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Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter



Entertaining at the 7th annual Valentine's Gala, Saturday, Feb. 13th

Harrisburg area soprano Nancy
Martin will be joined by several of
her talented friends Marianne and
Tim to present a musical variety
program featuring Broadway
tunes and favorite old standards
for your listening pleasure.

he 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. Since seating in the dining room is limited, advance reservations are required. See Page 13 for more details and a reservation form; please note the snow date is Saturday, February 20th.

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 want to volunteer your help and/or to donate door prize(s).

Celebrating Special Days



January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- 10 Mark Heisey
- 11 Patricia Woolover
- 19 Joan Walker
- 20 Jonathan Gantt
- 24 Joan Bonsall
- 25 Catherine Morrison
- 30 Jim Hoffman

February Birthdays

- 3 Gerald Holman
- 5 Marge Earnest
- 7 Orpha Kreamer
- 9 Marjorie Byers
- 10 Harry Horting
- 24 Doug Bonsall
- 27 Reba Weimer

January Anniversary

10 Ralph & Edith Lesh

February Anniversary

17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey



Financial Report

Checking Balance from 10/2009	\$10,957.43	
PLUS: Receipts – November 2009 Receipts – December 2009		
LESS: Expenditures – November 2009 Expenditures – December 2009		
Checking Balance to 1/2010	\$17,799.89	
Certificates of Deposit	\$35.241.54	

Special thanks to Financial Secretary **Carol Rhoades** and Treasurer **Barbara McMillen** for taking care of the Grange's finances. The books will be audited this year by Peg Bolton, Bob Sheaffer and Kitty Smith.

Welcome New Members

Two new Grange members – Alyssa & Bradley
Foreman – (below center) receive their
membership certificates during a November
obligation ceremony. They are the children of
Bonnie Foreman and grandchildren of Bill
Cameron, who administered the obligation.



The annual recruitment of **Business Sponsor Associate Members** also began in November and is now in full swing. As of 12/29/2009, we have received 36 associate memberships for 2010 including the following brand new Business Sponsors:

- Barnes Body Shop, Thompsontown
- The Jewel Box, Newport
- Dr. David J. Buriak D.D.S., Millerstown
- Carpetbagger Collectibles, Newport
- Susan Belmont Realtor, New Bloomfield
- Green Acres Realty Co., Newport
- The Agronomy Center, Thompsontown
- Perry Co. Council of the Arts, Newport
- Dr. Daniel S. Hengst D.M.D., Newport

Please read **pages 5-9** of this newsletter to see the advertisements from all the businesses supporting the work of our Grange. We ask that readers patronize these businesses. Membership Chair Bill Cameron is continuing to follow-up with other local businesses asking them to renew or become a new Business Sponsor.

Winter Fund Raisers

Jan. 1st Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

(see Page 12) Our 9th annual public *Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner* at the Grange Hall from 11 AM to 2 PM. The meal will feature our own homemade sauerkraut that volunteers shredded, salted and stomped this fall. *Donations of desserts and help are needed on Jan. 1*st beginning at 8:30 AM.

Feb. 13th Valentine's Gala

(see Pages 1 & 13) Our 7th annual Valentine's Gala will be held Saturday, Feb. 13th and we're continuing the popular "Sirloin & Seafood" buffet menu. Reservations must be made in advance and are available on a "first come, first served" basis; cost is \$25 per person. The meal at this "dressy casual" event will be served at 5 PM in the Grange Hall. The Call Committee will be in touch with you to determine if would like to help with planning, decorating, serving, clean-up and/or to donate door prize(s).

2010 Grange Dues Now Payable

- \$40 for adult individual members
- \$12 for youth individual members
- \$60 for Business Sponsor (associate) Members

Please remit individual dues to:

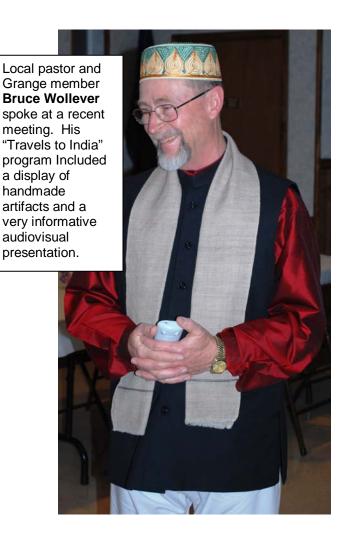
Carol Gantt 1692 Keystone Way Newport, PA 17074

Please remit Business Sponsor applications /dues to:

Bill Cameron 841 Pfoutz Valley Rd Millerstown, PA 17062

The State Grange delegates took action in October to bring the youth dues (\$12) into compliance with a previous increase by National Grange for this category of membership. Perry Valley's bylaws will be updated accordingly.

A portion of dues paid by members support the work of the State and National Granges. With Perry Valley's considerable property expense and an extensive community service program, a majority of local funding must be raised through various fund raising projects.



