



# Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road  
Montgomery, PA 17752



February, 2022

## Connecting the Dots . . . A Personal Journey

Frequently we fail to recognize the long-term and positive influence of youth programs like FFA, 4-H, Scouts and Grange. Our speaker on February 1, 2022, will share the fascinating story how 4-H changed her life and set her on course for a career in agricultural and economic development around the world.



**Nancy Walker (left)** was born and raised in an active Grange family in rural Perry County where she was a 4-H member for 10 years and a 4-H leader for 25 years. She holds advanced degrees from Kutztown University, The School for International Training, and Penn State University. An early experience through IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) to India led to her life's work that took her across the globe.

Her first "grown-up" job was as an art teacher in a Newfoundland, Canada outpost village. Later she served as a US Peace Corps Volunteer to the Philippines and managed a rural development project in Uganda, Africa. Nancy worked in eight different countries in East and West Africa, Southeast Asia, Central Asia and Russia with Agricultural Cooperative Development International and Connecting New Frontiers in Agriculture.

Through all her travels, she remained connected to the Grange and now has 50+ years of membership and is currently a member of Oliver Grange #1069 and president of the Perry County Pomona #69. Since returning to the family homestead, she enjoys her cat family, gardening, reading, painting, practicing Tai Chi, kayaking and rustic camping.

# Coming Events

**February 1** – Eagle Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
**Program** – FFA Blue Jacket Scholarship presentations to Milton & Montgomery students  
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- **Hosts** – Fred & Joann Murray

*Feel free to bring a door prize or some light refreshments to share during the social hour.*

**February 11** – Take-Out Dinner work day –  
10 a .m.-2 p.m. Lunch will be provided

**February 12** – Second annual free “Share the Love” Take-Out Dinner – help needed from  
10 a .m.-5 p.m. Lunch will be provided

**March 1** – Shrove Tuesday Celebration  
(no formal meeting this month)

- **Host** – Phil Vonada

6-7 p.m. - Drop-in Pancake & Sausage Supper

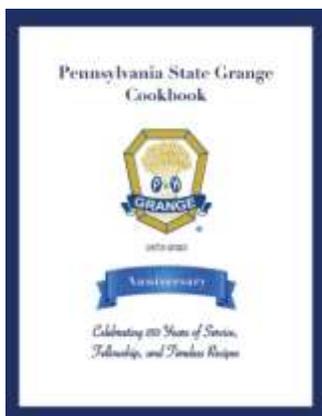
7-8 p.m. – Mardi Gras Party

- **King Cake** - Learn about the traditions
- **Breakout Box** puzzle activity
- **Bingo**

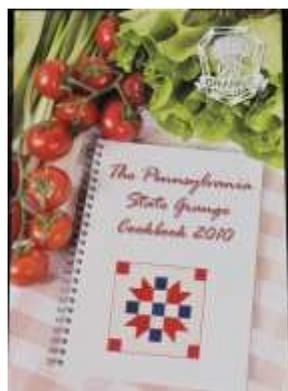
*Please bring something suitable for a bingo prize, may be either wrapped or unwrapped*

**March 12** – Pomona #28 meets at Eagle – 1 p.m.  
continue planning for future; all Grange members are invited to fill out a questionnaire to share their thoughts on the purpose and work of the Pomona

## Cookbooks Available



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition - \$25 each**



**2010 Edition – Discounted to \$15**

## Looking Ahead

### Take-Out Dinner

*Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1*

**Sat., March 26, 2022**

**Roast Pork Loin & Homemade Sauerkraut**

Roast Pork Loin, Homemade Sauerkraut (or alternate - stuffing & gravy), Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Vegetables, Fruit Cup, Pickled Beets, Roll & Butter, Shoofly Pie

*Suggested Donation - \$12*



**Advance reservations suggested\***

Contact Joann Murray @ 570-547-1340

*\*Limited # of meals available without reservations*

**Pick-up 2-4 p.m. @ Eagle Grange Hall**

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**Next Take-Out Dinner**

*Roast Beef with Stuffing – May 21, 2022*

**Full size posters will be available at next meeting to distribute in the community**

**March 25** – Take-Out Dinner work day –  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch will be provided

**March 26** – Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Take-Out Dinner – help needed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Lunch will be provided

## Important Reminders

If you haven't already paid your 2022 Grange membership dues, please remit them promptly to: **Jennifer Nauss, Eagle Grange Secretary, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**

David Troutman handles reservations for use of the Grange Hall. Contact him @ 570-220-1685 to schedule dates.

# Lots of Great Ideas from 1/4/2022 Planning Meeting

A “Vote with Your Feet” activity began the meeting with a series of questions which members answered by walking to different parts of the hall to indicate one of three possible responses to each question: “**Agree**”, “**Disagree**”, or “**No Opinion**”.

