

POMONA ECHO

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #43

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POMONA LOTTERY CALENDAR

It was discussed and decided at the Pomona Officer meeting that we should do a Pomona Lottery Calendar as a fundraiser, since the Pomona Sale profits were down.

We will be selling 500 lottery calendars with 2 numbers on each and they will be sealed. It will be for the months of March and April of 2017. They will cost \$10 and will pay out \$20 Monday thru Friday, \$25 Saturday and Sunday, and \$100 on 3/17 St. Patrick's Day and 4/16 on Easter.

They should be ready for distribution at the Pre-Pomona meeting November 21 at Bernville. I am asking everyone to participate by buying and selling the calendars. They will make a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, etc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Andrew Kieffer

Fellow Grangers, I would like to start my first report by thanking Mike Adams for his service as our past president. I only hope that I can match his dedication to the Grange during my term. I also want to thank the newly installed officers for agreeing to help lead the Pomona Grange for the next 2 years.

As we continue to adjust to diminishing returns from the annual consignment sale, some adjustments are being made. The first was a vote by the membership to charge 1/2 price for all previously complimentary tickets for the Appreciation Banquet. Auctioneers are not included due to a letter mailed prior to the sale. This decision came from the floor and had lengthy discussion.

I realize that some will be disappointed with this change. I just ask that you respect the decision of the voting membership.

The officers considered a few ideas for fundraisers at their September 19 meeting. It was decided that a lottery calendar would be a good idea to try. Due to timing of when this should be done, the Executive Committee gave approval to proceed. Thanks to Mike Adams for agreeing to lead this fundraiser.

I look forward to working with you all for the coming term and hope to serve you well.

*Thank
you*

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Berks County Junior Grange News

Hoss's Change of Date

***** December 11*****

Email will be sent to those on the mailing list with the coupon/card– If you need a card, let Jenn Berger know and she will get it to you.

December Pomona

The juniors will be touring Way-Har Farms shop during Pomona. It is extremely important that I have an accurate number of juniors who will be attending.

RSVP to Gail by November 20th

Upcoming Dates:

November 27 – Bowling at Heisters Lanes –
1:00pm

December 10 – Pomona, Way-Har tour

***** Juniors will be doing the degree for State Session in 2017. Please stay tuned for more information*****

2017 Camp

Superhero Themed

Planning Date:

December 17, 7pm

(Make up date: January 7, 7pm)

****Anyone of helper age or older are invited to attend even if unable to join us that weekend!****

Please let me know if you will be in attendance,
g_switzer09@hotmail.com

Walk a Thon

It's that time of year again! Please be on the look out to sponsor juniors in the Walk a Thon! This is a great way to help the juniors defray costs of attending camp!

Thank you for your continued support!

Hamburg Grange—SAVE THE DATE!

Hamburg Grange's next "All You Can Eat" Chicken Pot Pie Dinner will not be held until March 25, 2017. There will be NO dinner in November, 2016, or February, 2017, as we have done previous years. See you in March!

HAMBURG GRANGE BUS TRIP TO THE PA FARM SHOW

Hamburg Grange is sponsoring a bus trip to the PA Farm Show. This trip will be held on January 7, 2017. Pick up will be at 8:15 a.m. from the far end of the Redner's parking lot in Hamburg. We will leave the Farm Show Complex to return to Hamburg at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and must be paid when making the reservation. If you have any questions or would like to reserve space for this bus trip, please contact Anna Heffner at 610-207-9755.

APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Pomona Appreciation Banquet will take place on January 21, 2017, at the Fleetwood Grange Hall. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will start at 6:45 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Kathryn's Katering and will consist of: roast beef, sweet and sour chicken, whipped potatoes, wild rice, and mixed vegetables. The Subordinate Attendance Contest winners will be drawn this evening. If you participated, you need to have your punched ticket turned in at the start of evening, if not previously done. After dinner there will be time for fellowship and to play any games that you would like to bring.

The cost for the dinner for anyone who volunteered at the Pomona Sale (and signed in) and those who are first place winners at State Session will be \$7.50 for adults (ages 11 and up) and \$3.75 for children (ages 3 to 10). The cost for anyone else wishing to purchase a ticket is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Any child under the age of 3 is FREE. Presidents of each Grange, as well as the Juniors Leaders for Marion, Ontelaunee and Virgenville, will be receiving the tickets sometime in the middle of November.

