cultural and community leaders, Members of Congress, State Legislators, as well as Grange leaders across this Nation. I think all of us fall prey, more often than we should, to focusing our thinking within the walls of our own local Granges, which is not a bad thing, but it is not the whole thing. During this report of the National Grange Legislative Director, one little phrase caught my attention, which should resonate with all of us. The point was being made that a lot of the decisions being formulated in relation to rural America were not coming from rural America, but by those in positions of power thinking they know what is best for rural America. Then came the standout phrase: “The Grange IS rural America.” Bang. Right between the eyes. Couldn’t be any clearer. Before us is the impetus make the right things happen for the right reasons. People with a vested interest in their local communities need to be, and can be the voice for their situations, multiplied many times over through the Grange. Perhaps this advantage of membership hasn’t been contemplated often, but it is there, our 150 year history has proven it to be true over and over again, and it is particularly important at this moment. On the Federal level, the 2018 Farm Bill is under consideration, the passage of which will be important at this moment. On the Federal level, the 2018 Farm Bill is under consideration, the passage of which will be important at this moment. On the Federal level, the 2018 Farm Bill is under consideration, the passage of which will be important at this moment. On the Federal level, the 2018 Farm Bill is under consideration, the passage of which will be important at this moment.

One of the advantages of being involved with National Grange sessions is the opportunity to hear perspectives from agri-
ESTABLISHING INDIVIDUALS’ RIGHTS TO HAVE AND USE OUTDOOR CLOTHING-LINES
AE-55 Oneida County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation permitting all individuals the right to protect the environment and harness free solar and wind power by having and using outdoor clotheslines.

NATIONAL MILK HEARING
AE-62 Written in Committee
RESOLVED that the New York State Grange urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) hold a national milk hearing, which would investigate pricing policies that would be in the best interest of all dairy farmers.

FARM BILL OF 2018
AE-63 Written in Committee
RESOLVED that the New York State Grange supports a Farm Bill of 2018, which provides price insurance protection for farmers that takes into account the diversity in crops, communities, production methods, target markets, and regional situations present across the spectrum of the agricultural industry, and therefore be it further RESOLVED that the New York State Grange urges lawmakers to thoroughly consider the needs of the agricultural industry and pass a Farm Bill of 2018 in an expedient manner, without unrelated issues being attached.

FAIR MILK HAULING PRACTICES
AE-64 Written in Committee
RESOLVED that New York State Grange requests that lawmakers investigate and draft necessary legislation to support fair practices in regard to milk hauling and pricing regardless of the size of farm and number of cattle.

EDUCATION
ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS
E-3 Cortland County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would amend New York State Education Law by adding new sections authorizing the granting of academic course credit for volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers, and volunteer emergency medical technicians through state operated institutions of the State University of New York and the senior colleges of the City University of New York.

CHOICES IN EDUCATION ACT
E-18 Ontario County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange oppose the Choices in Education Act of 2017 or similar legislation, and urge Congressional Representatives of New York to vote against this bill, and be it further RESOLVED that NYS Grange urge Senators representing New York State to reject the Choices in Education Act of 2017 or similar legislation that may come before the United States Senate.

PASSING STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES
E-23 Jefferson County
RESOLVED that stricter enforcement of our current laws regarding passing stopped school buses be implemented by both law enforcement officers and the courts, and be it further RESOLVED that dash cameras on school buses be adjusted to pick up license plates of vehicles passing school buses, giving more positive evidence of the offender, and be it further RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports increases in penalties for passing a stopped school bus to accomplish positive results, and that the revenues from those fines be dedicated to the purchase and maintenance of camera systems on school buses or stationary cameras located in areas where problems have been noted.

DESIGNATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AS A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA
E-50 Dryden #1112, Tompkins County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports designation of agricultural education as a critical teacher shortage area, thus making Ag teachers eligible for the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL), Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) and for cancellation of up to 100 percent of debt under the Federal Perkins Loan Program (34 CFR 674.53(c)), and teaching obligation fulfillment for recipients under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program (34 CFR 686).

