



# Plumsteadville Grange #1738

A good patron places FAITH in God, nurtures HOPE,  
dispenses CHARITY, and is noted for FIDELITY



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## GRANGE MEETINGS

### July 9, 2010 – Plumsteadville Grange

Monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

- Program: Representatives from the **Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy** talk about their organization and why they added "Regional" to their name. They have already preserved one property in Plumsteadville.
- Election of Officers – see attachment.
- Don Moss & Tony Townsend will provide refreshments.

### August 13, 2010 – Plumsteadville Grange

Monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

## MIDDLETOWN GRANGE FAIR

**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fair** – Wednesday, August 18 through Sunday, August 22. For more information visit <http://www.grangefair.org/>.

- **Snack Bar.** Plumsteadville Grange will operate the snack bar again this year. Please contact Steven Byrne to volunteer to work at the snack bar. In addition, if anyone would like to share ways to improve our operation please forward your ideas to: [steven.byrne@navy.mil](mailto:steven.byrne@navy.mil) or call 267-408-9367.
- **Pizza Booth.** Bucks County Pomona Grange will operate the pizza booth again this year. Please contact Ruth Steeley at 215-795-2245 to volunteer. Help is especially needed evenings.
- Volunteers can receive a free parking pass. (\$10 value). Give us a few hours of your time and enjoy the fair! There is no requirement to be a grange member to volunteer.

## MEETING NIGHT CHANGE

Based on the results of the Meeting Night Survey, at the June meeting, it was decided to change the meeting night to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

to be implemented on a 6-month trial basis beginning in January 2011.

## PA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BY BETSY HUBER, STATE GRANGE MASTER

We've been very busy with meetings and lobbying for you on several issues. A special dairy committee met twice in January and recommended changing our policy on pooling of the over-order premium on milk in Pennsylvania. The committee supported, and the State Grange Executive Committee approved, a resolution from Berks County Pomona Grange asking for an "equitable distribution" of the premium to all farmers. We will be able to testify before the Milk Marketing Board, if they hold a hearing on the issue.



We submitted comments on the proposed regulations from DEP on outdoor wood-fired boilers after receiving calls from several members with concerns.

DEP is also revising the "Field Application of Manure" manual. Areas of concern yet to be addressed are winter spreading, animal heavy use areas, and record keeping. This manual applies to all farms, not just CAFOs or large animal operations.

We also submitted comments to the Federal Communications Commission regarding broadband access for rural Pennsylvania. We requested the FCC to reject any new rules that will interfere with (private or public) investments in the building of accessible and affordable broadband infrastructure in rural Pennsylvania. Instead we asked the FCC to channel its energy into developing policies that will help rural areas thrive in the 21st century.



**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> – CELEBRATE OUR  
COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE**

## GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Two 4H Scholarships of \$500 each, were presented by Plumsteadville Grange to **Alexandra Stepnoski** and **Ethan Croke** following their successful applications. Alexandra is attending Drexel College studying Digital Media, and Ethan will attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in the fall to study cabinet making.



*Master Jim Diamond and Secretary Meg Lomax present scholarship awards to Ethan Croke & Alexandra Stepnoski.*

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

- **Myron Kressman** extends his sincere thanks to all the Grange members who sent him cards, good wishes and especially their prayers. He is back working on his farm and is feeling good
- Thank you to **Miller & Sons Paving** for providing 18 tons of stone for the Grange Hall parking lot free of charge.
- Thank you to **Natalie Croke** for her interesting presentation at the June meeting on her mission



trip to Kenya where she and her group helped build a medical center in a rural village.

*Natalie Croke shows off a painting by a Kenyan artist she purchased during her recent mission trip to build a medical center in a rural village.*

## "MISSING" MEMBERS

Newsletters have been returned for the following - Jerianne Meacham, Ella Landes, Dennis Sames. If you have updated contact info for these people, please contact Jane Birk 610-866-0852 or jdbirk\_2000@yahoo.com

## GET TO KNOW A 50+ YEAR GRANGER

**Harold And Ruth Steeley** - By Dr. Jim Diamond



Harold joined Plumsteadville Grange #1738 in 1945 and Ruth in 1938 joined Sparta Grange #110 in Crawford County. Harold

met Ruth at Pennsylvania State Grange Session in Williamsport, PA in 1952. Franklin J. Howes, Jr. and Harold L. Steeley were delegates from Plumsteadville Grange at the time. Harold and Ruth were married in 1955 and shortly afterwards Ruth joined Plumsteadville Grange by demit that same year. They have one son (Donald) and one daughter (Jane Birk) who grew up in Plumsteadville Grange. Both Harold and Ruth have been 7th Degree members for over 50 years.

