



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

## Newsletter

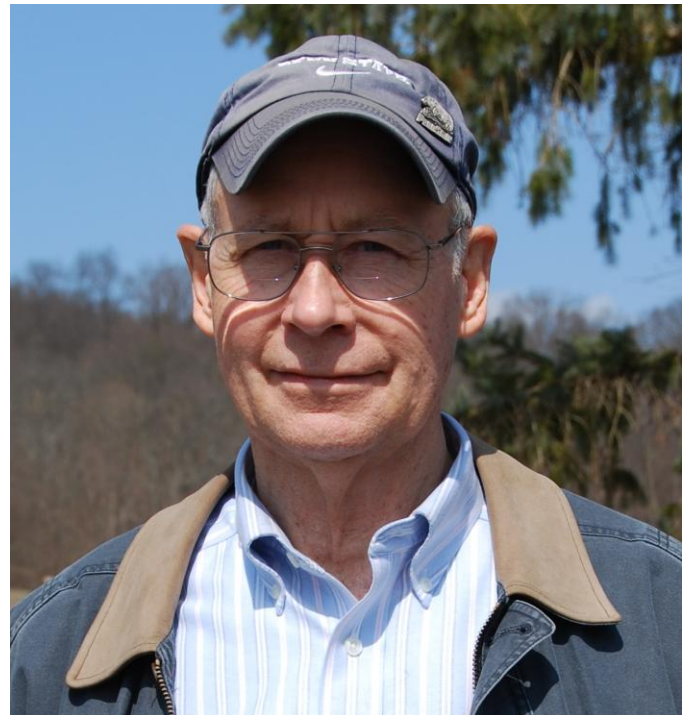
West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road, Millerstown, PA 17062

**Annual Open House  
Community Night  
Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual Open House Community Night Fellowship Dinner is a perfect way to kick off spring. The evening begins with a fellowship dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall. The Grange will provide meat, beverage, table cover and place settings; you are invited to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Grange **Community Citizen Award** will be presented to Dr. Robert "Bob" Brofee of Millerstown in recognition of his long-time and generous volunteer service to many organizations and causes. See page 2 for a listing of all past recipients of this prestigious award.

Also during the program, the 2014 Business Sponsors will be recognized and musical entertainment will be provided by **The Sinceres**, a local group (shown below) who love to share a wide range of music – country, oldies, ballads and inspirational.



**Dr. Robert "Bob" Brofee has been selected as the recipient of the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Community Citizen Award presented by Perry Valley Grange.** Family and friends will be joining the Grange at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Open House-Fellowship Dinner to toast his volunteer service and witness the presentation of the award. A local veterinarian, Bob is very involved in the Millerstown Lion's Club, the Millerstown Recreation Association, the United Methodist Church and is a staunch supporter of 4-H, FFA, Food Bank and Joining Hands events.

**The purpose of our annual Open House Community Night is to introduce the Grange to your family, friends and neighbors. Extend an invitation to them to come with you to the Grange for an evening of good food, fellowship and an outstanding program.**

## Community Citizen Awards

The "Community Citizen Award" is a nationwide Grange project designed to recognize and honor outstanding volunteer service. Thank you, Community Citizens, for all you have done to make our community great!

1978	Leonard Beasom, Millerstown
1979	Richard Pennay, Liverpool
1980	Oscar Fyler, Millerstown
1981	Newport Fire Company
1982	Millerstown Lions Club
1983	H. Benjamin Campbell, Millerstown
1984	Millerstown Jaycees
1985	Thelma Patton, Millerstown
1986	Rev. William T. Warne, Newport
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1995	Rebecca E. Kurtz, Millerstown James A. McGowan, Newport
1996	Gary Shipp family, Millerstown Eric J. Lindstrom, Newport
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2005	Mary Kay Miller, Newport Millerstown Moose Family Center
2006	Bill Ritzman, Millerstown
2007	Greenwood & Newport FFA Chapters
2008	Wayne & Ruth Shuler, Liverpool
2009	Charles Beaver, Millerstown
2010	Millerstown Community Success, Inc.
2011	Willard "Will" Benner, Millerstown
2012	R. Franklin Campbell, Newport
2013	Ruth Ann Linn, Newport
2014	Dr. Robert Brofee, Millerstown

A plaque bearing all these names hangs in the Grange Hall. A personalized plaque is also presented each year to the recipient and a program with family, friends and associates participating is held in the recipients' honor.

