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Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc. Newsletter

Entertaining at the 10th annual Valentine's Gala, Saturday, Feb. 9th

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The Valentine's Gala,

featuring a menu of sirloin and seafood, has become one of our Grange's most successful fund raisers to support many community service projects and on-going maintenance/utility costs. See Page 11 for more details and a reservation form.



We are asking for donations of door prizes (boxes of candy, bottles of wine, collections of homemade goodies, etc.) plus plenty of volunteer helpers to make this event possible. As always, Grange members and friends who help with the event will receive a free meal and the opportunity to enjoy the evening's music. The Call Committee will be in touch with but you may also contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) if you can volunteer your help and/or Peg Bolton (589-3897) to donate door prize(s).

Check Inside for Other Important Upcoming Grange Events



President's Column

I trust you all will eat pork and sauerkraut on New Year's Day so you can enjoy good luck all year long in 2013.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be February 4th at 7:00 p.m. If you have any concerns, please bring them to this meeting.

I would call you attention our Open House program on Friday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. We will be recognizing our Business Sponsors for 2013 and will present the annual *Community Citizen Award* to a local individual or group. Please give your nominee to Renee Hetrick well ahead of time. Invite a friend or neighbor or a relative to this meeting. Don't just tell them to come --- Bring them along with you!

Bill Cameron, President



Financial Report

In accordance with the original agreement between the Grange and the Newport Lodge, the funds in the Joint Operating Account reverted to the Grange upon the dissolution of that relationship for the shared use of the Grange Hall.

GRANGE ACCOUNT

Checking Balance 10/1/2012\$ 6,210.86
PLUS: Receipts – OctDec.2012 + 11,052.81
TRANSFER: Joint Acct Close-out+ 9,964.43
LESS: Expenditures – OctDec. 2012 <u>11,215.36</u>
Checking Balance 12/31/2012 \$16,012.74
Certificates of Deposit\$64,587.97

The books for the Grange and Joint Operating Account were audited at the close of the fiscal year ending 9/30/2012 and found to be correct. A big **THANK YOU** to the financial officers – Carol Rhoades, Barbara McMillen and Doug Bonsall - for keeping accurate accounts of our finances.

Update on Property Issues

It's been about four months since the Grange property has been listed for sale and, so far, there have been a limited number of showings and no offers to purchase it. The admonition we received about this likely being a difficult sale because it is a very specialized property seems to have been accurate.

In accordance with requirements for sale of Grange owned real estate as set down by the National and State Granges, Perry Valley had a professional appraisal of the property done this fall. This document is now on file with the PA State Grange which has now given its official approval to proceed with the sale process.

Some minor plumbing repairs have recently been made and the floors are scheduled for a polishing between Christmas and New Year's. Thanks for Renee Hetrick & Doug Bonsall for taking time from busy schedules to make sure the Grange Hall was decorated for the holidays.

The Masonic Lodge will be moving to its new home in Newport at the beginning of 2013. The Grange has enjoyed two good years of working with and sharing our facility with this group. We are certainly sorry to see this relationship end, but understand that the possible sale of our building made it imperative for the Lodge to secure other facilities.

Farm Show Milk Shakes

Perry Valley will again provide volunteers to help our friends from Valley Grange in Lewisberry with



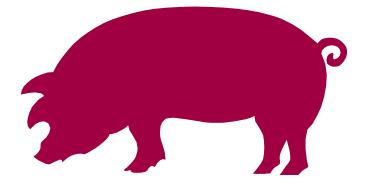
their annual milk shake fund raiser at the PA Farm Show in early January. For the past two years we were pleasantly surprised to receive a nice donation to our Grange for all the help we provided as well as volunteers treated to a meal at their annual appreciation dinner in the spring.

Help is needed every day, Jan. 4-12. If you have not already signed up to help, 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.

New Year's Day Public Dinner

Roast Pork Loin & Homemade Sauerkraut

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013



Menu

Roast pork loin Homemade sauerkraut Real mashed potatoes Green peas Applesauce; Homemade relishes Rolls & butter Beverages & assorted desserts

Perry Valley Grange Hall

2 Miles East of Millerstown West Juniata Parkway & Owl Hollow Road

Serving from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (or while supply lasts)

All you can eat with dessert included Tickets sold at the door; Take outs available

Adults - \$10 Children (ages 6-12) - \$5.00

Children 5 & under – FREE

Details @ <u>www.perryvalleygrange.org</u> or 589-3369

Have You Paid Your 2013 Grange Dues Yet?