INCREASE CAPACITY OF AGRICULTURE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS
E-53 Dryden #1112, Tompkins County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports increasing the capacity of all agriculture teacher certification programs to improve recruitment, training, and retaining agriculture teachers to meet the growing demand for agricultural education and FFA programs in New York’s public schools.

FUNDING FOR CORNELL UNIVERSITY BASED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM
E-54 Dryden #1112, Tompkins County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports increased funding in the state budget for the Agriculture Education Outreach Program housed at Cornell University which coordinates Pre-K through grade 12 agricultural education through Ag in the Classroom, FFA, and professional support to the New York Association of Agricultural Educators (NYAAE), and be it further RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports the use of state funds to expand New York Agriculture in the Classroom by providing at least one agriculture educator in every county through the Cornell Cooperative Extension office.

FEDERAL ISSUES
ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME
FI-6 Cortland County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would increase the active duty service member’s deduction to $1 per month from their monthly paycheck and revising the fee structure with any additional shortfall in fund balance being certified by the Department of Defense with no reduction in current veteran activities, to include golf courses.

CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION AT LAUREL BAY HOUSING AREA, SOUTH CAROLINA
FI-18 Cortland County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would expedite the two-pronged process that includes an environmental study and an epidemiological study at Laurel Bay Housing Area, South Carolina to determine if chemical contamination is responsible for cancers in the residents.

ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES
FI-27 Cortland County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange recommends support of the “Availability of Child Care for Every Service Member and Spouse Act” (ACCESS).

FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
FI-29 Seneca County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange opposes any proposal for a Federal Constitutional Convention, and be it further RESOLVED that New York State Grange urges the National Grange to make State Granges aware of the movement to hold a Federal Constitutional Convention and the inherent dangers in having one.
Wheeler Grange #1416 recently celebrated 100 years. Wheeler Grange is in Steuben County. It was organized by W. N. Cone on February 3, 1917 with 176 in attendance. The Grange currently meets in the Wheeler Community Building. Charles Butts received his 80 year membership award at the celebration.

Another Session of the NYS Grange is in the history books. If you got a chance to attend the entire session just visit for a day, you know Grangers are a talented group of folks...from the Juniors through our Subordinates. The projects from needlework to crafts to baking were truly something to behold and/or devour. Let’s not forget the refreshments provided and subsequent intellect exhibited by all who served on committees. The diversity of the subject matter that our committee members delve right into is amazing. The spirited committee discussion leads them to dissect, delete, retain and produce a finished product worthy of becoming law….how exciting is that?

Sometimes when learning a lesson or striving to emphasize a point it becomes necessary to repeat, repeat and repeat again. A few positive points from my Membership Leadership Address to the 145th Session bear repeating.

Sharing is Caring…a lesson learned in daycares, Pre K and forward. In Grange terms what is sharing and caring? We will tackle these two thoughts one at a time.

Caring is:
- Tending our crops in the field so we glean the bounteous harvest for our Grange meals.
- Proper handling of and respect for our flag.
- Respect for nature - early lesson upon initiation in our Jr. Grange. “Let us make the birds and animals our friends teaching them to love and not to fear us.”
- Teaching our new members proper etiquette and ritualism at a Grange meeting.
- Implementing an extraordinary amount of, and diversity in, our many Community Service projects.
- Performing diligent research and showing informed knowledge which is showcased in our legislative program .
- We could go into many other areas of Caring in our Grange but it’s time to more on the Sharing side of the coin. This sharing seems to be the tougher or hidden side on our coin. So why do we have so much trouble Sharing? Why do we have such a block when it comes to sharing wholesome values by asking folks to join the Grange.