Any questions, concerning the banquet, can be directed to Derek Schroeder at 610-698-3999 or by email at chairs2014@hotmail.com

BERKS HEIM by Doris Evans, 610-488-6360

I will be the new Pomona Grange representative on the Berks Heim Volunteer Service Board (VSB). As a former BH employee, I look forward to serving the residents, working with their Administrative team, as well as being your delegate.

I attended my first VSB meeting on October 17 so I am just getting "on board" with this endeavor. However, I talked with Ann Gilmer, the Volunteer Director, regarding the upcoming Christmas events. Pomona Grange, along with many other organizations, have always hosted a Christmas part on the units. However, this year Berks Him has decided to set aside two days—December 6 and 7—to have combined parties in the auditorium; one day for "A" building and the other day for "B" building. Essick Commons will have their part on the unit.

Each day there will be entertainment and snacks as was previously done on the unit. Also that same week, Friday, December 9, will be their annual Santa's Corner. This is a time for the residents to shop for a gift to give to someone special. Ms. Gilmer requested help in the following ways:

- 1) Cash donations for the Christmas parties to offset the cost of the entertainment
- 2) Donation of new or gently used items for Santa's Corner. The residents like to give a gift to their loved ones and this is their shopping day
- 3) Many hands will be needed to transport the residents to these events and assist as necessary.

Please remember our elderly folks, especially during the holiday time, **So, if any Granges can help with the above requests, it would be GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Also a big THANK YOU to everyone who graciously provides transportation to the Chapel on Sundays for the church services. I will be calling each of the contact persons to continue the schedule for 2017. This service is sincerely appreciated by Berks Heim staff.

Any questions, please contact me.

CRUISE TRIP – March 19 – 26, 2017

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

To all of those who have already signed up for the cruise, your final payment to CK Tours & Cruises is due December 1, 2016. Please take care of this by the date indicated.

If anyone is still interested in the cruise, please contact CK Tours & Cruises at 610-916-2923 and mention Berks County Grange cruise. You can still sign up past December 1 on a space available basis, but rates may be different than original group rates after December 1.

There are currently 54 passengers traveling on this cruise. A special meeting will be held in mid-February/early March regarding the travels and information needed for your excursion.

You, and any potential guest, can learn more about **Anthem of the Seas** at <http://www.cktours.com/product/anthem-of-the-seas>



VIRGINVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Virginville Grange will be sponsoring a benefit dance for Russell Miller, one of our members, who is experiencing ongoing medical issues. The dance will be held November 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. and music will be provided by the "Majestics". The cost for the dance is \$8 and food will be available for sale.

To help others in need this holiday season we will, again, be ringing bells for the Salvation Army, at the Redner's in Hamburg, on: Wed., 12/14, and Thurs., 12/15 from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. ALL monies collected stay in Berks County. Come out and say Hi, and donate some money for a worthy cause.

Again, "THANK YOU", Berks County Pomona Grangers for your continued support!

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Carlene Kleckner

At the December Pomona meeting, please bring your Angel Tree wrapped gift, if you are participating. If you cannot make it to Bernville Grange on December 10, please make sure you give it to someone to bring. The representative from the Salvation Army will be in attendance to receive the gifts. We will be giving around 80/85 gifts to this worthwhile project.



BERNVILLE GRANGE

Since 2008, the Bernville Grange has been giving a free dictionary to each student in the 3rd grade at the Penn-Bernville and Bethel Elementary Schools. When schedules permit, the dictionaries are presented during the week celebrating Daniel Webster's birthday. It's a popular gift and thank you notes often mention a favorite dictionary word: supercalifragilisticexpialidocious



FAMILY ACTIVITIES by Denise Clare, 610-562-3876

This will be my final FA article as I have taken over as the Pomona Overseer. We are currently looking for someone to take over as the Pomona Family Activities Director. I will help in anyway I can to assist a new person in this position. So, if you are interested or have any questions, please contact myself or President Andrew Kieffer.

The next Pre-Pomona meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016, @Bernville Grange, 7:30 p.m. Hamburg Grange will be assisting. I will have information and contest entries to hand out from State Session. Please plan to have your FA chair in attendance!

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Pomona Consignment Sale and those Granges who made shoo fly pies for the Heim Fest.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Pomona FA Chair for the past 7 1/2 years. Thank you for your support.