Little Buffalo Holiday Outing

A small but enthusiastic group of Grangers and friends braved the cold of a December evening to walk through the outdoor light display at Little Buffalo State Park. The visit also included a tour of and refreshments served in the historic Blue Ball Tavern.



Honors Received for Outstanding Community Service

Continuing its long commitment to providing a variety of services to its community, Perry Valley Grange has been awarded first place in the state of PA and second place in the nation for its 2009 Community Service report notebook. The report was compiled by Doug Bonsall, Grange President and Community Service Chairperson.

Twenty different projects were recorded this past year. An estimated 3,239 hours were given by volunteers to these projects and almost \$19,000 was contributed to many worthwhile causes.

Our local Grange has received many service awards over the years, including two national first places in the 1980's. **Betsy Huber**, President of the PA State Grange and Chair of the National Grange Executive Committee, will attend our January 8th meeting to present the latest award.



Christmas in Millerstown, Dec. 11th ... (above & below) The Grange co-sponsored the cost of the horse & carriage rides and provided free refreshments for visitors to the historic Cochran-Anspach House.



Upcoming Service Projects

Valentine Remembrances

Again this year the Grange will be packing remembrance bags for community shut-ins prior to Valentine's Day. The bags will include personal care items provided by a local church group and non-perishable food items.

Again this year we will begin with a brand new list of shut-ins/needy who should receive a gift kit and a visit. There will be no carry-over of names from previous years since this has resulted in some names that are no longer valid. If you place a name on the list, it will be expected that you will deliver the remembrance to this person or family in the name of the Grange.

We are asking all Grangers to bring individually packaged food items for this project to the Grange meeting on Feb. 5th. During the program at this meeting, we will pack the remembrance bags so they will be ready for delivery that evening. Please contact Peg Bolton (589-3897) to:

- Add shut-ins names to the remembrance list
- Donate non-perishable food items
- Help with assembly and delivery

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. Safety, health and the understanding of disabilities are frequent topics.

The theme for both contests will be "Through the Eyes of a Service Dog". Student participants are encouraged to use their imagination to describe in their essay or show in a poster how service dogs view a world in which they help deaf, blind or handicapped humans live active, independent lives.

The contest period will be January 15-March 15, 2010. Again this year the awards and \$400 in cash prizes will be given to students during educational assembly programs in each school in the spring.

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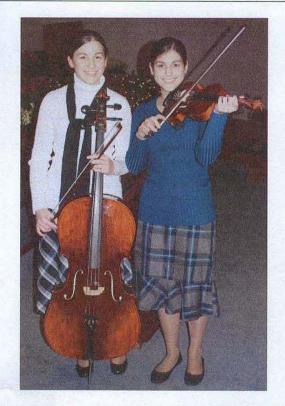
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Joslyn & Janessa Arnold to perform Jan. 8th

Two students (above right), from the Lebanon Christian Academy will demonstrate their musical abilities at a January 8th fellowship dinner honoring the Grange's 2010 Business Sponsors. **Joslyn** (age 17) and **Janessa** (age 15) **Arnold** daughters of Tom & Yolande Arnold and nieces of John & Renee Hetrick, will perform on piano, violin and cello.

Business Sponsors are accepted throughout the year and have their advertising included in the bimonthly Grange newsletter, on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Grange Hall and posted to the Grange website. The owners and staff from Business Sponsors will be our guests for the January 8th fellowship dinner and program. Each Sponsor will be introduced and share information about their business.

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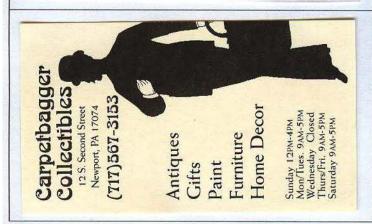
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Winter Events Coming Up at Perry Valley Grange

During these winter months we are sometimes faced with inclement weather conditions. If you have a question about any Grange activity, you may call Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for the latest news when the weather is bad.

January 2010

New Year's Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Public Dinner (poster on Page 12) Help needed at 8:30 AM; serving 11 AM-?? Executive Committee meeting - 7 PM **Business Sponsor Night Grange Fellowship Dinner &** Program – 7 PM Everyone bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share; meat, beverage, rolls, table cover and place settings provided Social Committee - Kitty Smith (chair), Dale & Helen Cox, Shirley Delancey, Beth Reisinger, John & Virginia Shotzberger, Clarice Kerstetter Recognition of 90th birthday - Grange member Robert Cauffman Musical Entertainment - Joslyn & Janessa Arnold of Lebanon **Business Sponsor Introductions Community Service Award Presentation** by State Grange President Betsy Huber (snow date is Jan. 15th) Banquet - Greenwood Raceway Assoc. (snow date is Jan. 16th) PA Farm Show, Harrisburg - Perry Valley helps in milk shake booth 16 (more information on Page 11) Essay/Poster Contest sponsored by Grange begins in local elementary schools Hall rental - Howell family

If you know of a Grange member who is ill, in the hospital or grieving the loss of a close family member, please call Peg Bolton at 589-3897. A remembrance of flowers, fruit, and/or cards is sent on behalf of the Grange at these times as well as for birthdays and anniversaries.

