



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Grange Raises \$6,000+ for Local Cancer Patient

History repeated itself as 2014 dawned!

Unfortunately for a local family, the young wife and mother's diagnosis came back with bad news – "The cancer has returned and this time it probably can't be cured!"

In 2008 the Grange spearheaded a community effort to raise funds to help Bobbi Jo Cauffman Rumpfelt and her family during her first bout with colon cancer. That effort raised almost \$12,000 to assist the family financially with medical costs to treat the cancer.

On New Year's Day, January 1, 2014, the Grange spearheaded a second benefit for the family. Using the title "Sock It To Cancer", the Grange's long established New Year's Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner was designated as a benefit event. Support from the community at large was again immediate and generous. Contacts were made with all local churches requesting donations of food and/or cash to support the project. Food or cash contributions provided most of the dinner supplies, raffle prizes were donated and hundreds of dollars in direct donations were received. On the day of the dinner there were so many volunteers to help that it was a challenge to keep everyone busy despite serving almost 400 hungry patrons.

The Grange was the catalyst that brought the community together for a truly outstanding benefit dinner



Presentation of New Year's benefit dinner proceeds to Bobbi Jo Cauffman Rumpfelt and her family at the January 10, 2014, meeting of Perry Valley Grange

A Grange dessert reception and meeting was held on Friday, January 10th with the recipient and her family present to express their appreciation to the members of the Grange and a large number of the community volunteers who worked on the project. Proceeds of \$6,005.53 were presented.

	Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.	January 10, 2014
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Pay to the Order of	Bobbi Jo Cauffman Rumpfelt	\$6,005.53
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Orrstown Bank Newport, PA 17074		
FOR: Proceeds of 1/1/2014 benefit diner		<i>Douglas A. Bousall</i> , Treasurer Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Farm Show Milk Shakes

As usual, some Grange members and friends volunteered to make milk shakes at the Farm Show in January. This is the major fund raiser for Valley Grange #1360 in Lewisberry and Perry Valley was pleased to provide volunteers to help during the 9-day show.



Doug Bonsall (above) helped in the Milk Shake booth every day of the Farm Show and usually was found serving customers at the counter.

No Daffodil Days This Year!

Just in case you haven't heard, the American Cancer Society has discontinued its annual DAFFODIL DAY SALES project.

For about 30 years Perry Valley Grange sold the flowers in the Millerstown and Liverpool areas to raise funds for cancer research and patient services. In recent years those sales by our Grange added \$1,200-\$1,800 in the fight against cancer. Many thanks are extended to all the volunteers who supported this effort so generously for so many years.



Popular HAM & DANDELION DINNER Back for 2014

The public Ham & Dandelion Dinner has been added to the calendar on Saturday, April 5th as we struggle to raise enough revenue to meet expenses at the Grange. Lots of help will be needed for this major fund raiser.

Supporting Local FFA Youth Groups

For many years Perry Valley Grange has had a great relationship with the local FFA Chapters in the Greenwood and Newport High Schools. FFA members assist the Grange with public dinners and the Grange sponsors an annual raffle as a benefit for the chapters. A total of \$1,593 was raised in the 2013 raffle, split between the two groups to send their members to various FFA conferences and activities. The formal presentation of the proceeds from the Grange to FFA representatives took place at the Grange's January 2014 meeting.



Garrett Byers from Greenwood FFA received raffle proceeds from Grange Lecturer Renee Hetrick.



Grange Raffle Chair Renee Hetrick gives proceeds to Maverick Robinson of Newport FFA.

Hunger Banquet Raises Awareness, Funds to Feed Those in Need

The Grange and Greenwood High School FFA Chapter partnered on January 31, 2014, to host a "Hunger Banquet" at the Grange Hall. When the 75 or so guests arrived at this event, they were seated and randomly assigned to a high-, middle-, or low-income tier based on the latest statistics of people living in poverty around the world. Each person received a meal corresponding to the income level to which they had been assigned.