2017 POMONA OFFICER VISITATION SCHEDULE

This was a suggestion that was made at the Pomona Officers meeting. It was decided that all of the Pomona Officers should visit at least 1 Grange. The officers should contact their assigned Grange or the Grange should contact them to make arrangements. You can probably get phone #'s or e-mails from the Pomona calendar. They can just visit or do a program, if asked. Open Houses don't count, but it is encouraged.

President, Andrew Kieffer—All Granges

Vice President, Denise Clare—Bernville

Lecturer, Nettie Kauffman—Geigertown

Steward, Robert Beamon—Fleetwood

Assistant Steward, Charles Stewart—Gouglersville

Lady Assistant Steward, Desira Kunkle—Hamburg

Chaplain, Linda Stewart—Gouglersville

Treasurer, Henry Seidel—Marion

Secretary, Jennifer Beamon—Fleetwood

Gatekeeper, Robert Kleckner, III—Hamburg

Ceres, Sherri Sattazahn—Ontelaunee

Pomona, Dianne McCorristin—Pioneer

Flora, Lindsay Schroeder—Kutztown

Executive Committee, Ray Davis, Geigertown; Derek Schroeder, Kutztown; Michael Adams, All Granges

Finance Committee, Kenneth Schlegel, Shartlesville; Grace Reber, Virginville; Jane Adams, Ontelaunee

Pianist, Fern Kulp—Bernville

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE 2017 ATTENDANCE CONTEST

1. This contest is based on the Olympic Medal format. You can obtain gold, silver, or bronze medal status depending on your participation.
2. The contest is for the calendar year 2017.
3. We encourage attendance at all Pomona events. The events to qualify for this year's contest are:

4 Pomona meetings (present entire meeting)

March 4 at 9:45 a.m. – Shartlesville Grange

June 3 at 9:45 a.m. – Gouglersville Grange

September 9 at 9:45 a.m. – Marion Grange

December 9 at 9:45 a.m. - Geigertown Grange (St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 1136 Geigertown Road, Geigertown)

Go-To-Church Sunday – April 23 at Zion's Spies Evangelical Reformed Church – 10:30 a.m.

Legislative Banquet – April 7 at Virginville Grange – 6:45 p.m.

Tri-County Visitation – April 22 at Schnecksville Grange in Lehigh County – 7:30 p.m.

Junior Grange Camp Coronation – May 21 at Camp Swatara, Bethel – 1:00 p.m.

All Granger Picnic – June 18 at Edenberg Park, Hamburg – 12:30 p.m.

Swim Party – July 15 at Shoemakersville Pool – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

4. The prizes are as follows:

Gold Medal level – attend 7 or more events

3 -- \$40 gift certificates to Red Lobster

Silver Medal level – attend 5 or more events

3 -- \$20 gift certificates to Olive Garden

Bronze Medal level – attend 4 or more events

3 -- \$10 gift certificates to Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que Restaurant

5. All the dates for the events are on the Pomona calendar and will be printed in the ECHO newsletter.
6. All members wishing to participate will be provided a card to be punched at each of the events they attend. We are not responsible for lost cards.
7. All qualified contestants will be placed in respective medal levels and winners will be chosen at the 2017 Recognition & Appreciation Banquet. (If banquet is canceled due to snow storm, they will be chosen at the March Pomona meeting.)
8. It is the responsibility of each individual to have their card punched at the activity/event/meeting.
9. Cards will be collected at the December Pomona meeting, but will be accepted the night of the Recognition & Appreciation Banquet (2018) **BUT WILL NOT BE PUNCHED THAT NIGHT.**

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET YOUR CARD PUNCHED!

NATIONAL GRANGE—CERES DRILL

Thank you to the following women who have volunteered to participate with the Ceres Drill at National Session: Denise Clare, Carlene Kleckner, Sharon Heck, Nancy Sattazahn, Cindy Leibensperger, Barbara Schroeder, Jane Adams, Donna Kunkle, Desira Kunkle, Fern Kulp, Nettie Kauffman, Sharon Schlegel, Fern Sonon, Janice Stricker, Merriam Wetzell, and Faye Heckman.

Also a Thank You to Tammy Schaeffer for helping to teach the drill and Lindsay Schroeder for filling in at practices when needed.