I enjoyed seeing everyone at State Session. I received the items back from the Northeast Exposition and the awards were as follows: Alfgaqua - 2nd place Charlotte Brenon, Jefferson Co; Doolies – 1st place Linda Kesby, Chautauqua Co; Canvas – 3rd place Richard Ballard, Otsego Co; Latch Hook – 3rd place Lynne Colvin, Chenango Co; Stuffed Toy – 3rd place Alyvia Fuches, Wayne Co (Jr); Baby Afghan – 1st place Clara McGinnis, Alleghany Co.


The new Handbooks are out. Performing diligent research and showing informed knowledge which is showcased in our legislative program .

I want to draw your attention to those in attendance that the Grange will live on.

Brenda Noble

November/December

2018 National Grange Convention Coordinator
Laura Magrum

Thank you to those who gave me snowflake ornaments at the State Session. I had 60 ornaments to take to National Convention in Spokane, WA and my goal was 50 ornaments. The committee members who attended National Convention this year handed over snowflake ornaments to attendees in order to promote the Why do we have Convention in Stowe, VT. Our theme is “Unique as a Snowflake.” I still have shirts left to sell. T-Shirts $10 each, sizes XL, 2XL, and 3XL. Long sleeve shirts $15 each, sizes 2XL and 3XL. Please call me at (585) 813-8238 or email at le-noble88@aol.com to inquire about ordering shirts.

Now that National Convention is less than a year away, we will need more assistance in planning and/or volunteering. If you have not already spoken with me, contact me by phone or email (see above) if you would like to volunteer. I am looking for ideas for 3 snack items unique to NY to include in the delegate bags. Some ideas as so far include New York Chips and Niagara Chocolate. 500 of each item will be needed, if you are willing to donate or get a discount on the items that would be greatly appreciated. I will also need to put a raffle basket together for a fundraiser at Convention with NY made products. Again, please contact me at the above phone number and/or email, if you can provide any assistance. Thank you again for all of your continued enthusiasm!

I look forward to serving as the newly elected New York State Grange Lecturer. The new Handbooks are out, so Lecturers please request your section from the Secretary of your Grange. The 2018-2019 Lecturer’s Theme is “Our Great Country.” The Lecturer’s Committee wanted our members to “bring back patriotism and celebrate all the great things about the good old USA.” Some highlights to the changes to the program I wanted to share are as follows. Write a letter to a person in the service to let them know that their service is appreciated. The photo contest categories are updated with Category A – Patriotism, Category B – Dusk to Dawn (no flash), Category C – Historic Sites. We are hoping to be able to capture some creativity from those in attendance that the Grange will live on.

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Both continue this year so fundraisers is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all the son Center in the amount of

STATE ISSUES
PRIORITIZING MILK TRUCK TRAVEL DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would require all single occupancy restrooms in New York State to be gender-neutral.

HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING AND AID TO VICTIMS

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports the continuation of strong regulatory oversight for human breast milk banks, which procure this milk for at-risk babies in hospital neonatal units, whose mothers cannot provide their own breast milk, and be it further

RESOLVED that we encourage more education materials be made available to mothers who may wish to donate their extra breast milk to regulated milk banks by local lactation support groups and the New York State Department of Health.

Health care reform H-60 Written in Committee RESOLVED that we urge that any health care reform legislation includes measures that will address the special needs of rural areas, such as the shortage of doctors, adequate health care facilities and meaningful changes to make health care and prescription drugs affordable and available to all.

