



Winona Grange # 271



Established in Tualatin in 1895

Winter 2010 Newsletter

Winona Grange Donates Cash and a TON of Food



Carol Cummings presents a check from Winona Grange #271 to Mike Shiffer, Director of the Tualatin School House Pantry. Carol served as chair of the Winona Grange booth at the Tualatin Farmers Market. The check for \$633.89 is profit from that booth.

The Grange also donated 1100 pounds of fresh produce raised on Tualatin's only Century Farm, owned by Rochelle Martinazzi.

Grange members made another delivery of canned goods collected at events held at their historic hall at 8340 SW Seneca. Grange members Larry McClure, Loyce Martinazzi, Norm Parker, Dick Naven, and Tom Marr joined Carol for the presentation to Mike Shiffer. Pantry Program Coordinator Tracy Smith is on the right.

This photo and caption appeared in the December issue of *Tualatin Life*.

The School House Pantry served more than 600 families in November. The typical family has two children. In most months families visit the food pantry once, but in November the pantry also distributed 400 turkeys.

Fundraising Committee

Winona Grange needs additional funds to finance capital improvements (restroom upgrades are next on our priority list), our scholarship, and operating expenses. Since we send all dues we collect on to the State Grange, our only income is from hall rentals and fundraising events.

At the December meeting a committee was formed to brainstorm fundraising ideas. Those who volunteered for the committee were Loyce Martinazzi, Larry McClure, Dick Naven, Norm Parker, and Sam Keator.

The Committee's first meeting will be at the January 8, between brunch and the business meeting. Everyone is encouraged to join the discussion. (Editor's observation: If you don't participate, you've volunteered to do the dishes.)

2011 Officers

At the November meeting those present elected these officers:

Master/President	Dick Naven
Overseer/VP	Norm Parker
Lecturer	Sam Keator
Chaplain	Monte McCutcheon
Treasurer	Rosa Lee Dickson
Secretary	Loyce Martinazzi
Ceres	Suzanne Naven
Executive Committee	Sam Keator Carol Cummings Marilyn Reiher

Community Service Hours

Our Community Service Chair, Mary Ann Hulquist, needs your help. The Semi-Annual Community Service-Involvement report is due to the State Grange in January. All of us contribute to our community through our involvement in Winona Grange projects and also as individuals. We serve at the Senior Center, donate to the food pantry, drive friends to medical appointments, donate clothing and household items to charities, and the list goes on. Our Grange can receive recognition for all our community service.

Since this is a semi-annual report, the info is to be from **July 1 to December 31**.

For Grange Projects:

- How many dollars did you donate?
- What was the value of non-monetary donations, like non-perishable food for the food pantry?
- How many hours did you work on Grange projects, like the FM booth?
- How many miles did you drive?

Non-Grange contributions:

- How many dollars did you donate?
- What was the value of your non-monetary donations?
- How many hours did you volunteer?
- How many miles did you drive?

Working at the hall:

- How many hours did you work at the hall, like set up for the potluck?
- How much money or what is the value of materials you donated?

Please bring the answers to these questions to the January 8 meeting, e-mail them to Mary Ann at mahulquist@msn.com, or call her at 503-639-5168.

Signs Help Visitors Find Hall



Thanks to the persistent efforts of Sam Keator, visitors should be able to find our Grange hall more easily. Two directional street signs are permanently posted on SW Boones Ferry on either side of Seneca.

Winona Grange Scholarship

Members voted to make several changes to our annual scholarship:

- Rename it the Winona Grange Scholarship. Presenters will acknowledge Dolores Crossway's contribution, but emphasis will be on the organization that provides the scholarship.
- Graduating seniors at Sherwood High School can apply. Given the size of the Sherwood FFA chapter, we expect to get more applicants interested in agricultural fields.

The scholarship committee consisting of Sam Keator, Norm Parker, and Marilyn Reiher will present their recommendations for the 2011 award at the January 8 meeting.

