

## **Pennsylvania Hosts the Eastern Regional Leaders' Conference**

The Eastern Regional Leaders' Conference was held from July 26-28 in the capital region. Pennsylvania was delighted to host this year's conference, welcoming Grangers from Connecticut to North Carolina. National Grange President Christine Hamp and her husband, Duane, also joined more than 60 participants for the weekend activities.

Friday evening kicked off with a welcome from Pennsylvania State Grange leaders. Several get acquainted games allowed old friends the opportunity to catch up, in addition to make new acquaintances. Carrie Nace (PA State Grange Legislative Liaison) led a workshop on writing proper and effective Grange resolutions. A community service project was led by Tina Keen, Deaf & Community Service Director. Attendees compiled 60 bags of snacks, socks, and toiletries and 50 bags of feminine products to benefit the Bethesda Mission's homeless missions in Harrisburg.

Saturday included a tour of the Hershey Gardens followed by a trip to Valley Grange #1360 in York County for an afternoon of workshops, and an evening of fellowship and fun.

Workshops were presented by:

- Chris Hamp, National Grange President
- Philip Vonada, National Grange Communications Director and PA Junior Grange Director
- Gayle Reyburn, National Junior Grange Ambassador
- Asheton Medlin and Ashley Holloman, National Grange Youth Team
- Richard Stonebraker, Maryland State Grange President
- Jenn Nauss, PA State Grange Lecturer
- Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Team

Thanks to State Grange Lecturer Jenn Nauss, Phil Vonada (PA Junior Director), and Jen Danko and Lindsay Haggerty (Youth Directors) for all their work in planning this weekend!