Jennifer Beamon took charge of this endeavor and the ladies thank her for her patience and dedication to this Sixth Degree drill.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2016—FEBRUARY 2017

Nov 11 Pioneer Grange Cash Bingo, 6:30 p.m.*
 Nov 12 "All You Can Eat" Potpie Dinner @Kutztown Grange, 4—7 p.m. (see article)
 Nov 14 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange, 6:45 p.m. (see article)
 Nov 20 Deadline for Juniors to RSVP to Gail Switzer re: Way-Har Farms tour during December Pomona meeting
 Nov 21 Pre-Quarterly Meeting @Bernville Grange, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov 22 Potato filling & Bacon Dressing Sale @Kutztown Grange. (see article)
 Nov 23 Pioneer Grange PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale (see article)
 Nov 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
 Nov 26 Virginville Grange Benefit Dance, 7—10 p.m.
 Nov 26 Youth—Reading Royals game
 Nov. 27 Bowling @Heisters Lanes, 1:00 p.m.
 Dec 4 Breakfast @Ontelaunee Grange, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Dec 6 & 7 Berks Heim Unit Christmas parties
 Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Dec 9 Pioneer Grange Cash Bingo, 6:30 p.m.*
 Dec 10 Pomona Meeting @Bernville Grange, 9:45 a.m.
 Dec 11 Attend Hoss's for the benefit of the Juniors-with coupon
 Dec 17 Junior Camp Planning Meeting @7 p.m. Location TBD
 Dec 21 Winter Begins!
 Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEARS (no Ontelaunee Grange breakfast)
 Jan 6 Youth—Reading Royals game
 Jan 7 Hamburg Grange bus trip to PA Farm Show
 Jan 10 Junior Team Meeting @Ontelaunee, 7 p.m.
 Jan 10 ECHO deadline
 Jan 13 Pioneer Grange Cash Bingo, 6:30 p.m.*
 Jan 21 Appreciation Banquet @Fleetwood Grange, 6:45 p.m.
 Jan 22 Basket Bingo @Kutztown Grange, 1:30 p.m. (see article)
 Feb 5 Breakfast @Ontelaunee Grange, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Feb 6 Collate ECHO @Ontelaunee Grange, 3:15 p.m. (Shartlesville Grange members are asked to assist)

*subject to change

KUTZTOWN GRANGE NEWS

Kutztown Grange will be holding the following events:

November 12—All You Can Eat Pot Pie Dinner including dessert and beverage. 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$9; children ages 4-12, \$4.50; under 4, free. Take out is available. Pot Pie will be sold at \$6 a quart

November 14—Basket Bingo starting at 6:45 p.m. There will be 25 games for \$20 (includes hot dog and soda). Specials, Jackpot and raffle are extra. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Please call 610-683-7975 for tickets.

November 22—Potato filling and Bacon Dressing sale. Filling 1 1/2 pounds for \$4; 2 1/2 pounds for \$6. Bacon dressing: pint, \$4; quart, \$6. Orders must be placed by November 15 for pick up on November 22 between 2 and 6 p.m. Call 610-683-7975 to place your orders.

January 22—Basket Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at noon. There will be 25 games for \$20 (includes hot dog and soda). Specials, Jackpot and raffle are extra. Please call 610-683-7975 for tickets.

YOUTH REPORT by Robert Beamon

The Berks County Youth would like to thank all the Granges and committees that donated toward the Wernersville State Hospital Christmas project.

The youth are hosting events for 2 Reading Royals games at the Santander Arena—Saturday, November 26, 7 p.m. and Friday, January 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 and youth (ages 14-25) are \$12 each. This event is open to anyone of any age! We need at least 10 people for each game to get the group pricing. PLEASE RSVP to me by November 10th for the November game and December 27th for the January game. RSVPs can be made to Robert or Jennifer Beamon.

PIONEER GRANGE POTATO FILLING SALE

Pioneer Grange will be having a PA Dutch Potato Filling Sale on November 23. 1.5 lbs—\$4 and 2.5 lbs—\$6. Orders are due by Nov. 14th and may be picked up at the Grange hall from 3—6 p.m. on November 23. To order call Tammy at 610-463-7213.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S CORNER

By Nettie A. Kauffman

Another Grange year is upon us. The new PA State Grange Contest Guides for 2017-2018 will be forthcoming. Please take the time to review the various contests in the Program Coordinator's (Lecturer) area. Take time to make a commitment to do at least one of the contests in the P.C. area. Reviewing the Guide throughout the year is an asset for you. The winter months are coming up rapidly and the warm nights in your home should give you an incentive to work on a project for this departmental area from the Contest Guide.