Our scholarship fund has money raised at this year's Community Potluck and from donations made in memory of former members. You can make a tax deductible donation to our scholarship fund through the Oregon State Grange Foundation. See the *President's Column* for details.

Successful Community Potluck

The day after the potluck Loyce Martinazzi wrote, "What a great event we had at our Grange hall last night! I think we should all be happy about how the place looked, the lovely new signs, the great food and the terrific show."

Suzanne Naven counted 57 potluck attendees. Oh, the delectable choices!

The featured entertainment was Nancy Curtin (center), who sang traditional Irish tunes. She was joined by Eddie Parente on fiddle and Nancy Conescu on guitar.



The event cleared approximately \$150 for our scholarship fund.

In Memoriam

Pearl Christianson, 100, a faithful Winona member since 1947, passed in October. Pearl was well known for her work as a department superintendent at the Washington County Fair. She served on the State Grange GWA committee and as Secretary of the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange for many years. "Well done, good and faithful servant."



President's Column

Donations to Winona Grange

Our Grange Hall was built with donations, donations of labor and materials, and it continues to be maintained by our donations today. As it has been pointed out elsewhere, most everything we do depends on donations of one sort or another.

Making a donation of time and effort is pretty straightforward; we just show up and pitch in. No end-of-year message should fail to recognize the many accomplishments your donations of time, effort and money have made. I would also be remiss should I neglect to mention something about making donations of money.

Making a donation of dollars does raise a few questions. At the top of the list is, "**Is it tax-deductible?**" To make a tax-deductible donation, one must give to a charitable non-profit. Individual Granges are non-profit, but are not charitable, as they are organized under IRS section 501 c 8 (**charitable** non-profits are compliant with sections c 3 or c 4).

Is there a way to make them tax-deductible?

Yes. In order to facilitate tax-deductible donations, and to comply with all IRS requirements, the State Granges have organized Grange Foundations (501 c 3s) through which to channel such funding. The Oregon State Grange Foundation is one of these. The OSG Foundation is a separate entity, but shares some personnel with the OSG, and receives mail at the same address. The OSG Foundation receives a 2% commission for handling funds and passing on the donor/contribution information so that proper records can be kept and appropriate acknowledgments can be made.

How do I make out my check? Make it

payable to the OSG Foundation, with "Winona Grange Building Fund" or "Winona Grange Scholarship Fund" in the Memo line. If the Memo line contains only "Winona Grange", the funds will be unrestricted and would go toward our general fund.

Where do I send it? Yes, we do have an account already set up with the OSG Foundation. Donations may be sent directly to the OSG Foundation, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301, or we can forward them upon receiving them at our PO Box. If you wish your donation to be anonymous, we will abide by your wishes, but the donor info will still be somewhere in our official records, to satisfy the IRS requirements.

How about the "\$250 or less, your check is your receipt" rule? Just because you meet the requirement for documentation of your donation, does not make it tax-deductible. If you want it to be tax-deductible, it needs to go through the OSG Foundation. The OSG Foundation then creates the "paper trail" that

the IRS requires, and you get your documentation, either from the OSG Foundation directly, or through us.

Any other questions? Thanks to all of you for your contributions this past year, and I look forward to working with you in the coming New Year.

Dick Naven

Welcome, New Member

Larry McClure, long-time Director of the Tualatin Heritage Center, secured land from the City of Tualatin for re-location of the old Methodist Church and headed the committee that raised funds to turn the building into the Heritage Center. He has written many grants for programs and equipment for the Center. Larry is now co-chair of Tualatin Tomorrow, the organization that will help decide what the city will be like in 20 years. Dr. McClure is a retired educator and has lived in Tualatin since the 1970s.

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Mark your calendar for these Grange meetings
Saturday, January 8
February 12
March 12

Potluck **brunch** is at **10 am** followed by our meeting at **11 am**

See you there!