



PULTENEY GRAPEVINE

SPRING 2013 A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Pulteney Grapevine, a newsletter about services and happenings in Pulteney. This newsletter is compiled and distributed by the Pulteney Free Library to help spread information throughout the community. The Pulteney Grapevine community newsletter is made possible through funding from Steuben Senior Services Fund, the Town of Pulteney, the Pulteney Presbyterian Church, and the Pulteney Fire Department.

Senior Lunch Bunch has been meeting Mondays and Thursdays to discuss profound matters, and to enjoy good hot lunches prepared at the Lakeview Apartments and delivered to the Fellowship Hall at Pulteney Presbyterian Church. The lunchers hold profound discussions about the weather, the crop report, Town history, current events, and childhood memories, among other things. You don't HAVE to be a "Senior" to join in, but you DO have to sign up in advance so a meal can be requested for you.

CALL 522-5121 to reserve a lunch.

Some folks are trying to catch up with their Grandchildren, taking lessons in computer skills from Librarian

Barb Radigan. An outreach grant from Southern Tier Library System has provided "MiFi" which allows

Barb and her students to access the web from their seats at the Senior Lunch. Barb visits about once a month, depending on requests, to give help to any Senior who wants to practice with the new technology. The Library has received a grant from the Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries to pay for an instructor for these classes. The smartest students are proud to download e-books; use the Southern Tier Library System catalog of books, DVDs and other materials; and to actually USE the Kindle or Nook they got for a gift!





PULTENEY FREE LIBRARY

This is a “progress report” to the community about the Pulteney Free Library’s efforts to address problems of funding, space, and the future.

Many members of our community have expressed concern and support for the Library as we plan the next steps in the process. We appreciate the generous response to our Annual Membership Campaign, and the outpouring of moral support! Now, the Trustees are working on the immediate issues of operating funding and space.

We have to meet three basic needs in order to serve as the community’s Library:

1. Funding to continue the amount which has been the annual Town of Pulteney contribution for Library support,
2. An additional sum to pay for the use of the current space in the Town Hall – heat, light, water - and
3. An amount to cover the annual shortfall which is currently drawn from our limited reserve funds.

As you know, many libraries have a line in the annual budgets of their local school systems. However for libraries like ours, which are located in more than one school system, there’s a special process in the New York State Education Law. It’s called a “Chapter 414” process. Chapter 414 allows a library to have its own separate line in the Town’s budget. This is different from prior years because it would require funding dedicated to the Library directly.

During the next few weeks, PFL Trustees will be asking registered voters to sign a petition so that the 414 process can take place. The petition will ask for a question to be placed on the November 2013 ballot, so voters can decide whether to allow Pulteney Free Library to have a separate line in the Town’s annual budget.

The total request to the taxpayers of Pulteney will be approximately 60% of the Pulteney Free Library’s budget. The balance of 40% comes from citizen contributions, memorials and honorary donations, and various grants. The only way the requested amount would increase or decrease is through another vote by taxpayers.

Of course the remaining issue – a permanent home – remains an ongoing concern for all of us. The Board of Trustees, the Library Director and assistant, and many Pulteney residents are working hard to find a secure, appropriate, affordable, safe space to call home. Please stay in touch with us on our website: www.pulteney.org or stop in the Library find out more! Thank you again for your steadfast support.

The Library is now on Facebook! Visit us and add us as a friend.

Trustees of Pulteney Free Library::

Paul Schnipelsky

Fred Schulte

Ginny Illi

Sheila Pizura

Maryrose DeGiulio

Alise Irwin

Ellen French

HOURS:

TUES - 12 - 8:00

WED - 12 - 6:00

THUR - 12- 8:00

SAT - 9 - 1:00

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Grace Community Fellowship is busily planning activities, sprucing up the lawns, putting away the salt and snow shovels, and doing Spring Cleaning. Larry and Marsha Slater continue to lead a weekly study group for members at Grace Fellowship, while they re-locate to a different residence in town. Stay tuned for some special summer out-reach programs for children and adults

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Pulteney Presbyterian Church welcomes home our snowbirds and our Sunday morning Church services are well attended. Prayer Shawl continues to meet Mondays at 10 am. The Church is actively pursuing our search for a supply pastor this spring.

Camp Whitman Sunday in April had everyone attending wearing camping gear and enjoying s'more cupcakes during coffee hour.

Church is at 9:15am followed by coffee hour every Sunday. Join us this summer.

PULTENEY LADIES AUXILIARY

The ladies have been busy this spring. Several fires in the town had us supplying food and drink at the fire scene.

In March we held the annual Easter Party in conjunction with the Pulteney Free Library. Egg coloring, crafts, and an Easter Egg Hunt along with a visit from the Easter Bunny made the day fun for our community children.

The ladies also prepared and served meals for the Agricultural Rescue class held at the Firehall the first weekend in May.

Look for our Cake wheel to be back at the August Gun Raffle!!!



PULTENEY FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE CORPS

Sunday Pancake Breakfasts started Memorial Day and run through Labor Day at the Pulteney Fire Department on Brown Road.

Interested in volunteering? The Fire Department & Ambulance Corps are always looking for new members. Contact 868-3003 or info@pulteneyfire.com for more information.

