



# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

## See You at These Fall Grange Events

### Planning Meeting, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

Grange Hall Conference Room

Everyone is encouraged and invited to participate in the annual planning meeting when the calendar & budget for the coming year is established. We need your ideas for the types of meetings, social activities, educational programs, service projects and fund raising events you'd like to see the Grange do in 2013. The meeting will be informal and starts at 7 p.m.

### Fellowship Dinner and Installation of Officers, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

Grange Hall Dining Room

Election of officers was held in August. Selected as our leaders for 2013-2014 are:

- President..... Bill Cameron
- Vice President..... Krista Pontius
- Program Chair (Lecturer)..... Renee Hetrick
- Steward..... Virginia Shotzberger
- Assistant Steward ..... Ezra Grubb
- Lady Assistant Steward ..... Kitty Smith
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- Treasurer ..... Doug Bonsall
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- Financial Secretary ..... Carol Rhoades
- Greeter..... Linda Byers
- Ceres ..... Shirley Delancey
- Flora ..... Peg Bolton
- Pomona ..... Carol Weirzbicki
- Executive Committee (members at large)  
..... Barbara McMillen, Cathy Morrison

We've invited other Granges from the county to join Perry Valley for a fellowship dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to be followed by our biennial installation of officers. Anna May Nauss and her team will again install

the new leaders to their respective positions with a beautiful ceremony of instruction.

Officers are reminded to wear black & white. A photo for the Grange website will be taken immediately following the completion of the installation ritual. The Grange will furnish meat, beverage, rolls and place settings for the meal and everyone is asked to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

### "Apple Schnitzing", Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

Barner's Church, Liverpool

Last October we had such a good time and our efforts were so appreciated that we're going to Barner's Church again to help them get ready for their annual Apple Butter Boil.

We'll meet at the church just outside Liverpool at 6 p.m. or as soon as your schedule will permit. Bushels of apples are peeled by machine and many pairs of willing hands are needed to "schnitz" (slice) them for making the apple butter the following day.

Linda Byers, both an active church and Grange member, assures us that our help is very much needed and you'll enjoy the fellowship that goes on during the schnitzing process. She suggests bringing your favorite paring knife and a large bowl (you might want to put your name on both). She also promises plenty of snacks and beverages will be available to help maintain our energy.

There will be no Grange meeting at the hall in October but other activities are scheduled; see the calendar on Page 11 of this newsletter.

### State Grange Session

The 140<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the PA State Grange will be held in Butler from Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>-Monday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. As of this time, voting delegates from Perry Valley have not been appointed.

# The Times.....they are a-changing!

**C**hange is happening all around us. By the time this newsletter is received either in your mailbox or your computer in-box, many of you will have already heard the latest talk around the community.

- *Wonder what's up with the Grange?*
- *Did you see that "For Sale" sign in front of the Grange Hall?*
- *Why would those Grange people do something like this?*

Yes, the time that we've been talking about for nearly two years has finally arrived. As much as I realize the necessity, it breaks my heart to report that on September 5<sup>th</sup>, the signs indicating that the Grange Hall is for sale were posted. The paperwork was completed last week and the property is listed for six months with RE/MAX through broker John Leidy.

Two different interested parties had been talking with the Grange over the past few months about a private sale, but unfortunately neither resulted in a purchase transaction. While we wait to see if hiring a realtor will help us in selling the property that has gone from being a big asset to more of a liability, the Grange will continue to plan and hold activities and do the best possible to maintain the status quo financially and with our property. If/when the property is sold, we'll be able to devote more time and energy to community service and social interactions.

The Newport Lodge that has been meeting in the Grange Hall for the past two years, providing much needed manpower with maintenance and fund raising, has given notice that it will be moving into another meeting facility in Newport at the beginning of 2013. So now a Grange Hall that was not utilized anywhere near to its potential will sit empty for even more days and evenings per month. We appreciate the offer of some of the Lodge members who have become our good friends to continue helping with property maintenance and the serving of public dinners at the Grange "as much as they can". We realize, however, that their time and energy will be stretched as they deal with the issues of their new rented meeting space.

