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# Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

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

# Coming Up Soon at the Grange......

# YOUR INVITATION TO HEAR

- Testimony of how this ministry began
- Testimony of how God accomplished the plans He had for my life and gave "new sight" for writing



PERRY VALLEY GRANGE 5 Owl Hollow Rd. Millerstown, PA May 11, 2012 6:30 p.m.

Nancy Shoap, Speaker and Author of a collection of true accounts about difficult circumstances and how everyday people relied on "His Everyday Promises" to provide guidance, hope, protection and healing.

A time of fellowship with inspirational speaking and sing-a-long uplifting music integrated on power point

**OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE AUTOGRAPHED BOOK** 



June 8, 2012 – 6 p.m.

Weiner Roast

Let's welcome summer with an informal weiner roast outside in the pavilion. Bring some food to share; hot dogs, rolls, plates/utensils and beverages provided. We'll enjoy an hour together before starting preparations for the public Pig Roast that will be held the next day.

#### 2012 Community Citizen Named



**R. Franklin "Frank" Campbell (left) of Newport** received the Grange's 35<sup>th</sup> annual Community Citizen Award at our Open House dinner in April. Grange Lecturer Renee Hetrick (right) presented the award plaque in recognition of Mr. Campbell's active involvement and leadership roles in many local organizations. The whole Campbell clan (below) joined in the occasion honoring Frank.





National Grange Membership Director Dr. Michael Martin (shown above) also spoke during the Open House program on *The Grange....American Values, Hometown Roots*.

#### **St. Patrick's Day Party** *Food, Fellowship, Games, Prizes*









# Grange Serving the Needs of Others

#### **Daffodil Sales Report**



In 2012 Perry Valley Grange raised \$1,852 during the sale to help the American Cancer Society fund research, educate the public and provide patient services.

For almost more years than anyone can remember, our Grange has taken an active role to support the American Cancer Society by selling daffodils – *the flower of hope* – each March in Millerstown and Liverpool.

Perry Valley's sales in 2012 represented an increase of \$306 over the previous year. A summary of this year's sales: 96 bunches of flowers, 56 potted mini-daffodils, 3 "Vases & a Bunch" and 6 "Bears & a Bunch".



Special thanks and congratulations to our chair Barbara McMillen (right) for placing 20<sup>th</sup> in advance sales among more than 500 local sales coordinators in central PA!



In March Perry Valley distributed dictionaries purchased by the Pomona Grange to third grade students at Greenwood Elementary School as part of the "Words for Thirds" project. This is a program undertaken by Granges all across the nation to present third grade students with a personal dictionary to help with their spelling and reading comprehension.

### **Books for Kids**

Our Grange is providing \$500 to purchase books for distribution in two local summer reading programs.



In the Greenwood School District students who receive summer tutoring to improve their reading ability will be given paperback books of their own. Newport area children who participate in the public library's summer reading program will also get a book courtesy of Perry Valley Grange.

#### **High School Awards**

four

Continuing our long standing commitment to helping students, Perry Valley Grange will give four awards this spring to local

graduates of Newport and Greenwood High Schools. In each school a \$100 cash award will be given to recognize:

- Outstanding vocational-technical graduates
- Outstanding FFA students

#### **Essay & Poster Contest Big Hit at Elementary Schools**

A record number of entries – 76 posters and 114 essays - competed this year in the Grange sponsored essay & poster contest in Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools. The project is one of our biggest annual community service projects.



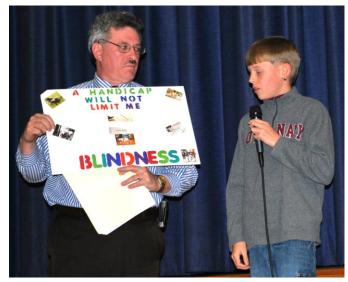
The theme for both contests in 2012 was **"A Handicap** *Will Not Limit Me".* Student participants were encouraged to use their imagination to describe in their essay or show in a poster how the physically handicapped can live and active and productive life despite their special challenge(s). The 190 total entries this year far exceeded any previous years (128 in 2011). The Grange provided cash awards of \$50 - first place, \$30 - second and \$20 - third in each contest in each school (total of \$400).



