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Century Farm family celebration. From left, in front, Gordon and Rachel Lange. Seated, Jane Gorden Fletcher, Kathryn Woodson, Jane Higgins, and Joan Hopkins. Standing, Charles Brosius, state ag secretary, Robert Lange, Carla Lange, Delores Pheips, Mark Prime, Joan Prime, Gov. Tom Ridge, Ann Lange, Sally Lange, Anne Howe, Drew Howe, and Warren

Rech To Extension Family:

See The Joy, Magic In Every Day

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GUTHRIESVILLE (Chester Co.) — Children have an innate gift, said National Storyteller Association member Greta Rech, to 'see the miracles and joy in everyday life," something we could lose as we grow older.

But we don't have to, as long as we keep alive the joy of telling stories to our children.

Rech, along with guitar accompanist Karen Semmelhack, presented several heartwarming tales to 125 family and friends of Chester County Cooperative Extension on Thursday night at the annual extension meeting at the East Brandywine Fire Hall.

Rech, Chatham, a member of the Patchwork Storytellers Guild, has been telling childrens' stories for fundraisers and community events the past two years simply for fun, she said. In essence, Thursday night's performance was the debut appearance for Rech and Semmelhack, who combine tales of magic and music to stretch the imagination of young and old.

Rech presented two tales Thursday evening. The first was entitled "A Song For Lena" by Hillary Hippley in the book illustrated by Leslie Baker. The story told about the farm girl Marlena ("Lena") who, with the help of her mother and sister Anna, make some apple strudel. The good apples, after they were sorted, went on the market, the bruised ones to cider, and the little ones to strudel. After the dough was rolled and stretched, and the apples. butter, sugar, and raisins were mixed and baked, the girls went to play in the orchard.

After a little time, a beggar man appeared, who claimed not a bite to eat all day. Lena, though afraid of the beggar, decided to give him some of the strudel. In return, he sat down and "something very strange happened," related Rech. The girls heard a "beautiful, beautiful music . . . a soft song, sweet and sad," being played, while the girls sat quietly and listened.

So it came to pass that every year, when the strudel was baking, the beggar would appear. After he took some bites of strudel, the same thing would occur, and "that evening, we were full of music and apple strudel."

However, one year, the beggar didn't come. But Pappa told them, "if you listen very carefully, perhaps you can hear the beautiful song," and the girls heard the beautiful music created by the crickets in the field and the birds in the evening.

Rech told the extension family and friends, "Songs are crossgenerational, and can provoke the same kinds of feelings between

Semmelhack, from Downingtown, with her guitar sang a song, "The Moon Is Made Of Cookie Dough," written by Lisa Atkinson. The song spoke of how the moon "is made of cookie dough and rainbows never fade," with the answers to what makes it so special "right inside your heart."

Rech told another story, this one an anonymous anecdote, about a man who took an island vacation. He was walking along the beach one day and "saw something quite odd in the distance," said Rech.

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Chester County Cooperative Extension welcomed 125 to its annual banquet Thursday night. From left, Trudy Doughtery, extension director; Deborah Streeter, board member; Karen Semmelhack, accompanist; Greta Rech, storyteller; Chris Alonzo, board member; and Walter Moore, president of the cooperative extension board of directors.