The relationship between the Grange and the Lodge was a generally good one that was mutually beneficial to both groups. Unfortunately, some Grangers who resisted change were not very supportive of the arrangement and a few used this cooperative venture as a time to reduce their own participation or even as an excuse to terminate their membership. Those losses, along with the inevitable aging and infirmities of some of our most faithful workers, meant that even the two groups working together didn't have enough people to do everything that was needed. And so, faced with the possibility of the Grange Hall being sold and being left with no meeting place, the Lodge jumped at the opportunity to move into a facility that will provide a good location for its activities.

The Grange is also about to have a change in leadership. This is my final message to you as President of Perry Valley Grange. When my successor is installed into office on September 14<sup>th</sup>, I will have completed 22 years intermittently as your Master/President (1976, 1986-92, 1995-98, 2003-2012). These have been years of great change and accomplishment (especially the fire and building of the present hall in 1988), along with substantial growth in membership, activities, service and finances.

I've experienced both tremendous "highs" and brutal "lows" during these years trying to lead the Grange to become a vibrant part of the lives of its members and a viable partner for progress in the community. Now the time has come for others to take up the mantle of leadership and bring with them new ideas and renewed energy. I ask that you enthusiastically support your new officers as I have pledged to do.

So, yes, the Grange is going through a period of profound change right now. We can emerge from the changes in one of two ways - either stronger for the challenge or weaker for the wear. The outcome will largely depend on our attitudes, enthusiasm and willingness to work.

***Change can be a wonderful thing...***if we approach it as an exciting challenge and with a positive, hopeful outlook. Thanks for allowing me to be part of a great fellowship that can get even better but only if we work together to make it so.

Doug Bonsall, Retiring President

# Grange Always Busy Serving the Community



One would hardly think this was work from the big smiles on these volunteers' faces at the Millerstown Recycling program. Our Grange helped to staff the drop-off center on the last Saturday of July and then provided a free breakfast at the Grange Hall to all the volunteers.



The Saturday of the Perry County Fair will always find Renee Hetrick in the pig pen again at the Perry County Fair Livestock Sale. This year the animal purchased by the Grange for \$500 was raised/shown by Greenwood FFA member Brooke Rumberger.



Children in and around Newport have received free books purchased with \$250 provided by the Grange. The books were distributed through the summer reading programs at the Newport Public Library.

**Homemade Soup for the Newport Public Library Bike Ride – Sept. 29th** The Grange has again been asked to make and donate about 50 quarts of chicken corn soup to feed the hungry participants in this annual fund raiser. This donation is in addition to our annual purchase of children's books for the library summer reading program.



The Grange hosted a Patio Picnic with musical entertainment for the residents of Perry Village Nursing Home in late June.

# Summer Scenes at Perry Valley Grange



Our Grange members could be found working in the Pomona Grange Concession and the Lodge Steak Stand at the Perry County Fair.



All aboard the Roaring Bull Ferryboat for a Susquehanna River Picnic Cruise! The boat was chartered by the Grange for an evening in July.



These and other volunteers prepared about 200 quarts of corn for freezing in just a few hours. On other days, 50 quarts of chow-chow and 80 pie crusts were made – all in preparation for the upcoming public dinner.



The skies were threatening and a few raindrops fell, but Tom & Carol Eckenrode are all smiles.



How about pickling several bushels of beets? Thanks to the generous donors for all this produce that will be served at upcoming dinners and banquets.



Grange members were joined by family, friends and some visitors from the Newport Lodge for a delightful evening of fun, food and fellowship on the water.

**Truly, we reap what we sow. If you get involved, you'll enjoy being with others working toward a worthy goal. If you sit back and complain, you'll likely find yourself unhappy and alone.**

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*Adults - \$12*

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

# Perry Valley Grange Hall

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# Coming Events at Perry Valley Grange

## September 2012

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 8         | All day Lodge event  |
| 9         | Remove Fair exhibit; Lodge rehearsal   |
| 10        | Grange Planning Meeting  |
| 11        | Lodge Meeting  |
| 13        | Lodge Meeting  |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Grange Installation Dinner 6:30 p.m.</b><br><i>(details on page 1)</i>  |
| 16        | Lodge rehearsal  |
| 19        | Chapter rehearsal  |
| 20        | Chapter meeting  |
| 21        | Work night for public dinner   |
| <b>22</b> | <b>Public Beef &amp; Turkey Dinner</b><br>Help needed starting at 12 noon; serving to the public begins at 4 PM <i>(see page 10)</i> |
| 25        | Pomona Grange meeting at Madison Grange  |
| 29        | Grange provides soup for Library bike-a-thon   |

