



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

## Newsletter

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

### Annual Open House Community Night Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Our annual Open House Community Night Fellowship Dinner is a perfect way to kick off spring. The evening begins with a fellowship dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall. 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 36<sup>th</sup> annual Grange **Community Citizen Award** will be presented to Ruth Ann Linn of Newport in recognition of her long-time and generous volunteer service to many organizations and causes. See page 2 for more information about Mrs. Linn and a listing of all recipients of this prestigious award.

Also during the program, the 2013 Business Sponsors will be recognized and inspirational entertainment will be provided by **The Hands Raised in Praise Puppeteers** from Christ Community United Methodist Church in Selinsgrove. A blended variety of people of all ages and from all types of backgrounds, the puppeteers use their life experiences, creativity, talents and energy to praise God via puppets. The team started in 2001 with only three people and over time grew into the current 15 puppeteers.

**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.**

### Meeting/Program on Parliamentary Procedure Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Tonight we're again inviting the community to our Grange meeting, this month for a workshop entitled **Practical Parliamentary Procedure**. The evening begins with a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange Hall.

Are you a regularly attending member or officer of a club, professional association, condo association, board, or civic group? Or, maybe you stopped going to the meetings because nothing ever seemed to get done or everyone leaves the meetings frustrated? Regardless of whether you are the President or simply a member that feels like your meetings are "just not quite right", you NEED to come to this workshop!

**Practical Parliamentary Procedure**, presented by Dr. Daniel Foster of Penn State University, is designed to take you from befuddled to brave when it comes to Parliamentary Procedure using *Robert's Rules of Order*. At this workshop you will learn how to properly determine votes and elections, get the basics on making proper motions, and cover how to run a meeting that gets business done quickly and fairly.

Local FFA chapters are especially excited to have the opportunity to participate in this workshop within their own community. The Grange officers will fill their respective positions to show the many visitors expected how Grange meetings are conducted, showing appropriate reverence for the open Bible and the American flag. We will be draping the charter in loving memory of Brother John Byers.

## 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
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1983 .....	H. Benjamin Campbell, Millerstown
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2005 .....	Mary Kay Miller, Newport
.....	Millerstown Moose Family Center
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
2012 .....	R. Franklin Campbell, Newport
2013 .....	Ruth Ann Linn, Newport



**Ruth Ann Linn of Newport has been selected as the recipient of the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Community Citizen Award presented by Perry Valley Grange. Family and friends will be joining the Grange at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Open House-Fellowship Dinner to toast her volunteer service and witness the presentation of the award.**

Linn is a well-known Newport resident who has given many years of unselfish volunteer service to many area causes and organizations. Among those benefitting from her service are: Newport 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Fire Company Auxiliary, Civic Club, Newport Revitalization, Perry Village and her local church. During the past few years, she has especially been in the forefront of efforts to refurbish the Newport community playground and has given many hours and much energy to this project.

## **Popular HAM & DANDELION DINNER Cancelled for 2013**

The Executive Committee reluctantly took action at its February meeting to cancel the public **Ham & Dandelion Dinner** that was scheduled for April 21, 2013, when no one would agree to step forward to plan and chair the event. This was one of our larger public dinners and annually raised about \$2,000. Chairpersons are needed for the Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> **Beef & Turkey Dinner** and the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> **PA Dutch Dinner**. Unless the hall is sold by that time, our finances will very much need the boost that these dinners can provide. Please consider offering to help provide leadership for one of them.

**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.**

## Seen Around the Grange



Aaron Korber (left) was welcomed by President Bill Cameron as our newest Grange member during the January 2013 meeting. As you can see from Aaron's jacket, he is a member of the FFA and is one of a number of FFA members who want to see the Grange continue. Several other applications for membership have been received and we look forward to welcoming them into the Grange shortly.

## January was for Farm Show Milk Shakes

A large number of our 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.



Many Grange members and friends worked shifts on several days. Doug Bonsall (above) was there every day of the show and usually could be founding greeting customers at the counter.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine's Gala was very festive and financially successful for the Grange. About 140 guests enjoyed the 4-course Seafood & Sirloin Dinner, entertainment by harpist Shawn Drain and many received a door prize of candy, pies, wine or other goodies.

## February Fellowship



About 25 people attended the February 1<sup>st</sup> Fellowship Dinner hosted by Doug Bonsall & Craig Staller at their home in Dauphin. Some friends from Valley Grange and from the Newport Lodge joined us for a relaxed time of good and fellowship. Above, some of the attendees are enjoying a game of cards while others were nearby chatting and still others were packing the annual Valentine Remembrance bags (below) for shut-ins and those in need.



