

# POMONA ECHO

**BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Andrew Kieffer

First I'd like to remind everyone that our meetings now start at 9:30 instead of 9:45. I am also opening by apologizing to Fern Kulp. This article was submitted to her well past the deadline. I'm sure it was very frustrating to get the ECHO done while missing a piece.

As many know, the March meeting is run by our Youth Dept. I hope you come to the meeting and see how well our future Grange leaders do. We also anticipate having most, if not all, of the Youth Royalty in attendance and we should show them a full Grange hall. (continued page 3)

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

The quarterly meeting of the Family Activities group will be held at the Fleetwood Grange. Assisting Fleetwood with refreshments will be Shartlesville Grange.

Promote the Family Activities contests for 2018. There have been three changes in the Baking Contest area. These changes are: Class 10 will be Chocolate Cake (single layer) with frosting of your choice. Class 11 will be Lemon Bar Cookies (4 pieces) on a disposable plate. Class 12 will be Peanut Brittle and 6 pieces of brittle are to be placed on a disposable plate. The BAKING CONEST on county level will be held on August 20 at Kutztown Grange, 7 p.m.

The Quilt Block pattern for 2018 is titled "Remember Me". The color scheme will be any color of your choice that you would like to be remembered by. You may use prints and solids.

Please check with your Subordinate F.A. Director for information on the 2018 contests. If she/he does not have them, you can contact Nettie Kauffman, 610-926-5389, she has the full paper for all the contests as well as the "Remember Me" quilt pattern.

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# Berks County Junior Grange News

## March 3rd Pomona Meeting

The juniors will be participating in the Walk-A-Thon as well as taking the Royalty Test. The study guide has been posted on Facebook and e-mailed; please let Gail know if you do not have it

\*\*\*This is a rain/snow or shine event, please have your children dressed appropriately.

**If you haven't been able to sponsor a junior member in the Walk-A-Thon yet, bring along your donation to the March Pomona and hand it to a junior.**

Thanks to all that supported the Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser. The juniors will be walking at the March 3rd Pomona meeting.

## Jr. Team Meeting

Our Next team meeting is April 2, 7pm at Ontelaunee Grange. Please feel free to join our meetings.

## Graduating Juniors

Congrats to our graduating juniors:  
Veronica Heckman, Kaylen Leiby,  
Connor Schlegel and Autumn Tworkoski

## Walk-a-Thon Tabulation

Help is needed on February 19, 5:30pm (snow date Feb. 26) to tabulate Walk-a-Thon donations. Please consider attending. RSVP to Madeline Seidel so we have enough pizza/drinks available.

## Hoss's

**Thank you** for supporting the Juniors by eating out at Hoss's in December! The fundraiser brought in \$373.77.

## 2018 Junior Attendance Contest

In order to qualify, a junior member must participate in the Walk-a-Thon, enter at least one junior contest on the State level. Beyond that, the juniors must attend 4 or more of the following events...

- ◇ Sleepover (February 2-3)
- ◇ Camp-Surfin' with the Jr. Grange (May 18-20)
- ◇ Knoebels (Tentative date coming soon)
- ◇ State Camp (July 1- 7)
- ◇ Swimming (July 14, tentative date )
- ◇ Helping at ice cream/ice stand during the consignment sale (August 25)
- ◇ Fall Activity (September 23, 1:30)
- ◇ Bowling (November 25, 1:30)

Hope to see you all at a lot of events!

## VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Are you over the age of 18? Are you planning on being a counselor at Berks County Junior Grange Camp this year? If you answered yes to both of those questions, you must have Child Clearances within the past 5 years. Gail will be in touch if yours is not up to date. The county grange will reimburse your cost for clearances...please give your receipts to Faye Heckman or Gail and copies of your clearances to Gail



## **BERKS HEIM** by Doris Evans

The Christmas season at Berks Heim was very nice with presents for all the residents, parties, and entertainment. Many THANKS to Pomona Grange for their financial support. Also the staff were very grateful for the assistance of Grange members at the holiday events.

The transport schedule for the next few months:

Feb. 11, 18 and 25—Geigertown Grange  
March 4—Virginville Grange  
March 11—Hamburg Grange  
March 18—Bernville Grange  
March 25—Gouglersville Grange  
April 1—Easter (open)  
April 8 - Ontelaunee Grange  
April 15—Marion Grange  
April 22—Kutztown Grange  
April 29— Bernville Grange  
May 6— Virginville Grange  
May 13—Mother's Day (open)

These helping hands on a Sunday afternoon are so much appreciated.