Harold was named Granger of the Year at the 2000 Pennsylvania State Grange Session. In addition he was Master, Overseer, Gatekeeper, Steward and Assistant Steward at Plumsteadville Grange, served as Master, Overseer and Lecturer of Bucks Pomona Grange, served as Deputy to the State Master and served on various State Grange Committees under the leadership of six State Grange Masters. Ruth served as Lecturer, Lady Assistant Steward and Ceres of Plumsteadville Grange and Lecturer of Bucks County Pomona Grange. In addition Harold and Ruth have coordinated and served many Grange dinners. Harold and Ruth were dairy farmers and live on their farm near Bedminster. The Grange has been a significant component of their many years together.

## FROM THE DESK OF MARGUERITE QUINN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 143RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



As you may be aware, there is an effort in the Legislature to modernize Clean and Green to allow for land enrolled in the program to play a role in generating alternative energy or exploring and/or harvesting traditional energy sources. Last year, the House unanimously approved House Bill 1394. This legislation would allow for the exploration and removal of oil and gas, the construction of wind generation systems, certain surface mining activities, development and operation of specific alternative energy generation systems, and in certain circumstances the voluntary removal of land from preferential assessment.

Under the provisions of this legislation, tax rollbacks would only be assessed on the portion of the land being removed from agricultural use and would not impact the entire property. If 50 percent or more of

the energy created is used on the farm, there would be no tax impact. This legislation has been awaiting action by the Senate since June 2009. Senate Bill 298, which garnered unanimous support in the Senate, has seen movement in the House this month. This legislation would permit exploration and removal of oil and gas on land enrolled in Clean and Green, with rollback provisions similar to that of House Bill 1394.

It is important for us to recognize that farming does not exist in a vacuum and policies prohibiting farmers from taking full advantage of all the available resources on their properties will only damage the agriculture industry in the long run. Clean and Green already allows for land leases of less than half an acre to telecommunication companies, only imposing the rollback tax on the tract of land in question. Applying this same principle to Clean and Green properties for energy purposes is common sense.

Rep Quinn would love to hear your thoughts on the subject – Contact her at [mquinn@pahousegop.com](mailto:mquinn@pahousegop.com) or call (215) 489-2126.

### *DISCOVER PLUMSTEAD – SCAVENGER HUNT*

On Sunday, June 13th Plumsteadville Grange took part in a unique event held in Plumstead Township ~ Discover Plumstead an Amazing Scavenger Hunt. The goal of the event was to bring awareness to the community about the parks in Plumstead Township and to highlight local community organizations.

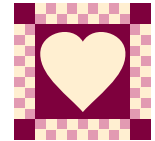
Teams traveled to 10 sites throughout Plumstead ~ learning about some historical sites and enjoying fun activities at its parks. Plumsteadville Grange was site # 4 on the hunt. Over 180 people traveled to our building learning about the Plumsteadville Grange Founders and the year it started. Participants needed to shake hands with a member at which time many learned about our farmers market. For photos of the event visit [www.plumsteadparkandrec.org](http://www.plumsteadparkandrec.org)



*Members of Plumsteadville Grange pose with some of the 180 participants in the Scavenger Hunt.*

Chairperson Donna DeStefano would like to thank the Grange for their participation and their generous donation of \$100.00 to the event. "The Grange was a pleasure to work with, and the Park and Rec. committee is delighted to have connected with your organization. Many who participated want to do it again – plans for a Fall 2011 repeat. See you there."

### *QUILTERS' CORNER*



Granger Elizabeth Crooke, coordinator of the ABC Quilt Project for Trinity Church Buckingham, provides us with the following update. For more than 20 years Trinity parishioners and friends have been making and donating these little quilts to provide some love and comfort to at-risk babies (such as those born with HIV/AIDS or drug addiction), many of whom spend their short lives in hospitals and foster homes. We were very happy and thankful to receive the quilts donated by the Plumsteadville Grange Quilters. However, there is a correction to be made. The quilts will be delivered to the ABC Quilt Project headquarters in Philadelphia, and not to the Philadelphia police as stated in the last newsletter. Again, a big "thank you" to the Quilters for participating in this worthy cause.