Question	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree
1. I know all there is to know about the Grange.	0	0	All
2. I always look forward to Grange meetings.	9	3	1
3. The Grange is meeting my personal needs.	0	All	0
4. Our Grange can do more for the community	3	4	3
5. I think that holding 5 or 6 fund raisers annually is the right number for our Grange.	9	2	0
6. I am OK with a mix of different types of Grange meetings – some formal, some informal, some special outings.	9	0	1
7. We should continue to improve our facilities.	4	4	1
8. Our Grange is doing just fine and nothing should be changed.	0	0	All
9. The Grange must change if it is to survive for another 150 years.	All	0	0

## Among the comments shared during this discussion:

- *Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, improving the community*
- *Other commitments make it difficult to decide what to attend.*
- *Wish more younger people would be involved.*
- *Hope for more involvement **IN** the community (collective volunteering rather than just giving money)*
- *Compared to where we were 2 years ago, we are doing pretty well.*
- *Like the fundraisers we do; like working together.*
- *Like less structured meetings where business can still happen, but not as formal; special outings/events attract new people*
- *Continue to make the building more attractive for rentals*
- *We don't want to get stuck in a rut.*
- *People want more activities than formal meetings; people are not interested in the ceremony*
- *Continue to offer high-quality programs.*
- *Suggestion to hold 2-3 special events to invite others.*

Doug then led a planning discussion to brainstorm projects, property improvements, fund raising, and other events/activities for 2022.

## Community Service Projects

Some projects have already been approved and have been planned, including:

- Second “Share the Love” dinner – February 12
- FFA Blue Jacket scholarships for Milton and Montgomery schools – February 1

Discussion about other proposed projects included:

- **Family Fun Fair** – perhaps combined with pavilion dedication in fall 2022 with benefit dinner for local fire companies. Suggestion: Ask the Lions Club in Montgomery to support the project.

- **Paint ‘n Sip** – perhaps for a local cause. Suggestion: Ask local art teachers to be the instructor.
- **Free Community Picnic.** Suggestions:
  - Book community entertainment
  - Hold a joint picnic activity with other Granges
  - Consider holding the picnic at Clinton Twp. Park, where we recently donated money
- **Meet the Candidates Night** – September/October

## **Property Improvements**

**Some projects have already been approved and are in progress, including:**

- Eagle Scout pavilion project – in progress
- FFA tree planting/bird houses – approved
- Permanent sign installation/lighting – in progress. David Troutman will follow up on this project.

**Discussion about other projects included:**

- Sink/faucet replacement – a donation was received to underwrite this cost.
- Chair and table racks – consensus agreed that this was a good idea. Check Uline.
- Long-term goals?
  - Exterior Siding – possible conflict with seeking historical funding; agreement that insulation would be good.
  - Paved Parking – would make winter maintenance easier. Discussion also included how to improve traffic flow for take-out dinners. Consensus was that the priority would be paving.

## **Fund Raising Projects**

**Grange cookbooks** – sales of new 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary book continuing.

**Take-out dinners 2022 proposed dates**

- 3/26 – Pork & Sauerkraut (or Stuffing)
- 5/14 – Roast Beef
- 6/25 – Ham
- 8/13 – Pulled Pork
- 9/24 – Chicken Barbeque (benefit dinner in conjunction with Fun Fair)
- 11/12 – Turkey

## **Miscellaneous Projects/Events/Programs**

- **Pancake Supper/Mardi Gras Party** – March 1
- **Road Rally** – April 9
- **Outings/Tours**
  - Williamsport Community Theater
  - Taber/Lycoming County Historical Society Museum
- **Continue with fair exhibits in 2022**
- **Continue with well-run meetings and good programs**
- **Program/activity suggestions:**
  - Therapeutic Horseback Riding in Montgomery (Sunnybrook Meadows);
  - Oliver’s Backpacks (provides backpacks and school supplies for local kids in need and for the schools’ backpack food programs)
  - Summer picnic and outdoor games before the meeting
  - Indoor scavenger hunt
  - Search and rescue dogs; Phil Vonada will do research
  - Camp Victory – camp for children with medical needs and disabilities

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing this project with a \$250 Action Team “seed money” grant to buy supplies.

# **"Share the Love"**

## **Take-Out Dinner**

**Sat., Feb. 12, 2022**

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*A gift from the Grange to the community*



**Stuffed chicken breast with gravy, mixed green salad with homemade celery seed sweet-sour dressing, potatoes au gratin, green beans amandine, applesauce, roll & butter, angel food cake with strawberries**

*No charge for this meal; if you wish to “pay the love forward”, donations will be accepted to support the Grange’s services to the community*

**Advance reservations suggested; a limited number of additional meals may be available**

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**Next Take-Out Dinner**

*Pork Loin & Homemade Sauerkraut – March 26, 2022*

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# February 2022 Newsletter



Eagle Grange was delighted to welcome two more new members at its last meeting: Ruth Lundy (right) of Hughesville and Elizabeth “Libby” Green of Northumberland. Sister Green is an Affiliate Member with primary membership at California Grange in Montour County.