Several Grangers went to Berks Heim in mid-January to find out when they arrived that church was cancelled due to many cases of the flu. Please note: I have asked the Director of Volunteers to call me as soon as they know that services are cancelled so that I may contact the Grange designated for that Sunday. Hopefully this will not happen again and I express my apologies to the Grangers who experienced this problem.

## **HAMBURG GRANGE NEWS**

### **Chicken Pot Pie Dinner**

Hamburg Grange will hold an "All You Can Eat" Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Hamburg High School, Windsor Street. Tickets are \$9 for adults (ages 9 and up); \$5 for children (ages 3-8), and FREE for children 2 and under. Will benefit Bonnie Henry who has aplastic anemia.

Dinner includes: chicken pot pie, corn, applesauce, pickles, lettuce with bacon dressing and a drink. There will be a bake sale and takeout is available (meals or quarts of pot pie).

### **Frozen Pies and Cake Roll Sale**

March 21 from 5—7 p.m. Call Jane Adams @610-562-5933

### **Blood Drive**

February 20, April 17 and June 19. Call Michael Adams to schedule an appointment @610-562-5933

### **Free Movie**

"Beauty and the Beast" live version May 12 @Hamburg Strand. Call Michael Adams for time.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE** by Carlene Kleckner

Hi everyone. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Thanks to everyone that did an Angel Tree tag. We did 87 tags this year.

For the March meeting we are going to give to the Easy Does It, Inc. Easy Does It, Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals recovering from the effects of substance use disorder, thus contributing to the betterment of our community and society as a whole.



Here is a list of thing they need:

pillows	pillowcases	blankets
sheets for single beds		shampoo
body wash	toothpaste	toothbrushes
soap	washcloths	towels
note pads	pencils/pens	
cooking utensils	socks (men and women)	
alarm clocks	light bulbs	paper towels
dish detergent	laundry detergent	

Please bring at least one of these items to the March meeting. Hope you all have a good and safe winter.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (continued)

We also look forward to pleasant weather for the Junior walk-a-thon. If you did not receive a flyer and wish to donate contact Madeline Seidel for info on how.

Finally congratulations to all attendance contest winners and hope everyone had a good meal and fellowship at the Appreciation Banquet. Thank you to Fleetwood for hosting.

## **HAUS TOURNAMENT AND GAME NIGHT**

When: March 3, 2018  
Where: TBA  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Cost: FREE

Everyone is invited to attend. If you don't play haus, bring your favorite game. Come out and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February—May 2018

Feb 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY  
Feb 14 VALENTINE'S DAY/ASH WEDNESDAY  
Feb 19 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Fleetwood, 7 p.m.  
Feb 19 PRESIDENT'S DAY  
Feb 19 Walk-a-thon Tabulation @Ontelaunee Grange, 5:30 p.m. (snow date February 26)  
Feb 20 Hamburg Grange Blood Drive (see Hamburg Grange article for details)  
March 3 Pomona meeting @Fleetwood Grange, 9:30 a.m.  
Junior Walk-a-Thon, 9:30 a.m.  
March 4 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
March 5 Pioneer Grange Ham & Cheese/Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sale (see below)  
March 10 Plow Boy's Toy tractor show, 9 a.m. @Kutztown Grange, breakfast and refreshments available  
March 11 Virginville Grange Benefit Spring Bingo, 1:00 p.m. (see Virginville article for further details)  
March 11 Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward)  
March 12 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo @6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (see below)  
March 17 Farm Family Appreciation Banquet @Hamburg Field House—registration form enclosed  
March 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
March 21 Hamburg Grange Frozen Pies and Cake Roll Sale (see Hamburg Grange article for details)  
March 30 Kutztown Grange Potato filling and bacon dressing sale (see below)  
March 30 Pioneer Grange Potato filling Sale (see below)  
April 1 EASTER/APRIL FOOL'S DAY  
April 2 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7 p.m.  
April 6 Legislative Banquet, 6:45 @Fleetwood Grange (article enclosed)  
April 8 Pomona Go-To-Church Sunday, 10:30 a.m. (article enclosed)  
April 14 Kutztown Grange Pot Pie Dinner, 4—7 p.m. (see below)  
April 17 ECHO deadline  
April 17 Hamburg Grange Blood Drive (see Hamburg Grange article for details)  
April 23 Pioneer Grange Longaberger Basket and Pottery Bingo @6:45 p.m. (see below)  
April 27 ARBOR DAY  
April 28 Tri-County Visitation @Lewistown Grange, Schuylkill County, 7:30 p.m.—Berks County fills Officer's Chairs  
April 30 Legislative Meeting/Ag Meeting @Ag Center, 4-H Room, 7:30 p.m.  
May 6 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.  
May 7 Pioneer Grange Italian Sandwich Sale, \$5.00 (see below)  
May 7 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange, 3:15 p.m. (Pioneer members requested to help)  
May 7 Pre-Auction Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7:00 p.m. (requesting a member from each grange at this meeting)  
May 12 Free Movie at Hamburg Strand (see Hamburg Grange article for details)  
May 13 Virginville Grange Mother's Day Dinner, 11 a.m.—3 p.m. (see below)  
May 13 MOTHER'S DAY  
May 14 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo @6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (see below)  
May 14 County Officer Department Chair Meeting @Ontelaunee Grange, 7 p.m.  
May 18-20 Berks County Junior Camp @Camp Swatara

