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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lane family welcomed a baby girl, Kenzie Eve, on September 22, 2015.

Kenzie was in a big hurry to meet everyone and was born at home, quite unexpectedly! She was 7 lbs 11 oz, and 19 1/2 in long, and joins big brother Myles. The Lanes would like to thank both the Granville and Westfield emergency medical services for their quick response and assistance.

Recipe for the month

Apple bread

3 cups flour
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup oil
2 cups sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 tsp vanilla
2 cups chopped apples
1 cup broken walnuts

In a large bowl, combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside combine oil, sugar, eggs, vanilla and apples; stir into dry ingredients. Add nuts. Divide mixture between two greased 8in x4in x 2 in loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 40 to 45 minutes or until breads test done. Cool for 10 minutes on wire rack before removing from pans.

Senior news

**Hear ye Hear ye
To all Granville Seniors**

There is going to be a
COA Christmas Party

On
**December 15, 2015
at 12:00 noon**

At the Town Hall

Seniors price \$10.00

We have a December 7 deadline
for reservations

Please call

Patty Dickenson 357-8761

Mona 413-530-0093

Dottie Bettinger 357-6698

The Granville COA wishes to thank everyone for the donation of clothes that were given to the Safe Houses for Battered Women.

These women often have to leave with just the clothes on their backs.

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Eastern Skies:
Christmas with Novi Cantori

on

Sunday, December 20, 2015

at 4:00 p.m.

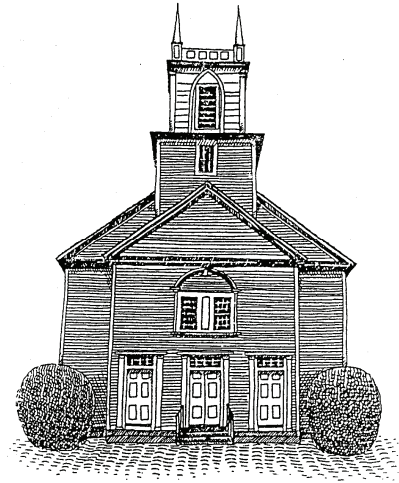
Granville Federated Church

16 Granby Road

Granville, MA

Admission by donation at the door

For season schedule and venues see
novicantori.org



West Granville
Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57
West Granville

Our Worship Services for 2015
will be held on the
2nd Sunday of each month.

The schedule is as follows:

December 13, 2015
at 7PM.

Our Worship leader is
Rev. Dr. Lorrie Dunham – former
Pastor of The Southwick
Congregational Church.
The organist is Roberta Kowal.

All are invited for refreshments
and fellowship in the Academy
Hall following each service.

Both the Church and Academy
are available for rental.
Please call Deborah Boulanger at
357-6360 for more information.



Marilyn Tkaczuk

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Granville Parents Association Newsletter

On behalf of the GPA, we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Gift Card Fundraiser! It was a success!

December 8th will be our Holiday Store! If your child would like to participate in this wonderful shopping opportunity, please send them to school with their money in a sealed envelope with their name and grade on it as well as a list of family members they would like to shop for. This makes it easier for our volunteers to help them find the right amount of gifts. We will have something for everyone including your pets!

Monday is Box Top Day; turn your Box Tops in for a Pop! Our pizzas are getting filled with toppings from each grade on our bulletin board. Class with the most toppings will win a pizza party!

Join us for our monthly meeting, December 8th 5:30pm at GVS in the cafeteria. We would love to see some new faces and hear some new ideas. Please pass on the word to any community members that would like to come.

Thank you,

Ronnie, Danielle, Cathy and Meg

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS COLLECTION

The Town of Granville has contracted with New England Disposal Technologies (NEDT) of Westfield for the collection and disposal of various Household Hazardous Products and chemicals from Granville residents.



Residents can bring automotive wastes (oil, coolants, fluids, grease), oil based paints (including solvents, thinners aerosol cans), or household cleaning products and Lawn/Garden/Pool supplies (fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, chemicals) to the:

NEDT Collection Center
190 East Main Street Westfield, MA
{8660 769-1621

on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 4pm; or Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

The Town will pay up the first \$30.00 of disposal costs and the residents will be responsible for any balance.

More information is available on the Transfer Station page of the Town of Granville website:

<http://www.townofgranville.net/Pages/TransferStation.aspx>

Letter from The Berkshire Trail Riders

As a few of our small town's residents may have heard on Sunday October 18th, 2015 the Berkshire Trail Riders held their annual New England Trail Rider Association (NETRA) sanctioned Motorcycle Enduro aptly named the "Granville Cheese Grater" due to our harsh landscape we ride on and of course our country store's famous cheese. An Enduro is a Timekeeping event used with street legal on/offroad motorcycles. To find out more about us, the event itself and the association we belong to, please visit the websites at the end of this article.

