



Plumsteadville Grange #1738

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JANUARY GRANGE MEETING

The January Grange meeting will be held Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be a discussion on future programs. Lecturer Toni Kellers asks that people to put on their thinking caps and come to the meeting with ideas for programs they would like to see in the coming year.

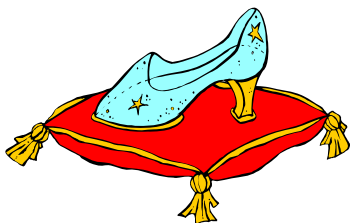
NEW YEAR, NEW PRESIDENT

Brother Harold Steeley, past President of Plumsteadville Grange with his installation team will install Brother Jim Diamond as the new President of Plumsteadville Grange #1738 on Friday, January 8, 2010. This is a special installation ceremony for the President only because Jim will be fulfilling the remaining term of Brother Donal Moss. For a myriad of personal justifications, Don needed to step down as President. The members of Plumsteadville Grange appreciate the dedication and service Donal Moss gave to Plumsteadville Grange and the many hours of work he has devoted to Grange affairs. The members also thank Sister Karen Moss for her support to Don during his long absences from the farm while doing Grange work. Brother Donal Moss, we thank you for being a good and faithful servant.

CINDERELLA – REPEAT PERFORMANCE

A repeat performance will be held at the Grange hall on **Monday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m.**

Invite your friends and neighbors to attend this delightful production of the classic tale presented by



members of Plumsteadville Grange and Danboro 4-H.

BRAVO! BRAVO!



A BIG thank-you and round of applause to Meg Lomax and the cast and crew of "Cinderella"! Kudos to the "ugly stepsisters"!

Meg wrote the script, directed and acted in the show playing to a packed Grange hall at the annual Christmas party.

M.L.KING DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 18, 2010. In honor of Martin Luther King, a Day of Service will be held at the Grange Hall. Volunteers will be baking cookies for the Discovery Project beginning at 10:00 a.m. Helpers are needed to bake cookies as well as make and serve lunch for the volunteers and clean up.

FRANKLIN HORSE COMPANY DINNER



Volunteers Needed – **Saturday, February 6, 2010.**

Franklin Horse Company dinner at the Grange.

Volunteers are need to cook, serve and clean up. For more information, contact Annette Crooke at 215-345-1276.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By Meg Lomax

Out the old and in with the new. Donel Moss retired as Master of Plumsteadville Grange at the end of December. I would like to thank him, and I'm sure this goes for all Grange members, for his tireless work over the last 3 years as Master, keeping Plumsteadville Grange functioning. The Master is not someone who just chairs monthly meetings. He monitors the upkeep of the Grange building, the apartments, the Barn Annex and Tyro Hall. This often includes organizing work parties, engaging

contractors, negotiating rental contracts, and many times fixing minor repairs to the buildings and contents. He has been an active member of the Farm Market, helping to organize and ensure the smooth running of it from week to week. He has organized and/or helped with the fund raising dinners throughout the year, and given a week long commitment to the running of the snack bar each August at the Middletown Grange Fair. Last year he had the marathon and thankless job of working through years of past financial records to bring us up to date with our taxes for the IRS. All this and more he has done with a willing and cheerful disposition and I have been privileged to work with him over the years. Thank you Don.

Now we welcome and look forward to our new Master Dr Jim Diamond from the 1st of January. I'm sure we will be in for an interesting year if his past record is anything to go by.

The Grange Christmas Dinner on December 11th was once again a happy event. Almost 90 people attended, and contributed delicious food. Santa Claus left the children very happy, and the production of the Grange version of Cinderella was a big success. It is being produced again at the Grange on Monday January 25th at 7:00 p.m. if you missed seeing it – or want to see it again.

The Coffee Mornings on the 3d Wednesday of January, February and March last year were not very well attended, but if you wish to attend them this year please contact Meg Lomax 215-766-9801. If there are enough people interested in gathering for coffee and a chat we will continue them this year.

4H/Plumsteadville Grange Scholarships. Application forms are now available if you are interested. Please contact Nancy Stevenson at the Co-operative Extension for the forms. 215-345-3283.

GET WELL CLARENCE BERGER

Brother Clarence Berger is on the mend after a prolonged stay in Doylestown Hospital, and is recuperating at Pennsburg Manor. He will be there for some time so would appreciate a card, call or visit.

Contact info: Clarence Berger, Room 227 B
Pennsburg Manor, 530 Macoby Street, Pennsburg, PA
18073. phone: 215-541-3652.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT REQUEST



Pa. State Grange Family Activities department has been asked to supply 200 ornaments for a special Pennsylvania Christmas tree to be displayed at the 2010 National Grange convention. Any materials may be used, but the size should be no larger than 4" x 4". Ornaments will be collected at the 2010 Pa. State Grange family festival.

RECIPES FOR NEW COOKBOOK

Calling all cooks – 1400 recipes are needed for the new cookbook Pennsylvania State Grange will be producing this year. This is a great chance to share your favorites and help with this worthwhile project. Recipes from Grangers and Grange friends are welcome. Recipes may be either typed or hand-written. Please be specific with directions, measurements, baking temperature and time, and sizes of cans, packages and pans. A submission form is included with this newsletter. You do not need to use this form, but all information listed on the form should be included.



QUILTER'S CORNER



The Wednesday Quilters are starting off the New Year with a lovely redo of a Depression Era scrap quilt just put onto the frame. It will be a while before this one is ready to raffle, but what a beauty!

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for the February newsletter by January 25th. Contact Jane Birk at 610-866-0852 or jd_birk_2000@yahoo.com with address changes, to get the newsletter via email or if you know of any member who is not receiving the newsletter.

Happy New Year

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8, 2010

Grange Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

January 18, 2010

M. L. King Day of Service – 10:00 a.m.

January 25, 2010

Performance of Cinderella – 7:00 p.m.

February 6, 2010

Franklin Horse Company Dinner

February 12, 2010

Grange Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Stopping by Woods On A Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know
His house is in the village, though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it's queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there's some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost



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