WE OFFERED TO TAKE CARE OF THE LIVING AND DEAD

The New York State Grange,

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In addition to Tessa Taft becoming the 2018 recipient of the National Grange Youth Ambassador (see front page), New York youth also participated in many other Youth activities at National Grange Conventions. They received the distinguished Young Ambassador Program Award for NYS Grange at the G.R.O.W. Club Banquet. Then Tessar and Heidi Henderson as NY’s Young Ambassador, were inducted into the G.R.O.W. Club, which emphasizes that they “Go Right On Working” in the Grange by assisting in developing and promoting local, state and national youth programs. The Parli-Pro Team competition was held Saturday morning. The purpose of this contest is to encourage young youth and young adults to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, public speaking, and problem solving skills. First place went to North Carolina and second place to New York with Matthew Horton, Steuben Co., receiving the highest test score prize. The rest of our Parli-Pro Team was Tessa Taft and Heidi Henderson, Onondaga Co.; Shannon Russo, Albany Co; Jackie Turner, Steuben Co; Laura Magrum, Livingston Co.

Grange Jeopardy was next with 13 contestants in which our Matt Horton placed third against stiff first and second place competitors Jenn Nauss, PA, and Mandy Bostwick, KS. Congratulations Matt! Matt also entered the challenging Code Reading Contest. The contest tested a partnership between the Youth Department and Assembly of De- cember. All the participants who are first time Code readers begin in the Novice level. The competition came down to two Youth members, who tied with 100 percent and had to be challenged with a tie-breaker. Matt Horton placed fourth in this first year of the contest. The youth attending National Grange also enjoyed a tour, workshops, tying blankets for people and cats, and a “Party Like It’s Your Birthday” costume party and dance to celebrate 150 years of Grange.

Our youth activities at State Grange in Auburn included at- tending the opening of the State Grange on Saturday morning. Then we toured the Monte- zuma National Wildlife refuge, where we had the opportunity to observe water fowl in their natural habitat, as we walked a trail. For our Community Service Pro- ject, we went to the Auburn Re- habilitation & Nursing Center to play BINGO and sing with the residents. The highlight of the visit would have to be our tour to visit with Fred Bolio, former NY State Grange Youth Director. We REALLY made his day! After our outings we returned to the hotel to pack the Christmas shoeboxes as part of the Samari- tan’s Purse, “Operation Christ- mas Child.” Thank you to all the Subordinate and Pomona Granges, as well as individuals, who donated items and money to this cause. We packed 95 boxes.

Several youth members took the 6th degree and we ended with pizza and practicing the drill team for Tessa Taft’s younger opening with Tessa Taft as the Youth Master.

During our Youth Report to the Delegates, we heard from Tessa Taft and Heidi Henderson who told us about their past year as Ambassadors. The pur- pose of the Grange Ambassador Program is to build our youths’ leadership potential, broaden their view of the Grange, re- ceive educational training, and build relationships with Grangers throughout the State. We introduced Kathleen Fallon, Dutchess Co., as the 2018 NYS Grange Young Ambassador who will then compete at National Grange in November 2018. She is currently Treasurer, Youth Advisor, and on the Family, Youth and National Membership committees at Stanford Grange #808. Katie is also Manager of Stewart’s Shops in Poughkeepsie, NY and a member of her local Lions Club.

Please invite her to your Grange or special event this coming year. Her contact information is:

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Please contact her directly if you would like her to speak at your grange events.

The Robert Earlandt Memo- rial Award was presented to Alex- andra Hansson of Kirkland Grange #684, Jefferson County. This award enables her to visit the NYS Legislature in Albany to meet with the state Senators and Assemblymen; visit and be recognized on the Assembly floor, and tour the Capital. Congratulations Alexandra!

We had a great Fall Youth Leadership Weekend in Sep- tember at Butternut Valley Grange in Dutchess County. Our guest speaker for two great workshops, “Thinking on Your Feet” and “Making Your Case,” on public speaking was Carolyn Ostrander, New York Co. She focused more on impromp- tu, and we all learned something useful for our future. Her three reasons for teaching us are:

1. To convince us to work on public speaking.
2. The Grange needs good advocates.
3. It is good for us.

Later on Saturday, we toured the Northeast Classic Car Muse- um in Norwich, which is an amazing collection of an- tique cars. We highly recom- mend it as a couple hour stop if you are traveling by there. We had a little game time, but mostly our Parli-Pro team practiced, as well as the drill team. We thank the many Butternut Val- ley grangers that helped prepare meals and for our hotel rooms.

