



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Harvest Your Dreams....What Are Yours?



This educational exhibit was Perry Valley's display at the Perry County Fair in August (receiving 2nd place) and the Juniata County Fair in September (receiving Honorable Mention). It conveyed information about the work of the Grange in the individual lives of its members and its role in the larger community. Thanks to everyone who worked on this project to keep the name of the Grange before the public. Perhaps it's time for everyone reading this newsletter to think about their dreams both for themselves and for the Grange.

There will be no harvest if we don't plan, plant and work in the fields of labor.

Update on Sale of Grange Property



Still no definite sale, but our real estate agent continues with an occasional showing of the Grange Hall. After being on the market for a year, we have come to understand how difficult it is to sell a property like this that has a very specialized use. Until we find just the right buyer, Grange activities and fund raisers continue so the property can be appropriately maintained.

An agreement has been drafted between the Grange and the Millerstown Park Association that would provide a 25-year lease agreement for the Grange to hold meetings and other activities at the community building. The park board has given its approval and soon the Grange will consider the document. A key component is the up-front payment of a lump sum of money from the sale of our current property in exchange for the long-term lease that does not require the payment of monthly or annual rent with a few possible exceptions. If approved by our local membership, the next step in the process is to obtain agreement from the Executive Committee of the PA State Grange.

Banquets & Public Dinners

As the news about a possible sale of the Grange Hall spreads, we have noticed a lesser number of banquets being booked. Although we assure callers that we can guarantee availability for at least 60 days, most groups want a longer commitment when planning their meal event. The result of fewer meals is decreased income while expenses to maintain our property continue.

Financial necessity requires us to plan for public dinners even as we are finding it increasingly difficult to find sufficient leadership and help. **The annual PA Dutch Dinner will be held Saturday, November 9, 2013.** Preparation will take place on Thursday, Nov. 7th and all day Saturday. Your help is very much needed so please volunteer; donations of baked goods for the sale table are also requested. See Page 9 for details.

The New Year's Day Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner will be served Wednesday, January 1, 2014.



Celebrating Special Days

October Birthdays

2	Glen Cauffman	27	Bruce Fleming
3	Lloyd Byers	30	Bill Cameron
9	Paula Fleming	30	Bob Yohn
14	Carol Gantt		

October Anniversaries

7	Tim & Lisa Albright:
13	Martin & Bernadette Hudson

November Birthday

	Twyla Courtot
18	Bob & Barbara Sheaffer

Please let **Peg Bolton (589-3897)** know when you are aware of a Grange member who should be remembered with cards in times of illness or death in the family.



Grange friends and members will be helping with "apple schnitzing" at Barner's Church near Liverpool on Friday, October 4th starting about 6 p.m. Come when you can to enjoy the fellowship; refreshments are guaranteed after the work!

2014 Grange Dues Now Payable

Grange member annual dues support the local, state and national levels of our organization and enables the Grange to maintain a presence the local community and in our state/national capitals. A significant portion of Grange work done at the state and national levels is in legislation, representing our interests and concerns.

Dues for 2014 are now payable and remain at the same amounts - \$40 for adults and \$12 for youth. For adult members, \$5 of your dues supports the local Grange. If you pay before January 1st, you will save the Grange mailing an individual notice to you.

From time to time members and friends of the Grange contribute gifts above and beyond annual dues to give a special boost to the Grange or one of its projects. Especially for those members who are unable to help in other ways, making a donation enables you to support the Grange. Please complete and submit the form printed below to pay your 2014 dues and/or make an additional donation.

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Mail to: Carol Gantt, 1692 Keystone Way, Newport, PA 17074

FFA Raffle Results

This year's raffle sponsored by the Grange to benefit the local Newport & Greenwood FFAs was particularly successful with proceeds of almost \$1,600. The funds will be dispersed shortly to the chapters to support their activities.

