



Perry Valley Grange #1804, Inc.

Newsletter

Meeting Location:

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

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, a group of farmers met in Beaver's School near Millerstown to organize a local Grange. Eighty-six men and women would become the charter members of Perry Valley Grange, the 1804th local Grange to be organized in Pennsylvania. For the 100 years since that date, our Grange has served the Millerstown-Newport-Liverpool area.



In recognition of a century of service, plans are starting to come together for a year of celebration that will be more than a one-time meal and a program highlighting the Grange's history. The Grange is committing up to \$10,000 for a **Community Volunteer Challenge**; See Page 7 for details.



Greetings from Our President

There are many reasons to give thanks and celebrate the last 12 months at Perry Valley Grange! It has been a real privilege to have been able to serve as President for the past two years and to be re-elected for another term.

Thanks for your help and support last year. You were always there to get the job done. A special thanks to the Executive Committee for their continued hard work. Their efforts last year did not go unnoticed. I am looking forward to the entire Grange membership working together as a team.

Keep an eye on the calendar and newsletter for exciting events as we celebrate 100 years as Perry Valley Grange. To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what the Grange can do for you, but what can you do for the Grange". Happy New Year!

Linda Byers

President, Perry Valley Grange

Grange Serves Others in Many Ways



Perry Historians representative Jerry Clouse (left) received a \$500 check from Natalie Fritz at the Grange's November dinner meeting to assist with the restoration of Caroline Furnace, the last cold blast iron furnace in Perry County.



Perry Valley volunteers gathered recently to prepare a mailing for the upcoming Meal Packing Event jointly sponsored by the Grange and the FFA on Friday, March 1st at Greenwood Elementary School.

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.

January 11

Program – *Are You Prepared for An Emergency*

February 8

Tentatively, Pinnacle Health will present a program on *Heart Health*

Change in Providing Refreshments

The Executive Committee has recently decided the host or hostess each business meeting will provide the dessert & beverage and other attendees need not bring anything. The change is to eliminate excessive food at meetings. When a fellowship dinner is held, everyone will be invited to bring something to share for the meal.



Thomas Gabel (left) gave an interesting program on his agriculture development work in Malaysia at the invitation of Lecturer Krista Pontius.



Edgar Byers (left) was honored at a recent meeting for 55 years of continuous Grange membership with a certificate presented by Carol Rhoades.

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. 4-12. 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.

Meal Packing Event.

The Grange and Greenwood FFA are once again teaming up to co-sponsor a meal packing event on Friday, March 1st at the Greenwood Elementary School from 5-9 p.m. Similar to the 2017 meal packing, the goal is to pack 50,000 meals that will fight hunger in Perry and Juniata Counties.

The project requires that \$12,500 be raised to purchase the food supplies. Perry Valley Grange committed the initial \$1,000 toward this goal and has recently mailed letters requesting support to local churches, service groups and individuals.

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

Special Days



Financial Report

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

Checking Balance 11/1/2018..... \$ 15,521.66
PLUS: Receipts – Nov.-Dec.....+ 4,509.27
LESS: Expenses – Nov.-Dec..- 1,792.06
 Checking Balance 12/31/2018..... \$ 18,238.87
 Certificates of Deposit\$100,005.79

Financial accounts for the fiscal year 10/1/2017-9/30/2018 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.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(as of 1/2/2019 – subject to change)

Events at Millerstown Community Park Building unless otherwise noted

January 2019

- 11 Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program –Emergency Preparedness
Social Chair - Peg Bolton
- 18 Snow Date for January Meeting
- 21 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 29 Serve Perry-Juniata Shrine Club Banquet

February 2019

- 8 Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program – Healthy Heart
Social Chair – Linda Byers
- 15 Snow Date for February Meeting
- 18 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 26 Pomona Fellowship Meal at Perry Valley

March 2019

- 1 Meal Packing Event @ Greenwood School
Jointly sponsored by Grange & FFA
- 2 Snow date for meal packing
- 8 Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program – Literacy Council
Social Chair – Natalie Fritz
- 18 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

April 2019

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

May 2019

- 3 Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program – To be announced
Social Chair – Renee Hetrick
- 20 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

June 2019

- 14 Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Program – To be announced
- 17 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

- 18 Free Community “Con cert in the Park”
Dennis Heckard Elvis Impersonator

July 2019

- 12 Grange Picnic - Details to be determined
- 15 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 19 **100th anniversary of Perry Valley Grange’s initial organizational meeting**
- 23 Free Community Concert in the Park
Guest Musicians – To be announced

August 2019

- 3 Off-site activity – To be determined
- 11 Enter fair exhibit at Newport
- 13-17 Perry County Fair
- 18 Remove fair exhibit
- 19 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 30 Enter fair exhibit at Port Royal

September 2019

- 8 Remove fair exhibit
- 14 Business Meeting
- 16 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 24 Pomona Meeting @ Perry Valley

October 2019

- 5 Serve Susquenita class reunion banquet
- 11 Business meeting OR Apple schnitzing at Barners’ Church
- 18-20 State Grange convention
- 21 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

November 2019

- 8 Fellowship Dinner
- 18 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home

December 2019

- 14 Serve Miller Family Christmas banquet
- 16 Executive Committee @ Bolton Home
- 20 (tentative) Grange Holiday Event



Community Volunteer Challenge

Perry Valley Grange is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019 and is proud to have served its local community continuously for the past century. Because the Grange values and encourages volunteerism, a special project for this anniversary will be the sponsorship of a program to both recognize individual volunteers and to provide financial support for local groups.

1. Individuals who give 100 or more hours of volunteer, unpaid service between 3/1/2019-2/29/2020 to non-profit civic, school (educational), religious, fraternal or veteran organizations in the Millerstown-Liverpool-Newport communities will be recognized as a **Grange Centennial Volunteer**.
2. Service may be given to any number of different organizations. Verification of volunteer service worked must be certified by an official of each organization to which the volunteer service was provided.
3. Upon submission of the required documentation below, the individual receiving the **Grange Centennial Volunteer** recognition may designate one organization to receive a \$100 gift from Perry Valley Grange..
4. **Grange Centennial Volunteers** may qualify for no more than one cash award and the total number of awards will be limited to first 100 persons qualifying.

Volunteer's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Name of Group Receiving Volunteer Service	Date of Service	Description of Volunteer Service Provided	Number of Hours of Service of Service Volunteered	Signature of Group Official Verifying the Volunteer Service

Attach additional sheets as needed to record all volunteer service up to 100 hours maximum

Organization selected to receive \$100 gift _____

Organization's Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Upon completion of 100 or more hours of volunteer service, please submit completed form(s) to:
 Perry Valley Grange #1804, c/o Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018

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January-February 2019 Newsletter

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 2019	
4-12	PA Farm Show, Harrisburg – Perry Valley helps in milk shake booth (see Page 2)
11	Grange Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Millerstown Community Park Building Social Chair – Peg Bolton Program – Emergency Preparedness <i>*Snow date is 1/18/2019</i>
21	Executive Committee @ Bolton home
29	Grange serves Shrine Club banquet

February 2019	
8	Grange Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Millerstown Community Park Building Social Chair – Linda Byers Program – Heart Health <i>*Snow date is 2/15/2019</i>
18	Executive Committee @ Bolton home
26	Perry Valley hosts Pomona Grange fellowship meal at Millerstown Park Building

REMINDER: Individual Grange member dues for 2019 must be received by 3/31/2019 to maintain continuous membership. Please send to: Carol Rhoades, 1436 Turkey Bird Rd, Newport, PA 17074.