Virginville Grange Mother's Day Dinner, 11 a.m.—3 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children (ages 5-10) and under 5, free. This cost includes gratuity and sales tax. This is the 60th year. Serving an all you can eat ham and turkey dinner.

### Kutztown Grange

- ◆ Basket Bingo @6:45 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 —includes 25 games, hot dog, soda, and door prize. Call Darlene @610-683-7975. (March 12 & May 14)
- ◆ March 30 Potato filling and bacon dressing sale. Pick up 2– 6 p.m. Must place orders by March 21. Call Darlene @610-683-7975.
- ◆ April 14 Pot Pie Dinner, 4—7 p.m. \$9 adults. Children 4—12, \$4.50. Includes dessert and beverage

### Pioneer Grange

- ◆ March 30 Potato Filling Sale—1 1/2 lbs—\$4; 2 1/2 lbs—\$6 Pick-up at the Grange hall from 2—4 p.m. Orders due by March 22 to Tammy @610-463-7213
- ◆ Longaberger Basket and Pottery Bingo, April 23 beginning at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for 25 games. Call Cindy, 610-641-0070, or Tammy, 610-463-7213, for tickets. Special games and Jackpot extra.
- ◆ March 5 Sandwich Sale, \$3.50 Pick-up at the Grange hall from 3—5 p.m. Orders due by February 25 to Tammy @610-463-7213.
- ◆ May 7 Italian Sandwich Sale, \$5 Pick-up at the Grange hall from 3—5 p.m. Orders due by April 29 to Tammy @610-463-7213

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# 2018 Farm Family Appreciation Celebration!

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*Sponsored in part by various religious, social, financial and other organizations*

**What:** Catered hot buffet meal, hoedown and line dancing to show appreciation for farm families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties, and the surrounding areas. Build community among Farm Families and citizens.

**When: Saturday, March 17, 2018**  
Doors open at 6:15 PM, but no earlier  
Dinner buffet – 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Tables will be held for families that work late.)  
Hoedown and Country music by “The Outlaws” with line dance music  
between sets – 8:00 to 11:00 PM

**Where:** Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78

**Who:** Everyone is invited—farm families and farm family supporters!! Children are welcome!!

**Note:** No political or other solicitations. No alcoholic beverages permitted.

♣ ♣ *This year we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day!* ♣ ♣

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## Registration forms due by March 2, 2018 (Limited to 900)

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) of Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Farm Family Appreciation  
c/o Penn State Extension-Berks County  
1238 County Road, Suite 110  
Leesport, PA 19533

### **Farm family (NO CHARGE) - FREE WILL DONATION AT THE DOOR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-10)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children (2 and under), Booster seats are not available.

### **Farm family supporter (Make check payable to: NEPS, ELCA)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults - \$16.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-10) - \$9.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children (2 and under) - No charge. Booster seats are not available.  
Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tickets and directions will be mailed out by March 9, 2018.**

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Questions? Call 610-378-1327 and ask for Lisa or go to [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar)

Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce.

