



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

Thoughts from Your President

What Can Grange Do for Me?

Most readers of this newsletter are old enough to remember the immortal words spoken by President John F. Kennedy at his inauguration in 1961 .. **Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.** A discussion at our most recent Executive Committee helped me to see that we've been operating with a similar theory that members and the community will just naturally want to get involved in the Grange because it's good for the whole community.

Perhaps the continuing difficulties of many organizations – *certainly including our Grange* – is that such an idea is out-of-sync with most of the thinking in today's society. People look at what something will do for them or for their families. Their decision whether or not to get involved will most likely be based on what they will get out of the deal and perhaps much less on what they can contribute for the good of the cause.

I'd like to suggest that the Grange offers plenty of things in its various activities to provide the benefits that people are seeking in 21st century America:

- **Enjoy the "3 Fs" – fellowship, food and fun**
- **See old friends; meet new ones**
- **Receive educational & recreational opportunities**
- **Multiply individual efforts to serve the community through a combined group effort**
- **Save money through participation in various services provided by the National Grange; check out www.nationalgrange.org/memberbenefits**

Perhaps we've had the answer all along and just aren't sharing the information well enough with our community. We need to be enthusiastic in telling family, friends and neighbors about all the Grange has to offer. Maybe we have to change our own attitudes so we realize just how much the Grange really helps each one of us.

If you have any ideas of new and different ways to provide even more of the types of things that people are looking for today, please contact me at 921-1957.

Doug Bonsall, President

See You at These Fall Grange Meetings

Officers Installation, Sept. 10th

Please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share for the fellowship dinner.

Once every two years we have the opportunity to witness a beautiful ceremony installing our officers with a traditional ritual that helps explain the fundamental beliefs of the Grange. Returning to lead the installation will be the top notch team from Valley Grange, York County, led by Anna May Nauss. As has become our tradition, other Granges from the county have been invited to have their officers installed at the same time.

A fellowship dinner will be enjoyed in the pavilion beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. The Grange will furnish meat, beverages, and place settings; please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share. The installation in the main hall follows after dinner.

Fall Fun Night, October 8th

Please bring a snack food and/or a dessert made with apples or pumpkin to share.

Our October meeting will be our annual **Fall Fun Night**. This event is an especially good opportunity for you to invite your non-member friends, neighbors and relatives to see what the Grange has to offer. Events will be held outdoors and in the pavilion so dress appropriately for crisp fall weather.

We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. for homemade chicken corn soup and hot dogs roasted over an open fire. Please bring a snack food and/or a dessert made with apples or pumpkin to share. The evening will include Harvest Bingo and hayrides for all ages to have fun together.

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Executive Committee – ex officio
Doug Bonsall, Bill Cameron, Carol Gantt,
Renee Hetrick, Barbara McMillen, Carol Rhoades



Harry Schreiber (left) was among the Perry Valley Grangers attending the dedication of memorial gifts in memory of Lesta Schreiber at the annual State Grange Junior Camp in July. New sashes for the Prince and Princess (shown above), a new Princess tiara and a Wii electronic game system were presented by Perry Valley at Camp Sylvan Hills near Howard, PA.

Celebrating Special Days

September Birthdays

5	Ron Makibbin	17	SueAnn Byers
13	Carol Rhoades	20	Audrey Wyble
	Linda Wingert	21	Dean Cauffman
16	Matthew Brightbill	24	Carol Eckenrode
17	Scott Delancey	29	Peg Bolton

September Anniversaries

1	Bruce & Paula Fleming
6	Bill & Marge Earnest
19	Dick & Louise Pennay
30	George & Twyla Courtot

October Birthdays

2	Glen Cauffman	16	Sue Pontius
3	Lloyd Byers	27	Bruce Fleming
9	Paula Fleming	30	Bill Cameron
14	Carol Gantt		Bob Yohn

October Anniversaries

7	Tim & Lisa Albright:
13	Martin & Bernadette Hudson
18	Bob & Barbara Sheaffer



This educational exhibit from Perry Valley greeted visitors at the Perry County and Juniata County Fairs.

Property Notes

Keeping the Grange Hall and grounds in good shape is a big job that requires constant attention. Recent tasks:

- Replacement of some floor tile after repair of concrete joints
- Reattachment of shingles around chimney
- Weeding of beds and trimming of shrubbery
- Repair of water treatment system

Grange Always Busy Serving the Community

The Grange helped staff the **Millerstown Recycling** program on the last Saturday of July and then provided a free breakfast at the Grange Hall to all the volunteers.



There's Renee Hetrick in the pig pen again after making the Grange's purchase at the **Fair Livestock Sale**. The animal was raised/shown by Newport FFA member Dustin Sprengle.



Upcoming Service Projects

Sept. 18th – Homemade Apple Dumplings for Millerstown Community Park. Volunteers from the Grange and the Park will be working at the Grange Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 7th to make 150+ of our delicious apple dumplings for the Park's annual Fall Fest. The Grange supplies all the ingredients and the use of our kitchen as its donation to the development of the new community park just east of town.

Sept. 25th - Homemade Chicken Corn Soup for the Newport Public Library Bike Ride. The soup is already made and in the freezer waiting to feed the many riders who will raise thousands of dollars to support the library. It has become a tradition for our Grange to donate 50 quarts of soup for this charitable event. This donation is in addition to our annual purchase of children's books for the library reading program.

Several hundred children in and around Millerstown and Newport have received **300+ books purchased by the Grange** and a grant from Thrivent Financial. The books were distributed through local summer reading programs.