On Sunday morning, the wor- ship service was led by Roger Halbert. However, the message entitled “A Week in the Shoes in ‘Oth” was by Lucas Pied- monte, a member of their Grange who is a senior in high school. He shared about a mis- sion trip to Paradise this past summer with his church youth group. The many church- es of Gillettesville have formed a youth group for all the church- es and took the older students on this trip to experience work- ing in an inner city soup kitchen, a community garden and a homeless shelter, for a few days.

Our Winter Youth Weekend will be held at Stanford Grange in Dutchess County on January 12-15, 2018. Check NYS Grange Youth on Face Book or email for the schedule later in December. Erin Magrum stan- fola@yahoo.com to be added to the email list or call any of us on the youth committee.

Conratulations to Tessa Taft on receiving the honor of being declared National Grange Youth Ambassador. I have watched this young lady grow in the Grange environment and am confident that God has won- derful plans for her life. To all the Youth members from New York State who attended Na- tional Convention and received awards in various competitions congratulations each and every one of you! My sympathy to Denise Kelsey on the sudden, unexpected death of her husband, Doug. Also sympathy to Sherri Taft and family on the passing of her father, Clarence Moore.

You will be receiving this issue after the Thanksgiving dinner has been enjoyed and the dishes are put away. I pray your fami- ly had a blessed time together. As those who have lost loved ones this past year will tell you, every moment spent with family is time well spent. Merry Christmas to everyone and remember the Reason for the Season.

I had so much, much fun because I liked to play gaga ball and I liked the obstacle course. I learned lots of sign language which was a lot of fun. I had to sing for a shirt which was an embarrassing kind of fun thing! We had a great time and I would like to thank everyone who made it possible for me to go and have fun at camp. Looking forward to next year! Life is sure to bring hopefully to include many more Grange camp trips. Thank you for your time today.

Gavin VanLare

Youth

Paula Turner Elaine Smith

Erlandt Award Winner
Alexandra Hansson was the 2017 winner of the Bob Erlandt Award. She is a member of Kirkland Grange in Redwood, NY. The award is given by Pat Waring for outstanding work representing Wayne County Pomona Grange. Alex- andra’s work ethic and commu- nity service were the basis for her receiving this award.
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Other points to make:
• You don’t need to be a FARMER anymore.
• YES - we still exist we are gaining in membership and continue to have a positive impact on community service
• Positive Publicity for all aspects of Grange - strengthen family values, provide community service, advocate for rural living, active legislative programs, crafts, talent, good food, etc, etc
• No time for meetings but would like to support Grange activities? Explain the Associate Membership - this is self-explanatory on the application.
• Membership table - literature and applications enclosed for your display.
• Know how much money to collect with application
• for your Grange and what annual dues will be.
• A GOOD WORKING PEN.
• Advice from National Director don’t let the ink on the application get too dry” take applicants to a Grange event SOON.
• Keep of list of applicant contact information for follow-up.
• Promote ideals that our country needs.
• Truly a FAMILY oriented organization.
• Legislative program to remedy YOUR PET PEEVES.
• Non-partisan, informative.
• The above are only “hints” use your own positive ideas that may work for you and yours........

SHARING
Membership
Inexpensive Pennysaver ads? Gear your ad to your community and their interests - don’t forget to add your name and contact information.
• HELP WANTED!!!!! - Support rural living and agricultural industries - JOIN THE GRANGE!
• LIKE GOOD FOOD? Support farming and good cooks
• COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
  • Join The Grange!
  • ONE STOP FAMILY ACTIVITIES - friends, family & fun! Join the Grange!
  • Have some fun, be creative make up your own ads....

on land used in agricultural production thus improving their land and business.

TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES TO CURB FOOD WASTE
TFR 58 Dutchess County
RESOLVED, that New York State Grange supports legislation to establish a tax credit for grocery stores, food brokers, wholesalers, restauranteurs or catering services that donate surplus or about-to-waste food to local food banks and or pantries.

Resolution
Action
DAIRY PRIDE ACT
Adopted
PUPPY MILLS
Adopted
NATIONAL MILK HEARING
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CHOICES IN EDUCATION- ACT 2017
Adopted
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AGRICULTURE BUILDING TAX EXEMPTIONS
TFR 32 Onondaga County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would provide a ten year real property tax exemption for structures and buildings built...
Things Got Messy at National Grange

The National Grange Youth Committee announced a special and creative way to raise funds for the Youth Department. Pies! Not baking them to sell or baking them to eat – but throwing them in the faces of a list of VIP Grangers.

**WHO Got PIE’D**
- $250 – Chris Johnston
- $500 – Amanda Leigh Brozana Rios
- $750 – Charlene Espenshade
- $1,000 – Asa Houcin
- $2,000 – Mandy Bostwick
- $3,000 – Kennedy Gwin
- $4,000 – Chip Narvel
- $5,000 – Chris Hamp
- $6,000 – Assembly of Demeter
- $7,500 – Assembly of Demeter (Bruce Croucher, Roger Bostwick and James Owens)
- $10,000 – Jimmy Gentry

Some Even Won A Chance to Pie Someone

**National Grange Election of Officers:**

**New Officers in RED**
- Master—Betsy Huber (PA)
- Overseer—Phil Prelli (CT)
- Lecturer-Chris Hamp (WA)
- Steward—Chip Narvel (DE)
- Assistant Steward—John Plank (IN)
- Lady Assistant Steward—Brenda Rousselle (VT)
- Treasurer—Dwight Baldwin (IA)
- Secretary—Judy Sherrod (TN)
- Gatekeeper—Christopher Johnston (MI)
- Ceres—Cindy Greer (CO)
- Pomona—Susan Noah (OR)
- Flora—Wilena Shufeldt (OK)

**Executive Committee:**
- Leroy Watson (NH)
- Stephen Coye (NY)
- Duane Scott (WI)
- Lynette Shaffer (IL)

**Assembly of Demeter Officers:**
- High Priest of Demeter—Bruce Croucher (NY)
- Priest Archon—Roger Bostwick (KS)
- James Owens (ME)

JG Craft Winners at 2017 State Session

Many crafts from across New York were brought to State Session in Auburn, where each received a ribbon. I am pleased to award the following Best of Show rosettes, with prize money attached to the crafts. Blue will be listed first; then red, then white. Judging was on the Danish system, each judged on their own merit. Some categories did not qualify to have all three rosettes awarded. We remind crafters to follow the rules and be careful of size limitations.

**Fudge**
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**Woodland Creature**
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- Victoria Pleury, Chenango Co.

Junior Grange members from Eureka JG performed the opening and closing ceremonies Sunday afternoon during State Session. Junior Grange enthusiasm is always displayed. Thank you to them, for all their hard work. Boxes were collected for the “kids helping kids” project, thank you to all the Granges who brought boxes to State Session and for those that stayed in their communities. About 75 boxes were donated to kids in their community.

Alexandra “Jonni” Tarbell, National Junior Ambassador, spoke of her travels this past year. She traveled many miles, met many Grange members and promoted Junior Grange. She also did her Sign-a-song number which is entered At National Grange.

Past State Junior Directors, Karen Wilcox and Emily Ormsby were recognized and greetings to the Juniors were received from Audrey Miller and Bev Martin.

A big THANK YOU for all the generosity with the collection taken prior to the Junior program on Sunday. The money is used for Junior work, prizes and ribbons.

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- Emma Williams, Lewis Co.
- Victoria Pleury, Chenango Co.