February 2010

5	Grange Meeting – 7 PM (please note change of date)
	Dessert Reception & Business Meeting
	Social Committee – Carol Gantt (chair), Lee & Cathy Morrison, Olga Brookhart, Andrea Cameron, Jonathan Gantt, Ron Makibbin, Renee Hetrick
	<u>Draping of the Charter</u> – In loving memory of past president Leonard Gochenaur
	<u>Program</u> – Packing of <i>Valentine Bags</i>
	Bring non-perishable food items for this Valentine Remembrance project (see Page 4 for details)
7	Deadline for Valentine's Gala buffet reservations – (form on Page 13)
12	Work Day for Valentine's Gala
13	Public Valentine's Gala
	"Sirloin & Seafood" Buffet
	Help needed from 10 AM
	Doors open to guests at 4:30 p.m.
	Serving 5:00 PM by advance reservation (see Pages 1 & 13 for details)
	Music - Nancy Martin & Friends at 7 PM (Snow date is Feb. 20 th)
17	Brunch & Luncheon meeting – Mifflintown 1 st National Bank
27	Luncheon – Perry County Twp Supervisors @ Greenwood Elementary School

WOW! The Grange had a particularly busy fall with quite a few banquets served. In addition,

- Almost 300 pies were made for sale at Thanksgiving
- Over 300 guests were served at the fall public PA Dutch Dinner

Thanks to all the faithful volunteers who gave many hours of labor and/or donated food for any of these fund raisers.

New Grange Cookbook

At long last the State Grange has announced plans to publish a new cookbook and YOU are being invited to submit recipes for it. Over the next several months Grangers and Grange friends are being asked to submit 1,300-1,400 recipes for this latest addition to the popular line of Grange cookbooks.

Did you know that the first Grange cookbook in Pennsylvania was published in the 1920's to fund the building of a women's dormitory on the campus of Penn State University? Since then, many different Grange cookbooks have been printed, tens of thousands of copies have been sold and yet the demand continues. Most of the earlier editions are no longer available; a limited number of copies of those published in 1950, 1984 and 1992 can still be purchased.

You may photocopy or print your favorite recipes for the new cookbook. Be sure to include your name, the name and number of our Grange, and indicate in which of the following categories you wish your recipe to be considered:

- Casseroles
- Meat
- Poultry
- Fish/Seafood
- Vegetables
- Cakes
- Cookies
- Candies
- Pies
- Breads/Rolls
- Appetizer/Snacks
- 30 minute meals
- Soups/Stews
- Salads
- Beverage
- Jams/Jellies/Preserves/Pickles
- Diabetic/Low Calorie
- This 'n That

All recipes should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than June 1, 2010, to:

Ginny Mangel 111 Little Stone Lane Butler. Pa. 16002

If you have any questions, Sister Mangel can be reached at: rvlm1968@zoominternet.net or (724) 285-3324.



Paula & Bruce Fleming are now serving as the Grange's part-time custodians

Doug Bonsall (921-1957) will be handling hall and banquet reservations during January, February & March while Carol Rhoades is wintering in Florida.



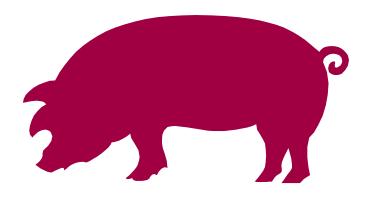
Milk Shakes at the Farm Show

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. This project is always great fun. Please volunteer by calling Doug Bonsall at 921-1957. The work schedule is being coordinated that will enable us to carpool to Harrisburg since we will have a limited number of parking passes. In return for our help with this project, Valley Grange members will help at some of our big events at Perry Valley.

New Year's Day Public Dinner

Roast Pork Loin & Homemade Sauerkraut

Friday, Jan. 1, 2009



Menu

Roast pork loin
Homemade sauerkraut
Real mashed potatoes
Green peas
Applesauce; Homemade relishes
Rolls & butter
Beverages & assorted desserts

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Sirloin & Seafood

Valentine's Gala Buffet & Entertainment

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(Snow Date - Saturday, February 20, 2010)

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Musical Variety Program @ 7 p.m. by Nancy Martin & Friends

Advance reservations required; no tickets available at door on day of event. Reservations Deadline – Feb. 7th 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 680 Mountain Rd Millerstown, PA 17062

Please make checks payable to: Perry Valley Grange and include a selfaddressed stamped letter-size envelope for return of tickets and details.

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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.

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Grange Member Benefits

A new brochure about the many services provided by your Grange membership is inserted into this newsletter. Taking advantage of these services can save members many dollars.

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.

Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

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