We have been holding events in Granville for many years now (mainly West Granville) utilizing 100% private property generously allowed to us by gracious landowners we have developed relationships over the many years. Without the generosity of these landowners we would not be able to hold these events and thus not be able to give back to the community as we do.

From holding these events, we have been able to develop our own "Grant Program" that has provided us the opportunity make over \$46,000 in philanthropic donations to such organizations as; Fire/Emergency services departments, Ambulance Squads, Recreation Departments, Ronald McDonald House and many more. Many of those organizations are located right here in our back yard (Granville, Tolland, Otis, Sandisfield, Blandford). For example, last year Granville used their grant to purchase APRB3+Pro Personal Response Bag, Recover Pro O2 Response Bag and Rescue Ropes.

Beyond our normal thank you to our generous landowners, we just wanted to thank them publicly and say that we look forward to many more years of what we have developed with them and the town itself.

Sincerely,

The Berkshire Trail Riders

Represented by Granville Residents: Robert Sadowski, John Sadowski, Mark Placek

Berkshire Trail Riders – www.mudslinger.org

NETRA – www.netra.org

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Granville Library Hours:

Monday 10-12, 3-8 pm • Wednesday 3-8 pm
 Thursday 5-8 pm • Saturday 10-12
www.granvillelib.info • 357-8531

New books for adults and YA:

After the Wind: 1996 Everest Tragedy, 1 Survivor's Story by Lou Katich.
American Indian Women by Patrick Deval.
Andy and Don: The Making of a Friendship and a Classic American TV Show by De Vise.
Barn Find Road Trip by Cotter.
Best American Mystery Stories 2015.
Being Mortal by Attu Gwande
Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert.
Betrayal: The Crisis in the Catholic Church by The Investigative Staff of the Boston Globe.
Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America by Stephen Silverman.
Changing the Subject: Art and Attention in the Internet Age by Sven Birkerts.
Do Unto Animals: A Friendly Guide to How Animals Live and How We Can Make Their Lives Better by Tracey Stewart.
Givenness of Things: Essays by Marilynne Robinson.
Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing by Marie Kondo.
Lights Out: A Cyberattack, a Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath by Ted Koppel.
Pacific by Simon Winchester.
Tasting Wine and Cheese: An Insider's Guide to Mastering the Principles of Pairing by Adam Centamore.
After Alice by Gregory Maguire.
Avenue of Mysteries by John Irving.
Carrying Albert Home by Homer Hickam.
Corrupted by Lisa Scottoline.
Dangerous Lies by Becca Fitzpatrick.
Dark Corners by Ruth Rendell.
Depraved Heart by Patricia Cornwell.
Fancy Dancer by Fern Michaels.
Folly (LP) by Stella Cameron.
God's Kingdom by Howard Frank Mosher.
Heartsong Cottage by Emily March.

Host by Robin Cook.

House at Riverton by Kate Morton.

Knight of the Seven Kingdoms by George R.R. Martin.

Lake House by Kate Morton.

Put a Ring On It by Beth Kendrick.

Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham.

Salmon River Kid by Dorris.

Shopaholic to the Rescue by Sophie Kinsella.

See Me by Nicholas Sparks.

Twain & Stanley Enter Paradise by Oscar Hijuelo.

Woman Who Walked in Sunshine by Alexander Smith McCall.

For Kids:

Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior by Nelson.

Are You Ready to Play Outside? by Mo Willems.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School by Jeff Kinney.

Ruffle claw by Cornelia Funke.

Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan.

New Dvds:

Barbie & Her Sisters in The Great Puppy Adventure Before We Go

Curious George 3: Back to the Jungle Inside Out

Jurassic World

My Little Pony: Equestrian Girls: Friendship Games San Andreas

Southpaw

The Gift

The Knick

Tomorrowland

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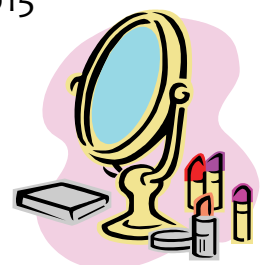
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Debbie Sussmann

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357-6420

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GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034
Pastor: Rev. Patrick McMahon
Cell Phone: 413 579-4674

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT GRANVILLE
FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASS. TO
KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.
A **coffee hour** follows the service each week.

We sincerely thank all who support the Granville
Church Capital Campaign. Donations without
pledges are still accepted. Just mark Capital
Campaign in the memo on your check. We have
been able to make many, many needed repairs
and updates thanks to your contributions.

Thank you!

