



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Goal: Pack 50,000 Meal Kits to Feed the Hungry
Friday, March 1, 2019 – 5-9 p.m.
Greenwood Elementary School, Millerstown



Remember this scene from 2016? This candid was taken at the first meal packing event jointly sponsored by Perry Valley Grange and the Greenwood FFA. That year we reached and exceeded the goal to raise \$12,000 that funded the packing of 46,000 meal kits. As this newsletter is being written on 2/23/2019, we're within a few dollars of raising the \$12,500 needed to pack 50,000 meals this year. All the meal kits will remain in the local area to fight hunger in Perry and Juniata Counties. Any additional funds will be contributed directly to local Food Banks. Volunteers are needed to work 2-hour shifts to help with packing and providing a light supper to all helpers.



Notes from our Grange President

As we look out our windows, we still see brown trees without leaves silhouetted against cloudy blue skies

and white snow glistening, with many of us suffering from cabin fever anxious for spring to experience earth's rebirth and renewal. So this spring let's experience a rebirth and renewal of the Grange.

On July 19, 2019, we will be celebrating 100 years as Perry Valley Grange. Our forefathers worked hard to establish and keep Perry Valley Grange an integral part of the community. A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into making the Grange what it is today.

At the meal packing event on March 1, we will be launching the 100-hour volunteer challenge.* I am challenging all Perry Valley Grange members to participate, setting the example for the rest of the community. We all have many opportunities to volunteer at Grange, church or many community events. For example, you can help pack meals at the Meals of Hope event, help to serve the light supper to the workers or help make lunches for the Ag Day event in May. The list goes on and on.

A quote from Dr. Seuss, "**Kid you'll move mountains! Today is your day!**" Well, I believe we can move mountains and make a difference in our community through our Grange programs and service projects, working together as a team. TODAY IS OUR DAY!

Linda Byers

President, Perry Valley Grange

* See Page 4 for the **Community Volunteer Challenge** details and application form. Grangers, please invite your friends, neighbors and family members to participate and earn dollars for local organizations.

Coming Up.....Don't Miss These Grange Programs

Literacy Council Services Friday, March 8th

Did you know that eight different agencies provide services to local residents through the Perry County Literacy Council? Learn about these services at the March 8th Grange meeting beginning with a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building. Natalie Fritz is the social chairperson.

Officers are reminded that a rehearsal will be held this evening at 6 p.m. to review proper meeting and flag presentation procedures.

Candidates' Night Friday, April 12th

2019 is a major election year for Perry County row offices. Many candidates have already announced their intentions to run for the various positions – commissioner, auditor, district attorney, register/recorder, prothonotary, coroner, sheriff, treasurer. The Grange will be inviting these candidates, regardless of party affiliation, to our April 12th meeting where each will be introduced and have the opportunity to meet with local citizens. Time will allow only for commissioner candidates to speak. Meecee Baker, former Greenwood High School Vo-Ag teacher and present owner of the Versant Strategies public affairs firm, will moderate the discussion.

This meeting will also be held in the Millerstown Community Park Building, beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. Please note that refreshments will be served after the introduction of candidates and commissioner candidates' discussion. The social chairpersons are Peg Bolton and Doug Bonsall.

Open House Community Night Friday, May 3rd

Fellowship dinner and presentation of 2019 Community Citizen Award; more details later.

Scenes from Recent Grange Activities

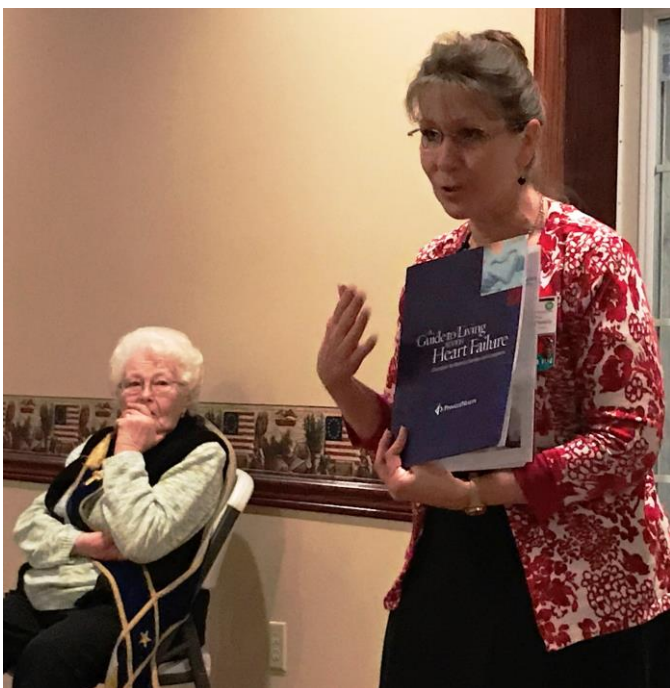


Richard Fultz, Director of the Perry County Emergency Management, spoke in January about the work of this agency.