## The 2017 Appreciation Banquet was held Saturday, January 20, 2018.

### State Grange First Place Winners included the following:

Fleetwood Grange: Jacob Mengel

Hamburg Grange: Jennifer Beamon

Kutztown Grange: Nancy Sattazahn

Marion Grange: Logan Eisenhower, Heidi Eisenhower, Andrew Kieffer, Debra Kieffer, Ashley Mohn, Karen Mohn, Tabitha Samsel, Gail Switzer

Ontelaunee Grange: Alexa Davis, Tanner Davis, Nettie Kauffman, Autumn Tworkoski

Pioneer Grange: Cadence Temple

Virginville Grange: Shelly Fayewicz, Dianne Geschwindt, Veronica Heckman, Sandra Hill, Jane Reppert, Derek Schroeder, Jacob Schroeder, Lindsay Schroeder, Emma Seidel

### The following individuals have won prizes in the 2017 Attendance Contest. A total of 30 attendance cards were submitted for drawing in all of the categories.

**The Gold winners who attended 7 or more events throughout the year were:** Sue Rittle, Marion; Robert Kleckner, Fleetwood; Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee – They received \$40 gift cards for Red Lobster.

**The Silver winners who attended at least 5 events or more throughout the year were:** Madeline Seidel, Virginville; Charles Stewart, Hamburg; Denise Clare, Hamburg – They received \$20 gift cards for Olive Garden.

**The Bronze winners who attended at least 4 events or more throughout the year were:** Michael Adams, Hamburg/Kutztown; Robert Beamon, Hamburg; Desira Kunkle, Shartlesville. They received \$10 gift cards to Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que Restaurant.

Due to the purchase of the gift cards during Christmas season, we were entitled to more gift cards. Therefore, 3 additional prizes were awarded. To Olive Garden, Ray Davis, Ontelaunee. To Red Lobster, Doris Evans, Ontelaunee and Irvin Kauffman, Ontelaunee.

We thank everyone who participated throughout the 2017 year and look forward to more participation for 2018. The Attendance Cards will be distributed at the March 2018 County meeting to be held at Fleetwood Grange. The 2018 awards will have three (3) prizes drawn in each of the categories and be as follows:

Gold Level – attend 7 or more events - \$40 gift card to Red Lobster.

Silver Level – attend at least 5 or more events - \$20 gift card to Olive Garden.

Bronze Level – attend at least 4 or more events - \$10 gift card to Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que Restaurant.

The attended events that are required throughout the year are: 4 County meetings, Go-To-Church Sunday, Legislative Banquet, Tri-County Visitation, Junior Grange Camp Coronation, All Granger Picnic, and Swim Party.

All of these events were noted in the November 2017 Pomona ECHO newsletter.

### The following juniors met the junior attendance award criteria: They will receive a \$5 Chick-Fil-A gift card.

Heidi Eisenhower

Logan Eisenhower

Brayden Heckman

Veronica Heckman

Travis Riegel

Peter Rohrbach

Jacob Schroeder

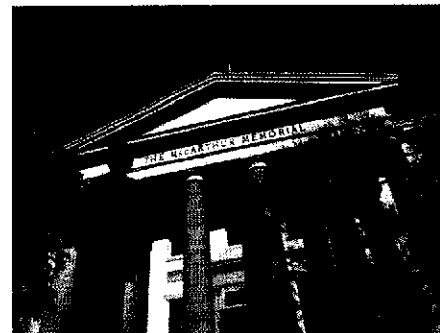
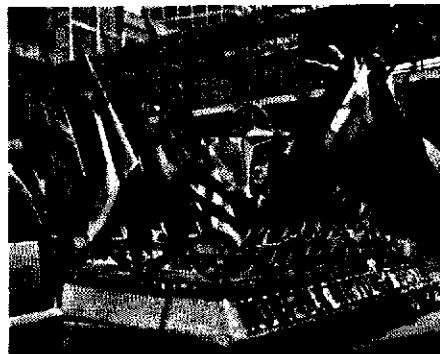
Cole Wilhelm



# The Parade of Nations & Virginia International Tattoo

"...thrill to the dazzling extravaganza of music, ceremony and patriotism!"

