be a part of the fair. Lots more about this later in the year.

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We held the Craft & Flea Market again at the end of May and it went very well. Shirley Lemieux is in charge of this for this year, and it



will be held on June 2- closest we could get to May! Please give her a call (379-4408) if you might be interested in having a table. Members pay \$10 for their tables - a great bargain and a chance to get rid of some clutter around the house! Light lunch items will also be available throughout the day. So if you don't have a table, still stop by for some bargains and a sandwich.

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There has been a lot of "unhealthy" members this year - and we hope everyone will recover and feel up to dancing a "Spring Fling."

A note from her daughter told me that Shirley Gale, who has lived in Arizona for a number of years, had several strokes and is now back east, living with a daughter. She is bed-bound. Please send her a card or note if you can. Her address is: 125 Gavitt Rd., Barkhamsted, CT 06063. Believe me, it is a wonderful thing to get cards when you are in the hospital or rehab.

Our Donald Fancher had a stroke recently but thank goodness it was not severe. Bad enough, but it could have been worse. He is getting around with no paralysis.

I hate to give you the following – a listing of those of our members who have left us this past year. It was a very sad year. We lost Mildred Gossett, a long time member; Henry Marchell, who received his Silver Star (25 year membership) last year; Jean Andrighetti whose sweet smile and cheery words will be so missed; Evelyn Lee – 100 years old and a Granger for 75 or 80 years; Florence Simons who fought so hard to

stay alive – what courage she had! Bruce Stoughton who had been caretaker at Camp Wahnee – and Mary Anne Beecher who fought



cancer with ferocity. In addition to these dear brothers and sisters, I want you to know that “one of our own” Evelyn Marchand died this month along with Barbara Patnode and Louise Eisenlohr who were both Golden Sheaf members. Evelyn grew up here and has been in North Carolina (I think) for a number of years. Evie was very active in the Grange - the daughter of Mae and Don Marchand.

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I am very happy to tell you that we have taken in a “bushel” of new members. A special degree day was conferred in September, allowing candidates to receive all four degrees in one day and 18 new members from around Mountain County Pomona took advantage of this opportunity with 8 of them belonging to Winchester. They are: Marshall Dougherty, Janice Jacobson, Don Kitch, Robert Kitch, Melissa Kitch, Arline Pozzo, Richard Pozzo and Damian Vincent. In addition, 4 more members joined this past week and they are: Michael and Janet Patterson, Caitlyn Reynolds and Linda Senkus. Welcome to all!

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I want to thank my Sisters and Brothers (the Grange family, that is) for the hundreds of cards you have sent me during the past 5-6 months. It really means so much. I have said that so often-but didn’t realize just how much it meant to receive them.

Thank you, all.

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Hate to tell you, but we are losing one of our “boys” from the Center. Ronnie Marchand and his wife are leaving and by the middle of May they will be settled in Maine. They will be

missed! Brother Peter will be taking over the Post Office/Grange snow plowing.

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Everybody is complaining about the price of oil, so I will also- not for me, but for the Grange. With our big building and the need to protect the pipes in the cold weather, as well as keeping the Post Office at least lukewarm, we do consume a lot of oil. Of course, this leads up to a plea for you to pay your dues. At this point 98 people have paid. Did you? Please —

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My sincere thanks to our Master, Todd Gelineau. Busy as he is, Todd offered to do this newsletter on the computer. Certainly appreciate that. I expect to get these out next week and hope for an avalanche of dues!

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The Post Office continues to please the community. It serves a good purpose and continues to grow. At least it helps to maintain the identity of Winchester Center.

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Must remind you that Phil Prelli is no longer State Master. The new one, elected in October, is Robert Sendewicz, from Danbury. Bob belongs to Redding Grange #15 and to Fairfield County Pomona. He is off to a good start and we wish him well. Phil is now on the State Grange Executive Committee and was appointed by the Governor as Commissioner of Agriculture.

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The Strawberry Festival will be held on Father’s Day in June. Do plan to come. Last year we served about 600! Come up to Winchester and “Take Dad out for Dessert.”