An awards assembly was held in each school on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. An important part of the assembly is always an education presentation related to the year's contest theme. Ms. Janeen Latin (above) of United Celebral Palsy (UCP) Central Pennsylvania, Camp Hill, showed students a variety of devices that allow people with disabilities to perform daily living activities independently. Tools to turn knobs, large numbers on a telephone keypad, a braille book, and a computer keyboard for one hand were among the items.

#### Shots from Greenwood & Newport Assemblies







## **Business Sponsors Help the Grange Serve Others**



# **Support our Business Sponsor Supporters**



### **Business Sponsors & the Grange Serving Together**



## **Grange Business Sponsors Deserve Your Support**



## **Please Patronize Our Grange Business Sponsors**



# Happy Birthday

#### May Birthdays

- 7 Dorothy Yohn
- 9 John Byers
- 21 Barbara Sheaffer, Charles Tressler
- 22 Bonnie Cameron
- 24 Ezra Grubb

#### June Birthdays

- 2 Evelyn Newlin
- 3 Martin Hudson
- 4 Olga Brookhart
- 13 Dolores Guyer, Louise Cameron
- 15 John Gothel
- 26 George Courtot

# Happy Anniversary

#### May Anniversaries

- 18 Jim & Helen Hoffman
- 23 Jason & Krista Pontius
- 25 Charles & Susan Tressler
- 31 Lee & Catherine Morrison

#### June Anniversaries

- 7 Henry & Evelyn Newlin
- 16 John & Virginia Shotzberger
- 19 Dale & Helen Cox
- 27 Edgar & Linda Byers

#### Thank You, Business Sponsors!



Perry Valley Grange now has 37 Business Sponsors for 2012. Please see their business cards on pages 5-9 and patronize them often. Certificates were presented to those attending our April Open House meeting. *If your special days do not appear on this list or there is an error, please call Doug Bonsall (921-1957) with the information.* 

#### Membership Milestones

Congratulations to these long-time members for many years of continuous Grange membership. According to our records, these milestones will be reached in 2012:

62 yearsBill Cameron, Reba Weimer 60 years*Andrea Cameron
59 years*Helen Cox
57 years*Avonel Waller
56 years*Rev. Charles Tressler
53 years*Harriet Walker
52 years Robert Cameron, Louise Cameron
50 yearsGerald Holman
49 years Edgar Byers, John & Viola Byers
48 years Harry Schreiber
47 years*Carol Rhoades, Olga Brookhart
Marge Gochenaur
45 yearsLloyd Byers
43 years Douglas Bonsall, SueAnn Byers
42 years Kitty Smith
41 yearsLinda Byers
40 yearsBob Sheaffer
38 years Glenn Cauffman, Robert
Cauffman, Boyd & Shirley Delancey
37 yearsTim Albright, Ken & Peg Bolton
Barbara Sheaffer
34 yearsDon Brightbill, Scott Delancey
32 yearsEdith Lesh, *Millie Cubbison
31 years Ken & Joan Bonsall, Bonnie Cameron
29 years*Orpha Kreamer, Ron Makibbin
Elizabeth Wright
28 years Carol Gantt, Virginia Shotzberger
27 years Dean Cauffman, Jim Hoffman
John Shotzberger
* Indicates some years of membership in Grange(s) other than Perry Valley

The State Grange now provides recognition for members at 5-year membership intervals for persons with 25 or more years of continuous membership. Those names shown in bold above will be honored later this year.

