



PULTENEY GRAPEVINE

WINTER 2014

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.

Southern Tier

CASH

Creating Assets Savings and Hope

Convenient Free Volunteer Tax Help

Free income tax assistance and e-filing are available to retired seniors or families that made less than \$58,000 last year – helping you get the money you’ve earned, at no cost to you!

You may be eligible for valuable credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit – a refundable income tax credit available to low-income workers with “earned” income-wages or income from a small business. If you qualify, you could lower the amount you owe, pay nothing at all, or even get money back that could be used for savings, home repairs or other things.

CASH appointments are available in Steuben, Chemung and Schuyler counties. When you receive all of your W-2s and 1099s, it’s time to call 2-1-1 Helpline and make your appointment. Dial 2-1-1 or 1-(800)-346-2211 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2-1-1 Helpline will help you find the appointment time and site that is most convenient for you. The Pulteney Free Library has checklists of needed documents that you will need to take with you. Information will be available at each CASH site about free or low-cost financial services that can help you make a budget, get out of debt, and more.



The Pulteney Firemen’s Auxiliary and the Pulteney Free Library hosted Breakfast with Santa on a snowy day in December. A little over 70 people, from babies to grandparents, attended and enjoyed breakfast, making crafts, hearing holiday stories, and visiting with Santa. We collected over 100 canned items plus a monetary donation for the Prattsburgh Food Pantry.



PULTENEY FREE LIBRARY

THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PULTENEY FREE LIBRARY THANK OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT SHOWN DURING THE NOVEMBER VOTE! At least 89% of all the voters said “YES” to the Library’s request for \$26,900 from the taxes collected by the Town each year. Your confidence and encouragement is exciting, and we are taking it very seriously. We expect to carefully and patiently develop a long-range plan to

continue providing Library Services for people of our Town and for visitors and guests. All members of the community – adults and young people – will be included in “listening workshops” to help us in this huge endeavor. Watch for information in the Library’s Newsletter – and, come to Trustees’ Meetings on the SECOND TUESDAYS at 7:00 at the Library/Town Building if you like! Please tell us in advance if you need to be on the Business Agenda. THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

Alise Irwin, President Liz Ryder, vice-president Sheila Pizura, Recording Sec.

Ray Dutcher, Corr. Sec. Ellen French Paul Schnipelsky

Barbara Radigan, Library Director Fred Schulte, Treasurer.

To help winter pass quickly, the Library is sponsoring a Winter Reading Program for both children and adults through February and March. This will be very similar to our Summer Reading Program, just on a slightly smaller scale. Kids count the hours they read or are read to and can win prizes and free books. Adults read three books from this Library to enter the prize drawing. Stop in the Library to sign up.

Our Nook e-reader is loaded with books and ready to check out. We also have a Nook color tablet that you can use in the Library. What a great way to try these devices out.

On Saturday afternoon January 18, the Pulteney Free Library cosponsored SOUPER BOWL! The Bath Branch of AAUW provided Soups and accompaniments; the audience provided their own bowls and spoons, and about 20 folks watched a PBS documentary called “Makers: Women Who Make America”, about the last fifty years of the Women’s movement in the US. The audience members agree it is a very interesting, well-done film about an important period in the history of our nation. A copy of “Makers” will be in our Library’s collection soon.

HOURS:

TUES - 12 - 8:00

WED - 12 - 6:00

THUR - 12- 8:00

SAT - 9 - 1:00



**Pulteney Volunteer
Fire Department**

**PULTENEY FIRE DEPARTMENT &
AMBULANCE CORPS**

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

There will be an Open House/Recruitment Day Sunday, April 27th from 9am to 1pm at the Fire Department.

GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Grace Community Fellowship members and friends are holding some thoughtful discussions each Wednesday evening. Under the leadership of Pastor Larry Slater, the group is sharing responses to a series of videos featuring Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. Rabbi Cahn describes how the early Hebrew writings, which Christians call the Old Testament, relate to prophecy. As many as eighteen folks gather at 7:00 PM Wednesdays at Pastor Larry and Marsha's home on Brown Road. The next video series will be a study of the Tabernacle and how significant it is to the history of the Jewish people.

