January-February 2024 Visit our website @ <u>www.perryvalleygrange.org</u>



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Winter Happenings – Past & Future

	January 2024 Calendar
5- 13	PA Farm Show, Harrisburg Volunteers help State Grange & milk shake booths
12	Grange meeting @ Park Building – 7 p.m. Program – Blessing Bags (see next column) Hosts – Linda Byers, Renee Hetrick
16	Executive Committee meeting – 7:00 p.m. @ home of Ken & Peg Bolton
30	 Pomona Grange meeting at Millerstown Community Park Building – 7 p.m. Program - Facilitated brainstorming discussion about possible merger of Juniata County and Perry County Pomona Granges.
	February 2024 Calendar
9	Grange meeting @ Park Building – 7 p.m. Program – To be announced Hosts – Peg Bolton, Debbie Morrison
16- 17	Cater food for Historical Society Valentine Dinners to benefit Cochran-Anspach House, Millerstown
27	February Frolic for all Perry County Grange members and guests – See Page 3 for details



Checking Balance 11/1/2023 \$ 23,966.43
PLUS: Receipts – NovDec+ 3,492.44*
LESS: Expenses – NovDec <u>- 2,961.57*</u>
Checking Balance 12/31/2023 \$ 24,497.30

*New Year dinner receipts/expenses recorded in January



The Grange Christmas Potluck on Dec. 8th

Help Make Blessing Bags

Blessing bags will be assembled at our Jan. 12th meeting. Those helping will be encouraged to deliver a bag to anyone in need of a winter "pick me up", a visit or the contents of the blessing bag.

Each Grange family is invited to provide 25 items of one of the following: toothbrushes, toothpaste, face masks, washcloths or face/body wipes, dental floss, shampoo, soap, deodorant, hat/gloves, hand/foot warmers.

The Grange and some individuals have already come forward to supply additional items: socks, cracker packs, applesauce cups, granola bars, mints, lip balm, band aids, hand sanitizer, bottled water and combs/brushes.

The Grange charter will be draped in memory of Sister **Janette Witmer** at Jan. 12 meeting





Grange Supplied Help & Materials for Blanket Making at School Service Day









An evening of food and Grange fellowship. Join us to celebrate the accomplishments of the past and look forward to the future.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Buffet Dinner @ The Ranch House Restaurant 3456 Susquehanna Trail, Duncannon – Served at 6:00 p.m.

MENU - Roast beef, baked fish, potato, vegetable, tossed salad & dressing, choice of beverages, dinner rolls/butter and a delicious selection of homemade desserts

Ticket price: \$20 – Perry County Grange members; \$25 - guests

Meal cost subsidized by the Pomona Grange to thank volunteers for support of Grange activities.

Advance reservations with payment required by 2/20/2024; no refunds after this date

Reservations for Perry County Grange February Frolic February 27, 2024

Name(s)			
E-mail	Phone		
Number of reservations:	@ \$20 (Grange members) @ \$25 (guests)		
Total enclosed: \$ Make checks payable to: Perry County Pomona Grange			
Mail to: Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018 (Questions: 717-921-1957)			

Reservations deadline is 2/20/2024

New Year's Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

This year's New Year's Day dinner was designated as a benefit for improvements to the Millerstown Community Park. We raised just over half of the amount pledged by the Grange to sponsor the guest entertainer for a fund-raising performance in May.





The dinner cleared \$1,500+ to benefit park improvements.







The servers fill meals at the steam table.









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Grange Dues for 2024

Dues remain at: adults - \$50, youth - \$15, family/household - \$100, Business Sponsor - \$60. Dues provide member families with the bimonthly *PA Grange News* and helps maintain a legislative presence in Harrisburg and Washington. Dues may be paid in person at any meeting or mailed to: *Peg Bolton, Secretary* 680 Mountain Rd., Millerstown, PA 17062 (phone 717-589-3897).



January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- 6 Nathan Lesh
- 25 Cathy Morrison, Dennis Comp
- 27 Jay Bratton

February Birthdays

- 3 Gerald Holman
- 5 Marge Earnest
- 24 Doug Bonsall

February Anniversary

17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey



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From our Grange President

Here we are at the start of a New Year. I believe we should look forward to fellowship with other Grange members as we work to better our community. We started with our sauerkraut meal to benefit our Millerstown Park. I thought it was nice to work together for a wonderful cause. We have more things in the works, one of them being Ag Day which educates our young people in a fun way on agriculture.

Remember as we do these activities to have fun. Together we can make a better world starting in our own neighborhood. To paraphrase John F. Kennedy "ask not what the Grange can do for me but what can I do for the Grange."

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Blankets Made by Grangers Will Provide Warmth to Refugees