## Lancaster County Outing Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

In lieu of a regular meeting, today the Grange will be carpooling to Lancaster County for a tour of the Sturgis Pretzel Factory in Lititz and a buffet lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant. There is a nominal admission to the pretzel tour (depending on the number of participants); the cost of the lunch is \$13.79 - adults, \$12.42 - seniors and \$6.89 - children.

If you are interested in participating in this outing, please contact Carol Rhoades at 567-6844 no later than April 28<sup>th</sup>. Details will be worked out for departure time, location and drivers.

### In the President's Chair



Vice President Krista Pontius led the March Grange meeting in the absence of the president. She did an outstanding job as the presiding officer and also introduced her friend/colleague **Eric Cowden** (below) who spoke about the Marcellus Shale natural gas issue.



## Food Safety Course, March 25<sup>th</sup>



About 70 persons from the community attended a Food Safety training course sponsored as a community service by the Grange at the end of March. The instructor (below) was a food safety inspector from the PA Department of Agriculture who provided information about techniques to be followed by organizations and their volunteer who served food to the public.



## Busy Grangers in the Kitchen

Every month one or two fund raising events are held to earn the dollars needed to maintain our Grange property and many service projects. We are so pleased that some FFA youth have also become Grange members and help regularly. The next big event where help and cake donations are needed is the public dinner on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Gala

## February 8, 2014

The dining room is almost ready!



FFA Members help set table for the Gala



The kitchen volunteers are busy preparing the food



Soup & salad at each place; then it's time for seafood & sirloin at the buffet; dessert & coffee came later.



A "Broadway Revue" program was the evening's entertainment before the awarding of door prizes.

# Valentine Fellowship – February 14, 2014

Members and friends of Perry Valley Grange gathered together on Valentine's Day at the home of Doug Bonsall and Craig Staller for a potluck dinner and evening of fellowship. After enjoying food of all types and descriptions, the group spent time doing a variety of things – visiting with friends, packing cheer bags of personal items for shut-ins and needy persons, playing cards...even doing the dishes!



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## Anything Happening on the Sale of the Grange Hall?

**Unfortunately, NO!** At its February meeting, the Executive Committee voted to renew the sales listing agreement with Relator John Leidy for another 12-month period. Following Mr. Leidy's advice, the listing price was reduced by \$50,000 in hopes that this would stimulate more interest. Until the property can be sold, the Grange continues to operate as usual. But the struggle to maintain the physical structure inside & out and to raise the funds needed to operate is taking its toll on the small group of members who are willing to help.

Every time an event takes place at the Grange Hall, someone asks "Why are you selling this beautiful hall and grounds?". When the situation is explained, we always give an invitation to become involved in keeping this asset in the community if they think selling is the

wrong direction to take. Despite all the accolades given about the wonderful things done by the Grange and interest of many people in the community in having the Grange support their charitable causes, no one has been willing to step forward to insure a future for the Grange at the corner of West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road.

***So what's the answer to this dilemma? Obviously the Grange can't be here to do all these good things for the community if that same community isn't willing to provide its support on a regular basis. Suggestions are welcome.....***

# Baked Ham & Dandelion Dinner



*Baked Ham, Oven Browned Potatoes, Fresh Dandelion with Hot Bacon Dressing, Green Beans, Corn, Applesauce, Rolls, Beverages, Cake & Ice Cream*

# Sat., April 5, 2014

**Serving from 4 PM while supply lasts**

*All you can eat with dessert included*

*Adults - \$11; Children ages 6-12 - \$5.50; age 5 & under - FREE*

**Tickets Available at the Door**

## **Perry Valley Grange Hall**

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# Springtime Events at Perry Valley Grange