I look forward to having our Berks County Grangers participate in the various contests for State Session to be held in October 2017 in Scranton, PA.

CONSIGNMENT SALE REPORT

The annual Consignment Sale was held August 27, 2016. Years ago we had a profit in the range of \$12,000—\$15,000. That is no longer the case. This year our profit was only \$8,000. We had 1075 consignors and 781 buyers. Those numbers are definitely lower than in past years also.

Pomona Grange relies on the sale profit for its donations, etc. throughout the year. Therefore, we need to tightened our belts and watch our spending for the 2017 year. We had five titled vehicles, but only sold one. We had five titled trailers and only sold two of them. We were planning to have a tractor parade; however, we did not have enough participation to hold this event. We will try again next year.

We need to have people contact the committee ahead of time to have items advertised that they are planning to bring to sell. This is not limited to only Lawn & Garden or Farm Equipment, but also Household items. For example, if you are planning to bring Longaberger baskets, dining room table with chairs, china cabinet, etc., please let the committee know so that we can advertise. The more we can advertise, the better for you, the consignor, and for buyers to know what to look for.

There was a Post-Sale meeting on Monday, October 10. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 20, 2017. We are asking that EACH GRANGE have a representative at these meetings. We need input from EVERYONE to make this event better and to keep our membership informed. The committee should not be the only ones making these crucial decisions. The profits from the sale affect Pomona activities for the following year.

During the 2017 Consignment Sale, we will also hold a 50/50 drawing. This is another way we are trying to recoup monies lost from the 2016 sale. We will need 2 or 4 people to man this table, 7 a.m. till 2 p.m. So, if you are willing to help at the Sale but would prefer a SITTING job, please contact Fern Kulp, 610-401-6458.

If anyone has any suggestions as to how to improve the Sale or have other suggestions as to fundraisers that Pomona could hold, we are open to ALL SUGGESTIONS!

POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the highlights from the September 10, 2016, Pomona meeting at Virginville Grange. Remember, it is ALWAYS better to be in attendance to hear the news first hand and to help make decisions of the Grange.

- * Gregg Gnatt shared news from the Berks County Extension Office
- * Chris Witmer shared loan information for farmers from the Greater Berks Development Fund. It was approved to have Andrew Kieffer and Derek Schroeder represent Pomona at the State Session
- * Attendance: 16 Brothers, 20 Sisters, 6 Juniors for a total of 50
- * County Membership as of August 31: 1,178
- * Steve Mohn attended the Livestock Sale and purchased a goat for \$303 on behalf of Pomona
- * Approved purchase of \$100,000 level of coverage for 2017 Officer Bonding
- * Approved donation of \$150 (instead of \$300 as in past years) to Wernersville State Hospital, Berks Heim and Hamburg Center
- * Approved motion to charge anyone who helped with the Consignment Sale and State contest winners half price for the Appreciation Banquet (after much discussion)
- * Hamburg Grange contributed \$50 to Pomona towards the cost of gift cards for the officer installation team
- * Additional fundraisers will be discussed at the Officer/Department Chair meeting
- * Approved donation of \$50 to the Oley Valley Food Bank (along with the food items given to them today)
- * The day's program centered around the "Olympics" theme
- * Zoe Merkel, Student Ambassador with the People to People, gave a slide presentation from her trip to Canada. Pomona Grange had given her monies toward this worthwhile trip last year.



CONTEST CORNER

Please bring your completed contest form to the December Pomona meeting. You must be present to win!

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

Frosty the Snowman TV Show Trivia—answers based on the Xmas TV Special.

1. What action causes Frosty to come to life? _____
2. Upon coming to life, what were Frosty's first words? _____
3. In an effort to keep from melting, where did Frosty travel to? _____
4. Who was the original owner of Frosty's magic hat? _____
5. Frosty's pipe was made from what? _____
6. What did the traffic cop accidentally swallow when he yelled "STOP"? _____
7. What was the magician's rabbit's name? _____

Answers from last issue: 1) E; 2) D; 3) G; 4) F; 5) H; 6) B; 7) C; and 8) A. Congratulations to the winner: Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange

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