

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Denise Clare

Registration forms for Relay for Life will be mailed out and should be returned at Pomona meeting. Laura Wike is also looking for new walkers.

A representative from **Berks Women In Crisis** will be at the March Pomona meeting to collect donations (please have items to meeting by 10:00 AM). PLEASE have your Grange (as a whole) donate to this worthy cause. Attached is a list of items to be brought. Items are needed all year long and not just around the holidays. Please NO stuffed animals.

Emma's Place Child Development Center:

- Diapers: Size 5 & 6
- Baby wipes
- Boys & girls underpants size 3-6
- Dryer sheets
- Non perishable snack items
- Cleaning supplies
- Roll paper towels
- Photo albums (with space for captions)
- Educational games
- Masking & scotch tape
- Plastic storage containers (shoebox or larger size)
- Wal-Mart gift cards (so they can print photos)
- Any art supplies
- Glue sticks
- Magic Markers of any size
- Dollhouse supplies
- Multi-cultural family figures
- Sturdy dollhouse furniture
- Small toys or trinkets for prizes and birthday gifts for the children
- Small microwave oven

Main Office and Peace Works:

- * New television (30" or larger) and video/DVD combo player for training
- * Rolling chairs
- * Conference room chairs and tables
- * General office supplies (colored paper, staples, pens, etc.)
- * DVD player for children's waiting room
- * DVDs (children)
- * Gift bags for women and children (who come to main office for services)
- * Fabric markers, ribbons, glitter, buttons, etc. (for PeaceWorks and clients to make t-shirts for the Clothesline Project)
- * Table-top literature display racks (Lucite/vinyl?)
- * Cell phones—We collect cell phones for refurbishing and recycling, but we do not need accessories. Phones can be brought into the office or mailed to us; If you prefer, phones with their accessories can be taken to the Verizon store in the BERKSHIRE MALL or at BROADCASTING SQUARE; please let them know you are donating them to BWIC

Transitional Housing:

- * Gift cards for Giant or Wal-Mart and phone cards
- * Diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6
- * Cleaning supplies: all-purpose liquid, windex, scouring powder, pine-sol, paper towels, toilet paper, liquid dishwashing detergent
- * Laundry detergent
- * Toilet paper
- * Feminine products
- * Twin and full-size sheets
- * Pillows
- * Bath towels and wash cloths
- * Linens for single beds
- * Over the counter medicine for adults and children
- * Tylenol and first aid products
- * Misc: Pocket-sized date books and journals
- * Umbrellas
- * Alarm clocks
- * Canned goods, cereals, juices, cooking oil, coffee, pasta, etc.

Emergency Shelter:

- * Gift Cards for Giant or Wal-Mart as well as phone cards
 - * Rubbermaid or similar containers
 - * Paper plates and plastic tableware
 - * Notebook paper, calculators, pencils, pens, construction paper
 - * Cleaning supplies: all-purpose liquid, windex, scoring powder, pine-sol, powdered laundry detergent, bleach, fabric softener dryer sheets, large plastic trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper, liquid dishwashing detergent
 - * Clothing: Women's and children's sweat pants and t-shirts. Children's shirts with collars as well as turtle necks in colors white, red and navy for school uniforms. Women's underwear (all sizes).
 - * Slippers, socks, pj's for women and children
 - * Diapers, size 3, 4, and 5
 - * Baby food, formula, baby cereal, baby bottles
 - * Bed pillows
 - * Drink mixes (kool aid, lemonade)
 - * Linens for single beds (jersey or t-shirt sheets)
 - * Medications: over the counter medicines for adults and children
 - * Tylenol and first aid products
 - * Misc: Pocket-sized date books and journals
 - * Umbrellas
 - * Alarm clocks
 - * Phone cards
 - * Burger King dollars
 - * BARTA bus passes
 - * Non-perishable food items: canned, cereals, juices, cooking oil, coffee, pasta, etc.
 - * Bath towels and wash cloths
 - * Women's underwear
 - * Feminine products
 - * Toiletries-shampoos, lotions, bubble bath, body spray
- DONATED CLOTHING SHOULD BE NEW OR GENTLY USED, and PLEASE NO USED UNDERGARMENTS>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY – MAY 2009

