



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

## St. Patrick's Fellowship Saturday, March 17th

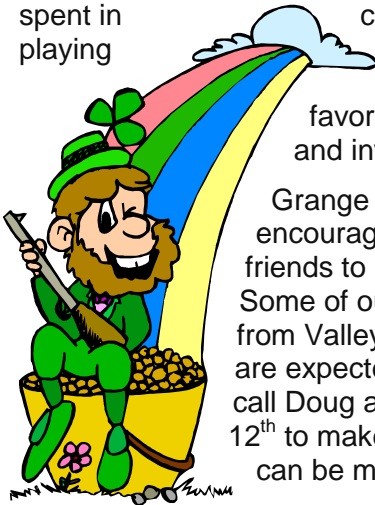
Our Grange meeting will be held in the form of a celebration of everything Irish at the home of president Doug Bonsall in Dauphin from 6-9 p.m.

The evening begins with a fellowship dinner eaten to the strains of Irish music. Irish Stew, Corned Beef & Cabbage, place settings and beverages will be provided; everyone attending is invited to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share (*Irish theme suggested but not required!*).

We'll celebrate the "Wearing of the Green" and give a prize for the best Irish costume. Then time will be spent in conversation and the playing of table games.

Please bring your favorite board or card game and invite others to join you.

Grange members are encouraged to invite family and friends to participate in this social. Some of our good Grange friends from Valley #1360 in Lewisberry are expected to attend. Please call Doug at 921-1957 by March 12<sup>th</sup> to make a reservation so plans can be made.



The essay & poster contest sponsored by the Grange in Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools is underway. Please plan to attend the awards ceremony and educational assemblies on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Annual Open House Friday, April 13th



We look forward to an inspiring message from Michael Martin, PhD, the new National Grange Leadership-Membership Director, at our annual Open House Community Night Fellowship Dinner.

A native of Massachusetts, Michael has been an active Grange member for over three decades. He has experience as a 4-H youth development agent in Massachusetts, Vermont and Pennsylvania. Prior to joining the National Grange staff, Martin was a Cooperative Extension professional for 25 years and most recently served as executive director of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund.

**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.**

The evening begins with a fellowship dinner at 6:30 p.m. 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 35<sup>th</sup> annual Grange **Community Citizen Award** will be presented and 2012 Business Sponsors will be recognized during the program. *See page 10 for more details about this event.*

# Candid Shots Around the Grange This Winter



**Blood Drive** The Grange provided facilities and a free brunch to all donors at the annual American Red Cross Blood Collection Drive in January. This service project was co-hosted by the local Boy Scouts who did a wonderful job with set up and clean up. Unfortunately, the weather was snowy that day and the turn-out was light. (above) Grange volunteer Georgia Markle gives her donation.

## *Making Those Valentine Gala Goodies*



The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine's Gala was very festive and financially successful for the Grange. Some 170 guests enjoyed the 4-course Seafood & Sirloin Dinner, entertainment by "Musically Yours" and many received a door prize of candy, pies, wine or other goodies.

An old Pennsylvania Dutch custom says that eating pork & sauerkraut on New Year's Day will insure good luck throughout the coming year. If that's the case, then the 300+ people who ate at the Grange on January 1<sup>st</sup> should have a great 2012. This was the biggest crowd ever at the New Year's Dinner. It was a "sell-out" and, unfortunately, some folks had to be turned away. Profits of just over \$1,500 were realized from each event. Thanks to all who helped and/or contributed.



**Come on now! Making pie crust for upcoming banquets is not really that bad! So what if your fingers are messy, Doug?**



## Daffodils: Signs of Hope



Perry Valley Grange volunteers have supported the work of the local American Cancer Society by helping with the annual **DAFFODIL DAY SALES** in the Millerstown and Liverpool areas for about 30 years. This year will be no exception.

All proceeds – usually \$1,200-\$1,800 – support patient services and research in the fight against cancer. Barbara McMillen is coordinating the Grange's participation again this year. Letters were sent to churches in the Liverpool & Millerstown areas encouraging group orders and the observance of Daffodil Sunday on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

All orders must be picked up at the Grange Hall:  
**Friday, March 23, 2012 from 4-6 p.m.**



## Financially Speaking....



Funds are being handled in two accounts. The Joint (Grange-Masons) Operating Account receives fund raising & rental receipts and pays for all fund raising supplies, utilities, insurance and property maintenance costs. The Grange account handles all other income and expenses.

### JOINT OPERATING ACCOUNT

Checking Balance from 12/2011 .....\$ 4,363.67  
**PLUS:** Receipts – January 2012.....+ 6,998.42  
**LESS:** Expenditures – January 2012.....- 3,485.74  
**Checking Balance 1/31/2012 .....\$ 7,876.35**

### GRANGE ACCOUNT

Checking Balance from 12/2011 .....\$ 8,899.31  
**PLUS:** Receipts – January 2012 .....+ 1,099.00  
**LESS:** Expenditures – January 2012 .....- 166.65  
**Checking Balance 1/31/2012 .....\$ 9,831.66**  
**Certificates of Deposit .....\$58,477.66**

## Milk Shakes, Anyone?

A large number of our Grange members and friends, among them Bob Sheaffer (below), 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 for each of the nine days.



Looks like someone really enjoyed her shake! So did 100,000+ other people at the Farm Show!