### *FARM MARKET*



The Grange Farm Market continues each Saturday, 9:00 a.m. till noon throughout the summer. Please continue to support our local farmers & vendors.

### *POLAND UNIVERSITY HONORS DR. DIAMOND*

Dr. James E. Diamond, Ottsville and Ms. Helen Piszek Nelson, Ambler were recipients of a meritorious award at the University of Podlasie (UP) in Sieldce, Poland on 19 May 2010 during the 41st Annual UP Achievement Ceremony. Dr. James E. Diamond, Retired Dean of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at Delaware Valley College (DVC) and Ms. Helen Piszek Nelson, Co-Chair of the Copernicus Society of America were the founders of the Piszek/Evans/Diamond Agricultural Exchange Program between UP and DVC. They were honored by Dr. Antonio Jowko, Rector for their meritorious contributions to the success of the agricultural exchange program that provides undergraduate

students at UP and DVC an opportunity to have international agricultural experiences as an integral part of their respective curriculums. Accompanying Dr. Diamond to Poland was his wife Elizabeth R. Diamond, Ms. Judith, Schwank, Dean of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Dr. Svetlana Shkaka, Professor of Mathematics.



*(Left to Right) Dr. James E. Diamond, Retired Dean of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at Delaware Valley College and Master of Plumsteadville Grange*

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During the UP achievement ceremony, Diamond and Nelson were honored; eight faculty members received their doctorate degrees; and they were promoted. Dr. Antonio Jowko, Rector in his address to UP dignitaries stressed that forthcoming changes in the University were on the horizon. Changes such as improving the quality of education; obtaining grants for scientific research and urged faculty to publish more articles in professional journals. Rector Jowko strongly endorsed the agricultural exchange program with DVC and that it would continue to be an important component of the new UP strategic plan. Dignitaries attending the ceremonies included representatives from various universities in Russia, Belarus, Greece, Ukraine, Germany and the Delaware Valley College Delegation and the Ambassador from Belarus

***NATIONAL GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ALERT***

Contact Your U.S. Representative and Ask Them to Oppose H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, or "DISCLOSE Act".

H.R. 5175 could prohibit organizations such as the National Grange and local Granges from issue oriented lobbying and sponsoring "Get Out the Vote" programs, which encourage citizens to exercise their rights to vote on Election Day.

You can view the full text of this Alert at [http://www.nationalgrange.org/legislation/alerts\\_up\\_dates/alerts.htm](http://www.nationalgrange.org/legislation/alerts_up_dates/alerts.htm) If you would like to get a copy via mail or fax, call Jane Birk at 610-866-0852.

***PHOTOS FROM MAASAI VISIT***



*Master Jim Diamond thanks Francis Ole Sakuda of the Maasai tribe who presented him with a Kenyan cowbell following his presentation at the May 2010 Grange Meeting.*

*Photos courtesy of Doreen Stratton.*

***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

Please continue to remember our ongoing service projects. Bring non-perishable food items for **Our Lord's Food Pantry** and items to send to local service members for the **Armed Services Project** to the next Grange meeting. You may drop off old **Cell Phones for Soldiers** at the Grange or Farm Market.

***DOMESTIC ANIMAL BELLS FROM AROUND THE WORLD - PRESENTATION JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT ROLLING HILLS METHODIST CHURCH***

The Rolling Rockers at the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, Pipersville cordially invites all Plumsteadville Grange members and friends to their meeting on July 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement where Dr. Jim Diamond will feature his program titled "Domestic Animal Bells From Around The World." It is not necessary to call/send a reservation, it's an open meeting for everyone.



## *GRANGE HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL*

Plumsteadville Grange #1738 serves the community by allowing its Hall to be in continual use. Examples of the kinds of use include birthday parties, wedding receptions, funeral receptions, 4-H Club meetings, 4-H Dress Review, Church meetings, dance lessons, motorcycle groups, organization dinners, cub scouts, girl scouts, cooperative extension meetings and agricultural organization meetings to name a few. Sister Ruth Steeley has done a stellar job during recent years in scheduling and coordinating the use of Plumsteadville Grange Hall.