- February 8 Shartlesville Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- February 12 Wolfgang orders due to Karen Mohn
- February 16 Pre-Quarterly Meeting, Fleetwood Grange, 8 PM
- February 22 Fleetwood Grange Basket Bingo (snow date is March 1) Starts at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance; \$25 at the door. Contact Heather Mengel, 610-756-6001 to reserve your tickets.
- February 26 PA Food Safety Course @Gouglersville Grange, 6 p.m. Call Sue Eshelman for further information, 610-777-8794
- February 28 Youth Trip to Reading Royals Game, game starts at 7:05 p.m.
- March 1 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
- March 7 Pomona meeting, 9:45 a.m., Fleetwood Grange hall
- March 7 Haus Night, 7:30 p.m.
- March 8 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 8 Shartlesville Grange breakfast, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
- March 8 Bingo, Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; Game time 1 p.m. Benefits Christian Hoppes, a young boy with an incurable disease @Virginville Grange Hall
- March 9 Kutztown Grange Basket Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Call 610-683-7975 to reserve your \$20 tickets
- March 20—22 Youth Winter Retreat (to replace youth camp) @Camp Hebron, Dauphin County
- March 27 Legislative Banquet, Fleetwood Grange Hall, 7 PM
- March 28 Dance with music by The Majestics, 7:30—10:30 p.m., Cost \$6, Refreshments for Sale—Virginville Grange Hall
- April 4 Farm Family Appreciation Celebration, Hamburg Field House, 7 p.m.
- April 5 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
- April 6 Junior Team Meeting, Ontelaunee Grange, 7 p.m.
- April 10 Deadline for ECHO newsletter articles
- April 25 Tri-County Visitation, 7:30 p.m. Berks County will host and Shartlesville Grange will be the host location
- April 26 Junior Grange Road Rally
- April 27 Pioneer Grange Longaberger Basket Bingo, 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call Cindy at 610-641-0070 or Tammy at 610-682-7077 for tickets or further information

COMMUNITY NIGHT PROGRAMS

- March 3—Marion Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- March 23—Bernville Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- March 24—Ontelaunee Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- April 2—Kutztown Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- April 16—Pioneer Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- April 21—Gouglersville Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- April 23—Fleetwood Grange, 6:30 (meal)
7:30 (program)*
- May 6—Virginville Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- May 13—Geigertown Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
- May 21—Alleghenyville Grange, 7:30 p.m.*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Hi Everyone! I am the new Public Relations Coordinator for the Berks County Pomona Grange. I need each Grange to let me know about events going on at their Grange. This includes fund-raisers, programs and anything else that might be of interest to the broader community. I want to let Berks County know about all the things we have going on and ,hopefully, find as many new members as possible!

April 30 PA Food Safety Course @Gouglersville Grange, 6 p.m.
Call Sue Eshelman for further information, 610-777-8794

May 3 Ontelaunee Grange breakfast, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. (last one for this season)

May 4 Collate ECHO @Kutztown Grange Hall, 7 p.m.

May 4 Ag-Legislative Meeting, 8 p.m.

BERKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE 2009 ATTENDANCE CONTEST