If you don't have a health file with your medical information, including medications, allergies, DNR, and contact information now is a good time to get one. Please put it on your refrigerator where it can easily be found in an emergency. Files can be obtained from Steuben County Office for the Aging - Kathy Burns, the Pulteney Free Library and from a member of the Pulteney Ambulance Corps.

BONE BUILDERS EXERCISE PROGRAM

BONE BUILDERS exercisers are growing stronger every week! There are as many as thirty movers and shakers following their leaders on Monday, Wednesday, and now Friday mornings from 9:00 until 10:15 AM in the Fire Hall. There's a lot of laughing, some humming, a bit of counting out loud (sometimes BACKWARDS), and of course, exercise to build strength and prevent osteoporosis. Women and men from Pulteney, Branchport, and the surrounding area are welcome to join the circle. Volunteer leaders teach a routine specifically designed to promote bone health, foster mobility, and best of all, promote well-being.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Seven local churches are working together to hold a Community Vacation Bible School June 24 - 28 at 9:00 to 12:00. It will be held at the Hammondsport Methodist Church at 35 Lake St. Hammondsport for age 4 up through Grade 6. Pre-register by calling 569-3511 or 868-3945. Participants will receive a FREE T-shirt and music CD. The program is free.

Hammondsport Students Assist with Spring Clean-up

Hammondsport students took time out to assist older individuals in the Pulteney area. This year, six Hammondsport students assisted with preparing the Pulteney Community Garden site for planting and building raised beds, and yard clean-up and window washing for an older resident. Mr. Jim Derr, Guidance Counselor at Hammondsport High School, made the personal contact with students requesting their assistance. The school is committed to continuing to offer intergenerational volunteer activities to students in the future.

This activity was coordinated by Kathy Burns, Pulteney Aging in Place Coordinator, under a project initiated by Steuben Senior Services Fund, Inc. The Pulteney Aging in Place project promotes collaboration between agencies and organizations to provide various services to older Pulteney residents allowing them to age in place in their own homes for as long as possible. Services include, but are not limited to, transportation, grocery shopping, home delivered meals, friendly visiting, assistance with household chores, etc.

If you need services in the Pulteney area or if you would like to volunteer to assist those in need, call Kathy Burns at the Office for Aging at 664-2298 or email her at kathleenb@co.steuben.ny.us



Pictured from left to right:

Caitlin Burns, Brian Kilberry, Trevor Filkins, Kelsey Bailey, Elizabeth Albright, and Brandi Bailey

PULTENEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Pulteney Community Garden Project has really begun to take root this year. We have graciously received a total of \$600 in monetary donations from Keuka Brewery, Jan Stone, and the Presbytery. In addition we have received in-kind donations from Terry Gibson and Jane Russell that will assist with construction of beds and watering. We are exploring a new permanent sign for the location.

Recently, the project committee was approached regarding a local teenager completing his Eagle Badge at the garden. Brian Kilbury, a boy scout with Troop 18 of Hammondsport and who resides in Pulteney, will be joining us in our endeavor. He has wonderful plans and a drive to include as many local business as possible. The focus of his project will include creating 4 raised beds at the front of the garden lot. We are very excited to have him on board. We are currently having meetings on the third Thursday of the month from 6-7pm at the town hall. There was a work day on May 18 to start creating gardens and work on construction of beds. At the present time we are still in need of topsoil, lumber for beds, mulch, and plants for our shade garden. If you would like to make a donation of materials, you can contact Liz Ryder at 868-4016. Monetary donations should be sent in check form to the Pulteney Town Clerk and made out to Pulteney Community Garden.

Thank you for your continual support as we strive to create a central location in our town for all community members to share their stories and develop intergenerational connections.



Consumer Directed Services

A well-informed consumer knows to call NYCONNECTS at the Steuben County Office for the Aging when the need for in-home help arises, regardless of age or income level. Sadly, some discover that there is a workforce shortage and a waiting list for services. This may strike you as odd given the high rate of unemployment! The reasons for this are complex, but there is a solution that is gaining more and more attention these days. Read on!

Consumer directed programs allow the consumer to choose a friend, neighbor, or even a family member in some cases, to complete the necessary in-home tasks and receive payment for this. While a neighbor may not be interested in a career as a home care worker, she may be willing to assist you, because of your long standing friendship. You designate what and how and when the services are delivered, and the agency of your choosing is the employer of record for your worker. Services are paid for under Medicaid or private pay. Steuben County residents may even be able to get consumer directed services with a sliding fee scale under an Office for the Aging home care program.

There are some specific requirements for the program that you need to understand before you sign up. NYCONNECTS staff is well-versed on the ins and outs of consumer directed services and we would be happy to discuss your individual situation. If you decide it is right for you, we can even make the referral for you. Call us at 1-866-221-7324 and we will walk you through the options.

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CALENDAR:

June 7 & 21 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

June 24– 28 - 9 - 12:00 - Community Vacation Bible School - Hammondsport Methodist Church

July 5 & 19 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

July 13 - 11:00 am - Ventriloquist Bruce Weaver & Friends—Pulteney Free Library

Bone Builders - Mondays & Wednesdays - 9:00 am - Pulteney Fire Department

Pulteney Free Library Story Hour - 9:30 am - Saturdays

Senior Lunch - Mondays & Thursdays - 1100 am - Pulteney Presbyterian Church

Pulteney Fire Department Breakfasts - Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day - 7 - 10:00 am

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- First Presbyterian Church of Pulteney
- Pulteney Fire Department