Grange member annual dues support the local, state and national levels of our organization and enables the Grange to maintain a presence the local community and in our state/national capitals. Dues for 2013 are now payable and remain at the same amounts - \$40 for adults and \$12 for youth.

Dues support all levels of the Grange structure. A significant amount of Grange work done at the state and national levels is in legislation, representing our interests and concerns. For adult members, \$5 of your dues supports the local Grange.

From time to time members and friends of the Grange contribute gifts above and beyond annual dues to give a special boost to the Grange or one of its projects. Especially for those members who are unable to help in other ways, making a donation enables you to support the Grange. *We thank those who have already made a contribution!*

Please complete and submit the form printed below to pay your 2013 dues and/or make an additional donation.

Name(s)

2013 Dues @ \$40 per adult	\$
2013 Dues @ \$12 per youth.	\$
Additional Contribution	\$
Total enclosed	\$

Please make check payable to: Perry Valley Grange

Mail to: Carol Gantt, Secretary 1692 Keystone Way, Newport, PA 17074



Cooking potpie at the annual PA Dutch Dinner

The annual public PA Dutch Dinner in November was a not quite a sell-out but still a very good fund raiser. Thanks to all who helped with this and a few other banquets during the past few months. We especially appreciate the extra help provided by the Newport Lodge and the local FFA chapters.

The number of banquets we are serving has decreased because we cannot guarantee availability of our facility more than 60 days in advance. It is very encouraging, however, to hear from some groups willing to take this risk because they want the Grange to serve their meal. One of the banquets we'll serve this winter is a group returning after trying another location for one year, much to their dissatisfaction. "We like the Grange's food and hospitality and are glad to be able to come back in 2013," they have told us.

As far as public dinners are concerned, we've announced the January 1st Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner and the February 9th Valentine's Sirloin & Seafood Gala. Dates have been set aside for the Ham & Dandelion Dinner in April, the Turkey & Beef Dinner in September and the PA Dutch Dinner in November pending availability of the hall.

Perry Valley Grange now has a Facebook page, thanks to the initiative of our vice president Krista Pontius. Within hours of putting up the page, dozens of people had signed up to become friends of the Grange. This means that these people will be notified every time something is happening at the Grange through this electronic means of "social media". We don't know if the added exposure will translate into new members, but the reminders can't hurt.

Holiday Fellowship Dinner Enjoyed at Hall

Rather than "going out" this year as had been the custom the past few years, this Christmas the Grange "stayed at home". Some people had expressed the desire to have a Christmas dinner at the Grange Hall which is always so pretty in its holiday decorations. This was especially important to some of us who realize this could be the last Christmas we will have our own facility.



The candlelit dining room was warm and welcoming with holiday music in the background and the twinkling Christmas tree up front. The tables were attractively arranged in a star shape and set with festive red cloth coverings. Every guest found an edible favor at their place setting. A big thanks to Natalie Fritz for the table settings and to Carol Rhoades for the favors.



The food was delicious and abundant even if the attendance was very poor. Rather than dwell on the reasons why do many of our members did not choose to make this event part of their holiday celebration, we rejoice in those who were present and enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and festivities.



For those who did attend, our holidays were certainly enhanced by this wonderful evening spent together in fellowship. Some even left with a sweet gift won in one of the games led by Renee Hetrick.



Celebrating Special Days

January Birthdays

- 4 Bob Sheaffer
- Mark Heisev 10
- 19 Joan Walker
- 24 Joan Bonsall
- 25 Catherine Morrison
- 27 James Myers
- 30 Jim Hoffman, Jonathan Gantt

February Birthdays

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

January Anniversary 10 Ralph & Edith Lesh

February Anniversary

17 Boyd & Shirley Delancey

Planned Service Projects

Blood Drive - Jan. 26th The local Boy Scouts are again sponsoring this annual opportunity for you to give blood. It will be held in the Millerstown Community Park Building because the Grange Hall, the usual site, is already booked for a large banquet that same day. Please call Renee Hetrick at 589-3369 to donate blood and/or help with the drive.