There are no rental fees charged to 4-H Clubs and Scout Troops. However a rental fee is charged for other groups as follows:

Fee: \$150.00 per day (includes access to the kitchen and second floor if needed. make checks payable to Plumsteadville Grange

Availability: Please call Ruth Steeley to determine the availability of Grange at 215-795-2245

Note: No alcoholic beverages or unlawful drugs are permitted on or in the premises. The Grange Hall is a no-smoking facility



### **Plumsteadville Grange # 1738**

Box 335, 5901 Easton Rd.  
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## *JULY & AUGUST – DATES TO REMEMBER*

July 4 – Independence Day – Celebrate Freedom!

July 9 – Plumsteadville Grange Meeting

August 13 – Plumsteadville Grange Meeting

August 18–22 – Middletown Grange Fair

## *NEWSLETTER*

If you have moved or your mailing address has changed or if you have items of interest to the membership, contact Newsletter Editor Jane Birk at 610-866-0852 or [jdbirk\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbirk_2000@yahoo.com).

Receiving the newsletter via email saves the Grange printing and postage costs – . Contact Jane Birk to receive the newsletter via email.



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## ***MIDDLETOWN GRANGE FAIR***

***AUGUST 18–22***

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## PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738 Executive Committee Meeting #2 REPORT

### Executive Committee:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donel Moss	Event	<u>BREAKFAST MEETING</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette Crooke	Date	15 May 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> Meg Lomax	Time	7:30 am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Kellers	Venue	35 Tabor Road, Ottsville, PA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Frye	Hosts	Jim and Betty Diamond
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Diamond, Ex-officio		

### 1. Pamela Heywood, CIC, National Penn Insurance Agency and Grange Insurance: Commercial Package Policy #CWP 8 237 361

**Results:** Pamela Heywood attended the Plumsteadville Grange Executive Committee meeting and reported that the current insurance costs for liability and fire insurance on all Grange owned real estate is \$3,611.00. The policies were thoroughly reviewed and discussed as they related to both fire and liability insurance on the Grange Hall, House, Farm Market Barn and Tyro Grange Hall. After an in-depth discussion by the Executive Committee and Pamela, she agreed to return to her office and rework our policy and prepare an updated premium for the Grange. Pamela was instructed to send it to Don Moss.

### 2. Investing Options for Plumsteadville Grange Funds (\$6,000.00+/-)

**Results:** Because of very low percentage rate on Certificates of Deposit (CDs) reviewed at seven different banks, the Executive Committee recommended that a Savings Account be opened at Wachovia/Plumsteadville and there deposit the money from the matured CD at .09% interest. This enables the Grange to move the money in the future without a penalty should the CD rates increase. Furthermore, according to Don Moss Plumsteadville Grange is being considered by Wachovia for a grant for its community efforts.

### 3. Parking Lot Stone

**Results:** The Executive Committee recommended that stone be purchased for the parking lots next and around the Plumsteadville Annex Building.

### 4. Plumsteadville Grange Profit and Loss Details as it relates to IRS Forms 990 and 990T

**Results:** The Executive Committee reviewed the documents prepared by Jerry Krone followed by a brief discussion. The Committee recommended that Jerry Krone be commended for the time and effort he dedicated to preparing these detailed documents. They further voted to pay the fee charged by Jerry Krone.

### 5. Slate of Officers nominated for Plumsteadville Grange Election in July 2010

**Results:** The Executive Committee has nominated a slate of individuals to serve as Officers for a two-year term beginning in October 2010 and ending in September 2012. (See attached Plumsteadville Grange slate of officers by offices, nominees and job description. In addition, Jerry Krone was appointed to serve as Financial Secretary.

The Executive Committee gave a vote of thanks to Betty Diamond for preparing a hearty breakfast with homemade buckwheat pancakes covered with blueberries handpicked by Jim and Betty at Perry Acres, crisp bacon and Betty's buns (homemade English muffins) accompanied with fresh brewed coffee.



## PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

JAMES E. DIAMOND, MASTER

Dear Patrons of Husbandry:

I am pleased to inform you that the Plumsteadville Grange #1738 Executive Committee has nominated the following individuals to serve the designated office next to the respective names for a two year term beginning in October 2010 and ending in September 2012. I am confident that each of the nominees is capable of carrying out the duties of their office as described herein.

Being a part of the Plumsteadville Grange Officer team is both a privilege and honor. It's an opportunity to serve the membership and community. The following slate of nominees have the potential to make a difference and move Plumsteadville Grange forward with a program of activities that will serve members, community and county.

