



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



December, 2020

Lewisburg Performer to Appear at Eagle Grange, December 1st



KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner is a nationally known singer-song writer-motivational speaker-coffee hour entertainer and we are thrilled she is coming to our Holiday Potluck Dinner this night. With her infectious enthusiasm, she is sure to enliven our gathering that begins at 6 p.m.

Combining inspiring words and music, KJ's topic for the evening ***Challenges to Opportunities: Creative Ways Toward the Future*** is especially appropriate as we honor long-time Grange members for their years of service. She promises to challenge all to look forward to a new and brighter tomorrow, in the Grange and in our lives. She promises to share a special song about the Grange she wrote a few years ago.

We are asking those planning to attend to make a reservation with Secretary Jenn Nauss (e-mail jnauss89@gmail.com; phone 717-512-1261) by November 27th to help with planning for food and seating. This information is also needed to provide notification in the event that a postponement becomes necessary because of inclement weather or COVID restrictions on group gatherings.

COVID safety protocols will be observed.

Everyone is asked to wear a face mask except while eating and to use the disposable plastic film gloves provided while handling serving utensils in the buffet line.

Meat (sauerbraten beef & fried chicken), beverage and place settings will be supplied by the Grange and those attending are invited to bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share. Colorfully decorated tables celebrating the December holidays of Hanukkah and Christmas will be spaced

in a socially distanced manner. Individual favors will be given to each attendee and several especially lucky persons will go home with a door prize. The Social Committee in charge of arrangements is Jennifer Nauss and Doug Bonsall.

See a listing elsewhere in this newsletter that recognizes all the members of Eagle and Delaware Granges that will be honored for their years of continuous membership at this very special event.

New Stove Installed

At the beginning of November the much needed new stove was installed in the Grange kitchen. It got its first big work-out for the Nov. 14th take-out turkey dinner and it worked like a charm. The total cost, including installation and gas hook-up/inspection, was just over \$1,800 and provides us with 6 large burners and a full size commercial oven. What an improvement!



Another tidbit of good news is that president David Troutman was able to sell the old stove for \$200. And to think some of us thought this relic was only a piece of scrap metal!

Previously approved and the next scheduled property improvements are:

- Painting of the stairwell and second floor ante room area (currently underway)
- Upgrading of dining room lighting fixtures to energy efficient LED bulbs
- Installation of an outdoor lighted sign in the lawn alongside Route 15. This sign will help to advertise events taking place at Eagle Grange and eliminate the cost of purchasing a banner for each event.

Eagle Grange will continue to search for grants that can help fund other long-term major improvements to our facilities. We must finalize what those projects will be and determine a priority as we seek funding from outside sources.

Membership Honors to 37

At the Dec. 1st holiday dinner, recognition will be given to Eagle Grange members for 25 or more years of continuous Grange membership:

78 years	Gordon Hiller
67 years	Joann Murray, Bob Hively
65 years	Karen Williamson
60 years	Fred Murray
58 years	Ronald Waltz, William Corson
55 years	Barbara Friese, Paul Wertman& Lois Wertman (posthumously)
51 years	William & Doris Messersmith Doug Bonsall
48 years	Nancy Reynolds
45 years	Elizabeth Downey
44 years	Belinda Frey
43 years	Mona Bertin
36 years	Thomas & Daisy Styer
34 years	David Troutman, Robert More
33 years	Elliott & Barbara Weiss Christopher Crawford
31 years	Hayim Weiss
29 years	Philip Weiss, Bernie Downey
26 years	Sarah Weiss

With the impending consolidation of Delaware Grange #1895 from Dewart, PA into Eagle in the very near future, we will also be honoring those Delaware members due recognition:

76 years	Glenn Wertman
37 years	Virginia Wertman
26 years	Irvin & Janet Reynolds ... Donald Gresh, Larry & Barbara Robbins
25 years	Carol Gresh, Emmett Reynolds

State President Wayne Campbell expects the consolidation to be completed by the end of the year with the sale of the Delaware property.

Dues for 2021

Included with this newsletter is a dues notice for the coming year (unless you are a Life Member or have paid for next year in advance). The small annual contribution from every member helps fund Grange work at the local, state and national levels.

Take-Out Turkey Dinner Shots



New affiliate member Phil Vonada pitched right in to handle the mashing of 75 pounds of potatoes.



Part of the kitchen crew: Barbara Weiss, Jackie Murray, Daisy Styer, Phil Vonada and Doug Bonsall.



Jenn Nauss, Joann Murray and Beth Downey deboned and carved about 110 pounds of turkey.



Barbara & Sarah Weiss packaged several hundred individual containers of goodies included with the almost 150 meals served on Nov. 14th.



Fred Murray & Karen Williamson peeled potatoes.

Don't Miss these.....

Coming Events

December 1 – Holiday Dinner Meeting @ 6 p.m.; please note earlier start time. Program following to honor long-time Grange members; special welcome to members of former Delaware Grange; motivational speaker to help us look to the future (*details on Page 1*)

January 5 – Grange meeting @ 6:30 p.m.;
Blue Jacket Night – the Grange will be presenting five jackets to students from the Milton High School FFA chapter. The chapter adviser and parents are expected to attend; Speaker – Krista Pontius, FFA official and Perry County Granger

February 2 – Grange meeting @ 6:30 p.m.; Planning for 150th anniversary activities and related property improvements

February 13 – Valentine's Gala; a dressy casual night out for Grange members and their friends; reservations required; see details on last page

More T-Shirts Now Available

A second order of our “It All Started at Eagle #1” 150th anniversary T-shirts have been received and are available for just \$12 each (all sizes – small, medium, large, X-large, 2X-large and 3X-large) at any Grange function. Profits from this project will help to underwrite the celebration of Eagle’s 150th anniversary activities throughout 2021.