We have Big Y gift cards available for purchase.
Please see Jean McMahon.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Coffee hour

Monday-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday-7:00 p.m. Senior choir

Third Wednesday-12:00 Noon-Ladies Aid

Third Sunday-8:30 to 9:30 am-Fellowship
Breakfast (Open to all)

Missions Moment

Each year at Christmas time we have our **Mitten Tree**. We decorate it with new mittens, hats and scarves which are taken to the Springfield Council of Churches for distribution to children who badly need them. If you would like to contribute, the tree will be in the church at the front of the sanctuary. Thank you to the Hayden family for coordinating this.

Year round, the Ladies Aid donates \$38 per month to Compassion Child in support of a little girl in Haiti plus additional money for Christmas and birthday gifts. Her photo is on the bulletin boards. The women have supported a child for over 30 years this way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AT GFC

KIDS CHRISTMAS CREATIONS PARTY

FRIDAY, DEC. 4TH AFTER SCHOOL

*DECORATE COOKIES *MAKE A GIFT CARD
*MAKE A GIFT * DECORATE A BULLETIN BOARD
*CHRISTMAS TALE

ADVENT CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DEC. 12TH 5 P.M.

ENJOY A POTLUCK SUPPER

CAROL SING

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHURCH BREAKFAST

Sunday, Dec. 20th 8:30 to 9:30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Dec. 24th at 7:00 P.M.

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Granville-Tolland

Lion's Club
Presents

Breakfast with Santa



SATURDAY DECEMBER 5TH
7:30AM – 10:30AM

At the

**Fellowship Hall in the
Granville Federated
Church**

All you can eat!

Pancakes Sausage Bacon Coffee Juice

All Ages Welcome

Adults \$6.00

Kids 6-12 \$3.00

Children 5 and under eat for free!

Picture with Santa \$3.00

Tickets at the Door

Proceeds to benefit

Eye Research • Youth Sports • Emergency Community Services



Granville-Tolland Lions Club

Dan Stosick, Secretary, Granville-Tolland Lions Club
91 Old Westfield Road, Granville MA 01034
285-6494 – d.stosick@comcast.net

Gentlemen of Granville and Tolland,

Would you like to meet your neighbors and make new friends? Are you interested in serving your community? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, the Granville/Tolland Lions Club would like to invite you to attend one of our meetings. We are individuals working together throughout the year in several different fund raising activities to benefit organizations in our Granville and Tolland communities as well as the international struggle to prevent blindness. Some of our Club fund raising activities include fried dough sales and a car show at the Harvest Fair, Breakfast with Santa, Granville Community Calendar and a spaghetti dinner for student scholarships.

Granville-Tolland Lions Club members are proud to donate their time to serve our community and to continue our record of achievement we are always looking for individuals willing to continue our tradition of service. As a member you will use your time and talents to make an impact in your community!

If you may be interested in making a difference in your community, call one of our members and he will gladly give you details about our next meeting:

President Frank Wolak, Vice President James Connors, Membership Chair Art Adams, Secretary Dan Stosick, Treasurer Ron Bouwer, Brad Burnett, John Batterman, John Banish, Robert Beaudoin, Chris Bouwer, Amos Carpenter, Mike Crawford, Mike Fillion, William Jarvis, Jay Jones, Tom Jones, Rick Knoener, Ian Lane, Ralph Ledger, Matt Lefebvre, Robert Norton, Jim Psillas, Bob Rahn, Leon Ripley, Ted Sussman, Stan Tkaczuk, Robert Gleason, Tom Wolak,

During the calendar year of 2014-2015 the Granville-Tolland Lions donated to the following organizations:

**Tolland Fire Dept
Granville Fire Dept
Country Caller
Student Awards
Wounded Warrior Project**

**Emergency Sight & Hearing
District 33Y Eye Mobile
MA Lion Eye Research
Lions Club International Foundation
Donations Within The Community**



Granville-Tolland Lions Club 2017 Calendar

Greetings from the Granville-Tolland Lions Club.

Every year the Lions Club puts out a calendar where people can have birthdays and anniversaries printed on it, plus local business advertisement. This calendar has been a tradition for 50 years in Granville and Tolland but we have found that not everyone knows about it, now is your chance to get your birthdays and anniversaries included.

You submit birthdays and anniversaries that you would like to remember and it will be printed on the calendar. **THE CALENDAR WILL HAVE EVERYONES NAMES AND DATES NOT JUST YOUR SUBMISSIONS.**

COST: \$4 PER CALENDAR AND ONLY 25 CENTS PER BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY

Submitting names is easy:

Birthdays – Name and Date

John Smith - 5/21

Anniversaries – Name and Date

John and Jane Smith - 10/22

(A separate piece of paper can be used if more submissions are needed)

Make check payable to: Granville – Tolland Lions Club ☐ or

Pay on Delivery ☐

Your Name and Address: _____

Telephone # _____

Number of Calendars @ \$4 = _____

Number of Birthdays and / or Anniversaries @ 25 cents = _____

Return form to Dan Stosick, 91 Old Westfield Rd or Email: Birthdays and Anniversaries to:

d.stosick@comcast.net - Delivery will be in December. The Lions Club supports organizations in the Granville and Tolland communities. The lions are always a helpful resource for those with hearing, eye and sight emergencies and our club has helped several local citizens.