Formerly Azalea Festival



4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS

APRIL 26 - 29, 2018

**\$525.00 per person**  
double occupancy

\$100 Deposit due with each reservation  
Deadline and final payment due by March 8th  
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BERKS COUNTY GRANGE

## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- \* 3 Nights lodging
- \* 3 Breakfasts
- \* 3 Full course dinners including the Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise
- \* Performance of the Virginia International Tattoo Show
- \* Reserved seats for 6th Annual Parade of Nations
- \* NATO Fest Activities
- \* Norfolk Naval Base Tour
- \* MacArthur Memorial
- \* Chrysler Museum of Art
- \* Evening entertainment
- \* Souvenir gift
- \* Luggage handling
- \* Taxes and meal gratuities
- \* Motorcoach transportation



**The Tattoo Tradition** The term "tattoo" derives from the cries of the 17th & 18th century Low Country innkeepers in Scotland, who, as the fife and drums of the local regiment signaled a return to quarters would cry, "Doe den tap toe!" (meaning "turn off the taps!") The sound of the "taps" caused the innkeepers customers to depart and return to their barracks. The word "tattoo" evolved over time and refers to what developed as a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands today. The Virginia International Tattoo incorporates groups from around the world including acrobats, choral groups and precision military drill teams.

Cancellation insurance available upon request

## FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

### BERKS COUNTY GRANGE

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Lenhartsville, PA 19534  
(484) 256-0496

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT** by Kenneth Schlegel

Oh Brother, what next?

Our country's leader has started his second year! I've read several articles about him being a big failure. I've also read several articles of or about his top 10 accomplishments in one year - and in some cases they are pretty impressive!

Mr. Trump's big problem is that he wanted to run a country like a business, maybe his business!!! Problem is, he is not used to working with people under the public eye and people, like democrats, reporters, the public and radicals, just to name some! If the man's in this Trump Tower office, he can fire people, swear at anyone sell assets and do anything he wants! The man relies on people around as important assets and if they mess up they are gone! Well, he's learning that that doesn't work in government! Oh well, it has been a very interesting ride!

The President has repealed the EPA recommended Waters of the USA, which would have put many agricultural operations in a bad situation in the not too distant future.

In Mr. Trump's campaign, he wanted to scrape NAFTA. His Secretary of Ag. has convinced him that we don't need to scrap it, just modernize it. Because it's too important to the American farmer. Tax reform - it sure didn't take our President long to accomplish that one. It's a shame that many democrats probably believed in it but they were not allowed to vote for it because of party loyalty. It's a strange country.

I'm sure our founding fathers would like to clean house! I highly recommend that everyone fasten their seat belts, because we have three more years of a very bumpy ride. Before Mr. Trump was elected, I stated that if he was elected, he could turn Washington D.C. upside down. Of course, he has plenty of help from the news media!!!

## **CONSIGNMENT SALE** BY Ben Sonon

The Pomona Consignment Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 25, 2018. so mark your calendar NOW to volunteer. Farmers— please check your unused tractors and equipment and get them ready to bring for the sale cause the field items are getting fewer and fewer each year.

## **TOUR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee - Ray Davis, Doris Evans, Irvin & Nettie Kauffman, Richard & Marie Schaeffer

The group has planned a 4 days – 3 night's trip to Virginia for April 26 – 29, 2018. Our main attractions will be the Virginia International Tattoo Show and the Parade of Nations, plus side trips and dinners in the area. We must have 40 passengers to make this trip a success. Please do not disappoint the committee and support this trip. You can ask your non-grange friends to go on this trip as well.

The “Tattoo” show is a musical presentation of groups from around the world including acrobats, choral groups and precision military drill teams. “Tattoo” refers to a Scottish military last call, when pipes and drums called troops back to post for an evening ceremony. Long regarded as the most patriotic of the world's great tattoos, the Virginia International Tattoo is a Scottish tradition with American soul! The 2018 show will feature more than 1,000 military and civilian performers from several nations who will share their unique music, dance, culture and pride with the audience as they showcase their individual excellence, their esprit de corps, and the friendship as nations. You will not only be entertained, you will be inspired....when you hand touches your heart during the Star Spangled Banner, when you proudly stand during your family's service song, and when you rise in solemn prayer as hundreds of pipers, military musicians and singers join together to perform Amazing Grace.