1. This contest is based on the Olympic Medal format. You can obtain gold, silver, or bronze medal status depending on your participation.
2. The contest is for the calendar year of 2009. The first event is the Pomona meeting at Fleetwood Grange on March 7, 2009, at 9:45AM.
3. We encourage attendance at all Pomona events. The events to qualify for this year's contest are:
 - 4 Pomona meetings (present entire meeting)
 - Legislative Banquet
 - All Granger Picnic
 - Tri-County Visitation
 - Go-to-Church Sunday
 - Junior Grange Camp Coronation
 - Degree Presentation
4. The prizes are as follows:
 - Gold Medal level – attend 6 or more events
 - 5 - \$40 gift certificates to Red Lobster
 - Silver Medal level – attend 5 events
 - 4 - \$25 gift certificates to The Olive Garden
 - Bronze Medal level – attend 4 events
 - 5 - \$10 gift certificates to Kauffman's Chicken Bar-B-Que Restaurant
5. All the dates for the events are on the Pomona calendar or will be printed in the Echo.
6. All members wishing to participate will be given a card to be punched at each event they attend. It is your responsibility to get your card punched. We are not responsible for lost cards.
7. All qualified contestants will be placed in their respective medal level and winners will be chosen at the 2010 Recognition & Appreciation Banquet.

Lecturer's Report

By Martha Bollinger

This year the money collected at the visitation meetings is going to go to Berks Enduring Freedom. Treasurers, please send your check for the amount collected to the Pomona Grange in care of Henry Seidel promptly after the visitation occurs and put a note with the check that is was from visitation of Grange X to Grange Y. Also, if a Grange does NOT visit the Grange listed, then the non-visiting Grange is to pay \$25 to the Pomona grange to be added to the money given to Berks Enduring Freedom.

Program themes for this year are: Technology and You. "Going Green" Protecting our environment, or Lecturer's Choice.

It's not too early to start working on your contest entries for the 2009 State Session. So start taking pictures, working on you talent, or working on arts and crafts. It will be here before you know it.

Lecturer's don't forget Pre-Quarterly Meeting on February 16, 2009 at Fleetwood Grange at 8 o'clock.

The March Pomona meeting is Youth Day. The youth will be presenting the meeting, so come watch them do a great job.



From the December Pomona meeting—Ray Parsons from the Mingus Magic Club



SENIOR GRANGER HIGHLIGHTED

NAME: **June (Zellers) Schuler**
Married Harold August 1957
We live on a farm near Fleetwood

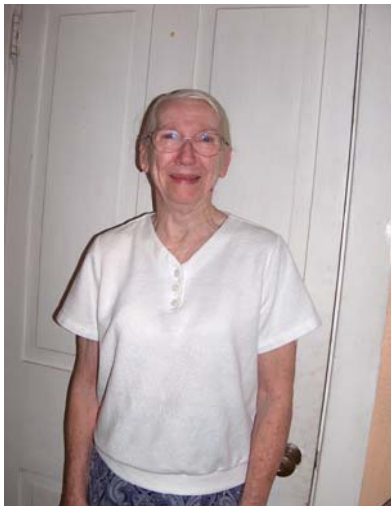
AGE: **81**

GRANGE: **Bernville Grange, 1952-1957**
Fleetwood Grange, 1958 to present

YEARS MEMBER OF THE GRANGE: **56 years, a 7th degree member**

JUVENILE (junior) MEMBER: **No**

HOW DID YOU GET TO BE A MEMBER: **In October, 1952, Bernville Grangers, Emma Balthaser and her daughter, Irene, offered me a ride to the Community Chest (remember when) Rally in Shartlesville. On the way home Emma, the driver, said that we would stop in at the Bernville Grange's Booster Night (remember when). I remember that it was a full house. Before the evening was over, Emma handed me a paper and said "sign here" and I did!**



PARTICIPATED IN WHAT ACTIVITIES OF THE GRANGE: **In Bernville Grange I was Youth Chairman; Pomona Youth Chairman; State Grange Youth Committee member; Installation Marshall for George Ruth (Bernville) - mostly Pomona Officers in neighboring counties; Tableaux Director for officer installation throughout county; helped in 5th Degree; Pomona Sale; Fleetwood Banquets; and Fleetwood Grange Family Activities Director**

WHAT IS THE GRANGE (IN YOUR WORDS **The Grange to me is a family organization rooted in agriculture and dedicated to Community Service.**