Each officer should make every effort to attend the twelve (12) regularly scheduled monthly meetings and an occasional (as needed only) officers meeting. For whatever reason a nominee is not able to serve the office nominated, please inform the Master as soon as possible. Good luck to each nominee during the officer elections in July 2010. Other nominations may be made from the floor before the election.

### **Proposed Slate of Officers**

Master – Jim Diamond – All connected with Plumsteadville Grange and those outside the Grange will diligently scrutinize each act of the Master. The Master must keep an open mind among the members and encourage improvement. Maintain order in the Grange, and enforce obedience to the Constitution and Laws of the Order. Decide all questions with calmness and firmness, grant the right of appeal courteously, and abide decisions against you cheerfully.

Overseer – Don Steeley – See that the orders of the Master are faithfully transmitted to the Laborers as described in the Grange Manual. In the absence of the Master to take his/her place.

Lecturer – Toni Kellers – The Lecturer is assigned the important duty of leading in the literary program and the educational work of the Grange. To this end the Lecturer should be prepared at all regular meetings, as time will permit, with a program of activities.

Steward – Scott Frye – It is the duty of the Steward to keep the property of the Grange safe and in proper order. The assistants shall assist in the care of the wardrobe (sashes), and in arranging the decorations and ornaments of the Grange meeting room.

Assistant Steward – Don Moss – The Assistant Steward is to assist the Steward, open and close the Bible on the altar, participate in draping the Charter, presenting and retiring the American flag.

Lady Assistant Steward – Edith Frye – The Lady Assistant Steward is to assist the Steward in keeping the sashes and decorations of the Grange, open and close the Bible on the altar, participate in draping the Charter, presenting and retiring the American flag.

Chaplain – Tony Townsend – The Chaplain offers the opening and closing prayer at each Grange meeting and brings to the Master's attention a notification to drape the Charter upon the death of a fellow Grange member as directed in the Grange Manual.

Treasurer – Roger Witt – The treasurer has Grange members' confidence in his/her honesty and integrity to keep the Grange accounts in order, deposits promptly recorded and funds safely secured and ready for needed payments.

Secretary – Meg Lomax – The secretary has the most arduous duty of all, requiring judgment, promptness and efficiency. She/he becomes the organ of the Grange through communications and keeping accurate records of the Grange. The secretary records meeting minutes, reports Grange communications, processes membership applications, submits Pomona and State Grange reports and other duties.

Greeter – Allen Powell – Historically this position was called the Gatekeeper who prevented enemies of the Grange from entering. Today we call this position the "Greeter" who is responsible for greeting members and guests upon their arrival and make sure they feel welcome and have both a seat and songbook.

Ceres – Ruth Steeley – The ancients worshipped Ceres as a Goddess presiding over cereals. A female always presides in this position to show respect for her and regard for Agriculture. Ceres plays an important role in draping of the Charter as described in the Grange Manual.

Pomona – Connie Coleman – The ancients worshipped Pomona as a Goddess presiding over fruits as a reminder that fruits are to receive special attention and care. A female always presides in this position and is urged to encourage women to engage in cultivation and improvement of fruits where practicable and proper. Placing fruits in Pomona's care is a reminder that no tree bears fruit in autumn, which do not blossom in the spring.

Flora – Jane Birk – The ancients worshipped Flora as a Goddess presiding over flowers. A female always presides in this position and she is urged to cultivate the most beautiful expressions of the Creator's goodness to prompt her associates to adorn their homes with flowers.

Executive Committee – Don Moss – Executive Committee members carry important duties and responsibilities. They are responsible for the custody of the invested funds of the Grange and are expected to offer advice and counsel. The Committee in conjunction with the Master is authorized, between meetings of the Grange, in time of emergency or need, to act for and in the name of the Grange itself.

Musician – Betty Diamond – The Musician has the opportunity to share musical talents with the members of the Grange. It is his/her duty to select appropriate marches and aid the Lecturer in presenting musical portions of the programs. Music touches the mood of people.



## Plumsteadville Grange #1738 – June 2010 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the June 2010 meeting as recorded by Meg Lomax, secretary, are included in their entirety. Plumsteadville Grange #1738 met Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Men – 11, Women – 9, Youth – 0, Total – 20.

**OPENING:** The Grange opening ceremony was led by Master Dr Jim Diamond, followed by the roll call of officers and committee members. Minutes of the previous business meeting of April 2010 were mailed with the monthly newsletter. A motion was approved to accept them (as written).