The Parade of Nations includes themed floats from each participating country reflecting their culture and heritage. There are also marching bands, antique & classic cars, comic brigades and much more. Other points of interest will be Norfolk Naval Base Tour, MacArthur Memorial, Chrysler Museum of Art, and NATO Fest Activities. You will have 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 full course dinners including the Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise.

The cost of the trip will be \$525 per person/double occupancy and includes your lodging, breakfasts, the 3 dinners, all attractions, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, and motor coach transportation. There is a \$100 deposit due with reservations. Deadline and final payment due by March 8 and checks should be made payable to Berks County Grange.

As of January 15, 2018 there are 21 individuals who have signed up and made deposits for this trip. We can take a total of 50 passengers. Please help us to make this trip a success!

Contact anyone of the following to make your reservations and deposits:

Nettie Kauffman – 610-926-5389    Doris Evans 610-488-6360    Marie Schaeffer – 484-256-0496



## Wernersville State Hospital Project 2017

By Robert and Jennifer Beamon on behalf of the Berks County Youth

The following list represents the donations received from the Granges and committees within the County Grange that were used to purchase Christmas gifts. These gifts were presented to Wernersville Hospital for their residents in 2017. Katherine Ellett, the Volunteer Resources Coordinator, expressed how much they appreciate the donations from the Berks County Grange. They receive other smaller donations during their Christmas collection, but with the Grange's very large contribution they are able to reach out to several residents and for that they are extremely thankful. Thank you to all Granges and committees who donated to this worthy cause.

### Donation List

Bernville Grange	\$ 50
Fleetwood Grange	\$ 50
Geigertown Grange	\$ 25
Gouglersville Grange	\$ 100
Hamburg Grange	\$ 50
Kutztown Grange	\$ 50
Marion Grange	\$ 25
Ontelaunee Grange	\$ 50
Pioneer Grange	\$ 25
Shartlesville Grange	\$ 50
Virginville Grange	\$ 100
Berks County Pomona Grange	\$ 200
Berks County Family Activities	\$ 200
Berks County Pomona Youth	\$ 47.10
Total Grange Donations	\$ 1022.10
VF Outlets Discount (10%)	\$ 64.12
Total value of gifts	\$ 1086.22



Items purchased for the Wernersville State Hospital Project included: alarm clocks, baseball hats, belts, body wash, brushes, button-down shirts, combs, conditioner, deodorant, dress pants/khakis, flannel shirts, jeans, lotions, nightgowns, notebooks, packs of boxer briefs, packs of chap stick, packs of hair ties, packs of underwear, pairs of gloves, pairs of slipper socks, pairs of slippers, pairs of socks, pairs of suspenders, pajama sets, shampoo, spa pack gift sets, sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts, thermals, toiletry bags, T-shirts with pockets, wallets, watches, and winter hats.

## POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the December 9, 2017, Pomona meeting held at Friendship Fire Hall, Birdsboro (Geigertown Grange host).

- Representative from the Salvation Army spoke and received the Angel Tree gifts
- Will continue with the Attendance Contest for 2018 (information enclosed)
- Attendance: 12 Brothers, 17 Sisters, 5 Juniors, 2 Mini-Juniors for a total of 36
- Audit of books was held. Motion to accept was approved.
- As of December 1, 2017, the membership in the county stands at 1,117
- Donated \$500 to the Farm Family Appreciation Banquet.
- Donated \$50 to the Justin Kline, cancer fighter, appeal.
- State session resolutions were discussed.
- Newly-elected State officers are: President Wayne Campbell, Vice President, J.V. Lamb and Exec. Committee, Jim Diamond
- Thoughts to consider: Having the Junior's Hoss's fundraisers on the same day as Pomona meetings in June and December. Having the meeting at Hoss's in December in their meeting room.

## LEGISLATIVE BANQUET by Ken Schlegel

The Legislative Banquet is on April 6, 2018, at the Fleetwood Grange hall. It will start at 6:45 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 and children \$7.

Please help fill the hall by selling tickets. I hope Granges give some tickets to people on their township committees and to school board members. We ask legislators, judges, county officials to come, so we need people to come and ask questions.

# VIRGINVILLE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

## Winter 2017

We would like to introduce our newest committee members. They are Dianne & Mike and Beverly & Dennis. We are very happy to have them join our committee.