An old Pennsylvania Dutch custom says that eating pork & sauerkraut on New Year's Day will insure good luck throughout the coming year. The Grange had another good crowd come for our public dinner on January 1<sup>st</sup>; many thanks to all those who contributed desserts and especially to those who gave up part of their own holiday to help at the dinner.



## 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. Krista Pontius is coordinating the Grange's participation 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 22, 2012 from 4-6 p.m.**

## School Essay-Poster Contest

Also on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the annual school assemblies sponsored by the Grange to conclude the essay & poster contest will be held – 10 a.m. at Newport Elementary and 1 p.m. at Greenwood.

The PA State Police will present a program at both school about "Keeping Kids Safe" to coordinate with the theme of this year's contests. If you are interested in attending the awards ceremony and assemblies or are willing to help with the judging of the entries, please let Doug Bonsall (921-1957) know. The judging will take place the week full week of March.



## Financially Speaking....



Checking Balance 1/1/2013.....\$ 15,326.90  
 PLUS: Receipts – Jan.-Feb. 2013..... + 12,943.89  
 LESS: Expenditures – Jan.-Feb. 2013 - 11,177.80  
 Checking Balance 2/28/2013..... \$17,092.99  
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## Has the Grange Hall Been Sold Yet?

This is a frequent question among Grange members and within the community which, incidentally, seems to be taking quite an interest in what is happening at the Grange. Did you happen to see the feature article in the local newspapers entitled **Changing Life Styles Imperial Grange Mission**. Unfortunately, for all the "concern and interest" shown, we have not received many of those "concerned and interested" parties coming forward to support our work.

So the answer to the question is "**NO, the Grange Hall has not been sold**". As of the end of February 2013, the property has been listed for sale with John Leidy for six months. There have been a fair number of phone or website inquiries, four on-site showings but no offers to purchase. The listing contract has been renewed and Mr. Leidy has agreed to step up the advertising and signage in hopes of finding the right buyer.

A committee from the Grange has met with representatives from the Millerstown Community Park Association to discuss details of the Grange holding its meetings and events in the park building after the Grange Hall is sold.

## 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).

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# Springtime Events at Perry Valley Grange

## March 2013

1	Banquet – N.O. Bonsall Sons
8	<b>Open House Community Night</b> <i>(see Page 1 for more details)</i> <b>Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Social Committee</b> – Peg Bolton (chair), Olga Brookhart, Carol Eckenrode, Edie Lesh, Doug Bonsall  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>Community Citizen Award</b></li> <li>• <b>Puppet Show</b></li> </ul>
22	Assembly programs at Newport (10 a.m.) and Greenwood (1 p.m.) Schools
22	Daffodil pick-up at Grange Hall
26	Pomona meeting at Community 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.

## Looking Ahead

**Friday, May 3, 2013** — An evening out for dinner is scheduled at the Bread of Life Restaurant in McAlisterville beginning at 6:30 p.m. Linda Byers and Carol Rhoades are coordinating the event and have asked for reservations to be made by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please call 567-6844 and leave a message for Carol with the number in your party who will join us for the Dutch-treat meal.

*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.*

## April 2013

1	Executive Committee Meeting
10	Banquet – Newport Lodge Stag Night
12	<b>Grange Meeting</b> <i>(see Page 1 for more details)</i> <b>Dessert Reception @ 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Social Committee</b> – Ezra Grubb & Carol Wierzbicki (co-chairs), Edie Lesh, Alice Kirchner, John & Debbie Ramp <b>Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration</b>
13	Brunch – Perry Co. Republican Women
23	Banquet – Perry County Safety Council
27	Dillman Luncheon
30	Pomona meeting at Shermanata Grange Public Servant Award presentation

# Happy Birthday

## **March Birthdays**

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

## **April Birthdays**

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

# Happy Anniversary

## **March Anniversary**

- 25 Dave & Diane Laverty

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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.*

### 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.*

## President's Column



**March 8<sup>th</sup> – Grange Hall – Open House Program. Don't forget to bring a friend along! A potential new member! Your kids/grandkids for a puppet show!**

The 2013 Grange Property Maintenance schedule is posted in the kitchen. Please look it over and see what you can do to help keep everything clean and in good operating order. Please sign up to do a few housekeeping chores.

The essay-poster contest is underway in the Newport and Greenwood Elementary Schools. We need volunteers to help judge the entries; give Doug Bonsall a call to help out.

With deep regret the Executive Committee has decided to cancel this year's Dandelion Dinner...just not enough help to get it going this year.

**Bill Cameron, *President***

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