



Hamburg Grange

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Meetings: 2nd Saturday, 4th Thursday
At the Hamburg Municipal Center

Dear Hamburg Grange members,

I have some exciting news! We welcome a new member, Lisa Buckley, and that gives us a total of 33 members! Sorry that dues notices haven't been sent yet, but we will get them out soon.

I want to personally thank the Hamburg Grange members for all their support that was given for the March Chicken Pot Pie Dinner. We served 432 people, including the help, and we will present a donation check to the Hamburg Salvation Army, at our meeting on June 8. We tentatively have dinners planned for September 21 and December 7, since these dates are not yet confirmed with the high school. **We need more help at the dinners, we are looking for more of our members or friends to help anytime during the day. Keep in mind, these are our biggest fundraisers. We donate a portion of the proceeds from one dinner to a cause in the community and the other two dinners fund our donations and events for the rest of the year. We also give veterans and active military a free meal at one dinner per year.** We offer the incentive of earning \$1/hour for dues credits for helping with the Pot Pie Dinners.

Hamburg Grange will be hosting the Pre-Quarterly meeting at the Hamburg Boro Hall on 5/20 @ 7PM and the Pomona Meeting on June 1 @ Zion Lutheran Church @ 9:30AM. If you haven't attended either of these before, come on out and get to meet some other Grange members and give a hand to help Hamburg with the setup, meal, and clean up!

Please take note of our upcoming literary programs: showing a free movie at the Strand, Rebecca Blatt's mission trip, Wine and Cheese party, meeting and dinner at the Blandon Keystone Villa (**transportation being provided by Keystone Villa, leaving at 5:30PM, please contact Michael Adams by June 8 deadline**), Baking Contest, Anthony Kuklinski, miniature golfing or bowling (depending on the weather), and Vince Phillips. If you want more info, please contact me!

On July 13, the baking contest entries will be judged. First place winners will go on to Pre-Pomona meeting for judging on August 19 at Marion Grange. This year the categories are: Cherry Pie, Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Haystack Candy. You can check the Guide to Contests & Programs for details. All other Family Activities contest entries are to go directly to the September 7th Pomona meeting for judging.

We participate at Berks Heim with transporting the residents to the church service and we need at least four members to help each time. Our next dates are 5/19, 7/21, 9/15, & 11/24. We leave around 1:15PM and return usually within 3 hours. If you know of anyone in Hamburg who has been temporarily or permanently removed from their home due to fire. We have been donating \$100 to these families. In regards to the meetings, Anna Heffner is in charge of refreshments. If any of you would like to help with Berks Heim, report a fire, or do refreshments, please contact Anna Heffner @ 610-207-9755.

Several of the items that we previously sent to State Session will no longer be collected there. We are being encouraged to keep OUR community in our community service by our State Deaf and Community Service Director, Gail Switzer. We still want to make sure we donate all of the items because they are very easy to collect. As a reminder, the items are: Box Tops for Education, and aluminum can pull tabs. We ask that you donate each item to your favorite school for the Box Tops and Labels. Please count the number that you donate to the school and send an email (pisces4410@aol.com) or call Barbara Schroeder (610-207-8488). This way we can continue to get credit at State Session in our Community Service Report. For the pull tabs, give them either to Barbara Schroeder or the Hamburg Lion's Club and they will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. If you donate them to the Lion's Club or another organization, please weigh the tabs and let Barbara know the total. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Barbara. There has been no change to the coupons which we have been donating locally.

Also, don't forget to help with the Pomona Sale. You can help before, during, or after the sale. By participating, you qualify to attend the Pomona Appreciation Banquet and get a low-cost buffet. It's a great night out to socialize and meet other Grangers from Berks in January.

Please check the Calendar of Events for all of our activities and all other Grange activities. (The list follows.) Please note that they are subject to change. I will try to keep you informed of our Grange activities. All of you should be receiving the Pomona Echo, the PA Grange News, and National Grange information. If you want to receive State and National Grange emails, contact Barbara Schroeder, our secretary, at pisces4410@aol.com. If interested, there is a National Grange quarterly magazine that you can purchase. If you're not receiving any of these publications, please let me know.

Remember that we are always looking for new members. Also, if you haven't come to any meetings or activities, **please consider getting more involved!** Finally, we have updated membership lists; let me know if you would like one.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- May 2 – Agriculture/Legislative meeting @ Berks Agriculture Center @ 7:30PM
5 – Collate Echo @ Ontelaunee @ 3:15PM
11 – Hamburg Grange showing “Incredibles 2” at the Strand from 1-3PM
11 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Rebecca Blatt mission trip to the Dominican Republic
12 – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!
13 – Pomona Officer/Department Chairs Meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM
17-19 – Berks County Junior Camp @ Camp Swatara
19 – Junior Coronation @ Camp Swatara @ 2PM
19 – Berks Heim @ 2PM
20 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Hamburg Boro Hall @ 7PM, **Hamburg hosting**
23 – Wine and Cheese Party @ Adams’ @ 7PM, Wayne & Deb Campbell, PA State Grange President and Secretary will be attending, bring a bottle of your favorite wine for a tasting contest and lawn chair
27 – Memorial Day
- June 1 – Paperwork for Pomona Sale @ Zion Lutheran Church @ 8AM, **Hamburg hosting**
1 – Pomona Meeting @ Zion Lutheran Church @ 9:30AM, **Hamburg hosting**
**8 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Hamburg Salvation Army Program and presentation of check
Deadline for Keystone Villa, call Michael Adams if going**
14 – Flag Day
14 – Junior Day @ Knoebel’s, **RSVP to Barb Schroeder for side dishes if you are going to Knoebel’s**
16 – All Granger Picnic @ Edenburg Park @ 1PM
18 – Hamburg Grange Blood Drive @ Municipal Center from 2-8PM, contact Denise Clare @ 610-562-3876 to donate
24 – Berks County Junior Grange Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse
27 – Grange Meeting @ 6PM, Dinner and program at Keystone Villa, leaving 5:30PM
28-30 – PA State Grange Youth Camp @ Camp Sylvan Hills
30-July 1 - PA State Junior Grange Camp @ Camp Sylvan Hills
- July 4 – Independence Day
8 – Junior Team Meeting @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM
13 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Baking Contest(Cherry Pie, Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Haystack Candy)
13 – County Swim Party @ Shoemakersville Pool from 6-9PM
18-21 – PA State Grange Family Festival @ Centre Hall, State Talent Show 7/20 @ 7:30PM
21 – Berks Heim @ 2PM
25 – Grange Meeting @ 7PM, Anthony Kuklinski(Hamburg Police Chief)
29 – Collate Echo @ Ontelaunee @ 3:15PM
- August 4-10 – Reading Fair
10 – Grange Meeting @ 4PM, Program TBA
12-17 – Kutztown Fair
19 – Pre-Quarterly Meeting @ Marion @ 7PM
13 or 20 TBD – Hamburg Lions Blood Drive @ Hamburg Middle School from 2-8PM, contact Michael Adams @ 610-562-5933 to donate
22 – Grange Meeting @ 7PM, Vince Phillips, PA State Grange Legislative Director
22 & 23 – Receive items at the Pomona Sale
24 – Pomona Sale @ Leesport Market @ 830AM
26 & 27 – Post Auction Work Night @ Ontelaunee @ 7PM

Future Meeting Dates – September 14 & 26, October 12 & 24, November 9, and December 14 & 28 (Christmas Party)

Future Pot Pie Dates – September 21 and December 7