The VGCSC would like to thank everyone who came out to our November 10, 2017 Benefit Bingo for Tina Argot. We again had a great turnout of 155 patrons. Everyone seemed to have a good time of fellowship and contributed the proceeds from the Bingo were much appreciated by Tina. Along with the bingo we had our annual food drive for the Northern Berks Food Pantry. I am happy to report we took in a total of 406 cans along with \$60.00 in cash to which we added \$40.00 to make it an even \$100.00 cash. Our kitchen took in a record sales, which we'd like to thank everyone who donated baked goods and other foodstuffs.

Our Benefit Spring Bingo will take place on Sunday, March 11, 2018, with a snow date of Sunday, March 18, 2018. This time it will be for the Historic Dreibelbis Farm, in Virginville. The 240 yr old farm has gained a place on the National Historic Registry. Proceeds from this bingo, will go to the building of modern-day public restrooms. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with the games beginning at 1:00 p.m. \$20 for 20 games. Specials are ALL extra. Bingo supplies are extra. Lite luncheon is available. Fresh made barbeques, soups, snacks and plenty of desserts as well as beverages.

This past December, the grange spent two days at Redner's Mkt, Hamburg ringing the "Red Kettle Christmas Bell" for the Hamburg Salvation Army. All donations that were taken in will stay in the Northern Berks region. Thank you to everyone that donated their time for such a worthy cause.

Again, THANK YOU Pomona Grange members for supporting our projects.

### MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL LEADER'S CONFERENCE

March 16-18, 2018

7:00 p.m. Friday through 11:00 a.m. Sunday  
Westminster, Maryland

Everyone is invited to this conference—combining the Mid-Atlantic Youth/Junior regional with the Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's conference, and adding workshops for Masters, Membership Directors, Family Activities, Legislative, and Public Relations/Communications directors. Attendees will have their choice among several workshops Saturday with outside speakers, crafts, discussions, and of course fun and fellowship!

The Youth will visit an Escape Room in addition to presenting their contests (Sign-A-Song, Pubic Speaking) for the entire group Saturday evening.

Saturday lunch and dinner will be group meals, cost included in the low registration fee (TBD). Check the National Grange web-site for the registration fee and further activities.

Lodging is at the Best Western Westminster (451 WMC Drive, Westminster, MD 21158)- phone 410-857-1900. Discount rate for this conference is \$99 per night plus tax. Includes a full breakfast, 24 hour coffee bar, free wi-fi and newly renovated rooms. A block of rooms is reserved for Grange; please make your own hotel reservations.

### AGRICULTURE NEWS by Doug Sattazahn

Recently at the PA Farm Show there was a "Calving Corner" to show the general public the miracle of birth in cows. Daily visitors got a chance to interact with knowledgeable volunteers and witness calves being born in person. People at home could also watch online. While the majority of comments were positive, there were a number of negative ones from people who just don't understand agriculture. For example, a big one was "the calf should stay with its mother instead of being separated". They don't realize that farmers are doing what's best for both cow and calf. Often people are equating human emotions with animals. The fact is farm animals are cared for with the principles of animal husbandry in mind, not the way children or a pet would be cared for.

This just illustrates the need for such events and why educating the public is so necessary. Misinformation can spread like wildfire online. Hopefully seeing an event like Calving Corner left a strong impression on people on how farmers care for their animals.

### YOUTH REPORT by Robert Beamon

The March Pomona meeting the youth will fill the officers chairs. If you are interested in helping to fill a chair, please contact me (570-556-0952 or chemrob21@gmail.com).

We wil also be attending a Reading Royals hockey game on Good Friday. Please RSVP to Robert or Jennifer Beamon by March 20th.

## ONTELAUNEE JUNIOR GRANGE 8TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Ontelaunee Grange juniors will be holding an "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner at the Ontelaunee Grange hall on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

It will be held 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. and the proceeds will benefit the Ontelaunee Junior Grange with their Grange activities and community service projects.

Adults, 13 and over — \$8.00  
Children, ages 3 through 12 — \$5.00  
Children, ages 2 and under — FREE

The price includes dessert. We also have a Chinese auction.



## COMMUNITY NIGHT PROGRAMS 2018

March 20—Ontelaunee Grange, 7:30 p.m.  
April 12\*—Kutztown Grange, 7:30 p.m.  
April 17—Gouglersville Grange, 7:30 p.m.  
April 19—Pioneer Grange, 7:30 p.m.  
April 26—Fleetwood Grange \*\*  
May 2—Virginville Grange, 7:30 p.m.