## October 2012

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Grange Fall Fun Outing 6:00 p.m.</b><br><i>(details on page 1) Liverpool</i> |
| 6        | Foose family reunion luncheon   |
| 7        | Lodge rehearsal   |
| 9        | Lodge meeting   |
| 11       | Lodge meeting   |
| 14       | Lodge rehearsal   |
| 17       | Chapter rehearsal   |
| 18       | Chapter meeting   |
| 20       | Banquet – Perry Valley Presbyterian Church                                      |
| 20-22    | State Grange convention in Butler, PA   |
| 23       | Banquet – Greenwood Community Band  |

## Celebrating Special Days

| September Birthdays     |                            |    |                 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 5                       | Ron Makibbin               | 17 | SueAnn Byers    |
| 13                      | Carol Rhoades              | 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       |    |                 |
| 30                      | George & Twyla Courtot     |    |                 |
| 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 |    |                 |
| 18                      | Bob & Barbara Sheaffer     |    |                 |



## Financial Report

Until 9/30/2012, the Joint Operating Account receives fund raising & rental receipts and pays for all fund raising supplies, utilities, insurance and property maintenance costs. The Grange account handles all other income and expenses. The Joint Account will be re-combined with the Grange Account effective 10/1/2012 when the Joint Operating Committee disbands.

### JOINT OPERATING ACCOUNT

**Checking Balance 6/30/2012..... \$ 13,156.81**

**PLUS: Receipts**

July-August 2012..... + 1,899.67

**LESS: Expenditures\***

July-August 2012..... - 5,194.71

**Checking Balance 8/31/2012..... \$ 9,861.77**

*\*An unexpected expense of about \$2,000 came up in July when one of the four air conditioning compressor units that cool the Grange Hall had to be replaced.*

### GRANGE ACCOUNT

**Checking Balance 6/30/2012..... \$ 11,824.19**

**PLUS: Receipts**

July-August 2012..... + 268.48

**LESS: Expenditures (including \$5,000 investment)**

July-August 2012..... - 6,738.29

**Checking Balance 8/31/2012..... \$ 5,354.38**

**Certificates of Deposit..... \$63,561.71**

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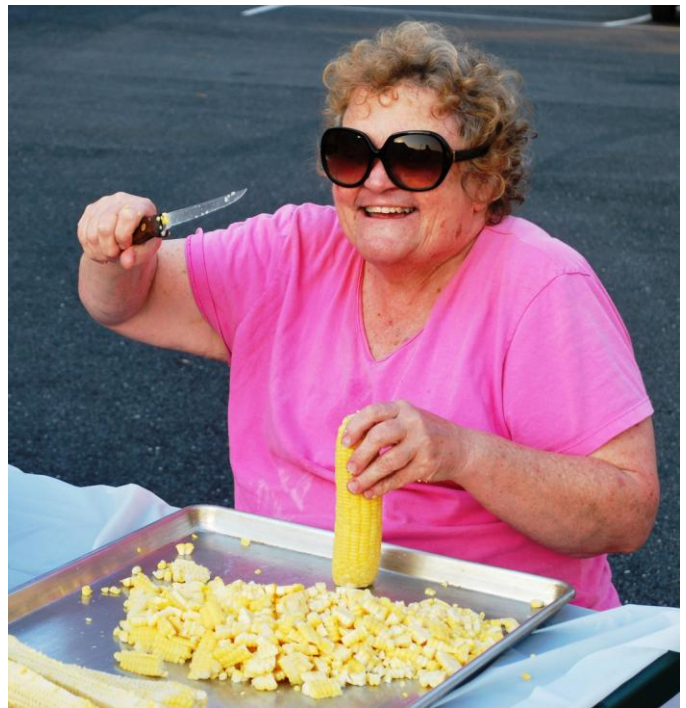
### Perry Valley Grange Vision

*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.*



Now there's one Happy Granger (also known as Barbara McMillen) who really seems to be enjoying her work and the fellowship of other volunteers on "Corn Day".

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