



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

## Newsletter

Meeting Location:

Millerstown Community Park Building  
110 Juniata Parkway West, Millerstown, PA 17062

## Grange Recognizes President Linda Byers for 45 Years of Membership



Perry Valley's November meeting was a gala evening begun with a fellowship dinner and including the annual recognition of long time members. President Linda Byers (right) was presented a congratulatory letter from the State Grange in honor of 45 years of continuous membership by Membership Chair Carol Rhoades (left). Brother Charles Tressler could not be present to receive his 60-year membership certificate.

For more pictures from this meeting, turn to Page 2.

## More Pictures & Notes from the November Meeting



Members/guests enjoyed the fellowship dinner.



**Doug Bonsall (standing) reported on the recent State Grange session held in Shippensburg.** He and President Linda Byers attended the convention as Perry Valley's voting delegates. Carl Landis and Barbara McMillen (seated) review reports and resolutions acted upon at this meeting.

A special meeting of the State Grange will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, PA. The purpose of this special session is to act upon the 2017-2018 budget that was tabled/referred back to committee in Shippensburg.

**Perry County will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. A Bicentennial Committee has formed and is already making plans to mark this milestone.**



**Mr. Glenn Holliman of Newport, chair of the Bicentennial Committee, was the guest speaker at our Grange meeting and explained that the celebration of this anniversary will be very different than the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration in 1970. The emphasis for the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday will focus on providing permanent reminders about significant places, events and people from Perry County history. Known as the Perry County Heritage Trail, a series of historical markers will be installed throughout the county to educate citizens and visitors.**

**Perry Valley Grange has committed to underwriting the approximate \$900 cost for one of these historical markers. The location and subject of that marker is not yet confirmed, but will likely highlight the significant contribution to rural community life made by the Grange.**

# Holiday Outing to Area Christkindl Market

A small but enthusiastic group of Grangers and friends braved a very cold and slightly snowy evening in December to visit the Christkindl Market in Mifflinburg. Known as one of the nation's best outdoor holiday markets, the streets of this small Union County town were aglow with lights, filled with pleasant aromas and alive with the sounds of Christmas.



Vendors lining the streets offered all kinds of crafts, foods and drinks.



Musical programs were offered throughout the 3-day event. Street entertainers circulated among the crowds and some groups performed on an outdoor stage. This group of youth and live animals portrayed the Nativity.



The Grangers found warmth and seasonal music at an organ recital held inside this beautiful church.

**The day after the outing, the Grange served the annual Miller family Christmas dinner at the Millerstown Park Building. Many thanks to all those who helped with this event.**

# Grange Continues Community Service

## 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. Volunteers are also treated to a meal at their annual appreciation dinner in the spring.

Help is needed every day, Jan. 6-14. There are three shifts each day:

- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 1:00-5:30 p.m.
- 5:00-9:15 p.m.

If you have not already signed up to help and wish to do so, 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.



## Financial Report

**Checking Balance 11/1/2016 ..... \$12,431.65**  
**PLUS: Receipts – Nov.-Dec..... + 4,606.71**  
**LESS: Expenses – Nov.-Dec..... - 894.78**  
**Checking Balance 12/31/2016 ..... \$16,143.58**  
**Certificates of Deposit..... \$87,499.41**

Financial accounts for the fiscal year 10/1/2015-9/30/2016 maintained by Financial Secretary Carol Rhoades and Treasurer Doug Bonsall were recently audited and found to be correct. Thanks to both for their accurate records.

## Two Projects with Greenwood FFA

Over the past couple years, Perry Valley Grange and the Greenwood FFA have partnered on several large service projects each year. The FFA provides young, enthusiastic volunteers and the Grange brings a combination of older adults plus financial resources.

Plans are still being discussed, but dates have been set for two joint projects in 2017:

- **Spike Out Hunger – March 31, 2017** envisioned as a whole new concept combining previous hunger banquets and meal packing; possible activities include “pay to play” volleyball, bingo, silent auction, educational program, refreshments
- **Enviro-Go Day – May 24, 2017** an expanded version of the Agriculture Education Day and Essay-Poster Contests for area fourth graders; tentatively the new location will be the Millerstown Community Park

### For Gifts Any Time

## GRANGE COOKBOOKS

Five different editions are still available and continue to be popular for gifts any time of year. Orders come in from all over the country, thanks to people reading our Grange website.

