



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Grange Makes Major \$\$ Commitment to Two Service Projects

Perry Valley Grange continues its active service to the larger community. Action has been taken recently to provide both volunteer manpower and major financial support for two big projects this year. A grant request will be prepared shortly and submitted to the Pennsylvania State Grange requesting the release of funds from the trust established upon the sale of our former Grange Hall and property.

Our Grange is partnering with the Greenwood FFA Chapter to sponsor a “Meals of Hope” food packing project in February. The goal is to raise \$12,500 that will underwrite the cost to package up to 50,000 nutritionally balanced meal kits for distribution to those in need throughout central Pennsylvania.

The effort is coordinated by a Florida based organization and is similar to a 2014 event at the Farm Show Building where local Grange and FFA members helped. Grange has committed up to \$6,000 to match, dollar for dollar, individual and community contributions for this project. The local coordinator of this event is FFA advisor and Grange vice president Krista Pontius.

The meal packing event will take place on Friday, February 5, 2016, from 5-9 p.m. in the Greenwood Elementary School and volunteers are needed to help. Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 6th. There will be two 2-hour shifts where volunteers will package food into individual kits. Grange members are also needed to help serve a light supper for all volunteers and/or to provide cookies (4-5 dozen) for a snack. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Peg Bolton at 589-3897.

The second big project, also in partnership with the FFA, is an Ag & Environmental Activity Day in May 2016. Not all the details of this event are worked out and a final date has not been confirmed, but the preliminary plans include a day of activities at the Perry County Fairgrounds in Newport for about 200 fourth grade students from the Newport and Greenwood School Districts.

Some years ago the FFA obtained a grant to do a similar program for local students and it was an outstanding success. Unfortunately, grants from other sources have been unavailable to help fund such an undertaking and Perry Valley Grange is willing to commit up to \$5,000 so this can happen again. Costs for such a large scale event include bus transportation for the students, substitute teacher fees, speaker honoraria, food and supplies.

Students will have the opportunity to visit hands-on activity stations on agricultural and environmental themes and will be provided with a bag lunch. An awards ceremony for the annual Grange sponsored essay & poster contests, this year on related themes, will be part of this special day.

Watch for details on how you can become involved.

Grange Members Recognized for Service



Perry Valley Grange recognized long-time members for years of continuous membership at the November 2015 fellowship dinner and program held in the Millerstown Community Park Building, 110 West Juniata Parkway, Millerstown. Family members and friends of the honorees were guests for the occasion. Present to receiving their certificates from the PA State Grange were: (left to right): Seated – Louise Cameron and Robert Cameron (55 years); Standing – Carol Rhoades and Olga Brookhart (50 years), Bill Cameron (65 years), Dean Cauffman (30 years) and Peg Bolton (40 years).



Financial Report

Checking Balance 11/1/2015 \$4,312.58
PLUS: Receipts – Nov.-Dec..... + 5,559.52
LESS: Expenses – Nov.-Dec..... - 1,101.87
Checking Balance 12/31/2015 \$8,770.23
Certificates of Deposit \$86,564.37

Financial accounts for the fiscal year 10/1/2014-9/30/2015 maintained by Financial Secretary Carol Rhoades and Treasurer Doug Bonsall were recently audited and found to be correct. Thanks to both for their accurate records.

For Gifts Any Time

GRANGE COOKBOOKS

Five different editions are still available and continue to be popular for gifts any time of year. Orders come in from all over the country, thanks to people reading our Grange website.

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.



Business Sponsor Recruitment Underway

The annual recruitment of **Business Sponsor Supporters** began in November and is continuing. The annual contribution for each Business Sponsor is \$60 and free advertising is provided in this newsletter and on the Grange website. The annual recognition of Business Sponsors will be held in April 2016 as part of our Open House-Community Night fellowship dinner and program. Printed below and on the following page are the business cards of the sponsors who have signed up already to partner with Perry Valley Grange to serve the community.

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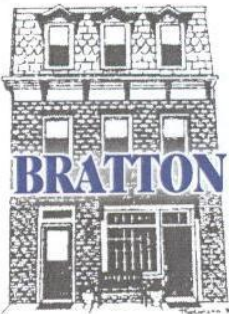
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Many thanks to all those who helped with preparing/serving the Miller family Christmas dinner and/or providing/serving cookies at the annual *Christmas in Millerstown* celebration. Both events took place on Saturday, Dec. 12th.

Nomination for 2016 Perry Valley Grange

COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD

Here's your chance to help the Grange recognize outstanding volunteer service that makes our community a better place.

The Grange Community Citizen Award is a nationwide project to recognize the outstanding community service of non-Grange individuals, couples and organizations. Perry Valley has given this award annually since 1978. The 2016 award will be given at our annual Open House-Community Night on Friday, April 8th. The award recipient(s), their family and friends will be the guests of our Grange for the fellowship dinner and program.

All Grange members are invited to submit nominations for this year's award. You may submit any number of nominations, but all must be submitted in writing. A committee will evaluate all nominations and select the most deserving to receive the award. Since the review committee may never have met the person(s) you are nominating and may know nothing of their community involvement, please be very specific as you describe why your nominee is deserving of this award.