Contact for Use of Eagle Grange Hall

David Troutman 570-220-1685



The State Grange generously shares at no charge regalia, implements and related items from closed Granges with any active Grange needing them. Eagle Grange has recently received a new altar rug and a complete set of handmade satin-lined officer station scarves. The one for the altar has been re-worked with the name Eagle Grange No. 1 embroidered on it, thanks to the efforts of Sister Hazel Ruff from York County (right) shown here with Eagle Secretary Jenn Nauss.

Similarly, the Lycoming Pomona Grange and Canusarago Grange have each received a set of officers' sashes to replace the well worn ones previously being used by those groups.

On the Agenda for Dec. 1st Meeting

Most business will be dispensed with for this holiday dinner meeting but we do need to determine if the Grange will subsidize part of the cost for each member attending the 4/17/2020 State Grange anniversary kick-off luncheon at the Country Cupboard, Lewisburg. As the first Grange in the state, Eagle members will have an important part in the program at this luncheon to spread the Grange light as it happened 150 years ago.

Welcome New Member

Mr. Philip Vonada of South Williamsport is Eagle's newest affiliate member. Phil is originally from Centre County where he is a member of Penns Valley Grange #158 and has recently been appointed PA State Grange Junior Director. He brings with him much talent as a performer and general manager of the Williamsport Community Theater League.

Grange Recipe Featured in Local Newspaper to Promote Dinner



Jenn Nauss and Doug Bonsall shared a recipe for pumpkin pie and this picture in an article featured in the Muncy Luminary newspaper. An inquiry made to Doug for historical information from newspaper reporter Carol Shetler about the demolition of the former Captain John Brady Grange Hall in Muncy Twp. led to a discussion about favorite Thanksgiving foods and the request to share the pie recipe with readers.

Actions at Last Meeting

Usage Agreement – Approved the fourth revision of the proposed agreement for use of the Grange Hall

Property Upgrades – Approved the installation of safety hand rails at the rear kitchen and side (stairwell) entrances

Annual Membership Dues – Approved an increase to \$50 per member for 2021

Officers' Bond Insurance – Authorized purchase of coverage for \$10,000 (bonding required by State Grange)

Financial Report

(Period from 9/11/2020-10/27/2020)

Beginning Balance	\$9,741.50*
Receipts	+ 2,150.00
Expenditures	- 3,248.37
Balance Carried Forward	\$8,643.13*

**Balances include funds designated for property improvements not yet completed or paid; received from Friends of Eagle Grange and trust fund withdrawal; cannot be used for operating expenses*

Preliminary figures from the Nov. 14th take-out turkey dinner show a profit of about \$1,600.....way to go!

Hosts/Hostesses for Grange Meetings

The social hour after Grange meetings is an important part of our fellowship and strengthens our relationships with one another. Eagle Grange is blessed with many generous members who regularly bring refreshments to share and we want this to continue. To relieve the same persons from set-up and clean-up duties at each meeting, we have decided to designate a different couple to handle this on a rotating basis.

December 1, 2020 - holiday dinner/motivational speaker Jenn Nauss/Doug Bonsall
January 5, 2021 - FFA Blue Jacket Night Fred & Joann Murray
February 2, 2021 - 150th anniversary events planning..... Elliott & Barbara Weiss
March 2, 2021 - Eagle Grange history PowerPoint slide program Tom & Daisy Styer
April 6, 2021 - Speaker - Al Holliday, Editor of *PA Magazine* Bernie & Beth Downey
May 4, 2021 – (tentatively) Film on PA Ordnance Defense Works..... David Troutman/Mike Wallis
June 1, 2021 - program to be determined..... Karen Williamson/Richard Kelley

If you find yourself unable to serve on the designated date, feel free to exchange with others on the list. Additional volunteers to serve as hosts/hostesses are welcomed.....call Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 or 717-460-0723 if you are willing to serve in this role at a future meeting.



Valentine's Gala

A "Dressy Casual" Night Out at a Bargain Price
Food, Fellowship, Entertainment, Door Prizes

(*"BYOB" – Bring Your Own Bottle permitted*)

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 – 5 p.m.

(snow date – February 20th)

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Following COVID precautions, attendance is limited to 36 persons (9 tables with 4 persons/table).
Face masks are encouraged except while eating. Reservations will be accepted first come, first accepted.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; Non-alcoholic punch bowl available upon arrival

Menu – Mixed green salad with homemade celery seed sweet-sour dressing
Choice of: stuffed chicken breast with gravy OR stuffed pork chop with gravy
Twice baked stuffed potato
Green beans amandine - Calico corn pudding
Roll & Butter
Red velvet layer cake/strawberry garnish
Coffee-Tea

RESERVATIONS FOR 2/13/2021 VALENTINE'S GALA AT EAGLE GRANGE

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____

Phone number(s) Home: _____ Cell _____

Cost - \$11/person Indicate number of each meal: ____ Stuffed chicken breast ____ Stuffed pork chop

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Please make check payable to: Eagle Grange #1

Mail reservation/payment with self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Karen Williamson, 900 Nichols Place, Apt. 205, Williamsport, PA 17701