



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Important Upcoming Grange Events

December 13 – Grange Christmas Fellowship Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall

Bring your favorite cookies (2 dozen or more) and the recipe to share; everything else will be provided. Games and carol singing are guaranteed!

January 1 – Our annual public New Year's Day Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner

This will be a benefit for a family in our community facing serious illness. Serving is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. but plenty of help will be needed to prepare on Dec. 30th and starting at 8 a.m. on Jan. 1st. See Page 4 for details.

January 3-11 – Pennsylvania Farm Show

That means that Perry Valley volunteers will again be helping in the milk shake booth. See Page 2 for details.

January 10 – Grange meeting begins with a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall

Our guests will be members of the Newport & Greenwood FFA Chapters and the program on "Skin Cancer" will be presented by Dr. Michelle Brenzier of Newport Family Practice.

January 31 – Second annual Hunger Banquet co-sponsored with local FFA chapters

This is a service project to raise awareness about world hunger. See Page 3 for details.

February 8 – The 11th annual edition of our popular "Seafood & Sirloin" Valentine's Gala takes place.

This event is included in this issue because advance reservations are required and they are now being accepted. This is an important fund raiser so your help and donations of door prizes are needed. See Page 11 for details.



President's Column

What do we do when we don't sell the Grange Hall? Keep doing our regularly scheduled public dinners. Take on fewer private

banquets because of limited help. Maintain our monthly meetings. Work with other individual Granges on combined projects. Do our part for the Pomona eating stand during fair week. Keep a good relationship with Newport and Greenwood FFAs.

We work hard to earn money that is then donated to various causes and other organizations. That is what we are supposed to do because we are a non-profit organization! But what about our own Grange members? Let's do more for ourselves!

Pennsylvania State Grange has raised yearly dues to \$44 for each Subordinate member beginning January 1, 2015. I suggest that Perry Valley does not raise our dues but maintain them at \$40 per year.

Let's do something for our own members and let Perry Valley Grange pay the difference. This may be a big incentive when going after new members. Keep the dues low! Ask a friend to join the Grange.

Bill Cameron, President



Financial Report

Checking Balance 10/1/2013..... \$ 16,163.18
PLUS: Receipts – Oct.-Nov. 2013 + 7,050.07
LESS: Expenditures – Oct.-Nov. 2013... - 7,180.07
 Checking Balance 11/30/2013..... \$16,033.18
 Certificates of Deposit..... \$65,445.41

The books for the Grange were audited at the close of the fiscal year ending 9/30/2013 and found to be correct. A big **THANK YOU** to Carol Rhoades and Doug Bonsall for keeping accurate accounts of our finances.

Celebrating Special Days

December Birthdays

- 2 Ralph Lesh
- 5 Shirley Delancey
- 8 Robert Cauffman
- 10 Boyd Delancey, Lee Morrison
- 21 Louise Pennay
- 29 Barbara McMillen

December Anniversaries

- 7 Ken & Peg Bolton

January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- 10 Mark Heisey
- 19 Joan Walker
- 24 Joan Bonsall
- 25 Catherine Morrison
- 27 James Myers
- 30 Jim Hoffman, Jonathan Gantt

January Anniversary

- 10 Ralph & Edith Lesh

Farm Show Milk Shakes

Perry Valley will again provide volunteers to help our friends from Valley Grange in Lewisberry with their annual milk shake fund raiser at the PA Farm Show in early January. For the past several years we were pleasantly



surprised to receive a nice donation to our Grange for all the help we provided as well as volunteers treated to a meal at their annual appreciation dinner in the spring.

Help is needed every day, Jan. 3-11. If you have not already signed up to help, please call Doug Bonsall at 921-1957. The work schedule is being coordinated that will enable carpooling to Harrisburg since we will have a limited number of passes for free parking in the exhibitors' lot at the Farm Show building.

Planned Service Projects

Essay and Poster Contests

Every winter the fourth and fifth grade students in the Newport and Greenwood Elementary Schools are encouraged to participate in this project sponsored by our Grange. The topic of this year's project will be announced shortly.

The contest period will be January 15-March 15, 2014. Again this year the awards and cash prizes will be given to students during educational assembly programs in each school in the spring.

Back by Popular Demand!

Hunger Banquet, Jan. 31st

Everyone on earth has the same basic needs; it is only our circumstances—where we live and the culture into which we are born—that differ. Some are born into relative prosperity and security, while millions, through no choice of their own, are born into poverty. One in seven people go hungry every day, but hunger is not about too many people and too little food. Our rich and bountiful planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man, and child on earth. Its roots lie in inequalities in access to resources. The results are illiteracy, poverty, war, and the inability of families to grow or buy food. Few experiences bring to life these inequalities more powerfully to reality than an Oxfam America Hunger Banquet.



On January 31, 2014, the Perry Valley Grange will partner with the Greenwood FFA to host an Oxfam America Hunger Event at the Perry Valley Grange in Millerstown, PA. When guests arrive, they will draw tickets at random that assign them to a high, middle, or low-income tier, based on latest statistics of people living in poverty. Each income level will receive a corresponding meal. When the meal is finished, guests will be engaged in discussion about hunger issues and presented with information to inform, enlighten, and inspire. Although not all participants will leave with full stomachs, they will possess a greater understanding of hunger and poverty issues in Perry County, Pennsylvania, the United States, and beyond and hopefully will be motivated to action.



Here's a sample of the middle income meal at last year's Hunger Banquet – just a modest helping of simple rice, beans, bread, fruit and milk. Many will receive much less food; a few privileged ones, much more.