Valentine Remembrances



Again this year the Grange will be packing remembrance bags for

community shut-ins prior to Valentine's Day. The bags will include personal care items and non-perishable food items.

Each year we begin with a brand new list of shutins/needy who should receive a gift kit and a visit. There will be no carry-over of names from previous years. If you place a name on the list, it will be expected that you will deliver the remembrance to this person/family on behalf of the Grange.

We are asking all Grangers to donate items for this project to the mid-winter Grange fellowship dinner on Feb. 1st at the home of Doug Bonsall. After enjoying a meal together, we will pack the remembrance bags so they you can take them with you that evening for delivery at your convenience prior to Valentine's Day. Please contact Peg Bolton (589-3897) to:

- Add shut-ins names to the remembrance list
- Donate non-perishable food items
- Help with assembly and delivery

Essay and Poster Contests

Every winter the fourth and fifth grade students in the Newport and Greenwood Elementary Schools are encouraged to participate in this project sponsored by our Grange. This year's topic will be 'Keeping Kids Safe".

The contest period will be January 15-March 15, 2013. Again this year the awards and \$400 in cash prizes will be given to students during educational assembly programs in each school in the spring. Doug Bonsall is handling the arrangements.

Something Brand New!

Hunger Banquet, Jan. 18th

Everyone on earth has the same basic needs; it is only our circumstances—where we live and the culture into which we are born—that differ. Some are born into relative prosperity and security, while millions, through no choice of their own, are born into poverty. One in seven people go hungry every day, but hunger is not about too many people and too little food. Our rich and bountiful planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man, and child on earth. Its roots lie in inequalities in access to resources. The results are illiteracy, poverty, war, and the inability of families to grow or buy food. Few experiences bring to life these inequalities more powerfully to reality than an Oxfam America Hunger Banquet.

On January 18, 2013, the Greenwood FFA will partner with the Perry Valley Grange to host an Oxfam America Hunger Event at the Perry Valley Grange in Millerstown, PA. When guests arrive, they will draw tickets at random that assign them to a high, middle, or low-income tier, based on latest statistics of people living in poverty. Each income level will receive a corresponding meal. When the meal is finished, guests will be engaged in discussion about hunger issues and presented with information to inform, enlighten, and inspire. Although not all participants will leave with full stomachs, they will possess a greater understanding of hunger and poverty issues in Perry County, Pennsylvania, the United States, and beyond and hopefully will be motivated to action. At the end of the evening a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Perry County Food Bank. We will accept the first 150 reservations for the event. Reservations can be made by calling the Greenwood Agricultural Department at 717-589-3116 x 1209 or emailing

kpontius@greenwoodsd.org.

The Grange is the co-sponsor of this service project and volunteers are needed to help with preparation, serving and clean-up of this event. Since only a small percentage of those attending will be served the type of bountiful meal we usually provide at the Grange, the tasks will not be as extensive as for a usual banquet. Helping with the Hunger Banquet will provide all of us with a greater appreciation of the blessings we so take for granted.

Thank You to Our Grange Business Sponsors

The annual recruitment of **Business Sponsor Supporters** began in November and, as of 12/24/2012, we have received 20 Business Sponsorships for 2013. That means we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of 39 Business Sponsors for 2013 goal.

The annual contribution for each Business Sponsor is \$60 and free advertising is provided on the Grange bulletin board, in this newsletter and on the website. This year the annual Business Sponsor Fellowship Dinner will be combined with our Open House-Community Night program on Friday, March 8, 2013.

If you own a business or know someone who does, we ask that you encourage becoming a Business Sponsor of Perry Valley Grange. Please see the advertisements from all the businesses supporting the work of our Grange on **pages 7-9** of this newsletter. We ask that readers patronize these businesses.

Safe Haven Quality Care Safe Haven Skilled Services Home Health Care

> info@safehavenqualitycare.com 717-582-4110 16 West Main St., PO Box 755 New Bloomfield, PA 17068

Stitch in Time

Antique and Gift Mall 43 N. Market St. Millerstown, PA 17062 717-589-7810

Open 7 days 10 to 5 and Fridays until 8!