State Grange Session

The annual convention of the PA State Grange will be held in West Middlesex, Mercer County beginning on Saturday, Oct. 16th and continuing through Monday, Oct. 18th. President Doug Bonsall will be one of our voting delegates; if you are interested in serving as Perry Valley's second delegate, please contact Doug at 921-1957 to volunteer.

Summer Scenes at Perry Valley Grange

Corn Parties

Special thanks this year to **Edgar & Linda Byers** and to the **Allen Hall family** for donating about 200 quarts of corn to the Grange for serving at our public dinners and banquets and to all who helped with this big project.



The Grange baked and served homemade pie for the dessert included with the Masons steak dinner at the Perry County Fair.



After picking corn in the field, first you husk and brush...

Grange Fellowship Opportunities



August picnic in the pavilion before election of officers



Next you cut and scrape the ears...



"Crafty" persons showing the fruits of their labors



Finally the corn is bagged for freezing and winter enjoyment

Picnics Enjoyed at Summer Gatherings



Kabobs hot off the grill were featured in July



Relaxing around the table in the shade of an umbrella



Spacious counter at Eckenrode home filled with food



Country music outdoors on a warm summer evening

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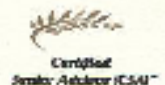
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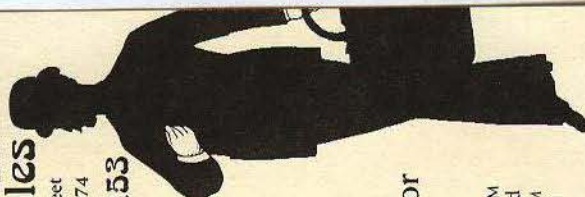
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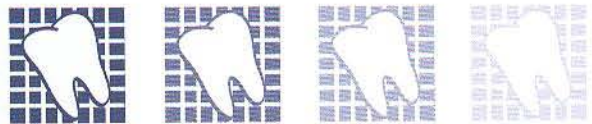
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Children: (ages 6-12) - \$6; (ages 5 & under) - FREE

Perry Valley Grange Hall

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Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

September 2010

1	Executive Committee meeting – 7 PM
3	Enter exhibit at Juniata County Fair
4	Rental - Peters
7	Apple Dumpling making for Millerstown Park
10	Grange Fellowship Dinner & Installation of Officers <i>(details on page 1)</i> Members of other Granges in Perry County have been invited to participate Meal in pavilion begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. The Grange will provide meat, beverage, rolls, place settings and table cover. Social Committee – Peg Bolton (chair), Charles & Dorothy Page, Ralph & Edith Lesh, Linda Wingert, Lloyd & Sue Byers, Bruce & Pat Woolever
12	Remove exhibit at Juniata County Fair
19	Grange provides apple dumplings for Fall Fest at Millerstown Park
23	Work night for public dinner
24	Pie baking for public dinner
25	Grange provides soup for Library bike-a-thon
25	Public Beef & Turkey Dinner Help needed starting at 12 noon; serving to the public begins at 4 PM <i>(see page 12)</i>
26	Rental - Byers
28	Pomona Grange meeting at Madison

October 2010

3	Rental – Jones-Gaisior
8	Fall Fun Night – 6:30 p.m. <i>(details on page 1) outdoors & pavilion</i> Social Committee – Barbara McMillen (chair), Marvin & Sue Pontius, Tim Albright, Dick & Louise Pennay, Carol Rhoades, Ann Wilson, Beth Reisinger • Harvest Bingo/Hayrides for all ages • Chicken Corn Soup/Roasted Hot Dogs/Apple & Pumpkin Desserts
12	Rental - Highmark Blue Shield (AM)
12	Newport F&AM Lodge #381 (PM)
14	Newport F&AM Lodge #381
16	Banquet – Perry County Livestock Sale
16-18	State Grange convention in West Middlesex, PA
21	Newport RAC #238 Meeting
25	Banquet – Perry Co. Republican Committee
26	Banquet – Greenwood Community Band

Cooperation with Newport Masons – At our August Grange meeting, approval was given to the preliminary agreement with the Newport Masons for its various activities to be held in the Grange Hall starting in October. Approval is expected shortly by the Masons. Each month there will be meetings of the F&AM Lodge #381 and RAC #238 held in the Grange Hall. The agreement calls for the Masons to form a Joint Operating Committee with the Grange to take care of fund raising and property expenses. Things will continue much as they always have been at the Grange, except that there will now be more bodies to help with the work necessary to raise money and maintain the property. The Grange continues to own the property and the Masons will work with us in lieu of paying rental. Without this arrangement the Grange would likely be forced to sell its property for lack of enough willing volunteers. ***It's a classic "win-win"!***

Change in Remembrance Policy – For many years the Grange sent a remembrance (flowers, fruit, gift card) whenever a member was sick or in the hospital. Many recipients expressed their appreciation for this gesture but told us the use of Grange funds for this purpose was not necessary or expected. The Executive Committee has decided to limit remembrances in time of illness to cards and calls but has increased the memorial contribution at the time of a member's death from \$25 to \$50.



Financial Report

Checking Balance from 6/2010	\$25,438.33
PLUS:	
Receipts – July 2010.....	+ 3,259.34
Receipts – August 2010.....	+ 612.44
LESS:	
Expenditures – July 2010.....	- 4,361.97
Transfer to savings	-10,000.00
Expenditures – August 2010	- 3,547.13
Checking Balance to 9/2010	\$11,401.01
Savings Balance	\$45,557.29

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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 Ideals

A good Grange member:

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

May I Have Some of Everything?



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