At the end of the evening a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Perry County Food Bank. We will accept the first 150 reservations for the event. Reservations can be made by calling the Greenwood Agricultural Department at 717-589-3116, X1209 or kpontius@greenwoodsd.org.

The Grange is the co-sponsor of this service project and volunteers are needed to help with preparation, serving and clean-up of this event. Since only a small percentage of those attending will be served the type of bountiful meal we usually provide at the Grange, the tasks will not be as extensive as for a usual banquet. Helping with the Hunger Banquet will provide all of us with a greater appreciation of the blessings we so take for granted.

Bobbie Jo Rumpfelt Benefit Dinner

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MENU

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Roberta ("Bobbie Jo" Cauffman) Rumpfelt (better known by many as "Gerty") battled cancer five years ago, and now the cancer has returned. Though she is fighting and receiving treatment, her doctors do not think they will cure the cancer this time, and she has limited time to be with her family. Bobbie Jo and her husband Lee have an adorable son named Ethan who is currently in 1st grade. They have decided that they want to spend as much time as she has making special memories with Ethan and all her family. She has created a list of activities to do as a family, and near the top of the list is taking Ethan to Walt Disney World.

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The annual recruitment of **Business Sponsor Supporters** began in November and, as of 11/29/2013, we have received 13 Business Sponsorships for 2014. The annual contribution for each Business Sponsor is \$60 and free advertising is provided on the Grange bulletin board, in this newsletter and on the website. The annual recognition of Business Sponsors will be held in April 2014 as part of our Open House-Community Night fellowship dinner and program.

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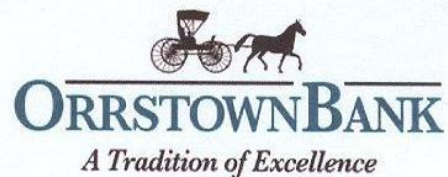
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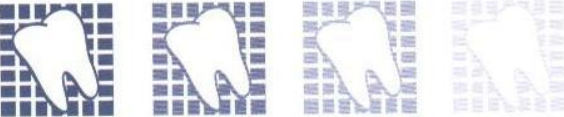
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Winter Events Coming Up at Perry Valley Grange

During these winter months we are sometimes faced with inclement weather conditions. Call President Bill Cameron (589-3782) for the latest news when the weather is bad.

December 2013	
7	Rental - Hetrick
13	Grange Christmas Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. in Grange Hall <i>Social Committee</i> – Natalie Fritz (chair) Games & Carol are planned Bring 2 or more dozen of your favorite cookies and recipe to share
14	Banquet – Miller family
15	Toy Distribution Project – Newport Lodge
30	Work day for public dinner

If you know of a Grange member who is ill, in the hospital or grieving the loss of a loved one, please call Peg Bolton @ 589-3897 so a card can be sent from the Grange. Also, Peg will be handling hall and banquet reservations this winter.

Looking Ahead to Feb. 8th

The Valentine's Gala, featuring a menu of sirloin and seafood, has become one of our Grange's most successful fund raisers to support many community service projects and on-going maintenance/utility costs. See Page 11 for more details and a reservation form.



We are asking for donations of door prizes (*boxes of candy, bottles of wine, collections of homemade goodies, etc.*) plus plenty of volunteer helpers to make this event possible. As always,

Grange members and friends who help with the event will receive a free meal and the opportunity to enjoy the evening's music. The Call Committee will be in touch with but you may also contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) if you can volunteer your help and/or Peg Bolton (589-3897) to donate door prize(s).

January 2014	
1	New Year's Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Public Dinner <i>(poster on Page 4)</i> Help needed at 8:00 AM; serving 11 AM-??
3-11	PA Farm Show, Harrisburg – Perry Valley helps in milk shake booth (more information on Page 2)
10	Grange Meeting – 6:30 PM Dessert Reception & Business Meeting <i>Social Committee</i> – Carol Gantt (chair) Presentation of raffle proceeds to FFA Program - Skin Cancer by Dr. Michelle Brenizer of Newport Family Practice
15	Start date - Essay/Poster Contest in local elementary schools
18	Rental - Hetrick
28	Pomona Grange "After Christmas Party"
31	Hunger Banquet project (see page 3)

Perry Valley Grange Vision

Foster an atmosphere where individuals can grow spiritually, intellectually and socially and, through that growth, improve themselves, their families, communities and the nation.

Perry Valley Grange Ideals

A good Grange member:

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

Sirloin & Seafood

Valentine's Gala Buffet & Entertainment

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 – 5 p.m.

(Snow Date – Saturday, February 15, 2014)

Perry Valley Grange Hall

2 miles east of Millerstown, Corner of W. Juniata Pkwy & Owl Hollow Rd

Menu featuring: *Gourmet Salad with the Grange's special house dressing, Seafood Corn Chowder, Roast Beef Sirloin, Steamed Shrimp, Crab Imperial, Party Mashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Green Beans Almandine, Assorted Breads, Beverages, Homemade Mints & Chocolates, Dessert*

Broadway Revue Entertainment by Marianne Brock Followed by Awarding of Door Prizes

Advance reservations required; no tickets available at door on day of event.

Reservations Deadline – Feb. 1st or capacity, whichever comes first

Call 589-3897 for more information.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Number of reservations @ \$25 each _____ Payment enclosed \$ _____

Return order form & with full payment to: Peg Bolton
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Please make checks payable to: Perry Valley Grange and include a self-addressed stamped letter-size envelope for return of tickets and details.



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For Holiday Gifts

GRANGE COOKBOOKS ON SALE

Five different editions are still available and are sure to be popular for gifts this holiday season. Orders come in regularly from all over the country, thanks to people reading our Perry Valley Grange website.

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