Contact Dan Stosick for interest in an advertisement on the calendar.

On line Voter Registration is Now Available in Massachusetts



Online Voter Registration Now Available

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that online voter registration is available in the Commonwealth through the portal launched by his office. This important advancement will make registration easier and more convenient as well as cut costs relating to the printing of voter registration forms.

Massachusetts citizens can apply online by visiting Secretary Galvin's website at www.sec.state.ma.us and clicking the "Massachusetts Register to Vote Online" button to access the online application system. Any Massachusetts citizen who has a valid identification card issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles will be able to use the online system to apply to register to vote, update their address or change their party enrollment.

Massachusetts citizens who do not have identification issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles can still complete an application online which they can print, sign and mail or hand-deliver to their local election official.

With the Presidential Primary only 8 months away on March 1st, 2016, now is the time to visit Secretary Galvin's website to check your voter registration status and make any updates as necessary.



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**THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
and
GRANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENT:**

Keeping Children Safe and Secure Online:
A Project Safe Childhood Presentation for Parents

**Wednesday, December 9
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Granville Town Hall**

The Presentation will include a variety of topics including:

SOCIAL MEDIA 101
DIGITAL FOOTPRINT
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SEXTORTION
INTERNET PREDATORS
BEING SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE

Presenters include members of the United States Attorney's Office as well as a Special Agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



(this is an adults only presentation)

OBITUARY

A Favorite Son Of Granville Passes

On June 18, 2015 at Cherrydale Rehab Center in Arlington, VA, **Charles Stanley Peter Hodge** died of heart failure. His long battle ended at age 68. "Charlie Boy", his family moniker, was accompanied at birth by twin sister Charlene. "Sis" became her family name. The twins were born on July 30th, 1946 to Charles and Stacia (Rzonca) Hodge of Granville, MA. Predeceased by his parents and sister, Charlie is survived by Charlene's daughters Melody and Cindy. Marilyn Borchers, Charlie's wife, predeceased him in 1996. Saddened by his passing are many cousins on both coasts East and West and Hawaii.

Particularly feeling a loss by Charles' passing are Ann Brash and Hilton Foster. Ann, from Chicago, has for many years been a valued companion and confidant to Charlie. True to herself, she remained a trusted and welcomed visitor at Cherrydale, during these last years of Charlies' struggle. Her often daily phone calls from Chicago offered Charlie support, encouragement and motivation to carry-on. These calls (hearing her voice) truly lifted his spirits. Ann, from the family "thank you."

Since their undergrad years at Amherst College (Class of '68), Hilton and Charlie have been best of friends. Fifty years of familiarity allowed each to acquire and share a range of nuances and understandings that strengthened their bond of friendship. Too, being lawyers, living together for a spell and situated in the Washington, D.C. area added to their trusted and mutually shared friendship. Hilton, a sincere "thank you" from Charlie's family.

As he developed in infancy and beyond, it became evident to his parents that young Charlie had sight issues. By his third year and five eye operations later, limited sight for color and people had been achieved. Over the next few years this would dissipate, leaving him sightless. Hearing such news easily engenders a range of thoughts and feelings that one might be unprepared for. Fortunately, "deterred not" were Mom, Dad and Charlie! As things unfolded in ensuing years, an impressive success story emerged.

Along with family encouragement, Charlie's preparation for adulthood was rooted in his journey on the educational highway that began with enrollment at Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown, MA. Thereafter would follow Westfield High School '64, Amherst College '68, Harvard University Law '71 and Massachusetts Bar '71. His sustained efforts on challenging course work and participation across a broad spectrum of school activities earned rewards and recognition. These were instrumental in helping Charlie reach and enjoy a successful law career with the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C. Such work began in 1971 with the General Counsel's Office, of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. At retirement he was working in the Department of Labor, Appellate Division. There he focused on discrimination law.

Special interests of Charlie included American Council of the Blind, Lions Club, Washington Capitals and Seldom Scene (bluegrass group). Recently three of Charlie's Amherst classmates offered the following about him: "Charlie's determination and independence were legendary. He never complained about being blind and despite that handicap, he lived a fuller life than many who had no handicaps. He played the hand he was dealt and he played it superbly".



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