In Loving Memory......Sister Linda Wingert, a member since 1970, passed away very suddenly this winter. A Grange service was conducted at her viewing and the charter will be draped in her memory at our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Great Job!** We've had a busy spring at the Grange with quite a few banquets and the help of all volunteers is much appreciated. The public Ham & Dandelion Dinner was particularly successful and realized a profit of about \$1,800.

#### From the President's Pen

# Oh, Really! That's Too Bad!

Lately I've heard this quite often. Word is getting out that the Grange is considering the sale of its property. Whether I'm talking to some of our "less active" members, guests at events held in the Grange Hall or just people around the community, people seem to know what's going on and respond with this comment. Many express surprise that such an established and much respected organization would be thinking about selling a highly visible and well equipped building.

That's my cue to talk about how much the Grange regrets the necessity of this action but the reality is that we don't have enough people willing to give enough time and labor to continue things in the ways we've been accustomed to and take for granted. When I say we need more people to take an active part in the Grange and issue the invitation to become a member, almost always the response is **"Sorry, but I don't have time."** 

The next comment I usually hear is "**But.....you can't** sell the Grange." It's almost as if the person(s) to whom I'm speaking haven't heard what I've been saying about the need for more people and more dedication.

Now frankly, I harbored the secret hope that talking about such a drastic downsizing as selling the Grange Hall would generate more interest in the community and that existing members would be jolted out of their complacency. A few people have stepped up to do more but their efforts have barely helped to maintain the status quo considering those who have died, are no longer physically able or plain just don't care to help.

So...we are forced to continue looking into various options that include a possible disposition of our property. Our Grange's very generous offer to deed the property to the State Grange for use as a state headquarters was turned down with nothing more than short refusal letter from the State Master – no phone calls, no discussion, no explanation and no support.

The Executive Committee has interviewed three realtors and two are willing to list our property for commercial sale. The reality is that any sale will certainly generate much less than the assessed value of or our investment in the property over the years. Right now we are about to meet with a local church that has expressed some preliminary interest in our site as a possible location for their growing ministry.

Two things are very clear:

- Even under the best of circumstances, it will likely be many months or a year until any sale can be finalized so fund raising activities and the responsibilities of maintaining our property must continue.
- The really important thing about the Grange is not a building, but rather about the relationships we nurture among people within the Grange. As long as we care about each other, the Grange will continue.

If we stop caring for our relationships with one another, then the future is unpleasantly clear.....and we're likely to hear again "**Oh, Really! That's Too Bad!**"

Doug Bonsall, President

# Save This Date! Friday, July 13, 2012

#### Picnic cruise on the Susquehanna aboard the Millersburg Ferry

#### Meat, beverage and place settings will be provided; everyone please bring a folding chair and a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Last year we had planned this same event but torrential rains forced the picnic back to the Grange Hall. We're going to try again and have invited our good friends from

Valley Grange from York County to be our special guests for the evening. The next issue of this newsletter will have all the details. There will be no charge for the cruise, but advance registration will be required since capacity is limited.

## **Charity Raffle Announced**

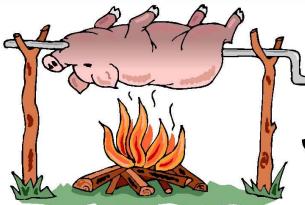
The Grange and the Lodge are again combining their individual drawings into one large raffle. Proceeds will be split evenly between charities chosen by each organization – the Grange will support the Newport & Greenwood FFA Chapters and the Lodge will fund its Christmas toy distribution for under privileged children.

#### Prizes include:

- ½ hog butchered/wrapped/frozen
- 1/2 hog butchered/wrapped/frozen
- \$100 GIANT gift card
- Handmade bench table seat
- 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Peterboro Serving Basket with painted lid (patriotic design)
- \$75 Butchers' Farm Market gift certificate
- \$50 Red Lobster gift card
- \$50 Red Lobster gift card
- \$50 Sheetz gift card
- \$50 Sheetz gift card
- Framed wooded mirror shelf
- 4 tickets for Grange PA Dutch Dinner (11/10/2012)
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- 3-dimensional picture
- Waffle maker

You can get tickets to purchase/sell by contacting Renee Hetrick at 589-3369. The cost is \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5. The drawing will be held at our September 22<sup>nd</sup> public **Beef & Turkey Dinner**.