**GUESTS.** Raymond Stepnoski, Alexandra Stepnoski, Ethan Crooke, Hunter Kinsey, Natalie Crooke.

**PROGRAM.** Natalie Crooke gave an enlightening talk on her second visit to Kenya with the Philadelphia Biblical University where they helped with the building of a Medical center in a rural village.

Two 4H Scholarships of \$500 each, were presented by Plumsteadville Grange to Alexandra Stepnoski and Ethan Crooke following their successful applications. Alexandra is attending Drexel College studying Digital Media, and Ethan will attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in the fall to study cabinet making.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.** Master Dr Jim Diamond, Overseer Don Steeley, , Secretary Meg Lomax, Treasurer Jim Lomax, Lecturer Toni Kellers, Chaplain Tony Townsend, Ceres Ruth Steeley, Pomona Connie Coleman, Flora Patsy King.

### OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS - STANDING COMMITTEES

**Deaf Activities Committee.** A report has not yet been made from the proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast in May. Don Moss will collect the figures and then a donation will be given to the Bucks County Intermediate Unit

**Grounds Committee.** 18 tons of stone were provided for the parking lot by Miller and son's Paving, free of charge. A letter of thanks was sent to them. Don Moss leveled out all the stone.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Harold Steeley reported that 2 dinners were cooked and served: April 17<sup>th</sup>; 47 dinners for the Point Pleasant Baptist Church with a profit of \$415.40; and May 15<sup>th</sup> 42 dinners were served to the Pineville Horse Protection Soc, with a profit of \$405.55. Thanks were given to Annette Crooke for organizing the work and all the helpers.

**2010 Farm Market.** Meg Lomax reported that the Farm Market opened for the 10<sup>th</sup> season on May 29<sup>th</sup>. There are 26 vendors. Many old customers returned and some new ones. Pottery and cooking demonstrations, plus musical entertainment are planned throughout the season.

**Correspondence/Communications:** Herman and Marianne Bishop sent a donation of \$100 for the Armed forces project. Meg Lomax sent them a letter of appreciation.

Elizabeth Crooke sent a letter of thanks to the Plumsteadville grange Quilters for their donation of baby quilts which will be used for disadvantaged babies in Philadelphia Hospital

**Pomona, National & State Reports:.** At the meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> 6 members in the county who had passed away were honored. Tex Peters was the member from Plumsteadville.

Officers were elected for the coming two years. Pomona Grange will again be the sponsors of the Pizza booth at the Middletown Grange Fair in August.

**Treasury Report:**

Income April : \$4,187.43 Expenses \$4,330.62

Income May : \$9,373.27 Expenses \$4,347.84

A Business savings account has been opened and the two matured CD's have been transferred into that account, awaiting better interest rates before a decision is made to reinvest the money. The Executive Committee plans to discuss paying off some of the apartment mortgage.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dr Jim Diamond gave the results of the meetings night survey. There were 36 responses (25% of membership). 50% of those preferred Wednesday night for the monthly meeting and 36% preferred Friday night. Don Moss proposed that starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, as a test, the meeting night will be changed to Wednesdays at 7.30pm. After 6 months it will be reviewed. The motion was carried.

Plumsteadville Township is organizing a Scavenger Hunt in the township on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Teams will come into the Grange as one of the information collection points. Don Moss, The Steeleys and Meg Lomax will be there to meet people and promote the Grange and the Farm Market.

Don Moss reported that he had a quote from Dan Berger to install heaters in the Grange hall bathrooms for \$1380. No decision was made to accept the quote and do the work at this point in time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive Committee.** Annette Crooke gave a report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on May 15<sup>th</sup> (see addendum)

**Middletown Grange Fair Snack Bar in August.** Steve Byrne will once again chair the organizing committee. He has started planning and will be asking for volunteers to run the snack bar soon.

**Apartment work.** The upstairs bathroom has a leak. Don Moss obtained quotes of \$7,200 and \$6,200, for work to replace the fittings in both the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms. A motion was passed to give the job to Joe Moors, the second quote.

**Plumsteadville Fire Co.** A motion was passed for Grange member volunteers to serve dinners to "Old Timers" in the Fire Co on 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm.

**Parking lot** A crack in the parking lot needs repair before next winter, also a leaking side door of the Grange building.

**Refreshments for July's meeting** - Don Moss, Tony Townsend

**Members sick or in distress.** Myron Kressman is recovering well after surgery. Ruth Peters has had a knee operation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meg Lomax, Secretary