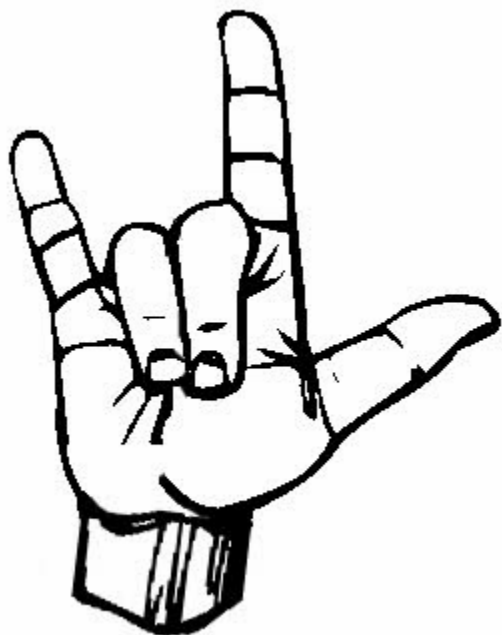


Rhode Island State Grange



Deaf & Health Department
2025-2026

Deaf & Health Department 2025-2026
**RI State Grange Deaf & Health
Committee**

Jennifer Lawson – Director

Email: statedeafhealth@rigrange.org

Committee Members

Celeste Spencer

Disa Johnson

Joan Clegg

Shirley Lawson

John Lawson, III

Mark Howard

Eric Johnson

2025-2026 Deaf and Health Night

Slocum-September 12, 2025

Richmond- TBA

Little Compton-Jan 21st, 2026

Roger Williams-Rumford- March 4th,2026.

Perryville -March 4th, 2026

Kickemuit/Portsmouth- April 27th,2026

Chepachet- April 7th, 2026

Providence Cty Pomona@RW-R-March 25th,2026

Newport Cty Pomona- January 15, 2026 @ TBA

Old Warwick - TBA

Hope Valley - July 6, 2026

Note: These dates are according to the county books. If anyone has a Deaf & Health related program not listed above, please e-mail me. I will make as many as possible. Zoom deaf and Health will also count.



Deaf & Health Projects 2026

Financial Assistance for Hearing Aids

In 1990, the Deaf Activities Committee established the R.I. State Grange Hearing Aid Fund to provide Grange members, including Junior members, with financial help in the purchase of hearing aid. Each year we will provide the cost of 25% up to the maximum of \$500.00 for those who meet the following qualifications:

1. A recipient must have been a Grange member in good standing for 2 or more years.
2. A copy of the sales receipt for the hearing aid/aids must be submitted to the Deaf and Health Director within 60 days of purchase.

All requests will be kept confidential. Second requests are allowed after ten years; however, preference will be given to first time requests. Please contact the State Director or any member of the committee for further information.

Please make checks payable to the RI State Grange Foundation with a memo specifying the Hearing Aid Fund. Remember that your donations can be made at any time to the department but should be sent in by August 20th, 2025. Please send your donations to me at the address on the front.

Deaf & Health Projects 2026

“The Capital Connection”

In place of Project Close-Up, the RI School for the Deaf has chosen to participate in a new program called “The Capital Connection” where students would also be given the opportunity to go to Washington D.C.

Donations for students would be appreciated. Checks should be made out to the RI State Grange Foundation and Earmarked “For Deaf and Health Capital Connection.”

This tour includes a Professional Deaf tour guide. It will provide the students a closer look at Washington D.C. to see how American History has shaped us into who we are today. This will provide the students with a better understanding of the importance of being strong advocates for Deaf Citizens.

The purpose of the week-long event is to promote awareness and advocacy on behalf of the Deaf, hard of hearing, Deafblind, and Deaf disabled children everywhere in the United States, including but not limited to improving provisions in the individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Price is determined based on the number of attendees.

Deaf & Health Department 2025-2026



Jason Fitterburg, President of the Rumford Lions

When: Sunday February 22nd, 2026, or March 1st, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Where: Roger Williams – Rumford Grange

Information on The Lions Club Eye Glass Collection.

Used eyeglasses can be given to Jen or any member of the committee.

Deaf & Health Activities 2026

Executive Director of the Corliss Institute

When: Wednesday March 25th, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Roger Williams–Rumford Prov Cty
Pomona

This will be an item on the end-of-year
report.

This also will be Providence County Pomona
Deaf and Health Night.

Deaf and Health Activities 2026

BOWL-A-THON



For What: Corliss Institute in Warren

Date: Sunday May 3rd, 2026

Where: Dudek Bowling 409 Child St., Warren, RI

Time: 3:00 PM

Cost at \$20

Sponsor sheets will also be distributed as additional donations.

Collation and raffle to follow: Roger Williams -Rumford #52

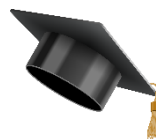
Posters and/or Flyers and sponsor sheets will be available nearer the date. Again, this year we will be advertising in local newspapers. Please remember that your support will be needed.

School for the Deaf Graduation Ceremony 2026

Date: June 12th, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: RI School for the Deaf Campus



Deaf & Health Media 2026

I am going to go back to keeping the Facebook Page up-to date this year. This page will include all events and pictures that are going on in the department.

Any member or non-member can check the Facebook Page to see what the department is doing during the year. The Facebook page is RISG Deaf, and Health just click like button.



Deaf and Health Activities 2026

Subordinate and Pomona Reports

Open to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges. This is an effortless way to get to see what each Grange has done in the past year. Even just one item is ok, and it does not have to be the hardest.

Deaf & Health Contests 2026



SUBORDINATE CONTEST

Box Tops for Education

This contest will run from July 2025 to June 2026 so that we can keep in the same time frame as what the app is using.

There are many items that contain Box Tops for Education. Please refer to the Box Top Print out in the program.

The new ones now look like this.



The State Director is equipped to take care of this. Please save your receipt and send the complete receipt (payment and coupon portion may be cut off) directly to the State Director. They must arrive within 14 days of purchase. For an example, the scan was able to find “Gushers” in the Stop & Shop receipt shown on this page. BC Gush

These Box Tops will be turned over directly to the Rhode Island School for the Deaf by scanning the receipt. Please send or give them to Jen, or any member of the committee includes your grange name on a note with them so that we know who to credit them to.

This will help the school to reach their goal of \$500.00 as it goes directly on their account. You can check the progress at any time by logging on to boxtops4education.com and click the Rhode School for the Deaf. Our goal for the State Grange is \$100.00