# Pig Roast



# **Saturday,** June 9, 2012

Serving begins at 4 p.m. and continues while supply lasts

# Perry Valley Grange Hall

# 2 miles east of Millerstown, Perry County West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road

### Menu featuring:

Roast pork, filling, gravy, baked potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, slaw, rolls & butter, coffee, iced tea, strawberry ice cream sundaes

All you can eat with dessert included Tickets available at the door

> Adults - \$12, Children (ages 6-12) - \$6 Children age 5 & under – FREE

Details @ www.perryvalleygrange.org or 589-3369

# **On the Calendar this Spring**

# May 2012

4	Prepare food for Fort Hunter event
6	Cater luncheons at Fort Hunter Garden Faire event – 10:30 a.m.
7	Executive Committee meeting
8	Lodge meeting
10	Lodge meeting
11	Grange Meeting
	Dessert reception @ 6:30 p.m.
	Business session @ 7:00 p.m.; Draping of the charter; reception of new members
	<b>Program</b> – "His Everyday Promises" by speaker/author Nancy Shoap (see page 1)
	Social Committee – Natalie Fritz (Chair), Kitty Smith, Barb McMillen, John & Debbie Ramp
12	Conference room rental
12	Marsh/Maxton wedding reception
16	Chapter rehearsal
17	Chapter meeting
18	Banquet - Greenwood FFA
19	Cox birthday banquet
20	Pomona Grange Memorial Service @ Pfoutz Valley Methodist Church – 2 p.m.
25	Banquet – Perry-Juniata Shrine Club

#### **Grange Cookbooks**

We currently have four different editions of the popular Grange cookbooks for sale, including the recent re-print of the 1972 "white" book. You may purchase them at the Grange Hall or by contacting Doug Bonsall (921-1957).



**Perry Village Picnic Postponed** For many years the Grange has sponsored an annual picnic for the residents of Perry Village in New Bloomfield. This had been scheduled for June but has been postponed until July at the request of the Activities Director there to avoid conflict with other events.

# June 2012

2	Luncheon – Susquenita West Side Singers
8	Grange Weiner Roast – 6 p.m. <i>Rain or shine – in the pavilion</i>
	Social Committee – Volunteers needed!
	Preparation for public Pig Roast
9	Public Pig Roast Dinner (see page 12) Needed – Help & baked good donations
10	Lodge Rehearsal
12	Lodge Meeting
14	Lodge meeting
20	Chapter rehearsal
21	Chapter meeting
23	Family banquet
24	Lodge Rehearsal
25	Joint Operating Committee meeting
26	Pomona picnic at Shermanata Grange

# Financially Speaking....



The Joint (Grange-Masons) 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 related to the Grange.

#### JOINT OPERATING ACCOUNT

Checking Balance 1/31/2012	\$ 7,876.35
PLUS: Receipts February-April 2012	. + 14,981.42
LESS: Expenditures February-April 2012	<u>- 9,734.07</u>
Checking Balance 4/30/2012	. \$ 13,123.70

#### **GRANGE ACCOUNT**

Checking Balance 1/31/2012	\$ 9,831,66
PLUS: Receipts February-April 2012	4,670.14
LESS: Expenditures February-April 2012	3,311.55
Checking Balance 4/30/2012\$	11,190.25
Certificates of Deposit	58,477.66

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## **Our 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.



State Representative Mark Keller visited the Grange for our annual Open House Community Night Dinner in April. About 85 people were present for this special program. See page 2 for more photos and details.

# **Vision Statement**

#### The Vision of Perry Valley Grange:

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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