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

City _____

State _____ **ZIP Code** _____ **Telephone** _____

List the nominee's community involvement(s)

(attach additional sheets as necessary to give details)

State why you believe this nominee should receive the Grange Community Citizen Award

References - List individuals who can be contacted for more information about the nominee

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Nomination made by (name of Grange member) _____

**All nominations must be returned by March 11, 2016 to:
Linda Byers, 16464 Rourte 235, Millerstown, PA 17062**

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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(as of 12/24/2015 – subject to change)

January

- 8 Business Meeting/Program (Dr. David Weaver-Zercher - Amish religion/culture)
Social Chairperson: Krista Pontius
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

February

- 5 Community Service Project – “Meals of Hope” Food Packaging @ Greenwood Elementary School
Social Chairperson: Natalie Fritz
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 23 Pomona Grange Meeting @ Perry Valley

March

- 11 Business Meeting/Program (Wayne Bender on Woodmobile)
Social Chairpersons: Linda Byers/Renee Hetrick
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

April

- 8 Open House Fellowship Dinner with Community Citizen Award/Program
Social Chairpersons: Peg Bolton/Doug Bonsall
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

May

- ?? “Garden Faire” Luncheon @ Fort Hunter (off-site catering)
- 13 Grange Outing - (Shafer's Soft Serve Restaurant/Wildwood Greenhouse – Port Trevorton)
- ?? Ag Education Activity Day @ Newport Fairgrounds for 4th Graders from Greenwood and Newport Schools
- 15 Pomona Grange Memorial Service
(Location to be announced)
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

June

- 10 Business Meeting with Election of Officers/Program
Social Chairperson: Cathy Morrison
- ?? Fort Hunter Volunteer Recognition Picnic (off-site catering)
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- ?? Perry-Juniata Shrine Club Banquet

July

- 4 Grangers Picnic @ Community Park's “Black Pavilion”/Attend Harrisburg Symphony Concert @ Park
Social Chairperson: Olga Brookhart
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

August

- 6 Picnic Home of Carol & Tom Eckenrode
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 22-27 Perry County Fair

September

- 16 Grange Business Meeting/Installation of Officers
Social Chairperson: Barbara McMillen
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home
- 27 Pomona Grange Meeting @ Perry Valley

October

- 7 “Apple Snitzing” @ Barner's Church
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

November

- 11 Business Meeting/Program
Social Chairpersons: Lori Comp/Peg Bolton
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

December

- 9 To Be Decided
- 10 Miller Family Banquet
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting @ Peg Bolton's Home

Winter Events Coming Up at Perry Valley Grange

During these winter months we are sometimes faced with inclement weather conditions. Call President Bill Cameron (589-3782) for the latest news when the weather is bad.

January 2016	
8-16	PA Farm Show, Harrisburg – Perry Valley helps in milk shake booth – see below
8	Grange Business Meeting/Program 6:30 p.m. @ Park Building Social Chair – Krista Pontius Program - The Top Ten Questions about Amish Life by Dr. David Weaver-Zercher <i>(details below)</i>
18	Executive Committee meeting @ home of Peg Bolton

February 2016	
5	“Meals of Hope” food packing project at Greenwood Elementary School <i>(see page 1 for details)</i> Social Chair – Natalie Fritz <i>(the Grange is providing a light meal for 100 or so volunteers helping with this project)</i> We need Grangers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work one 2-hour shift helping to pack meals (5-7 p.m. OR 7-9 p.m.) • Donate 4-5 dozen cookies
6	Snow date for “Meals of Hope” project 12-4 p.m.
15	Executive Committee meeting @ home of Peg Bolton
23	Perry Valley hosts Pomona Grange meeting at Millerstown Park Building

Meet our January Speaker



Dr. David Weaver-Zercher is a nationally renowned scholar of the Amish and Professor of American Religious History at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. Don't miss his outstanding program at our January 8th Grange meeting.

Dr. Weaver-Zercher will share with us a 30-minute presentation to answer the ten questions he is most often asked about Old Order Amish life. His commentary on the Amish has appeared in dozens of media outlets, including USA Today, Washington Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, Fox News, BBC Radio, and National Public Radio. His books include "The Amish in the American Imagination" (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001); "Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy" (Jossey-Bass, 2007); and "The Amish Way: Patient Faith in a Perilous World" (Jossey-Bass, 2010).

Special Days

January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- 19 Joan Walker
- 24 Joan Bonsall
- 25 Catherin Morrison, Dennis Comp
- 27 Jim Myers
- 30 Jonathan Gantt

February Birthdays

- 3 Gerald Holman
- 5 Marge Earnest
- 7 Orpha Kreamer
- 24 Doug Bonsall
- 27 Reba Weimer

February Anniversary

- 17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey

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Another Farm Show Opportunity

Volunteers from across the state are needed to staff the State Grange promotion booth in the main exhibition area at the Farm Show. If you'd like more information about this opportunity, contact State President Beth Downey at the State Grange office by calling toll-free 1-800-552-3865.

Farm Show Milk Shakes

Perry Valley will again provide volunteers to help our friends from Valley Grange in Lewisberry with their annual milk shake fund raiser at the PA Farm Show in early January. For the past several years we were pleasantly surprised to receive a nice donation to our Grange for all the help we provided. Volunteers are also treated to a meal at their annual appreciation dinner in the spring.

Help is needed every day, Jan. 8-16. There are three shifts each day:

- 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 1-5:30 p.m. and 5-9:15 p.m.

If you have not already signed up to help and wish to do so, please call Doug Bonsall at 921-1957. The work schedule is being coordinated that will enable carpooling to Harrisburg since we will have a limited number of passes for free parking in the exhibitors' lot at the Farm Show building.

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