



Eagle Grange #1

Route 15 & East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752

October 2023



Volunteers Give Their Time & Energy



Helpers at the most recent take-out dinner took a moment for a group snapshot. Note that some are wearing the shirts provided by Thrivent Financial which supported the dinner with a \$250 grant to purchase supplies.

Eagle Named Golden Distinguished Grange

For the third consecutive year, Eagle Grange has earned special honors from the National Grange for outstanding achievement. This year only 25 Granges in the nation were so honored; further, Eagle is one of just 10 Granges receiving the added title of ***Golden Distinguished Grange*** in recognition of our special program this past June on Rural Mental Health issues, a Grange priority across the nation.



Hoagies & Pizza for Halloween - Pomona Grange Fundraiser

Northcentral Pomona Grange #28 (a merger of the former Lycoming County and Montour-Northumberland-Union Pomona Granges) will hold a sale of Marianna's hoagies & pizza just in time for Halloween snacking. Ten varieties of the 14" hoagies and three different 12" pizzas are available by advance order; the price of both items is \$10 each. For more details and to place orders by 10/21/2023; contact Beth Downey at 570-419-6849 OR edowney11@verizon.net. Pick up orders at Eagle Grange Hall on Tuesday, October 31st at 11 a.m.

We Had a Blast at Sept. 5th Hawaiian Luau!

Brittany Snyder (pictured below in costume) from Elizabethtown, PA led a fast moving, colorful and fun filled program on Polynesian dance following our luau potluck dinner. Thanks to everyone who accepted the challenge to make and bring various traditional Hawaiian dishes for the meal.....they were yummy!



Chet Shaffer from Allegheny Grange (center) and our own Irv Renolds (right) were among the first to get up with Brittany and learn Hawaiian dance!



What were those sticks that Katy Moser & Karen Schooley learned to handle?



Watch out for those swinging Poi Balls as Brittany demonstrates another traditional Polynesian dance.



(Left to right, back) Jenn Nauss, Joann Murray, Doug Bonsall & Daisy Styer follow Brittany's lead.

Complete Sell-Out at Chicken Breast Dinner

Our Sept. 23rd dinner was an especially busy one with about 160 meals served. The sales table featured a large selection of goodies that generated a record \$700+! Altogether, the day realized a profit of \$2,000+ to support Grange service projects and property improvements.



Customers are greeted as they arrive (above) by Ruth Lundy & Tom Styer.



Carol Schnure, Libby Green & Linda Valentine (above) make slaw while Daisy Styer, Reba Crawford & Joann Murray (below) serve hot foods.



(Above) Jackie Murray & Reba Crawford handle the gravy & meat serving duties.





Nancy Eck (above) packs bags while Joann Murray (below) is busy with pie baking.



Glenn Pauling (below) handled the sales table.



Everyone volunteering at the take-out dinners handles a specific task (or sometimes two or three!). Above, Phil Vonada mashes the potatoes while Karen Williamson helps fill the bags for each meal.



Property Updates

The Grange voted to withdraw up to \$10,000 from its custodial fund held by the State Grange to complete two major improvement projects:

- **Completed** - we now have heat and air conditioning in the kitchen and restrooms with the installation of a heat pump HVAC system by Frey Plumbing & Heating.
- **In Process** - King Electrical & Plumbing is now working on electrical repairs, powerwashing & sealing of the entrance ramp and replacement of the porch roof over the back kitchen door.

We are investigating the possibility of running an underground drain line from the sump pump into the stone culvert on the edge of the property to alleviate the wet spot in the lawn where this water from the basement is now accumulating.

Two New Service Projects

Trunk or Treat – Contact Jenn Nauss or Phil Vonada if you want to help with and/or donate goodies for this event in Montgomery on 10/30

Cookie Bake/Delivery – Bring cookie dough (either bought or homemade) to bake and pack cookie plates for shut-ins on 11/25; details later

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 3 – Candidates’ Forum for Lycoming County Commissioner - 6:30 p.m.

- **Hosts** – Elliott & Barbara Weiss, Libby Green

OCTOBER 18-22 – State Grange session in Morgantown, PA celebrating 150th anniversary; Phil Vonada & Beth Downey are Eagle’s delegates.

OCTOBER 30 – Grange will participate in “Trunk or Treat” @ Montgomery Schools - 5-6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 31 – Pick up orders for Pomona Grange hoagie/pizza sale at Grange Hall – 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER 3 – Work day for take-out dinner - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch

NOVEMBER 4 – Roast Turkey Take-Out Dinner. Help needed from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; bring something to share for lunch (*details on Page 6*)

NOVEMBER 7 – Grange meeting – 6:30 p.m. @ Grange Hall. Program on **Hemp Production & Medical Marijuana**

- **Hosts** – still needed for this meeting

NOVEMBER 25 – Launch the Holiday Season Decorating the Grange Hall; Baking & Packing of cookies for shut-ins – 10 a.m.



Eagle took various versions of this educational exhibit “Growing the Future” to five fairs in 2023. The final and largest exhibit for the year was entered at the Bloomsburg Fair (above).

Your help and donation of baked goods for the sale table are needed for this dinner; please sign up at next meeting.

Take-Out Dinner

Sponsored by Eagle Grange #1

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023

Turkey & All the Trimmings

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Relish, Pepper Cabbage, Roll & Butter, Homemade Pumpkin Pie

Suggested Donation - \$13



Advance reservations suggested*

Contact Daisy Styer @ 570-546-5861 by 10/30

**Limited # of meals available without reservations*

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

Rt. 15 & East Blind Rd., Montgomery, PA

Next Take-Out Dinner – February 10, 2024

Free “Share the Love” Meal

If you know of a deserving individual, couple or organization in the community that should be recognized for outstanding volunteer service, please complete and submit this form so Eagle Grange's annual "Community Citizen Award" can be presented during our annual Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Nomination for 2023 Eagle Grange

COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD

Here's your chance to help the Grange recognize outstanding volunteer service that makes the community a better place.

The Grange Community Citizen Award is a nationwide project to recognize the outstanding community service of non-Grange individuals, couples and organizations. Eagle Grange will give the 2023 award at the annual Holiday Dinner meeting/program on Tuesday, December 5th. The award recipient(s), their family and friends will be the guests of our Grange for the evening to receive well deserved recognition.

All Grange members are invited to submit nominations for this year's award. You may submit any number of nominations, but all must be submitted in writing. A committee will evaluate all nominations and select the most deserving to receive the award. Since the review committee may never have met the person(s) you are nominating and may know nothing of their community involvement, please be very specific as you describe why your nominee is deserving of this award.

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

City _____

State _____ **ZIP Code** _____ **Telephone** _____

List the nominee's community involvement(s)

(attach additional sheets as necessary to give details)

State why you believe this nominee should receive the Grange Community Citizen Award

References - List individuals who can be contacted for more information about the nominee

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

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Nomination made by (name of Grange member) _____

All nominations must be returned by November 7, 2023 to:

Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018
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October 2023
Newsletter

County Commissioner Forum



Tuesday, October 3rd - 6:30 pm
Eagle Grange Hall
Route 15 & E. Blind Rd., Montgomery

All four candidates for the office of Lycoming County Commissioner will participate - Democrats Denitra Moffett, Williamsport, and Mark Mussina, Montoursville, and Republicans Scott Metzger and Marc Sortman, both of Williamsport. Each candidate will be permitted to give opening and closing statements and respond to questions on various topics directed to them by moderator Jason Fink, President/CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.