Greenwood Students Receive Dictionaries

Each year the Pomona Grange purchases dictionaries for all third grade students in Perry County's public and private schools. The purpose of giving a personal dictionary to each student is to encourage good reading habits and improve word comprehension. Perry Valley is assigned to distribute these books in the schools of the Millerstown area. Recently Grangers Bill Cameron and Linda Byers traveled to Greenwood Elementary where they spoke during an assembly (above) and then presented the books to the students (below).



Chaplain Olga Brookhart (left) listens intently at the February meeting as Keatha Gardner (right) of UPMC Pinnacle discussed heart healthy lifestyles.





Community Volunteer Challenge

Perry Valley Grange is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019 and is proud to have served its local community continuously for the past century. Because the Grange values and encourages volunteerism, a special project for this anniversary will be the sponsorship of a program to both recognize individual volunteers and to provide financial support for local groups.

1. Individuals who give 100 or more hours of volunteer, unpaid service between 3/1/2019-2/29/2020 to non-profit civic, school (educational), religious, fraternal or veteran organizations in the Millerstown-Liverpool-Newport communities will be recognized as a **Grange Centennial Volunteer**.
2. Service may be given to any number of different organizations. Verification of volunteer service worked must be certified by an official of each organization to which the volunteer service was provided.
3. Upon submission of the required documentation below, the individual receiving the **Grange Centennial Volunteer** recognition may designate one organization to receive a \$100 gift from Perry Valley Grange..
4. **Grange Centennial Volunteers** may qualify for no more than one cash award and the total number of awards will be limited to first 100 persons qualifying.

Volunteer's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Name of Group Receiving Volunteer Service	Date of Service	Description of Volunteer Service Provided	Number of Hours of Service Volunteered	Signature of Group Official Verifying the Volunteer Service

Attach additional sheets or use reverse side as needed to record all volunteer service up to 100 hours maximum

Organization selected to receive \$100 gift _____

Organization's Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Upon completion of 100 or more hours of volunteer service, please submit completed form(s) to:
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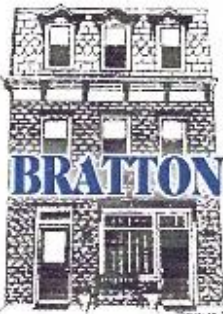
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Celebrating Special Days

March Birthdays

- 2 Marguerite Gochenaur
Renee Hetrick
- 4 Debbie Ramp
- 7 Edgar Byers

April Birthdays

- 5 Susan Tressler
- 22 Alice Kirchner, Linda Byers,
Lori Comp
- 24 Rodney Rhoades
- 30 Clarice Kerstetter

No reported anniversaries in March or April

Speaking of special days.....Reserve Friday, July 19, 2019, for our Grange's anniversary celebration being held exactly 100 years to the day from its founding. Location – Bucks Valley Winery – details later.

Welcome Spring with These Grange Events

March 2019

April 2019

1	Meal Packing Project (details Page 1) Greenwood Elementary School 5-9 p.m.
8	Grange Meeting (details Page 2) Dessert Reception at 6:30 p.m. Social Chair – Natalie Fritz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program – Perry County Literacy Council Services
18	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

12	Candidates' Night (details Page 2) Beginning at 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of candidates for Perry County row offices • Commissioner candidates' panel moderated by Dr. Meecee Baker Dessert reception following Social Chairs – Peg Bolton, Doug Bonsall
15	Executive Committee meeting – 6:30 p.m.

GRANGE COOKBOOKS

The popular “white” Grange cookbook, first published in 1972, is gone! We sold our last copies at Christmas and this edition is no longer available from the State Grange. There are no plans to re-print this book or publish new cookbooks because free access to recipes on the internet has become more popular than printed books.

We do, however, still have a limited supply of four Grange cookbooks available for purchase. The cost varies for the different editions shown below (from left to right):



1950	1984	2000	2010
\$13	\$13	\$13	\$18

There is an additional \$4/book charge for shipping if the book(s) are mailed. Contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) to get your copies.

Summer Concert Dates @ Millerstown Community Park

June 18th – Elvis Pressley Impersonator
Dennis Heckard

July 30th – True Heart Southern Gospel



Financially Speaking

Checking Balance 1/1/2019.....	\$ 18,238.87
PLUS: Receipts – Jan-Feb 2019.....	+ 3,256.96
LESS: Expenses – Jan-Feb 2019.....	- <u>1,375.88</u>
Checking Balance 2/24/2019.....	\$ 20,119.95
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 100,005.73

2019 Service Projects

Our Grange is submitting a request again this year to the State Grange requesting the release of funds from the trust account set up from the sale of our former property. Grange law allows up to 10% of the remaining principle may be used annually for community service work. The maximum withdrawal available this year will be about \$13,200; project costs in excess of the trust fund withdrawal will be paid from the current checking balance.

The projects for the year include:

100 th Anniversary Volunteer Challenge	\$10,000
Elementary Schools Ag Day	1,500
Meal Packing Event	1,000
Free Community Concerts	1,000
Newport Library Summer Reading	500
Essay-Poster Contests	500
High School Awards	<u>400</u>

TOTAL **\$14,900**

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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*

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.