Junior Grange members from Eureka JG performed the opening and closing ceremonies Sunday afternoon during State Session. Junior Grange enthusiasm is always displayed. Thank you to them, for all their hard work. Boxes were collected for the “kids helping kids” project, thank you to all the Granges who brought boxes to State Session and for those that stayed in their communities. About 75 boxes were donated to kids in their community.

Alexandra “Jonni” Tarbell, National Junior Ambassador, spoke of her travels this past year. She traveled many miles, met many Grange members and promoted Junior Grange. She also did her Sign-a-song number which is entered At National Grange.

Past State Junior Directors, Karen Wilcox and Emily Ormsby were recognized and greetings to the Juniors were received from Audrey Miller and Bev Martin.

A big THANK YOU for all the generosity with the collection taken prior to the Junior program on Sunday. The money is used for Junior work, prizes and ribbons.

**National Grange Election of Officers:**

**New Officers in RED**
- Master—Betsy Huber (PA)
- Overseer—Phil Prelli (CT)
- Lecturer-Chris Hamp (WA)
- Steward—Chip Narvel (DE)
- Assistant Steward—John Plank (IN)
- Lady Assistant Steward—Brenda Rousselle (VT)
- Treasurer—Dwight Baldwin (IA)
- Secretary—Judy Sherrod (TN)
- Gatekeeper—Christopher Johnston (MI)
- Ceres—Cindy Greer (CO)
- Pomona—Susan Noah (OR)
- Flora—Wilena Shufeldt (OK)

**Executive Committee:**
- Leroy Watson (NH)
- Stephen Coye (NY)
- Duane Scott (WI)
- Lynette Shaffer (IL)

**Assembly of Demeter Officers:**
- High Priest of Demeter—Bruce Croucher (NY)
- Priest Archon—Roger Bostwick (KS)
- James Owens (ME)
New York State Grange Youth members visited a nursing home as part of their community service. Former State Grange Youth Director Fred Bolio is a resident here and was very happy to get a visit from some of his “KIDS”. They also had a ‘photo op’ at the eagle monument at the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge.

New Grange Members

Albany Co.
Bethlehem #137
Megan Kirchmer
Chenango Co.
Oxford #984
Patty Beckwith
Lawrence Cronk
Columbia Co.
Copake #935
Margaret Anderson
Tom Goldsworthy
Glenn Pupa
Delaware Co.
Walton #1454
Rebecca Halstead
Patty Rubera
Erin Serra
Marilyn Wormuth
Dutchess Co.
Stanford #808
Barbara Campbell
Emma Hostetter
Pleasant Valley #838
Sheila Berstein
Oak Grove #873
Bennett Ketchum
Hannah Ketchum
Anna Nolan
Greg Totino
Rhinebeck #896
Gabrielle Conway
Kieran Conway
Genesee Co.
East Pembroke Grange #1157
Daniel Johnston
Jefferson Co.
South Rutland Valley #53
William Herrmann
Clarence Woodruff
Oswego Co.
Sandy Creek #127
Brianna Harvey
Jane Patterson
Onondaga Co.
Pierstown #793
Lisa Ellsworth
Frances Hazelton
Jonathan Schu
Schenevus Valley #1201
Jean Carman
Saratoga Co.
Corinth #823
Carley Curtler
Billie Donovan
Senebec Co.
Interlaken #160
Judith Allen
Tioga Co.
North Barton #45
Betty Hartman
Jeremy Searles
Ublet Co.
Plattettes #923
Will Farrell
Jack Harris
Karl Homberg
Tsh Martinez
Maryann Martinez

Beverly Marvin of Fairport Grange, Monroe County was selected as the recipient of the Gerald Eastman Award. She has been very active in her church, helping in many ways. She has served in many offices of the Grange both at the local and county level. She and her husband hosted the very first Junior Grange Camp on their farm. They were also foster parents for several children.