There are also monthly Prayer Breakfasts – one for men and one for women. These times of fellowship are held at different places in the community. All are invited to join for prayer and support – and of course Breakfast!

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP YOU CAN CALL Pastor Larry and Marsha at 607 – 868 – 3297.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Even though a few snowbirds have gone south, the Pulteney Presbyterian Church continues to have good attendance. This past December our flock increased as we confirmed six new members and received two by letter of transfer. Thanks to Pastor Byran, we held a Christmas Eve Candlelight service - the first in many years.

We continue to host the Senior Citizens luncheons on Monday and Thursday beginning around 11:30. Signup at the church or call 522-5121 to make reservations to dine at the Pulteney site. Come and join the fellowship!!!!

The church has accepted a local mission project of collecting items for the Prattsburgh Food Pantry. February was designated as "souper" month. We are hoping to get 48 cans of soup in honor of this year's "Super Bowl". March items will be peanut butter, jelly, juice and crackers. Thanks to Matt Roseler for our collection box for food items.

Join us for fellowship at 9:15 on Sundays and then stay for coffee and fellowship.

BONE BUILDERS EXERCISE PROGRAM

Bone Builders of Pulteney continues to be one of the "best and brightest" exercise groups in Steuben-Yates. Twenty-five or more seniors meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 at the Pulteney Fire Hall on Brown Road for about an hour's worth of guided exercise. The program is based on extensive research from Tufts University Medical School, and has been shown to improve balance, strengthen muscles, and prevent or at least diminish the problems of osteoporosis. The successes of the Pulteney group are shown in amazing recovery from joint replacement, the minimizing of injury from falls, and of course the exchange of jokes and factoids. MOST important to the success, though, is the dedicated, entertaining, group of volunteer instructors: Rita Finley, Sue Steeves, Nancy Cole, Kathy Wheat, Ray Dutcher, Sheila Pizura, and Carole Smith. All Seniors are welcome to come and see if Bone Builders is the group for YOU.

PULTENEY SENIOR LUNCH

The Pulteney Lunch Bunch, which meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 to enjoy a hot meal and some hot discussions, was recently honored by a gift to the Steuben Senior Services Fund, Inc. An anonymous donor made a contribution to the Fund in recognition of the Senior Citizens of Pulteney who have cared for, and about, this town over many decades and who continue to do so.

Anyone may join the Bunch at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in beautiful down- town Pulteney for a meal or for a cup of coffee and conversation. If you'd like to have lunch, though, you need to sign up! You can call 522-5121 to do so.. just tell "Bobbie", who answers the phone, that you'd like lunch in Pulteney, on Monday or Thursday. A three dollar donation is requested from people older than 60; youngsters are asked to contribute six dollars. (Just so you know!) We'll be glad to see you!



THE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

The Medicare Savings Programs, collectively known as MSP's, can benefit those eligible in several ways. First, under MSP, the \$104.90 per month Medicare premium is paid by the State, meaning that the monthly Social Security check increases by \$104.90. Secondly, anyone receiving MSP can enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan without cost, with no "donut hole" coverage gap, and with prescription co-pays usually less than \$6.00

To be eligible for MSP, your gross monthly income (with the \$104.90 Medicare premium added back into your check) minus any private health insurance premiums you pay, must be \$1,313 or less for one person, \$1,765 or less for a couple. In addition, you cannot currently have Medicaid. MSP's have no asset limit, meaning money in the bank will not make you ineligible, and interest is not counted as income.

You can apply for MSP by mail, or an Office for Aging worker can assist you with an application. For more information, call the Steuben County Office for Aging at 664-2298.



SSSF's newest Aging in Place project is currently underway in the Cameron, Jasper, Troupsburg and Woodhull area of the county. This undertaking, like the Aging in Place project in Urbana, is a replica of our highly successful undertaking in the Town of Pulteney.