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Congratulations to Cindy Sherwood, who lives in Canaan with her husband. Cindy has written an historical book and is at work on the second one.

As usual we have donated money to the Gilbert School for the graduation party; to the various charities which are annual, and to Friendly Hands Food Bank with toys and a lot of good and warm clothing. All of these are needed. In addition, food items are given on a weekly basis in many cases. The need is always there.

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Mountain County Pomona continues to be a good and strong Pomona. Our own Craig Leifert is Master of Mt. County in his second year. In June a drawing will be held again as a fundraiser with the usual nice gifts, given by the officers. This has been very successful in the past and we hope it will continue to be.

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During the year just past we lost many friends in the Pomona. I especially want to mention Dick Kobylenski of Goshen who was a Granger and a real worker. He will be missed.

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It is always sad to report the loss of a Grange but it does happen - this year we lost two- Goshen and Morris. Morris' members joined with Litchfield where several were already officers. Goshen members went as they pleased but we are glad to have Fred and Barbara Dreger come to Winchester!

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With a new Master of the State Grange comes new officers in some cases. Our Deputy, Earl Phillips, remained in the position for which we are all very happy. Earl is a good Deputy and very willing to help whenever he can. Earl and Sandy's grandson, Victor Salazar has been a great help to us filling in as Secretary at Winchester's meetings and we thank him for doing this.

We are so happy George Russell, of Riverton, was elected Gatekeeper of the State Grange and wish him well in his Grange journey.

Sandy Phillips was appointed Junior Deputy

and the Pomona Deputy West is our own Todd Gelineau. We wish them all the best.


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I want you to know about Phyllis Bierce whom many of you know. She is a member of Riverton and has been in and out of the hospital with a broken hip- a pacemaker, an infected heel and other things. Rough time for her. Hopefully she is on the health path now.

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We are delighted with our new members- and with all the others also, of course! There are many reasons- and all authentic- why a person can't attend a meeting. Do try to come once in a while- if you can. It is important, at least to show your interest!

To our new members- we give you our friendship and hope we receive yours in return. The Grange - and especially ours- is a friendly place- a home away from home - and we hope you find it that way. The members are considered your Brothers and Sisters- part of a large family. Keep in mind - even though we don't know some of you very well yet- you are part of the family and a part of our love goes to each one of you!!

Love -  
Marion   
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## *Winchester Grange*

### *Remaining 2007 Meetings*

- May 8    The Beauty of the Earth**  
Refreshments: Fran Cooper
- May 22   Beautiful Isle of Somewhere -  
Memorial Program**  
Refreshments: T.B.A.
- June 12   Election, Yea or Nay?**  
Refreshments: Shirley Lemieux
- June 26   By the Light of the Silvery Moon**  
(CWA Program)  
Refreshments: Craig & Sandy Leifert
- July 10   Yankee Doodle Dandy**  
Neighbor's Night  
Refreshments: T.B.A.
- July 24   The Good Old Summertime**  
Refreshments: T.B.A.
- Aug. 7    Fair Time**  
Refreshments: Noreen Marchand,  
Mary Sullivan
- Aug. 21   We're Here for Fun**  
Picnic at the Grange Hall, 6:30 P.M.
- Sept. 11   Join Us - 1st & 2nd Degrees**  
Refreshments: Mimi Grustas,  
Barbara Dreger
- Sept. 18   Welcome - 3rd & 4th Degrees**  
Harvest (Potluck) Supper, 6:30 P.M.
- Sept. 25   And Away We Go!**  
Installation of Officers  
Ref. Ramona Fassio, Todd Gelineau

## *Mountain County Pomona*

### *Remaining 2007 Meetings*

- May 14    "Accomplish Great Objectives"**  
Supper at 6:30, Fifth Degree &  
Inspection at 7:30 P.M.  
Winchester Grange Hall
- June 25   "The Progress of Our Order"**  
Election of Officers  
Eureka Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.
- Sept. 10   Installation of Officers**  
Winchester Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.

*Coming Soon to Connecticut!*



## *Winchester Grange Dues Form*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Winchester Grange Dues** (\$20.00 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mountain County Pomona Dues** (if you belong) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank You!*