



Plumsteadville Grange #1738

AMERICAN VALUES – HOMETOWN ROOTS

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GRANGE MEETINGS

We have a great lineup of speakers for the remainder of the year. Remember that you need not be a member to attend our meetings – visitors are ALWAYS welcome. If a topic interests you, please join us.

September 9 – Deaf Activities Update -- Marguerite Vasconcellos of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit will give us an overview of their programs for the deaf which we help support through our Fish Fry fund raisers.

October 14 – Hendrika Paci of Callowhill Alpacas – Got a question about alpacas? Come out and ask away – we hope to have some of the 4-legged friends in attendance

November 11 – Veterans Day program featuring State Representative Marguerite Quinn as our speaker.

December ?? – Annual Christmas party – date to be determined (no December meeting)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – PART ONE

JANE D BIRK, PRESIDENT, PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Plumsteadville Grange operated the snack bar at the Middletown Grange Fair for its 12th year realizing a profit of approximately \$7,000. Kudos and Sincere thanks to Steve Byrne and Don Moss for their dedication and VERY hard work in another successful year.

In addition to the fundraising, this effort is our most visible outreach effort and joint project with the county's 4-H and youth. Mentoring is an important aspect of this – as each volunteer hands off his/her shift to the next they are asked to train their replacement and show them the ropes before leaving their post. It is great to see our young volunteers mature and blossom from year to year, increasing their responsibility

The Cramer Brothers band closed their set on Friday with the "Orange Blossom Special" as a duet in a very special way. Country music fans (all others Google it) recognize this as a high energy tune requiring both intricate left and right hand coordination. As they ended the song, one band member held the fiddle performing the left-hand finger work while another stood behind him mastering the bow with his right hand to create beautiful music together.

This is similar to the relationship between the Grange and September, 2015

4-H, particularly during; "fair week" – both groups do their part in harmony, working together toward a common goal.

Many of our members started as 4-H kids and continue to serve as 4-H leaders, mentors and supporters. As an organization we look forward to future opportunities to partner with our county's 4-H clubs and/or 4-H alumni or other community groups to work together. Please contact me with your ideas at jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com or call me at 610-657-7668.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – PART TWO

JANE D BIRK, PRESIDENT, PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

It becomes my sad duty to let you know of the loss of two of our long-time members. Post-service receptions for both were held in our hall. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Margaret Moyer passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, at Wesley Enhanced Living. She was 92. Margaret was a lifetime member of our Grange and she and late husband Joe were very active members. Margaret was also a 40-year 4-H Club leader for Unami Club which met at the Grange hall. Many of you know her daughter, Kathy, as a market vendor.

Doris Hellerick passed away Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, at the Telford Lutheran Home. She was 83. Doris and her late husband Karl were very active members of the Grange. They operated Hellerick's Farm, and donated the strawberries used in the Strawberry Jam fundraiser project conducted for many years.

STEVE BYRNE RECEIVES 4-H AWARD

Steve Byrne was presented with the 2014 Bucks Count 4H Community Assistance Award by Danboro 4H. It is truly fitting that this award be presented inside the Grange Fair snack bar surrounded by many 4H volunteers he has helped mentor over the years. Congrats, Steve!



Danboro 4H leader Linda Ochoco tells us more about the award:

The Plumsteadville Granger we have chosen is known to every single 4-Her in Bucks County. You cannot attend the Middletown Grange Fair without running into him especially if you work at the Plumsteadville Snack Booth. He will tell you not to scoop ice with a cup – use the scooper. He assigns cashiers and runners and the important job of hotdog roaster and makers of Cheeseburger Supremes. During the fair, you will learn how to count change quickly and where the beverages are located. Of course, every 4-Her enjoys a hamburger or hotdog after their 2 hour shift. On Election Day, I met him at the voting booths at Tohickon Middle School and invited him into the school which he seemed thrilled to watch one of the 4-Hers perform as a cheerleader in front of him, her teachers, and peers at a recognition ceremony. This only reinforces what I already knew – that he truly is a special person who believes in all 4-Hers and will help any 4-Her by assisting them to learn life skills and by supporting them in all their endeavors.

Danboro 4-H Club gives their Community Support Award to honor this special Plumsteadville Grange Member and Chief of the Grange Snack Booth, Steve Byrne.

GOAL SEMINAR

August 29th Donald Steeley and Jane Birk attended the Pa State Grange GOAL seminar held at California Grange, Montour County, led by National Grange Membership Chair Michael Martin. The focus of the meeting was member recruitment and retention as well as keeping our Granges active and relevant to their communities. They will share their experience at the next meeting.

SPOTTED OUT AND ABOUT



Jim Diamond just can't resist a photo op with Ashley Mohn, PA State Dairy Princess, Berks County Grange member and a senior at Del Val University.

Ashley presented ribbons at the Cattle show at the Middletown Grange Fair – and later stopped for a photo op and lunch at the snack bar.