The high-income group received a multi-course dinner – iced sparkling grape juice stuffed chicken breast, baked potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, coffee/tea and homemade apple pie. The middle-income group meal was considerably more modest – a disposable plate with a serving of a pasta-ground beef casserole, a slice of day-old bread, a few celery and carrot sticks, a small glass of skim milk and some canned fruit cocktail. A scoop of plain white rice and beans, a scrap of pita bread and some cloudy, room temperature water (that in a third world country would have really been polluted rather than just tinted with some tea!) was all the food for the low-income meals.

When the meal finished, guests discussed hunger issues and received information to inform, enlighten and inspire. Speakers gave short prepared remarks on hunger and poverty issues on the local, national and international levels. Although not all participants left with full stomachs, they possessed a greater understanding of hunger and poverty issues in Perry County, Pennsylvania, the United States and beyond. Voluntary contributions were accepted to benefit the Perry County Food Bank.



FFA students researched, wrote the script and presented the program on hunger.



TV Reporter Chuck Rhodes Kept Busy Taping the Events of the Hunger Banquet



Approximately \$1,000 was received help feed the hungry in Perry County

More Photos from Hunger Banquet



The Low Income Meal of Rice & Beans



Pasta Served for the Middle Income Meal



High Income Meals Shared with Less Fortunate

School Essay-Poster Contest

This year's contest in Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools gets started on February 3rd with a theme of **Healthy Eating for a Lifetime**. Student participants are encouraged to describe in their essay or show in a poster the importance of good eating habits to maintain a healthy lifestyle for all ages.

The educational program and awards assembly will be held in both schools in mid-April, pending confirmation of a speaker's availability. If you are willing to help with the judging of the entries in late March and/or interested in attending the awards ceremony and assemblies, please volunteer to Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

The Valentine's Gala Saturday, February 8th

This event has been held every February for the past 11 years and it has become both a much anticipated social outing for our guests as well as a major fund raiser for our Grange. The menu features sirloin and seafood and after the multi-course dinner served at beautifully decorated tables, the evening includes guest musical entertainment and lots of door prizes.

NEEDED:

- **Donations of door prizes** (*boxes of candy, bottles of wine, collections of homemade goodies, etc.*)
- **Plenty of volunteer helpers** - Friday work night and Saturday afternoon/evening.

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. If you haven't already done so, you may volunteer to help by getting in touch with Doug Bonsall (921-1957). Contact Barbara McMillen (567-6348) if you can donate door prize(s).

Getting New Grange Members is Everyone's Job....You Have to ASK

Our attractive local brochure is a great way to share information and a membership application with potential members. Copies of **Everything You Wanted to Know about the Grange.....But Were Too Shy to Ask** are available in the literature rack in the lobby of the Grange Hall.

Upcoming Grange Meetings

Winter Night Out

Friday, February 14th

In lieu of a regular Grange meeting in February at the Hall, the Grange has been invited to the home of Doug Bonsall in Dauphin for a potluck meal together starting at 6:30 p.m. We hope you'll bring your family and friends for some relaxed fellowship. If you want to bring along a card or board game, that would be a great way to enjoy one another's company.

Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share and your own place settings; meat and beverage will be provided. **Also.....Don't forget your donations for our annual Valentine project (see below).** Please call Doug Bonsall (921-1957) if you plan to attend.



Valentine Project

Again this year the Grange will be packing remembrance bags for the elderly and shut-ins. Recipients do not have to be Grange members. The bags will include personal care items and non-perishable food items.

Each year we begin with a brand new list of shut-ins/needly who should receive a gift kit and a visit. There will be no carry-over of names from previous years. **If you place a name on the list, it will be expected that you will deliver the remembrance to this person/family on behalf of the Grange.**

We normally make up about 15 bags. Some of the items we are looking for are the individual packs of pudding, jello, applesauce, fruit juice, canned soup or fruit (if you bring multi-packs of these, we will separate and put one per bag) small bags of chips or pretzels, and small packs of snack crackers.

Please bring all items to the Feb. 14th Winter Night Out where the bags will be packed. If you cannot attend the meeting, please see that Peg Bolton (589-3897) gets your donations by February 13.

Marcellus Shale Subject at Grange Meeting Program

March 14th Grange Meeting

Our Energy Future is Your Job



Eric Cowden (left) of Pittsburgh, Community Outreach Manager for the Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC), will speak on a topic that is currently a major Pennsylvania issue. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with a

dessert reception, followed by the program and brief business session. Bring along family, friends and anyone interested in natural gas drilling and its impact on the economy and ecology of the state.

