



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road
Montgomery, PA 17752



March, 2022

Sausage/Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras

Something new and different has been planned for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Don't miss it!



The meeting happens to fall on Shrove (or Fat) Tuesday, a day of celebration just before the more somber Christian observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras (*French for Fat Tuesday*) is a time of celebration and merriment, most famously in New Orleans. Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar before fasting in Lent. We've invited our sister Granges (Allegheny, California and Canusarago) to join us for this fellowship.

A free supper of sausage, pancakes, fruit, juice and coffee will be served 6-7 p.m. During this time, FFA members will be joining us to help pack appreciation bags for all 135 staff members of Montgomery Schools as a way of saying thank you for their service, made considerably more challenging during the COVID pandemic. If you have not already signed up for the meal, please contact Jenn Nauss (email: jnauss89@gmail.com or phone: 717-512-1261) no later than Feb. 22nd to make your reservation(s).

Then, more fun is in store as we enjoy a game night. First, we'll work as teams to solve clues and puzzles that will lead to prizes locked in a breakout box. Finally, we'll play bingo; **please bring a gift (may be wrapped or unwrapped) that is an appropriate prize for male or female.** Some possible gift ideas: candy, a plant or bouquet of flowers, toiletries, homemade goodies, knickknacks, craft creations, etc.

Six FFA Blue Jacket Scholarships Presented

For the second consecutive year, Eagle Grange #1 has supported the local FFA programs by awarding Blue Jacket Scholarships to high school students. This year six jackets were sponsored, three each for Montgomery and Milton Schools, and a public recognition was held at the Grange's February 1st meeting.



Attending the February 1st event at the Grange were: (left to right) Chris Ulrich, Montgomery FFA advisor; Cameron Bryson, Montgomery FFA Vice President and Kaylei Snyder, Montgomery FFA Secretary, both of whom received jackets sponsored by Eagle Grange. Other 2022 recipients unable to attend in person were: Kylee Young from Montgomery and Hilhary Baez, Caden Mull and Brayden Munn, all from Milton.

More Service Projects Completed; Planned

One of the things identified in the annual planning meeting was a commitment by the Grange to continue its community service outreach. Completed recently:

- School Food Collection – Dec. 2021
- FFA Blue Jacket Scholarships – Feb. 2022
- Free “Share the Love” Dinner – Feb. 12th

Here are some projects being planned:

- Montgomery Appreciation Bags – Mar. 1st
- Road Rally – April 9th
- “Work-Life Balance” Workshop – April 19th
- Fire Companies Benefit – September

Ideas for additional service projects are always welcome!

Coming Events

March 1 – Shrove Tuesday Celebration – see Page 1 for details (*no formal meeting this month*)

- Host – Phil Vonada

6-7 p.m. - Drop-in Pancake & Sausage Supper
Packing of Appreciation Bags for Montgomery School staff members

7-8 p.m. – Mardi Gras Party

- **King Cake** - Learn about this traditions and maybe win a special prize
- **Breakout Box** – group 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 distributed at last two meetings to share their thoughts on the purpose and work of the Pomona

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

April 5 – Grange Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Program – *The Faiths of Abraham*, a 4-person panel discussion on Christian, Jewish and Islamic religious traditions

- Hosts – Tom & Daisy Styer

April 9 – Second annual Road Rally
See Pages 7-8 for details

April 19 – Community workshop **Work-Life Balance**; *See Page 9 for details*

Looking Ahead to Future Programs

May 3 – **HISTORY THEMED QUILTS** by Carol Shetler. Quilts created to document and share stories of local people, places, and commemorative events including grist mills, blacksmiths, relatives & shops,

June 7 – Tour of SunnyBrook Meadows Farm therapeutic riding school, Montgomery. Ice cream party afterwards.

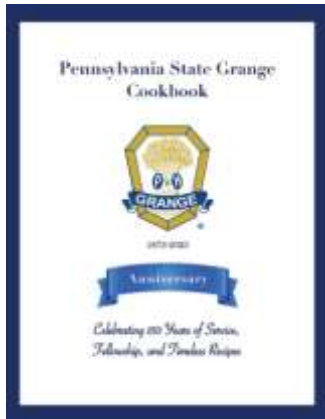
Life Changing Influence



Nancy Walker of Newport, Perry County, was the speaker for the Feb. 1st program, delivering a very appropriate message of encouragement to the FFA students being recognized that night. Sister Walker, president of the Perry County Pomona Grange, recounted the influence that youth programs had on her, leading to a career in educational, agricultural and economic development work around the world.

The Grange Hall has seen a big increase in use by outside groups and families for special events since improvements have been made. Call David Troutman @ 570-220-1685 to arrange for use of the building.

Cookbooks Available



150th Anniversary Edition - \$25 each



2010 Edition – Discounted to \$15

Thank you, Thrivent!

Several of our Grangers are affiliated with **Thrivent Financial**, a faith-based fraternal benefit society providing insurance and financial services. As a non-profit organization owned by its members, Thrivent is required by law to return a portion of its earnings to other qualifying non-profits in lieu of paying corporate taxes.

