



Plumsteadville Grange #1738

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dispenses CHARITY, and is noted for FIDELITY



Box 335, 5901 Easton Road (Rte 611), Plumsteadville, PA 18949 – www.plumsteadvillegrange.org

January 14, 2015 – Plumsteadville Grange

- Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall
- **Program: New Year – New Ideas**

Come prepared to discuss your ideas of what you would like **your Grange** to accomplish, service projects, fun things to do, partnerships with other service organizations, programs, etc.

February 11, 2015 Plumsteadville Grange

- Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall
- **Program:** to be announced

BRAVO, BRAVO, BRAVO.

Kudos to the Danboro 4-H and Grange Thespians for their wildly entertaining production of "Dick Whittington & his Cat" at the December Christmas celebration. Thanks go to all who worked behind the scenes to make things run smoothly.



Special recognition goes to our own Meg Lomax for her original writing and direction of a very talented and multi-faceted cast.



FROM THE MASTER'S DESK

JANE D. BIRK, MASTER/PRESIDENT, PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

It was a real joy to see our hall filled to overflowing with more than 125 attendees at the Christmas celebration last month sharing food, fellowship, entertainment and song. A great time was had by all, and three large boxes of food were collected for the Lord's Pantry.

Thanks go out to all who prepared food and helped with set up and clean up, particularly the "Moss Clan" and Jeni and Bob Mogg.

OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, January 31 – 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall.

All officers and members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend this meeting to kick off the new year. Topics to discuss include:

- Goals and steps to complete them
- Fundraising & donations
- Activities, partnerships, etc.
- Priorities for Grange improvements
- Any other topics & ideas

Please RSVP to Jane Birk at 610-657-7668 or jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com

HELP NEEDED FOR GRANGE DINNERS

- Saturday, January 31 – 6 p.m. -- Franklin Horse Company
- Thursday, February 12 – Noon -- GrowMark (Esmond Crooke's Farmers' Group)

Help needed for preparation, service and clean up. Please Contact Annette Crooke 215-345-1276 with questions, or if you can provide a pie (or two). These dinners help raise funds – please help if you can.

PHOTOS WANTED

If you have photos of the Christmas party, please send copies to Jane Birk at jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com for inclusion in our community service book to be submitted to State Grange.

A NOTE FROM JIM DIAMOND

PAST MASTER, PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE

Dear Plumsteadville Grange Members,

I am pleased to report that Betty is fully recovered from pneumonia after a four day visit to Doylestown Hospital. She is not yet 100% but the doctor said she will get stronger and he does not want to see her for eight weeks. Thank you Grange members for visiting Betty in the hospital and sending her Christmas cookies and flowers after she arrived home.

FROM THE DESK OF MARGUERITE QUINN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 143RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

As your state representative, there are many ways my office can be of assistance. My staff and I pledge to do anything we can to help make your state government more accessible and helpful to you.

- State tax forms.
- Status and Copies of PA House Bills and State Laws.
- Driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, registration plates, placards, vanity plates).
- Assistance with Unemployment Compensation issues.
- Assistance with PA Department of Public Welfare programs
- Applications for Birth and Death Certificates.
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications.
- Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- House Citations and Certificates of Recognition to commemorate 50th anniversaries, 100th birthdays, special achievements like Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold awards, or other important occasions

Preparing for Unpredictable Weather

Don't be caught off guard by the unpredictability of dangerous weather. Know the risks and take action to protect yourself, your family and your property.

The time to prepare is now. Gather supplies for your emergency supply kit, make a plan, buy or check your generator, be ready to strengthen your home against storm damage and review your insurance coverage, including sump pump and flood insurance!

The following sites are resources for you to keep in mind when preparing for emergency weather situations:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA): www.ready.gov
- PA Emergency Management Agency's (PEMA): www.readypa.org/portal/server.pt/community/readypa/21271

If you or someone you know is oxygen dependent, or has a health condition that would require special attention should an extended loss of power occur, please contact your Township emergency coordinator so he/she is aware of your situation.

Please feel free to stop by my office, call me at 215-489-2126, email me via mquinn@pahousegop.com or visit me at **RepQuinn.net** or **Facebook.com/RepQuinn** if I can ever be of assistance. You can also sign up on my website to receive my email updates. As always, I am here to serve my constituents the best that I can and I welcome your communications

DID YOU KNOW?

According to Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture George Greig, PA produced 23.4 million pounds of cabbage, 490.1 million pounds of pork and 191.4 million pounds of potatoes in 2013. That's enough for each American to enjoy the PA Dutch staple - 1.3 pounds of pork and a cup of mashed potatoes drizzled with a quarter-cup of sauerkraut.

MEMBER CONCERNS / CELEBRATIONS

Please remember our shut-in members - they would appreciate a card or visit.

- Darwin Gruver, Saucon Manor, 1050 Main Street Hellertown, PA 18055
- Margaret Moyer 200 Veteran's Lane, Apt.514, Doylestown, PA 18901
- Doris Hellerick -Lutheran Home at Telford, 12 Lutheran Drive, Telford, PA 18969.

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

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 jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com.

GRANGE REFRESHMENTS

A Grange meeting without refreshments is just a meeting - the informal time after a meeting is often the most fertile ground for discussion of ideas and forging new friendships. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Grange Hall - please indicate which month you would like to provide refreshments.

LIKE US ON FACE BOOK -

We welcome members, friends and market vendors to post your comments. Search for "Plumsteadville Grange" or "Plumsteadville Grange Farm Market"

Remember your non-perishable food items for the Lord's Pantry!



Plan to attend the largest agricultural event in the US. Stop by the PA Grange booth and say "hello".



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