



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Fellowship Dinner and Poetry Program Friday, November 13th

Melanie Simms is an award winning poet with over 200 publications of poetry in numerous magazines, newspapers and literary journals. She will share some of her own poetry as well as discuss the importance of the literary arts at the Grange's November 13, 2015, meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building.

This is our annual fall fellowship dinner so bring your family, friends and neighbors for an evening of good food and fellowship. Meat, beverage, rolls and place settings will be provided and everyone attending is invited to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share.



Melanie served with distinction as a former Poet Laureate of Perry County and her recent poem "Sunbury" penned for the city of Sunbury, PA" is being readied for air time with Garrison Keillor's national radio show *A Prairie Home*

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The program will include draping of the charter in loving memory of the late Sister Elizabeth Wright and a report on the recent State Grange convention held in Warren, PA. Doug Bonsall attended a portion of the convention as Perry Valley's voting delegate.

Member dues for 2016 may be paid at this meeting. The rate remains at \$50 per individual adult.

Actions adopted at the recent State Grange convention changes youth dues to \$15/year and Family Dues to \$100/year.

Finally the Grange will honor the following long-time members with the presentation of certificates:

- 65 years.....Bill Cameron, Reba Weimer
- 60 years..... Avonel Waller
- 55 years..... Robert Cameron, Louise Cameron
- 50 years..... Carol Rhoades, Olga Brookhart
Marguerite Gochenaur
- 40 years.....Tim Albright, Ken & Peg Bolton
Barbara Sheaffer
- 30 years..... Dean Cauffman
- 25 years..... Marge Earnest

Holiday Outing Friday, December 11th

This year we'll travel to the western part of the county to enjoy dinner and a holiday light show. Reservations have been made for 6:30 PM at JD's Stationhouse Restaurant in Loysville where we will enjoy a leisurely Dutch-treat meal. Then we'll travel the short distance to the Kevin Kolak home located outside of Elliottsburg to watch his spectacular outdoor Christmas light show.

Each year donations are accepted at the light show and designated by the Kolak family to a worthy cause or individual within the community. This year's donations have been designated to be given to a local 7-month old child, Gracelyn Snyder, daughter of Jason & Karen (Gill) Snyder from the Millerstown area, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Please contact Carol Rhoades at 567-6844 if you are interested in attending this event. Details about carpooling, etc. will be provided at a later date.

Looking Ahead to the New Year - January 2016

January 8

Grange Meeting at the Millerstown Park Building starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. David Weaver-Zercher will speak on the Amish religion and culture

January 9-16

100th annual PA Farm Show, Harrisburg

Volunteers are needed to help our friends at Valley Grange and the PA Dairymen's Association in the milk shake stand. About 30 people are needed for each of the three shifts each day of the show: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 1.-5:30 p.m. and 5:00-9:15 p.m.

If you are willing to help, please volunteer to Doug Bonsall by calling 921-1957. The deadline to get on the work schedule is December 15th so that carpooling can be arranged and complimentary parking passes provided.

Celebrating Special Days

November Anniversaries

8	Dennis & Lori Comp
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December Birthdays

5	Shirley Delancey	21	Louise Pennay
10	Boyd Delancey	29	Barbara McMillen

December Anniversaries

7	Ken & Peg Bolton
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Financial Report

Checking Balance 9/1/2015.....\$5,480.20
PLUS: Receipts – Sept.-Oct.....+ 791.66
LESS: Expenses – Sept.-Oct..... - 1,959.28
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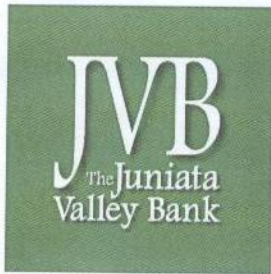
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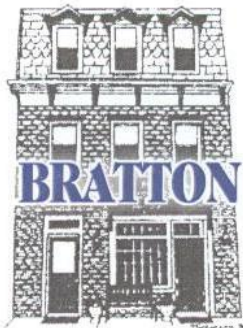
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Charitable Contribution

In recognition of all the hard work and leadership given by our youth members for this year's fair exhibit projects, the entire premiums received (\$310) were contributed by the Grange to the Greenwood FFA Chapter.

Get Involved in These Coming Events

November 2015	
13	<p>Fellowship Dinner/Program <i>(see details on Page 1)</i> 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building</p> <p>Social Chair – Carol Rhoades</p> <p><i>Meat, beverages, rolls and place settings will be provided; everyone attending is invited to bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share.</i></p> <p>Speaker – Poet Melanie Simms</p> <p>Draping of the Charter and Presentation of Continuous Membership Awards</p>
16	Executive Committee Meeting
24	Pomona Grange Fellowship Dinner & Planning Meeting at Shermanata Grange, Duncannon

December 2015	
11	<p>Holiday Outing</p> <p><i>Dinner at JD's Stationhouse Restaurant in Loysville @ 6:30 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Holiday Lights at Kolak Residence</i> <i>(see details on Page 1)</i></p>
12	Grange serves Miller Family Christmas dinner
21	Executive Committee Meeting

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