

REPORT OF CO-YOUTH DIRECTORS

Worthy Master, officers and members of the Rhode Island State Grange:

It is with pleasure that we submit our report as Co-Youth Directors 2021-2022 year.

Our first activity of the year, Rock & Bowl at Old Mountain Lanes, was cancelled when only four people responded that they would be attending. After this initial misstep, 15 people signed up, which eventually became 19 on that evening. It was a cold, snowy, sleeting evening, but people of all ages braved the bad weather to attend this event and everyone had a great time.

19 bowlers in total, including 4-Juniors, 2-Youth & 3-Non Members

Oldest Bowler		Dottie Moone
Youngest Bowler		Kendall Gotauco
Young at heart		
Men's high single	179	Walter Hartley
Men's low single	74	Howard Paster
Men's high triple	495	Walter Hartley
Women's high single	133	Danielle Hartley
Women's low single	53	Dottie Moone
Women's high triple	335	Joyce Bastien
Youth:		
High single	151	Desiree Richard
High triple	378	Jasmine Richard
Juniors		
High Male Jr's	84	Tristan Gotauco
High Women's Jr's	96	Nettie Hartley
Most improved female		Dottie Moone, 68 pin difference
Most improved male		Howard Paster, 44 pin difference
Non-Member High male	446	Mike Colby
Non-Member High female	320	Lynn Taylor

Tubing at Yawgoo Valley was a no-go again this year. The park was closed for several weekends in January, and when it finally opened, tickets were quickly sold out. This has been a popular event in previous years, but until the youth department has the power to command snow, this will be a difficult activity to schedule.

There is an expression, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." Well, I guess we found out that is good advice. We had planned a "Youth Activities Fun Day" for May 22 which was to be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds. This was to be a combination of several contests, a walk-a-thon and pot luck supper, and just a day of fellowship for all. We had plans for rain or shine, but Mother Nature had other plans and she brought us excessive heat and oppressive humidity. The event was cancelled, and going into the busy summer season, for various reasons, it could not be rescheduled. So with that

cancellation, we lost the walk-a-thon, beanbag baseball competition and chocolate chip cookie baking contest.

Another victim of circumstances was the 2022 Northeast Leaders Conference, which had been scheduled for the last weekend in March. This was to be the first time that the former NE Lecturers and NE Youth conferences were to be held in conjunction with the Leaders conference. In January, with cases of Covid rising and concerns about the lack of time that youth would have to prepare for March contest competition, the conference was cancelled. Our region was “invited” (actually, required) to participate in the “Eastern” Leaders Conference which included all of the east coast. Valerie Richard drove her two daughters, Jasmine and Desiree, her mother, and fellow youth granger, Matt “Switch” Ullucci to Washington DC for the weekend. Desiree and Matt both entered the public speaking competition, with Desiree taking 1st place in the impromptu speech youth category, and Matt taking 1st place and Best of Show in the prepared speech youth category. Congratulations to both of Desiree and Matt, and thank you for making Rhode Island proud.

Nine granges scheduled youth nights for the past year, although 3-4 had to cancel their youth night for various reasons. I would like to congratulate the granges that held their youth nights – the ones that I was able to get to had great and creative programs. There were 3 youth night reports submitted with the winners as follows:

Pomona grange: 1st - Washington County Pomona, Jasmine Richard

Subordinate grange, young at heart chairman: 1st – Hope Valley, Valerie Richard

Subordinate grange, youth age chairman: 1st – Richmond, Jasmine Richard

Winners of the youth night attendance contest:

Adult category	1 st (tie)	Howard Paster Valerie Richard
Youth category	1 st (tie)	Jasmine Richard Desiree Richard
	2 nd	Matt Ullucci

Thank you to all the granges and members who participated in any way in making the youth program a success. Thank you for your support and for future support of youth activities.

In closing, we would like to encourage subordinate granges to make a special effort to recruit youth members. It is always said that youth are the future of the grange, but they are also important to the grange of today. The membership of many granges consists of individuals over 65. Where will those granges be in 10-15 years?

Fraternally submitted,
Eileen Hebert
Walter Hartley.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget State Grange allotment \$ 1,680.00

Income:

State Grange allotment \$ 600.00

Bowling fees rec'd \$ 228.00

Total \$ 828.00

Expenses:

Awards \$ 420.00

Bowling \$ 327.96

Miscellaneous 747.96

Balance \$ 80.04

Less than half of the youth budget allotment was used. The committee would like to recommend that \$500 of the remaining youth allotment be donated to the PIN fund.