



GRANGE GAZETTE

Of Rainbow Valley Grange

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May 6 Pizza Sales

Grange Hall

4:30-7:00 pm

May 9 Community Grange meeting

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7:00 pm



May 20 Pizza Sales

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4:30-7:00 pm

May 21 Rainbow Days Picnic

Rainbow Park

9:00-2:00 pm

Kitchen Renovation Almost Done...



Above left: west side of kitchen with new refrigerator. Above center: Master Brendan D. and the new three part island perfect for pizza making. Above right: One pizza ready for the oven, while four await toppings.

Grange Report

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At our April meeting, Ed reported that the kitchen renovation is 95% done. The new layout works well for Pizza Nights - especially the island which is made up of three separate cabinets on wheels that can be reconfigured as needed.

At our May meeting we will be arranging a clean up day at the hall. Some painting needs to be done too, so if you can help and can't make it to the meeting, let me know. We will also be discussing a fundraiser as we owe Ed for all the work he put into the renovation. If you have any ideas for a new, fun way of raising money, let me know.

Last month we voted to again donate 3 coupons for free pizza to the Vallecitos PTO golf tournament fundraiser. We will also be raising funds for the school with our bake sale at the annual Rainbow Days picnic on Sat. May 21. Anyone who wants to contribute baked goods can bring them to Rainbow Park that day by noon or call me for other arrangements.

We also nominated one past and one current Grange member to be among the first names in the Rainbow Walk of Fame at Rainbow Park. Rainbow Property Owners Association plans to announce the names of the honorees from every civic organization in Rainbow at the picnic. Their names will be cut into bricks that will be laid in a path at the park. We will have photos next month.

Lecturer

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One of our members heard that AmeriGas is giving Grange members a discount. Lucette checked out the State Grange website (see <http://www.californiagrango.org/news/propane.html>) and this is what she found.

New Member Benefit Offers Discounts On Propane

A new benefit program will provide discount rates and premium service for Grange members and halls that use propane gas. Master Bob McFarland negotiated the state-wide program with AmeriGas, a national provider of propane.

“Grange members will be able to purchase propane for much less than competitors’ rates,” commented McFarland.

The per gallon cost will be tied to a fixed margin over the local posted Market Index Rate, resulting in savings of 7 – 38% based on a recent survey of competitors.

“In the Placerville area, for example, the local market rate today is \$1.78 making Grange Halls and members’ rate \$1.78 +

\$0.84 (margin) = \$2.62 per gallon...when everyone else is paying from



\$3.25 - \$3.50 per gallon,” stated John Lewis of AmeriGas. AmeriGas further discounts the rate for the first tank filled.

I made myself the Guinea pig for this program,” said McFarland. “By switching over to AmeriGas, I saved close to \$250 on my first tank of gas.”

In addition to the discounted rate, AmeriGas is offering other special incentives, such as free tank rental for the first year, and free system checks.

To sign up for the program, call John Lewis of AmeriGas at (530) 313-3779. Tell him you are with the Grange. AmeriGas will verify your membership with the State Grange office.

Good of the Order

Once our hall is back in order our **Craft Days** will be starting up again. Other possible activities include **Game** and/or **Movie Nights**. We are open to other **Social Activities**. If you are interested, come to a meeting with your suggestions.

If you have family or friends interested in the Grange they can check out the following websites -

State Grange :

www.californiagrango.org/index.html

the **National Grange :**

www.nationalgrango.org/

Deadline for June issue—May 26th

17th Annual Rainbow Days Picnic Saturday, May 21st Music • Food Raffle Bake Sale



*(proceeds to benefit
Vallecitos School)*

Ramona Grange

April's Grange Month open house went well with four new members joining. Enough crayons were donated to supply one kindergarten class. Plans for our Grange's upcoming 75th Anniversary will be coming soon.

