

# Community Service/Family, Health & Hearing Report

## Maine State Grange September 11, 2017

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

This year's Community Service Committee/Family, Health & Hearing Committee included: Cassandra Corliss, Stephen Call, Sherrill Snowdeal, & Dawn Tarbox.

I am very excited to say I have made it through my fourth year as Director of this Committee and have been privileged and honored to meet all the new people I have and all the Granges I have visited. I have shared the joy of Community Service & Family, Health, & Hearing with all of you & to help all of you that I could in anyway. It was a joy to see the Community Service Books this year and all the effort that was put into them.

This year's Community Service Winners are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

This year Patrons Oxford Insurance, Kennebec Savings, & SK Durrell Agency sponsored the Community Service Book Contest. Their contributions are most appreciated.

Of 115 Subordinate Granges, 29 reports were submitted, which is more than last year. We are required to have a 25% participation rate to receive monetary support from National Grange. WE DID IT!!!! Granted we did it by the wire. If your Grange did not submit a report this year could you please remember for the upcoming year.

Please keep sending them in. The books are wonderful and it gives the individual Granges an opportunity to let their work be seen and shared and yes, they take a lot of effort and time to complete. Which the judges are in awe of. This year's judges again were very much impressed with all the great work that Granges do. As one judge stated, "Great theme for Community Service, One project at a time. It truly amazes me at how many projects actually get done in the State of Maine if you combine all of these Granges." Please just keep in mind that for National Grange monetary contribution we need 25% total of Community Service Books and/or Activity Sheets (both sheets).

I am happy to say that Barbara Bush Children's Hospital is still be supported by many Granges around the State. It is a delightful joy to visit the children at the hospital and see the joy on their faces. Coups for Troops another one of our State projects has been greatly appreciated by all the military families and we have received several thank you emails from the woman who receive and sort the coupons. I am pleased to say we have shipped just over 175 lbs. of coupons this year to three military bases overseas.

- We have again worked on the Officer/Educator of the Year Awards. This year National is continuing the program for Police Officer & Firefighter of the Year and the Northeast Regional has continued to recognize the Officer and Firefighter of the Year as well as the Educator of the Year. It gives me great pleasure to submit our First Place Winners in each category to Northeast Region and Police Officer/Firefighter to National. Several Granges nominated a total of 6 entries this year in all three categories.

Maine State Grange Winners

First Place Police Officer – \_\_\_\_\_

First Place Firefighter/EMT – \_\_\_\_\_

First Place Educator – \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sincerely thank all of the Granges who sent in nominations as well as those who worked on the process to choose the winners in each category. This is not always an easy task. The committee greatly appreciates all of the help.

**Please make sure to pick up the new packets for Community Service/Family, Health & Hearing for the upcoming year at the Community Service table during State Session.**

This year Community Service would like to honor a Granger for extraordinary support of Community Service. This Granger will have demonstrated outstanding support of Community Service both locally and statewide. It is our honor to announce the first Outstanding Community Service Granger Award. This individual will receive a check in the amount of \$100.00 to their Grange along with an award.

This year's winner is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Grange.

### **Family, Health & Hearing**

The committee is very happy to have visited several Granges over the course of the year and hear Family, Health & Hearing Directors speaking about different items from the list of causes that were listed on the Family, Health & Hearing Sheet. I am sorry to say that most Granges did not submit an entry to the Family, Health & Hearing Contest which gives the winner \$50.00 for their subordinate Grange if won. Please keep this contest in mind for the upcoming year.

Winner of FH&H Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Make sure to work with your Community Service Directors and Lecturers to plan programs to bring awareness of causes to your Grange. Open your hall and invite in speakers to bring awareness to these causes. Invite the public and advertise, advertise, advertise.

**Awareness of anything gives you an upper hand in fighting it.**

Fraternally submitted,

Christine Corliss, Director