## April 2014

3	Work Day for public dinner - 10 a.m.
5	<b>Public Ham &amp; Dandelion Dinner</b> <i>(see details on Page 10)</i> Donations of cakes or other baked goods plus help needed beginning at 12 noon
11	<b>Open House Community Night</b> <i>(see Page 1 for more details)</i> <b>Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Social Committee</b> – Peg Bolton (chair)  Meat, beverages, rolls, table cover and place settings provided; <b>everyone please bring a non-member guest</b> plus a casserole, salad or dessert to share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business Sponsor Recognition</b></li> <li>• <b>Community Citizen Award</b></li> <li>• <b>Musical Entertainment</b></li> </ul>
14	Assembly programs at Newport (10 a.m.) and Greenwood (1 p.m.) Schools
15	Banquet – Perry County Safety Council
29	Pomona meeting at Perry Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Legislative Fellowship Dinner</i></li> <li>• <i>Public Servant Award Presentation</i></li> </ul>

Please notify Peg Bolton (589-3897) whenever you know of a Grange member who is ill or mourning the loss of a loved one so a suitable card can be sent just to let our brother/sister know we are thinking of them.



## Financially Speaking....

Checking Balance 2/1/2014..... \$ 16,336.24  
**PLUS: Receipts** – Feb-March 2014..... + 6,674.00  
**LESS: Expenses** – Feb-March 2014 ..... - 8,755.04  
 Checking Balance 3/31/2014..... \$14,255.20  
 Certificates of Deposit..... \$65,445.41

## May 2014

4	Grange caters lunches at Fort Hunter event
5	Executive Committee Meeting
12	<b>Grange Outing to Lancaster Co.</b> <i>(see Page 2 for more details)</i>
16	Banquet – Greenwood FFA
18	Pomona Grange Church Service
20	Primary Election Day – Grange Conference Room is Greenwood Twp. polling location

# Happy Birthday

### April Birthdays

- 5 Susan Tressler
- 16 Kathryn Smith
- 19 Arthur "Ray" Fisher
- 22 Alice Kirchner, Linda Byers
- 24 Rodney Rhoades
- 29 John Shotzberger
- 30 Clarice Kerstetter

### May Birthdays

- 1 Kyle Kauffman
- 7 Dorothy Yohn
- 21 Barbara Sheaffer, Charles Tressler
- 22 Bonnie Cameron
- 24 Ezra Grubb

# Happy Anniversary

### May Anniversaries

- 18 Jim & Helen Hoffman
- 23 Jason & Krista Pontius
- 25 Charles & Susan Tressler
- 31 Lee & Catherine Morrison

*If your special day(s) do not appear on this list or there is an error in the date, please call Doug Bonsall (921-1957) with the information.*

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### A good Grange member:

- *Places faith in God,*
- *Looks forward to the future*
- *Helps those in need, and*
- *Is loyal to family, community & nation.*

## School Essay-Poster Contest

The annual elementary school assemblies sponsored by the Grange to conclude the essay & poster contest will be held on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. at Newport; 1 p.m. at Greenwood.

A nutritionist from Giant Foods will present a program at both schools about "Eating Healthy" to coordinate with the theme of this year's contests. If you are interested in attending the assemblies, please let Doug Bonsall (921-1957) know. There were a total of 150 entries this year.

## Perry County Granger of the Year

**Congratulations to Carol Gantt who was recently named the Perry County Pomona Granger of the Year.** Carol has been a member of Perry Valley Grange for 28 years, serving as our recording secretary for the past 26 years and former chair of the dining room for 15 years. At the Pomona level, she serves as Legislative Chairperson and cashier at the fair concession stand. She is a life member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newport, serving there in many capacities, and a volunteer with the American Heart Association, Arthritis Foundation and Newport Public Library. She is retired as a legislative assistant for the PA House of Representatives and Judge of Elections for Oliver Township.

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