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.



# Business Sponsor Recruitment Underway

The annual recruitment of **Business Sponsor Supporters** is underway. For an annual contribution of \$60, each Business Sponsor receives advertising in this newsletter and on the Grange website. The annual recognition of Business Sponsors will be held in March 2017 as part of our Open House-Community Night fellowship dinner and program. Printed below and on the following page are the business cards of the sponsors who have signed up already to partner with Perry Valley Grange..

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For just \$60 per year, your business partners with the Grange to serve the larger community...and receives publicity in our newsletter and website

**For details, call Carol Rhoades @ 717-567-6844**

**REMINDER: Individual Grange member dues for 2017 are also payable and must be received by 3/31/2017 to maintain continuous membership. Please send to: Carol Rhoades, 1436 Turkey Bird Road, Newport, PA 17074.**

# Please Patronize Our Grange Business Sponsors

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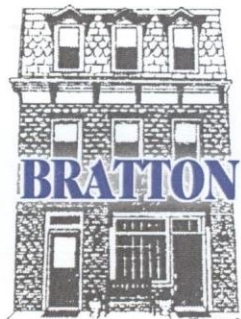
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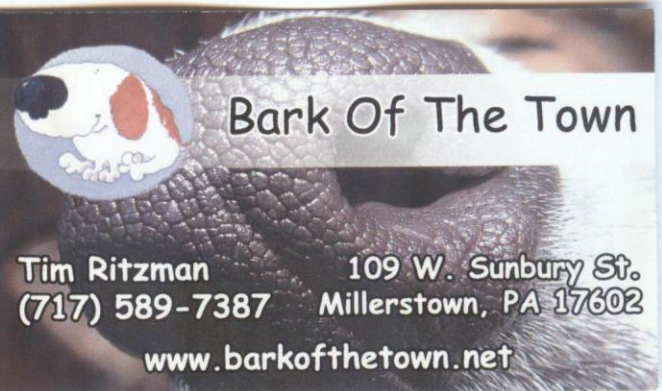
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# Nomination for 2017 Perry Valley Grange

## COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD

***Here's your chance to help the Grange recognize outstanding volunteer service that makes our community a better place.***

The Grange Community Citizen Award is a nationwide project to recognize the outstanding community service of non-Grange individuals, couples and organizations. Perry Valley has given this award annually since 1978. The 2016 award will be given at our annual Open House-Community Night on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The award recipient(s), their family and friends will be the guests of our Grange for the fellowship dinner and program.

All Grange members are invited to submit nominations for this year's award. You may submit any number of nominations, but all must be submitted in writing. A committee will evaluate all nominations and select the most deserving to receive the award. Since the review committee may never have met the person(s) you are nominating and may know nothing of their community involvement, please be very specific as you describe why your nominee is deserving of this award.

**Name of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**List the nominee's community involvement(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(attach additional sheets as necessary to give details)*

**State why you believe this nominee should receive the Grange Community Citizen Award**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**References - List individuals who can be contacted for more information about the nominee**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination made by (name of Grange member)** \_\_\_\_\_

**All nominations must be returned by February 11, 2017 to:  
Renee Hetrick, Millerstown, PA 17062**

# 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(as of 12/30/2016 – subject to change)

## January

- 4 Meet with Millerstown Park Board
- 6-14 PA Farm Show
- 13 Fellowship Dinner/Program on Protestant Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at St. John (Barner's) Lutheran Church, Liverpool  
*Social Chairperson: Linda Byers*
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

## February

- 11 Potluck Dinner/Game Night @ home of Doug Bonsall, 300 Swatara St., Dauphin
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 28 Pomona Grange Meeting @ Perry Valley

## March

- 10 Open House Fellowship Dinner with Community Citizen Award/Program  
*Social Chairpersons: Peg Bolton/Doug Bonsall*
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 31 "Spike Out Hunger" community service event