\*\*Refreshments at 6:30 p.m./7:30 program

\*Date changed!!!

### Program Coordinator Corner

By Nettie A. Kauffman

It is the end of December when writing this article and only six more days remaining in the year 2017. The weather outside is very frightful, but the fire is so delightful (if only there was a fireplace! Does that sound like the beginning of a song? Guess you are right. Why did I start off with my article like this? Hopefully, to help entice some of our Berks County Grangers who like to write poetry or short stories for one of the contests in the Program Coordinator's area. I know there are a number of our Grangers who can create written articles and I'm encouraging you to do so during these cold months of winter.

The PEN IN HAND contest consists of two categories – Poetry and Short Story. It is open to all Subordinate Grange members. Listed below are the rules to follow:

- ◆ 300 words maximum for Poetry and 1,500 words maximum for Short Story.
- ◆ The title, even when it is part of the opening sentence of the entry, and the author's identification information are not counted.
- ◆ Required on the back of each entry: The category you've entered, author's name, address, Grange name, number and County.
- ◆ Must be original work of person submitting the writing.
- ◆ Entries must be received by the State Lecturer by September 15. Judging will be prior to the State Session.
- ◆ The writing must be typed, space and a half or double spaced, on 8-1/2" x 11" unlined paper. (IF someone does not have a computer to do the typing on, please contact me and I will see that this is done for you.)
- ◆ First place entry in each category will receive \$10.00

You can forward entries to me by **September 4** and I'll see that the State Program Coordinator receives all entries prior to September 15.

Our March meeting will be held at Fleetwood Grange and it will feature the youth/young adults of our county filling the officer's chairs as well as presenting the program. **Remember, this meeting will START AT 9:30 a.m.**

In an article elsewhere in this newsletter, information is presented regarding the Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference. Please take the time to review this information since there are changes to the way the conference is being conducted.

### DID YOU KNOW?

...The Paul J and Dorothy M. Miller Family was recognized as a Grange legacy family at the National Grange Session. This award was given for faithful service to the Grange through five generations.

...The world's largest funnel cake was recently made at the Kutztown Fairgrounds using the original funnel cake recipe by Emma Miller, a Virginville Grange charter member.

...The Virginville Grange Promotion Committee recently presented a check for \$12,000 to the Ethan Kunkel family. Mr. Kunkel is a Virginville Grange member who was diagnosed with leukemia last spring and has been receiving treatments through this past fall. Thanks to everyone who helped with the raffle, dance and food sales and those who supported the benefit.

...No Ontelaunee breakfast April 1 due to it being EASTER

### POMONA GO-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY

Where: Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
354 Zion's Church Road,  
Shoemakersville 19555

When: April 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

(This counts toward the 2018 Attendance Contest)

# CONTEST CORNER

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRANGE** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and bring along to the March Pomona meeting. Must be present to win.

**Dr. Seuss was born March 2, 1904. How well do you know Dr. Seuss and his books?  
Circle the correct answer.**

Who did Horton hear? A) What; B) Who; C) What; or D) How

What is Dr. Seuss's real name? A) Samuel Seuss; B) Theo LeSieg; C) Theodor Geisel

According to Dr. Seuss, how many sizes too small was Grinch's heart? A) 2; B) 100; C) 5; or D) 10

What is the little girl in The Cat in the Hat called? A) Sophie; B) Clara; C) Sally or D) Mayzie

What color is the Cat in the Hat's umbrella? A) Dark blue; B) Pink; C) Pale blue; or D) bright yellow

Was Yertle a big green frog? Yes or No

Who is the main character in Green Eggs & Ham? A) Pam-I-Am; B) Sam-I-Am; or C) Ham-I-Am

"Oh the places you'll go! There is \_\_\_\_\_ to be done! There are points to be scored! There are games to be won." A) Things; B) Lots; C) Fun; or D) Stuff

Answers from last issue: 1) Truth; 2) Truth; 3) Turkey; 4) Truth; 5) Turkey; 6) Truth; 7) Turkey; and 8) Turkey. Congratulations to the winner: Denise Clare, Hamburg Grange.

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