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## Happy Birthday

### **March Birthdays**

- 2 Marge Gochenaur, Renee Hetrick
- 4 Debbie Ramp
- 7 Edgar Byers
- 10 Ann Wilson
- 11 Edith Lesh
- 24 Mildred Cubbison

### **April Birthdays**

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

## Happy Anniversary

### **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.*

### Recent Property Improvements

- Repaired several light fixtures and replaced dining room dimmer switches
- Added emergency lights in kitchen
- Moved ice machine from kitchen to dining room and installed drinking water sink adjacent to it
- Lowered height of convection oven for easier access
- Purchased new kitchen anti-fatigue floor mats
- Met with two realtors to discuss the possible sale of the Grange property, learning the process could take a year or more
- Adopted revised agreement for 2012 joint use of the Grange Hall with Masons



# Busy Springtime Calendar at the Grange Hall

## March 2012

2	Banquet – N.O. Bonsall Sons
5	Grange Executive Committee Meeting
4	Lodge Rehearsal
8	Lodge meeting
10	Rental – Conference Room
11	Lodge Rehearsal
13	Lodge meeting
<b>17</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Party (6-9 p.m.)</b> <i>Home of Doug Bonsall, Dauphin</i> <i>Food, music, games - Advance reservations are requested; details on Page 1</i>
21	Chapter rehearsal
22	Chapter meeting
23	Daffodil pick-up at Grange Hall
24	Brunch – Perry Co. Republican Women
24	State Grange Youth & Junior Lock-In @
-25	Perry Valley
27	Pomona meeting at Oliver Grange
28	Assembly programs at Newport (10 a.m.) and Greenwood (1 p.m.) Schools

### Cookbook Re-Printed



The ever popular 1972 PA State Grange cookbook, a collector's favorite, is now available in limited quantities. This 536 page volume contains over fifteen hundred 'down-home' dishes and has earned the reputation of being a constant companion in the kitchen due to its many classic recipes. When you don't know

what to make for your next meal, this 'gem' will have an answer for you.

The cost of the re-print is \$20/book, with an additional \$3 for shipping/handling if the book must be mailed. You may purchase this or other Grange cookbooks when you are at the Grange or by calling Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

### 2012 Charity Raffle

The Grange and Lodge are making plans for the 2012 joint Charity Raffle. The Grange half of the proceeds will once again benefit the Newport & Greenwood FFA, while the Lodge's portion of the proceeds buys Christmas gifts for needy children. Contact Renee Hetrick (589-3369) by March 31<sup>st</sup> if you are willing to donate a prize. The drawing takes place in September.

## April 2012

1	Lodge Rehearsal
10	Lodge meeting
12	Lodge meeting
<b>13</b>	<b>Grange Open House Community Night Fellowship Dinner – 6:30 p.m.</b> <i>(see Page 1 for more details)</i> <b>Social Committee</b> – Olga Brookhart (chair), Linda Byers, Carol Gantt, Bill Cameron, Robert & Barbara Sheaffer  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>Speaker - Michael Martin, National Grange Leadership-Membership Director</b></li> <li>• <b>Community Citizen Award</b> <i>(see Page 11 for nomination form)</i></li> </ul>
14	Banquet – Newport Lodge Stag Night
17	Banquet – Perry County Safety Council
18	Chapter rehearsal
19	Chapter meeting
20	Work night for public dinner
21	Public <b>Baked Ham &amp; Dandelion Dinner</b> – <i>(see Page 10) Help &amp; cake donations needed</i>
22	Lodge Rehearsal
23	Joint Grange-Masons Operating Committee
24	Pomona meeting at Shermanata Grange Public Servant Award presentation

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.

### 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. If you need additional membership materials, call Bill Cameron (589-3782) or Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

Your help is needed! The next public dinner to raise the funds necessary to maintain the Grange property and our community service activities is coming up.

# Baked Ham & Dandelion Dinner



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

## Sat., April 21, 2012

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Eating dandelion is widely known as a "spring tonic".

**Seeking Nominations** All Grange members are entitled to submit nominations to recognize outstanding service to our community by a non-member individual, couple, family or organization. 2012 nominations for the Grange **Community Citizen Award** must be received by March 15<sup>th</sup>; please see Page 11 for the nomination form.

Past recipients of this award are shown in the next column. This will be the 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the award has been given at our annual Open House-Community Night. The date is Friday, April 13 (see page 1 for more details). Ask your family, friends, and neighbors to join in this evening of fellowship. It's a great way to introduce visitors to the work of the Grange and encourage them to get involved by becoming members, too.

## Community Citizen Awards

Given annually since 1978 by Perry Valley Grange  
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
- 1987..... Mary M. Landis, Newport
- 1988..... Curtis Black, Millerstown
- 1989..... David M. Myers, Newport
- 1990..... John I. Losch, Millerstown
- 1991..... Richard Fegley, Millerstown
- 1992..... Henry & Evelyn Newlin, Liverpool
- 1993..... David & Bonnie Oren, Newport
- 1994..... John & Thelma Teats, Liverpool
- 1995 ..... Rebecca E. Kurtz, Millerstown  
..... James A. McGowan, Newport
- 1996 ..... Gary Shipp family, Millerstown  
..... Eric J. Lindstrom, Newport
- 1997..... Ardella Brubaker, Newport
- 1998..... Suzanne B. Beamer, Newport
- 1999..... Robert Ackard, Millerstown
- 2000..... Fred & June Knight, Liverpool
- 2001..... Barner & Wilma Swartz, Millerstown
- 2002..... Billy M. Roush, Millerstown
- 2003..... John Allen Hall, Millerstown
- 2004..... Larry & Donna Ferguson, Liverpool
- 2005 ..... Mary Kay Miller, Newport  
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- 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

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.



# Nomination for 2012 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 2012 award will be given at our annual Open House-Community Night on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The award recipient(s), their family and friends will be the guests of our Grange for the 6:30 p.m. 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 March 15, 2012 to:  
Renee Hetrick, 513 Mountain Road, Millerstown, PA 17062**

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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.

*Remembering shut-ins and the needy.... Perry Valley Grange's annual February Valentine "goodie bag" project*



### 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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