MSC works with the exploration and production, midstream, and supply chain partners in the Appalachian Basin and across the country to address issues regarding the production of clean, job-creating, American natural gas from the Marcellus and Utica Shale plays. Mr. Cowden, will talk about environmentally responsible advancements in the Natural Gas Industry, as well as the progress made on Act 13 and the benefits it has already had on the Commonwealth.

Grange Hall Sale Update

“NO, the Grange Hall has not been sold”. As of the end of February 2014, the property will have been listed for sale with John Leidy for 18 months. There have been some inquiries and on-site showings but no offers to purchase despite large signs facing both roadways adjoining the property plus website advertising. The Executive Committee will be considering the realtor's recommendation that the asking price be lowered by \$25,000-\$50,000.

The Grange and the Millerstown Community Park Association have agreed on a tentative plan that would permit the Grange to hold its meetings and events in the park building after the Grange Hall is sold. That plan will be submitted to the State Grange for its approval.

Looking for 2014 Raffle Prizes

It's time to plan for the 2014 raffle sponsored by the Grange to benefit the local FFA chapters. If you are willing to donate one or more prizes, please contact Renee Hetrick at 589-3369 by March 1st. Popular prizes in past raffles have been handmade items (quilt, afghan, small furniture) or gift certificates for stores and restaurants.

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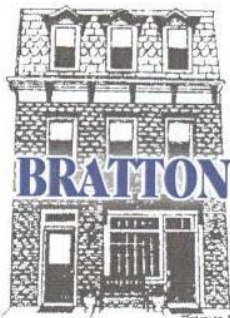
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Upcoming Events at Perry Valley Grange

February 2014

3	Executive Committee Meeting
7	Work Night for Valentine's Gala
8	Valentine's Gala (see page 4)
14	<p style="text-align: center;">"Winter Night Out" Dinner <i>(see Page 5 for more details)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potluck Dinner – 6:30 p.m. Home of Doug Bonsall, 300 Swatara Street in Dauphin <i>Bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share and your own place settings</i> • Packing of Valentine Bags <i>Bring non-perishable food items for this Valentine Remembrance project</i>
22	Luncheon – Perry County Township Officials at Greenwood Elementary
25	Pomona Grange Birthday Dinner & Granger-of-the-Year Recognition at Shermanata Grange

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 12/1/2013 \$ 16,113.18
 PLUS: Receipts - 12/2013-1/2014 + 13,333.18
 LESS: Expenses - 12/2013-1/2014 - 13,110.12
 Checking Balance 1/31/2014 \$16,336.24
 Certificates of Deposit..... \$65,445.41

March 2014

7	Banquet – N.O. Bonsall Sons
13	Luncheon – Economics PA
14	<p style="text-align: center;">Grange Meeting/Program <i>(see Page 5 for more details)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dessert Reception @ 6:30 p.m. <i>Social Chair – Cathy Morrison</i> • Program – Marcellus Shale
22	Rental - Weimer
25	Pomona meeting at Madison Grange

Happy Birthday

February Birthdays

- 1 Diane Laverty
- 3 Gerald Holman
- 5 Marge Earnest
- 7 Orpha Kreamer
- 24 Doug Bonsall
- 27 Reba Weimer

March Birthdays

- 2 Marge Gochenaur, Renee Hetrick
- 4 Debbie Ramp
- 7 Edgar Byers
- 11 Edith Lesh
- 18 Dave Laverty
- 24 Mildred Cubbison

Happy Anniversary

February Anniversary

- 17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey

March Anniversary

- 25 Dave & Diane Laverty

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.

GRANGE COOKBOOKS FOR SALE



Five different editions are still available. The reach of our Grange website is amazing because orders come in from all over the country, especially near Christmas. Many of the notes mention the Grange cookbooks as being their favorite and being so glad to still be able to get them.

Contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) to get your copies. The cost varies for the different editions: (from left to right) 1950 - \$13; 1972 - \$20; 1984 - \$13, 2000 - \$13, 2010 - \$18. Packaging and postage costs adds another \$3/book if they are mailed.

The Vision of Perry Valley Grange

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

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