Both the Thrivent Choice charitable grant and Thrivent Action Team programs engage Thrivent clients in providing support for charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. Recently Eagle Grange projects have received \$1,000 from Thrivent through designations from **Tom & Daisy Styer** and **Doug Bonsall**. The funds were specifically applied for to support:

- \$250 for supplies - free “Share the Love” take-out dinner
- \$250 for supplies – school appreciation bags
- \$500 for kitchen sink and faucet replacement

REMINDER: 2022 DUES

Annual dues must be paid by 3/31/2022 to maintain continuous membership. If you haven't already paid your 2022 dues, please remit them promptly to: **Jennifer Nauss, Eagle Grange Secretary, 10 W. Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**

Actions in Process to Improve Our Property

- Adding more stone to provide temporary relief for mud issue in parking area
- Researching details, estimated costs and applicable regulations for paving a driveway and parking spaces at the Grange Hall
- Installing a baby changing station in the handicapped restroom
- Investigating purchase of table and chair racks to make set-up and tear-down easier
- Arranging for kitchen improvements to install new deeper sinks and higher “gooseneck” faucets

A big vote of thanks is given to President David Troutman for his exceptional service with snow removal, spreading of cinders & ice melt and coordination of hall uses during the past few winter months.

Grange and FFA volunteers will be packing St. Patrick's Day appreciation bags for Montgomery school personnel at March 1st Mardi Gras event!



WOW! What a Dinner!

Rave reports were received for the Grange's 2nd annual “Share the Love” free take-out dinner on Feb. 12th. We served 186 dinners and, limited by kitchen oven capacity, had to turn away many more phone reservations and walk-ins. The fellowship among the volunteers was exceptionally pleasant and the generous voluntary donations received from our guests resulted in net income of over \$1,300 which will be used for additional community services. See pictures of this event on the next page.

“Share the Love” Take-Out Dinner



The volunteers in the kitchen pause for a picture - (left to right) Hilda Sampsell, Doug Bonsall, JoAnn Murray, and Jackie Murray.



JoAnn Murray (left) and Janet Reynolds (right) are hard at work and having fun!



Irvin Reynolds, Libby Green, and Ruth Lundy peel potatoes.



Elliott Weiss is ready to sell cookbooks!



The Downeys and Ruth Vonada (center) get organized.



Daisy Styer is focused on her job!



Volunteers pose for a picture in their Thrivent t-shirts!



Louise Nogle is ready to welcome guests to the Grange.



Sarah Weiss (left) and Jenn Nauss (right) pack up the take-out meals.



Karen Williamson (left) and Daisy Styer (right) share a laugh during a break.

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

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—
Second Annual

ROAD RALLY

Get your team together for a scavenger
hunt through North-Central PA



**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 -
10:00 AM**

\$20 PER TEAM / PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Contact Jenn Nauss at jnauss89@gmail.com or
(717) 512-1261 for more information. Find us on
Facebook - Eagle Grange #1.

ROAD RALLY

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Saturday, April 9th – 10:00 am

RULES AND INFORMATION

- Each team will travel together in one vehicle to complete the scavenger hunt.
- A list of sites and stops will be provided to each team. It will be up to each team to plan a successful route.
- Stops will include historical sites, notable locations, and local businesses.
- A task will need to be completed at each stop to finish the rally (posing for a specific picture, locating a specific item, etc.).
- Clues will be provided for each team to solve to figure out what the task is.

- On the trip, keep your camera out and ready to snap photos of bonus items, sites, and views.

- The Starting Point will be Eagle Grange Hall, located at Route 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA.

- Teams should arrive at the Grange Hall by 9:30 am to register and receive instructions before departing. The route and tasks will likely take teams about 3 to 3.5 hours to complete.

- Gift cards to participating local businesses will be awarded as prizes for:
 - The first team to successfully finish the rally and return to the Grange Hall
 - The team that is most creative in completing a task
 - The team that finds the most bonus sites/items
 - The team that is most supportive of the local businesses during the rally (time incentives will also be given for teams who support local businesses by spending some time visiting and making a purchase)
- Prizes will be awarded at 1:30 pm at the Grange Hall.

- The cost is \$20 per team. Advance registration is required. Contact Jenn Nauss at jnauss89@gmail.com or (717) 512-1261 to register. Payment may be made by cash, check, Venmo, or PayPal.



Striking a Healthy Life Balance

A 3-hour workshop open to the public and sponsored by the Grange as a service to the community

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 6-9 p.m.

Eagle Grange Hall

Route 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA

- *What is a good work-life balance?*
- *Why does a healthy work-life balance matter to you?*
- *Techniques to improve the balance between career and family*



Leader: Krista Pontius

Greenwood High School (Millerstown, PA) agriculture teacher and recipient of the “Live with Kelly & Ryan” 2021 Top Teacher Award

Registration Deadline: April 12, 2022

Materials and refreshments included.

To register, contact Jenn Nauss at jnauss89@gmail.com or (717) 512-1261. Workshop registration fee is \$10/person with payment due at time of registration. Payment may be made by cash, check, Venmo, or PayPal.

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March 2022 Newsletter

Each Monday, the National Grange Facebook page highlights member(s) from a local Grange somewhere across the country. The Jan. 31st honorees were very familiar faces at Eagle!



Here's the caption that day: "JoAnn Murray is a long-time member of Eagle Grange #1 in Pennsylvania. JoAnn has been a member for 69 years and is a descendent of charter members of Pennsylvania's first Grange. JoAnn and her husband, Fred - also a long-time member of Eagle Grange - have been active and dedicated members of the Grange, in both good times and more difficult ones. Eagle Grange recently celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2021 and reached that milestone thanks - in large part - to JoAnn and Fred. In more difficult times, JoAnn and Fred kept the Grange going, continuing to meet and rent the historic hall to raise income. Eagle Grange began significant renewal efforts in 2019 and the Murrays have set an example of embracing positive change to renew the Grange. JoAnn and Fred are dedicated volunteers at all of the Grange's service projects, fundraisers, and other activities/events. Thank you JoAnn and Fred for all that you do for Eagle Grange!"