PA STATE GRANGE SESSION – OCT. 16–19

The 143rd Annual PA State Grange Session will take place October 15–19 in Warren, PA. At our last meeting, Jane Birk was designated as a delegate, with a second to be determined. If you are interested in attending as a delegate or guest, please let Jane Birk know as soon as possible.

The session gives an entirely different perspective of the Grange than our local community meetings and any Grange member in good standing is welcome to attend. Early registration closes September 12th.

PA STATE GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Subscribe to Betsy Huber's newsletter to keep informed of the latest actions in Harrisburg – the Grange's activism in State legislative matters are a benefit of membership – Keep informed of our actions in Harrisburg, and don't hesitate to contact Betsy with your concerns.



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4-H TEEN COUNCIL SHOE COLLECTION

Bucks County 4-H Teen Council has been collecting new/used shoes for two years. The shoes are sent around the world to those in need, Teen Council receives \$.50 a pound for the shoes they collect (funds are used for leadership opportunities and community service in Bucks County) and Teen Council has saved the Bucks County landfills from being filled with over 2,000 pounds of shoes that would take hundreds of years to break down.

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NEWSLETTER

As always, if you have something to share or want to get the newsletter via email contact Jane Birk at 610-657- 7668 or jd_birk_2000@yahoo.com.

USE OF THE GRANGE HALL:

If you know of a group needing a meeting place, or to inquire about hall rental for an event, contact Meg Lomax at 215-766-9801 or meglomax@verizon.net

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME – BE SAFE

As you drive keep aware of bus stops, students walking or biking and obey school zone speed limits.

COMMUNITY PAGE – EVENTS OF INTEREST

Events at A Woman's Place:

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Please join A Woman's Place (AWP) as we continue our mission to empower women and end intimate and domestic violence for all. Please visit www.awomansplace.org to learn more about or participate in these events!

Thursday, October 1 – AWP's Candlelight Vigil will be held at Woodside Church in Yardley, to send the important message that we will not stop until the violence ends. This meaningful evening remembers those lost to domestic violence and honors the survivors. Vigil begins at 7:00 p.m., with a reception to follow.

Wednesday, October 14 – Wear purple for Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day to show that you support the work to end domestic violence.

Saturday, October 17 – Back for its 6th year, AWP has teamed up with Buckingham Friends School for the 2015 Race to Empower. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of fun, healthy exercise, and empowering our community! The 5K run and 1 Mile Fun Walk will take place through the beautiful trails on the campus of Buckingham Friends School in Lahaska.

The Pennsylvania Poinsettia Trials And Open House

The Pennsylvania Poinsettia Trials and Open House will be held on Thursday, 12 November 2015 at the Dan Schantz Farm & Greenhouses, 8025 Spinnerstown Road, Zionsville, PA beginning at 7:30 a.m. Featuring more than 200 cultivars, this is the largest most complete display of cultivars. Both season and shaded samples of each cultivar will be displayed. Speakers include: Rick Yates, Griffin, GGS Tech.; Dr. Kerry Richards, Penn State University Pesticide Educator; and Dr. James Harbage, Longwood Gardens Floriculture. For more information, contact Trial Manager Warren Goll at: wqg1@msn.com or web site www.poinsettia-trial.com Admission is free and all Grange members are invited to attend.

Discovery Service Projects

Beginning January 3, 2016, Discovery Service Projects will be sending a team of volunteers each week for four weeks to Tulum, Mexico. Tulum is in the Yucatan Peninsula, a few miles south of Cancun, and is one of the safest places in Mexico. The project will be constructing a building for a new congregation, working with members of the local September, 2015

community. Registration for the trip is now open. More information, plus forms, can be found on the website, www.discoveryserviceprojects.org. Interested persons of all skill levels are encouraged to join us. Any questions, contact Barbara Carlson at be.carlson@outlook.com. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth and adults to discover another culture and learn more about the meaning of Christian service.

Maasai Community Exchange Project

Daniel Salau Rogei is the Program Assistant with MCEP's NGO partner the Simba Maasai Outreach Organization. Daniel will be in America for several appearances:

Sunday, October 11: 2nd Baptist Church on Rt. 313 above Doylestown. Their 10 a.m. service for the annual celebration of the church's Mission programs where Daniel will make brief remarks about the tribe's progress.

Delaware Valley University has invited Daniel to participate in a panel discussion during that institution's conference titled Precarious Alliance: "Land and the American Dream" that convenes from October 14 to 16.

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Farm market every Saturday – this photo just says "Summer"

Plumsteadville Grange Farm Market

Now Open for the Season

9:00 am – 12:30 pm
through October

Sept 12th Goose Creek Pioneers
old time / mountain band

Free Coffee – Tea Room
Entertainment & Demos

Follow us on Face Book
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and news from our vendors

2015 QUILT RAFFLE

The Grange quilters' latest work of textile art is now ready to raffle. The quilt is on display at the Grange hall and at the farm market. Raffle tickets are now on sale at all Grange functions – \$2.00 per ticket, or 3 for \$5.00, or contact any Grange member. Proceeds are used to fund Grange Farm Market improvements. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the summer and the quilt will be raffled off at the close of the market season, the last Saturday in October.



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