OFFICES HELD: **Flora (Bernville); Lecturer (Fleetwood)**

CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN/GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN: **Mary Schuler-Gzesh (husband Dan); Ruth Schuler; Daniel Schuler (wife Kristine). Grandsons: Evan and Colin Gzesh**

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR GRANGE LIFE: **I met many wonderful Grangers in the county, state and nation. I met Harold—a wonderful blessing to me. What great memories setting up the exhibits at the Reading & Kutztown Fairs. What a busy time (in the 1950s) in the area beneath the Grandstand at the Reading Fair—I was a typist.**

DECEMBER POMONA HIGHLIGHTS

The quarterly meeting was held December 6 at 6:30 p.m., Geigertown Grange. Here are some of the highlights:

- * Laura Wike presented Kay Merritt, Salvation Army, with the Angel Tree gifts.
- * Ray Davis gave the State Session report
- * Approved Lecturer's budget, \$400, for 2009
- * Approved continuation of Attendance program for 2009—subordinate cost of \$250; junior cost of \$150
- * Reimbursed Rohrbach family, up to \$250, to defray National Grange talent contest costs
- * Approved giving \$50 gratuity for each performing act at Recognition banquet
- * Approved \$500 for Duncan's Corn Maze next fall for use of the Grange emblem or name in the corn maze
- * Approved increase sponsorship for Farm Family Appreciation event from \$500 to \$750
- * Approved renewing officer Bond for 2009—cost of \$37
- * Contributed \$100 to Greater Berks Food Bank
- * Contributed \$50 for Year End Gift to Berks County Conservancy
- * Contributed \$150 to PA Junior Holstein Association for their 2009 conference
- * Provide \$1,000 from County General Fund to Relay for Life event
- * Approved paying tent rental at Relay for Life, cap of \$200
- * Attendance: 13 brothers, 23 sisters, 3 juniors, 1 mini-junior for a total of 40 (on this inclement weather evening)
- * Audit Report was presented and approved
- * Subordinate Granges are encouraged to update their Grange information on the County website
- * ECHO contest winner—Tammy Schaeffer
- * 2009 Tour committee selected dates of June 8—14 and will be traveling south (North Carolina, Knoxville, Nashville)
- * Membership as of November 30, 2008 —1,464
- * Dustin Kunkle is new State Deputy for Berks County
- * Discussion was held concerning changing rotation schedule for county meetings for 2010—no action taken
- * Recommended to do the first four degrees in 2009 (instead of 5th degree) - motion passed
- * Karen Mohn has accepted Junior Director for state of PA
- * Magic show was presented by Ryan Parsons, Mingus Magic Club
- * Door prizes were distributed
- * Received "thank you" from Berks Heim for our involvement
- * Resolution regarding "Emergency" Legislation was approved
- * Resolution on Energy Saving Measure—no motion was made
- * Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



CONTEST CORNER

NAME _____ GRANGE _____

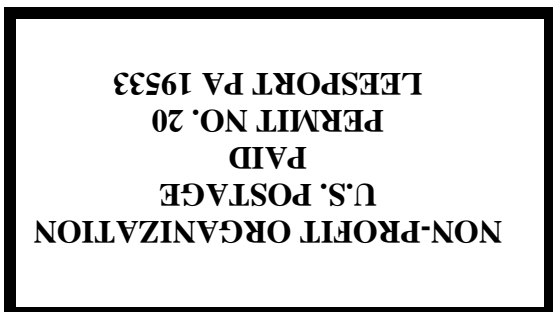
Complete and bring along to the March Pomona meeting. Must be present to win.

THREE WORD RHYME—Find a rhyme for each word below so you end up with a familiar three-word phrase in the form “_____, _____, and _____”.

Example: Clue = Took, Sign, and Blinker”

Answer: “Hook, Line & Sinker”

1. Flop, Crook, Glisten _____
2. Leg, Sorrow, Wheel _____
3. Bawl, Park, Ransom _____
4. Trap, Shackle, Top _____
5. Versed, Beckoned, Heard _____
6. Sprawl, Tedium, Barge _____



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