The Cameron, Jasper, Troupsburg, Woodhull project has been funded by the J. M. McDonald Foundation and is headed by Coordinator Sharon A. Brewer. Her Advisory Committee is comprised of representatives from each of the townships and includes June Brewer, Trudy Butler, Jan Calkins, Donna Harrington, Arnold Herrington, Sheila Leach, Bob & Melody Manley and RoxAnn Turner.

The committee recently completed its Aging in Place survey with the following Top Ten needs identified by the 82 respondents: General transportation—65%, transportation to medical appointments--61%, home health care/Personal Care Aides--60%, house cleaning--56%, shopping for groceries—52%, home delivered meals—51%, entertainment trips—48%, general handyman—46%, legal information—45%, and plumbers/electricians—44%. Additionally, the interest in Bone Builders and scheduled exercise combined had a whopping 66% interest rate.

With these results, the Advisory Committee will meet with transportation experts in early March to study currently available resources and to make plans to get information out to the seniors of that area and to develop additional resources as necessary. Additionally, the Committee will be pursuing a Bone Builders group in that area.

PULTENEY TOWN NEWS

There are some “new” faces in TOWN Government for 2014. Bill Weber is Town Supervisor; new Board members are Kathy Burns and Mark Illig; Theresa Keeseey is Town Clerk. Continuing on the Board are Nancy Cole and Rich Musso; Terry Gibson as Highway Superintendent and Joyce Apenowich as Book-keeper. Deputy Supervisor is Richard French.

Notices of regular and special Town Meetings are posted in local newspapers, and on bulletin boards at the Town Hall and the Post Office, as well as the Town’s website: www.pulteneyny.com All are welcome to attend public meetings, usually held at the Town Hall Meeting Room. Regular monthly Board meetings are the second Wednesday beginning at 7:00 PM.

If you’d like to see some fascinating reports about our local history, pick up the monthly Report by Historian Sharon Daggett! It’s a great way to learn about our unique Town. Sharon often serves as the informal hostess when visitors stop by to inquire about their own family history.

PULTENEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Although it has been very cold this winter, the community garden has not left our thoughts. We are looking forward to continuing new projects this spring and summer. Brian Kilbury's Eagle Project assisted us with developing 8 beds of various sizes that are just waiting for things to be planted. Plans for further progress include planting flowers and vegetables, painting the beds, and donating to our local food pantry and senior luncheons. Meetings will take place at the town hall starting in April on the third Thursday at 6pm and run through October. Anyone is welcome to attend and encouraged. We are still in need of topsoil, leftover cans or new cans of outdoor paint, plants (shade loving, vegetable, flowers). If you would like to donate to the project, please send checks to the town hall made out to Pulteney Community Garden and donations of supplies can be left at Liz Ryder’s or Kathy Burns’ homes or by contacting the town clerk for arrangements.

PULTENEY FIREMEN’S AUXILIARY

The Pulteney Ladies Auxiliary ended 2013 with our annual meeting and holiday party at Mary Lou Bondi’s home. As 2014 begins, we have begun planning many of our community events. The first of which is the annual Easter Party with Pulteney Free Library to be held April 19, 2014 at the Pulteney Fire Hall.

The Auxiliary also is purchasing two utility busing carts for the pavilion building to help the firemen.

If you would like to help our auxiliary, we are looking for members. Our meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month. We provide assistance at fires in the community with coffee and food, work the breakfasts and gun raffles, plus plan and Easter Party, Halloween Party, and Breakfast with Santa for our community’s families.

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CALENDAR:

February 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

April 19 - 11:00 - 1:00 - Easter Party - Pulteney Fire Department

April 27 - 9am to 1pm - Open House/Recruitment Day Sunday at the Fire Department.

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

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS:

- Pulteney Free Library
- A grant to the Steuben Senior Services Fund (SSSF) from Keuka Area Fund of the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.
- The Town of Pulteney
- First Presbyterian Church of Pulteney
- Pulteney Fire Department

