

JANUARY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27- THE GOURMET GALLIVANT-

The Gourmet Gallivant will be held on Friday, January 27, 2012, at 6:30 pm. This month, it will be at the 17th Bar & Grill Restaurant, 1717 West Highway 50, O'Fallon IL. Please call or E mail Sandy BEFORE THURSDAY January 26 with your name. Only room for 30 so please limit reservation to a MESS member and one guest. Please contact our sponsor.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 27-28 EAGLE/ELEPHANT WATCH (RSVP BY 1/23)

Cathy would like to invite one and all to her annual Pink Eagle Elephant Watch. Come and enjoy a wintery get away in historic Grafton, IL. On January 27, we will meet at the Cracker Bell / Taco Barrel parking lot at **1PM** and car pool up to Grafton. Cathy has a block of rooms set aside at the Ruebel Hotel in Grafton IL at 217 E. Main Street **(618)-786-2315**. Be sure to call and make your reservations (don't forget to reference her name!). Hotel rooms start at \$99, which you can cut in half if you have a roommate. Early Saturday morning, we'll board the Bluff City Tours bus (\$5 charge) for a grand tour of the eagle watching spots. Afterwards lunch and head for home! Please call our sponsor.

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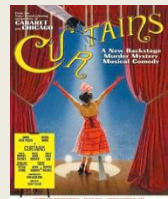


EVERY THURSDAY- (FEB 2, 9, 16 AND 23) HAPPY HOUR- JEFFERSON'S

Meet us at 5 pm or after at Jefferson's located at 6980 W. Main in Belleville; phone # is 293-0071. We're trying it out and so far so good! This is a new location so stop by, have some good food and visit with your fellow MESSers.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-

Our monthly meeting for February will be held on **Friday, February 3** at 7:00 P.M. at the Turkey Hill Grange (next door to Eckert's) at 1375 E. State Rt. 15, Belleville. After our business meeting, we will have refreshments and play games. Join us for an evening with lots of fun with our fellow MESS members.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4- LOOKING GLASS PLAYHOUSE "CURTAINS"

We will meet at 5:45 pm at the Tapestry Room in Lebanon for dinner and then walk to the Looking Glass to see their production of "Curtains". The cost of your ticket is only \$9...sure beats the Fox!

From the legendary musical team of Kander & Ebb, this show-within-a-show begins when the talentless leading lady who can't sing or dance, is murdered during her opening night curtain call. Can the theater-loving police detective save the show, solve the case, and even find love, without getting himself killed!

After the show, we will go to Denney's for refreshment and conversation. Call the sponsors.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 18 and 19- GRANGE DINNER THEATER-"THE TROUBLE WITH SUMMER PEOPLE"

This show is a mystery comedy; the summer people are the visitors to Cape Cod in the summertime. A storm traps all the suspects in the house and the killer is unmasked. This will be a fun show with a silly murder mystery and zany characters. On the 17 & 18, the show begins promptly at 6:30 pm with dinner served shortly thereafter. Dining room will not open until 6 pm. On the 19th the show starts promptly at 12:30 pm with dinner served shortly thereafter. Tickets for dinner & play are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. The dinner will be one of the Turkey Hill Grange's awesome homemade meals! Seating is limited to 125 per show so will sell out fast. Don't wait; call 235-3310 or 235-3310 for reservations and be sure to tell them you are from MESS.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18- M.E.S.S. VALENTINE'S DANCE

Our first dance of the year! Dr. Dee will be our dj. so you know we will have plenty of good music for dancing. Our dance will be held at the Swansea Imp. Center from 7-11 pm. See enclosed flyer for all pertinent details.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19- WATERLOO THEATER- MR. ROBERTS

Want to see a very funny comedy-drama about life on a not particularly important ship of the US Navy during WW2? Join Mr. Roberts, Ensign Pulver, and their merry band of scrubbies aboard the USS AK61. The basis of a 1955 movie starring Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis, Mr. Roberts wants desperately to join the courageous men in battle and launches one scheme after another to convince the Captain of the supply frigate to transfer him to the front lines of battle. Mary Meier will be sponsoring "MR. ROBERTS" at the Waterloo theatre. You can pick up your tickets at 2 PM, play starts at 2:30 PM. We will go out to dinner after the play. Open to suggestions on where you would like to eat. Call our sponsor.



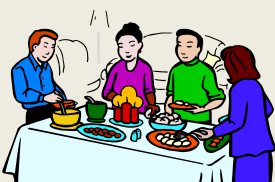
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24-THE GOURMET GALLIVANT

The Gourmet Gallivant will be held FRIDAY, February 24, 2012, at the Lady of the Snows Restaurant (Shrine Restaurant). We will meet in the lobby by the restaurant at 6:30 pm – come and enjoy the great variety of items available during Lent season! Contact our sponsor.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25-TURKEY HILL GRANGE TRIVIA NIGHT

Registration begins at 6:15 pm. Games begin at 7 pm. **To reserve a table, please call Sophia @ 236-7719.** Money from this fund raiser is donated to academic scholarship and community service projects. Silent auction, prizes and lots of fun trivia questions. Refreshments: Sodas and bottled water available for purchase. There will be free popcorn on tables. Bring any snacks you wish for your table. There will be two 50/50 drawings during the evening and a fun Heads or Tails event. A live auction will be held for a significant item or service. The Grange will, also, have attendance prizes drawn during the event. The MESSers had so much fun last year, let's do it again! Tell them you are from MESS so we can sit together. Mark Kern, County board chairman will again be the caller.

COMING SOON! DON'T MISS IT!!!!



FRIDAY, MARCH 2- POT LUCK DINNER AT THE GRANGE

We are going to have a pot-luck dinner before the March monthly meeting at the Turkey Hill Grange. Please arrive by 6:30 pm and **go downstairs to the dining room.** We welcome all dishes from entrees to desserts. Come and show off your gourmet skills or your "not so" gourmet skills. Beverages and eating utensils will be provided. Any questions, please call our hostesses.

For further information on any of these events:

- **Members check the Newsletter in Members Section**
- **Non-members, contact President Tom Koziacki @ 314-313-1570**

