



GRANGE GAZETTE

Of Rainbow Valley Grange

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February/March 2013



February 1 Pizza Sales (16 pizzas sold)

Grange Hall

4:30 -7:00 pm

February 11 **Community Grange meeting**

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7:00 pm



February 15 Pizza Sales

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4:30 -7:00 pm



March 1 Pizza Sales

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Grange Report

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We didn't have a meeting in January for lack of a quorum (due to illness).

We had a quick meeting in December with just seven members. We voted to cut our **Fair donated prizes** down to two awards of \$25 each instead of four at that amount. This way we will maintain a Grange presence at the fair with our limited resources.

We also voted for a **Resolution of Compliance** which stated that we will comply with the rules and regulations of the Grange at all levels, and uphold the National Grange's right to suspend the California State Grange Charter and recognize the authority of the National Grange to conduct the business affairs of the State Grange during the suspension.

While our State Grange Executive Committee decided to deny the National Master's right to suspend the State Master - which led to the suspension of the State

Grange's charter- we do not agree with their interpretation of corporate law. While the Grange is incorporated, it is as a non-profit, not as a business. If anyone has any questions about this issue, you are welcome to come to our meeting for answers.

We will be planning our **craft/yard sale** at our February meeting so if you would like to participate, let me know.

Suzy and I would like to start having **once a month socials** with programs and activities and potluck dinners. If you have any ideas for guest speakers or topics, let us know.

Please **pay dues** when you can - \$31 for adults, \$9 for youth, and \$62 for a family. Checks made out to Rainbow Valley Grange can be mailed to me at 210 W. Vermont Ave. #106, Escondido, CA 92025.

Thank you to Robert Kellogg for being the first to pay his dues.

We can always use helpers at **Pizza Night** - first and third Friday of each month - let me know if you can volunteer. We have been averaging 15 pizzas each time.

Lecturer's Notes

Suzy Moramarco, suncette@cox.net

Last month I attended a meeting of CINCH which stands for Council on Interpreting North County History. The group is made up of representatives from historical societies and museums in the northern part of San Diego County. Meetings are held quarterly.

This quarter's meeting was at the Valley Center Library and included a visit to the Valley Center Historical Museum. I asked the docent if he knew anything about Valley Center Grange. He asked me how I knew about the grange. He showed me last year's February issue of their newsletter. This is what it said:

"Trivia: For almost half a century, Valley Center boasted California's largest chapter of The Grange, a fraternal association of farmers and rural residents. Starting in 1936, the local Grange was the driving force behind most community activities, potluck dinners, literary contests, sewing bees, beautification projects and the like. In 1983, however, three years short of its 50th anniversary, chapter #631 handed back its charter and disbanded. Membership had plunged from a 1936 high of 116 to only eight. The history museum maintains a full history of the organization."

Ramona Grange News

December 15th the Ramona Grange had a holiday cookie swap and election of officers. Congratulations to the new Master, John Wolfe.

It was reported that the grange hall is used every day of the week. Plans are being made to install a new fence around the property. A possible presentation on My Backyard Fish Farm is in the works.

Ramona Grange is located at 215 7th Ave., Ramona.

The docent told me that if I come back on a Wednesday, he will show me the thick folder they have on Valley Center Grange. As they also have documents for Pauma Valley, I'm hoping they will have information about Pauma Valley Grange, which was started in 1940, as well as a Bear Valley Grange which was started in 1874. Valley Center's original name was Bear Valley. The Post Office made them change the town's name as there was another Bear Valley in northern California.

From The New Grange (National Grange) E-newsletter of January 18, 2013 -

On Sunday, Jan. 6, National Grange President Ed Luttrell traveled to Colton, Calif., located about 60 miles east of Los Angeles, to present a charter to the newly formed Riverside Grange.

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