## April

- 17 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 21 Business Meeting/Program (Honey Bees in Crisis)

## May

- 5 Business Meeting/Program (Chesapeake Bay Watershed)  
*Social Chairperson: Natalie Fritz*
- 7 "Garden Faire" Luncheon @ Fort Hunter (off-site catering)
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 24 "Enviro-Go" Day @ Millerstown Park for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders from Greenwood and Newport Schools

## June

- 9 Community Program – Van Wagner Story Teller – Millerstown Park Amphitheater  
*Social Chairperson: Carol Rhoades*
- ?? Fort Hunter Volunteer Recognition Picnic (off-site catering)
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

## July

- 14 Outdoor Meeting/Program (Juniata Canal Tour) @ Community Park's "Black Pavilion"  
*Social Chairperson: Cathy Morrison*
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

## August

- 5 Outing to Bucks Valley Winery, Newport
- 15-19 Perry County Fair
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

## September

- 8 Grange Meeting (*details to be decided*)
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 26 Pomona Grange Meeting @ Perry Valley

## October

- 6 "Apple Snitzing" @ Barner's Church
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 20-22 State Grange in Scranton, PA

## November

- 10 Grange Meeting (*details to be decided*)
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

## December

- 8 Grange Meeting (*details to be decided*)
- 9 Miller Family Banquet
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home



# Winter Events Coming Up at Perry Valley Grange

*During these winter months we are sometimes faced with inclement weather conditions. Call President Linda Byers (589-7889) for the latest news when the weather is bad.*

## January 2017

6-14	PA Farm Show, Harrisburg – Perry Valley helps in milk shake booth – see Page 4
13	<p><b>Grange Fellowship Dinner/Program 6:30 p.m. @ St. John (Barners') Lutheran Church, Liverpool</b></p> <p>Meat, beverage and place settings provided; bring a favorite casserole, salad, or dessert to share</p> <p><b>Social Chair – Linda Byers</b></p> <p><b>Program – A Journey of Discovery: Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (details below)</b></p>
14	Snow date for 1/13 dinner/program
16	Executive Committee meeting @ home of Peg Bolton
28	Special session of PA State Grange at Pleasant Gap, PA; Doug Bonsall will attend as Perry Valley's voting delegate.

## Meet our January Speaker

The **Rev. Sharron Riessinger Blezard** will discuss the history and significance of the Protestant Reformation that started in Germany in 1517. She is an Assistant to the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and was called to his position in 2013 with primary responsibilities for communications and publications.

Rev. Blezard graduated from the University of Tennessee, has a Master of Arts degree in Professional Writing and later earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Previously she taught English composition and remedial writing at the middle school, high school and college levels and later served as a parish pastor Pennsylvania, Tennessee, North Dakota and New York.

## February 2017

11	<p><b>Valentine Potluck Dinner &amp; Game Night @ home of Doug Bonsall/Craig Staller, 300 Swatara St., Dauphin 5:30 p.m. (details below)</b></p> <p>Meat, beverage and place settings provided; bring a favorite casserole, salad, or dessert to share</p> <p>Bring a wrapped gag gift valued at no more than \$10 for a game prize</p>
20	Executive Committee meeting @ home of Peg Bolton
28	Perry Valley hosts Pomona Grange meeting at Millerstown Park Building

**Celebrate Valentine's Day** (a few days early) at a potluck dinner on **Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** – please note the **5:30 p.m.** starting time. Bring something to share for the meal and a wrapped gag gift for one of the games. Other card and board games will also be available.

## Special Days

### January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- 19 Joan Walker
- 24 Joan Bonsall
- 25 Cathy Morrison, Dennis Comp
- 30 Jonathan Gantt

### February Birthdays

- 3 Gerald Holman
- 5 Marge Earnest
- 24 Doug Bonsall
- 27 Reba Weimer

### February Anniversary

- 17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey

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## **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 & nation*

## **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 #1804, Inc.**

*c/o Douglas A. Bonsall  
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