Millerstown Veterinary Associates

807 Sunbury Path Millerstown, PA 17062

Phone: 717-589-3111

Millerstown Motors

22 North Market Street Millerstown, PA 17062

Samuel J. Potter

(717) 589-3112

President

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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 717-589-3782

Grange Business Sponsors Deserve Your Support



Business Sponsors Help the Grange Serve Others



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 2013

1	New Year's Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Public Dinner (poster on Page 3) Help needed at 8:00 AM; serving 11 AM-??
4- 12	PA Farm Show, Harrisburg – Perry Valley helps in milk shake booth (more information on Page 11)
11	Grange Meeting – 6:30 PM
	Dessert Reception & Business Meeting
	Social Committee – Carol Gantt (chair), Natalie Fritz, Dorothy Page, Jonathan Gantt
	Presentation of raffle proceeds to FFA
15	Start date - Essay/Poster Contest in local elementary schools
18	Hunger Banquet project (see page 6)
26	Community Blood Drive (see page 6)
26	Banquet – Greenwood Raceway Assoc.

If you know of a Grange member who is ill, in the hospital or grieving the loss of a loved one, please call Peg Bolton @ 589-3897 so a card can be sent from the Grange. Also, Peg will be handling hall and banquet reservations this winter.

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.

February 2013

1	Winter Night Out – 6:30 PM	
	Potluck Dinner at home of Doug Bonsall, 300 Swatara Street in Dauphin	
	Packing of Valentine Bags	
	Bring non-perishable food items for this Valentine Remembrance project (see Page 6 for details)	
4	Grange Executive Committee meeting	
8	Work Night for Valentine's Gala	
9	Public Valentine's Gala	
	"Sirloin & Seafood" Buffet	
	(snow date is Feb. 16 th)	
	Help needed from 10 AM	
	Serving 5:00 p.m.by advance reservation (see Pages 1 & 10 for details)	
	<i>Entertainment</i> – Harpist Shawn Drain	
23	Luncheon – Perry County Twp Supervisors @ Greenwood Elementary School	
26	Pomona Birthday Dinner at Perry Valley	

Winter Night Out Friday, February 1st

In lieu of a regular Grange meeting in February at the Hall, the Grange has been invited to the home of Doug Bonsall in Dauphin for a potluck meal together. We hope you'll bring your family and friends for some relaxed fellowship. If you want to bring along a card or board game, that would be a great way to enjoy one another's company.

Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share; meat, beverage and place settings will be provided. *Also.....Don't forget your donations for our annual Valentine project.* Please call Doug Bonsall (921-1957) by Jan. 25th if you plan to attend.



Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 – 5 p.m.

(Snow Date – Saturday, February 16, 2013)

Perry Valley Grange Hall

2 miles east of Millerstown, Corner of W. Juniata Pkwy & Owl Hollow Rd

Menu featuring: Gourmet Salad with the Grange's special house dressing, Seafood Corn Chowder, Roast Beef Sirloin, Steamed Shrimp, Crab Imperial, Party Mashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Green Beans Almandine, Assorted Breads, Beverages, Homemade Mints & Chocolates, Dessert

Musical Entertainment by Harpist Shawn Drain Followed by Awarding of Door Prizes

Advance reservations required; no tickets available at door on day of event. Reservations Deadline – Feb. 1st or capacity, whichever comes first

Call 589-3897 for more information.

Name	_ Telephone Number
Number of reservations @ \$25 each	Payment enclosed \$
Return order form & with full payment to:	Peg Bolton 680 Mountain Rd Millerstown, PA 17062

Please make checks payable to: <u>Perry Valley Grange</u> and include a selfaddressed stamped letter-size envelope for return of tickets and details. Nomination for 2013 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 2013 award will be given at our annual Open House-Community Night on Friday, March 8th. The award recipient(s), their family and friends will be the guests of our Grange for the 6:30 p.m. 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.

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

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This leaves a big and obvious hole in our Grange newsletter.....very much like the hole left in our activities when you choose not to attend a meeting or help with an event.

Let's start the new year of 2013 right and resolve to get more involved in the Grange. Only with your help, can our Grange grow in numbers and activities, improving our own lives and the community we serve.

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GRANGE COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Five different editions are still available and were especially brisk sellers over the holiday season this year. Orders came in from all over the country, thanks to people reading our Perry Valley 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.



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

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