

Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Six Recognized for Continuous Membership



Perry Valley Grange held its annual recognition for continuous membership at a November 2017 fall fellowship dinner in the Millerstown Community Park Building. Receiving certificates were: (left to right) Andrea Cameron - 65 years; Krista Pontius and John Gothel - both 25 years. Honorees not present included: Gerald Holman - 55 years; Lloyd Byers - 50 years and Robert Sheaffer - 45 years.

Programs Announced for Upcoming Meetings

Spend a winter evening in the company of Grange friends. Both meetings start with a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Millerstown Community Park Building meeting room, 110 Juniata Parkway West. After short business sessions each evening, the following programs will be presented.

January 12 Enjoy a Game Night led by Craig Staller.

There will be some activities to make us think and others to test our dexterity skills. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped \$10 gift for one of the games; it is perfectly fine to regift something from the recent holiday season! Snow date is Friday, January 19th.

February 9 Robert Capella and Grant Carlton, Millersville University students majoring in meteorology, will speak on *Wacky Weather*.

Weather is not only a part of our everyday lives, but is also an integral part of the industry of agriculture and many other private sector jobs. From a February tornado in York County, to multiple historic hurricanes, 2017 has certainly displayed "wacky weather" nationally and regionally. As technology and data processing advances, weather forecasting is becoming more accurate as well. But with long term changes occurring in our climate, what does this mean for the global industry of agriculture and how do we prepare? Join us as we listen to undergraduates in meteorology talk about the effect of climate change on the world's most valuable industry: agriculture.

Snow date is Friday, February 16th.

Service Projects

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. 5-13. There are three shifts each day:

- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 1:00-5:30 p.m.
- 5:00-9:15 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.

Hunger Banquet. The Greenwood FFA and Perry Valley Grange will partner to host an Oxfam Hunger Banquet on February 2, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Newport Family Life Center. Snow date is Saturday, Feb. 3 at the same time/place.

At this interactive event, the place where you sit and the meal that you eat, are determined by the luck of the draw—just as in real life where some are born into relative prosperity and others into poverty. We are hoping to raise the awareness of hunger issues locally, nationally and beyond as well as raise funds to feed hungry persons in this community.

Reservations can be made by calling the Greenwood Agricultural Department at 589-3116 x 1209. At the conclusion of the event, there will be a soup and bake sale. The proceeds will be given to the Perry County Foodbank. Grange members who are interested in helping should contact Linda Byers at 717-589-7889.

In the words of President Jimmy Carter, "We know that a peaceful world cannot long exist, one-third rich and two-thirds hungry." Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world!



January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- 25 Cathy Morrison, Dennis Comp
- 30 Jonathan Gantt

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversary

17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey



Financial Report

Checking Balance 11/1/2017\$	9,473.23
PLUS: Receipts - NovDec+	5,174.94
LESS: Expenses – NovDec	1,827.49
Checking Balance 12/31/2017\$	12,820.68
Certificates of Deposit\$9	98,503.08

Financial accounts for the fiscal year 10/1/2016-9/30/2017 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.

Business Sponsor Recruitment Underway

The annual recruitment of **Business Sponsor Supporters** is underway. For an annual contribution of \$60, each Business Sponsor receives advertising in this newsletter and on the Grange website. The annual recognition of Business Sponsors will be held in March 2018 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.

Grange Business Sponsors Deserve Your Support





YOUR Business could be listed here, too

For just \$60 per year, your business partners with the Grange to serve the larger community......

For details, call Carol Rhoades @ 717-567-6844

Please Patronize Our Grange Business Sponsors



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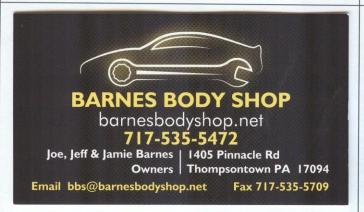
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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(as of 12/20/2017 – subject to change)

Events at Millerstown Community Park Building unless otherwise noted

January

- Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.Program Game NightSocial Chair Krista Pontius
- 15 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 19 Snow Date for January Meeting
- 23 Perry-Juniata Shrine Club Banquet

February

- 2 FFA Hunger Banquet @ Family Life Center
- 3 Snow Date for Hunger Banquet
- Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Program Wacky Weather
 Social Chair Carol Eckenrode
- 16 Snow Date for February Meeting
- 19 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 27 Pomona Fellowship Meal at Perry Valley

March

- Open House Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m.
 Community Citizen Award/Entertainment
 Social Chairs: Doug Bonsall/Peg Bolton
- 19 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

April

- Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Program Emergency Management Services
 Social Chair Linda Byers
- 16 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

May

- Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Program Butterflies Perry Master Gardeners
 Social Chair Carol Rhoades
- 21 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- ?? "Theme Event"/Essay and Poster Awards for 4th Graders from Greenwood and Newport Elementary Schools

June

- 8 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Program Strawberry Dessert Contest
 Social Chair Cathy Morrison
- 18 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

July

- 10 Free Community Concert in the Park Guest Musicians - The Unusual Guests
- 13 Picnic/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Election of Officers
 Social Chair to be announced
- 16 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 24 Free Community Concert in the Park Guest Musician/Story Teller - Van Wagner

August

- 3 Outing Rainbow Dinner Theater, Paradise14-18 Perry County Fair
- 20 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

September

- 14 Business Meeting
 Installation of Officers
 Social Chair Barbara McMillen
- 17 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 25 Pomona Meeting @ Perry Valley

October

- 5 Apple Schnitzing @ Barner's Church
- 15 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 19-21 State Grange Cranberry, PA

November

- 9 Fellowship Dinner
- 19 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

December

- 8 Miller Family Banquet
- ?? Holiday Event
- 17 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

Winter Events Coming Up at Perry Valley Grange

During these winter months we are sometimes faced with inclement weather conditions. Call President Linda Byers (589-7889) for the latest news when the weather is bad.

	January 2018
5- 13	PA Farm Show, Harrisburg – Perry Valley helps in milk shake booth (see Page 2)
12	Grange Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Millerstown Community Park Building
	Social Chair - Krista Pontius
	Program - Game Night (see Page 2)
	*Snow date is 1/19/2018
15	Executive Committee @ Bolton home
23	Grange serves Perry-Juniata Shrine banquet

REMINDER: Individual Grange member dues for 2018 must be received by 3/31/2018 to maintain continuous membership. Please send to: Carol Rhoades, 1436 Turkey Bird Rd, Newport, PA 17074.

February 2018	
2	FFA Hunger Banquet @ Newport Family Life Center; fund raiser for Perry Co. Food Bank
	(see Page 2)
	*Snow date is 2/3/2018
9	Grange Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Millerstown Community Park Building
	Social Chair - Carol Eckenrode
	Program – Wacky Weather (see Page 2)
	*Snow date is 2/16/2018
19	Executive Committee @ Bolton home
27	Perry Valley hosts Pomona Grange fellowship meal at Millerstown Park Building

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