A very special thanks to everyone who sold tickets and to those who donated the prizes won by the following lucky winners:

- \$150 Benner's Butcher Shop..... Deb Fach, Newport
- \$100 Red Lobster Ray Mullen Jr., Duncannon
- \$100 Giant Caitlyn Barnes, ?
- "Thirty-One" Thermal..... Sallie Souder, Newport
- \$75 Butcher Farm Market...MeeCee Baker, Port Royal
- \$50 Cabella'sRay Sheaffer, Millerstown
- \$50 Sheetz..... Karen Kellenberger, Thompsontown
- \$50 VISA.....Nancy Bratton, Millerstown
- Mirror ShelfBrit Marslo, ?
- Bird FeederG.A. Howke, Harrisburg
- "Old World Santa" Sue Peters, Newport
- \$25 Giant..... Ed McKensie, Newport

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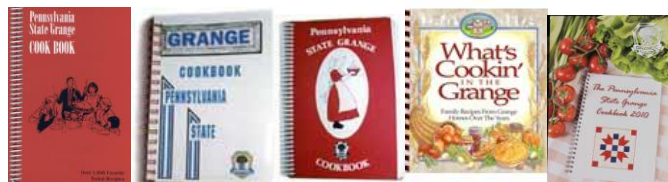
Perry Valley Grange has cultivated good relations for many years with local businesses so together good service work can be done in the community. The number of **Business Sponsor Members** in 2013 was 36. This membership helps the Grange and we help our business sponsors by advertising their support in our bimonthly newsletter, on our website and on the main bulletin board in the Grange Hall.

If you know of a business that might be interested in this type of partnership, please talk to them about becoming a **Business Sponsor Member** of Perry Valley Grange. Carol Rhoades can provide you with the application and details about the business sponsor supplying us with their advertising information. A letter inviting local businesses to join the Grange or to renew their membership will be sent in mid-November. The 2014 Business Sponsor fee remains at \$60.

State Grange Session

The 141st annual convention of the PA State Grange will be held in State College from Saturday, Oct. 19th - Monday Oct. 21st. Doug Bonsall has agreed to be one of our voting delegates from Perry Valley, but a second delegate position is still available.

GRANGE COOKBOOKS MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS....five different editions are available for holiday giving this year. 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.



Financial Report

Checking Balance 6/30/2013..... \$17,288.18
PLUS: Receipts – July-Sept. 2013..... + 12,134.54
LESS: Expenditures – July-Sept. 2013 ... - 13,259.54
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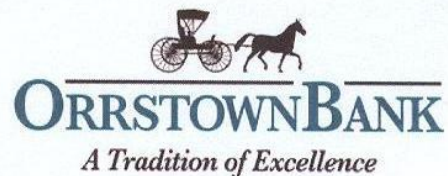
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A good Grange member:

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Looks forward to the future,
Helps those in need, and
Is loyal to family, community and nation.

THEFT!!! Three exterior air conditioning (compressor) units were stolen at the Grange Hall sometime in early September. Police have been investigating a rash of similar thefts in the area. The units were replaced within a few weeks at a cost of \$7,225, all but \$500 of which was reimbursed by our insurance carrier.

Honoring Long-Time Members

At the Grange's November 1st Fellowship Dinner (6:30 p.m.), the following will be recognized for their years of continuous membership:

- 50 years Edgar Byers
- 35 years .. Don Brightbill, Scott Delancey
- 30 years Ron Makibbin,
..... Elizabeth Wright, Orpha Kreamer
- 25 years Bob Yohn, Sue Zettlemyer

Please come that evening to help honor these persons. Note change of date from usual second Friday to avoid conflict with the 11/9 public dinner.

PA Dutch Dinner



Menu

*Homemade Chicken Potpie
Ham & Schnitz
Stuffed Pig Stomach
Pepper Cabbage; Chow Chow
Homemade Bread/Apple Butter
Shoofly Pie
Beverages*

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Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

October 2013

4	Grange Outing – 6:00 PM Apple Schnitzing at Barner’s (St. John) Lutheran Church, Liverpool
7	Executive Committee Meeting
15	Banquet – Greenwood Community Band
19-21	State Grange in State College

November 2013

1	Grange Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall <i>Meat, beverage, and place settings provided; bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share</i> Social Committee – Linda Byers & Renee Hetrick (co-chairs) <i>Entertainment & Presentation of Grange Membership Recognition</i>
5	General Election Day – Grange Hall is polling site for Greenwood Township
7	Work day for public dinner
9	Public Penna. Dutch Dinner Serving begins at 4 PM (See page 9)
26	Pomona Thanksgiving Dinner & Planning Meeting @ Shermanata Grange Hall

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.

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