PLEASANT VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB (PVSC)

Paper Hat Challenge — "Photo 1940"
Front Row: Isabell Gardner, Bertha Young, Anna Seitz, Mae Abony
Back Row: Minnie Muir, Catherine Johnson, Mae Gibson, Margarat Muir, Florence Whalen, Unknown, Emily Adams, Franc

In the 1920's, the Pleasant Valley, Brighton Township area was very much a farming community which made for isolation of the families, especially the women. The desire for companionship drove the women to come together regularly. For the past 90 years, the Pleasant Valley Social Club has filled a real need for our community.

In 1928, Louise Cook was approached by the County Extension to organize a Homemaker's Extension Club. Louise Cook and Beatrice Leitz invited some of their neighbors to Louise's house, where she lived on the Puritan Farms. Women from a four-mile radius of Lyon School were invited. The first meeting of the Pleasant Valley Social Club was on October 16, 1928. The first President was Beatrice Leitz, Bertha Young was Vice-President, Clare Hall was Secretary and Laura Warner was corresponding Secretary. Louise Cook was the organist.

At that time, most women did not drive a car, but the attendance was good anyway. Even the menfolk looked forward to the meetings for the evening parties during the winter months. They like taking their ladies out for an evening — not to mention all the delicious food.

By 1930, there were twenty-four members. The by-laws stated that membership was not to exceed 30 members. This by-law is still in effect in 2018.

The ladies chose the Motto: "Lend a Hand". They truly lived by the motto by doing for each other or for others in the neighborhood in times of need or for some worthwhile project. When the treasury got too low, the ladies would build it up with proceeds from a bake sale, or bazaar or by presenting a play.

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(Written by Mindy Kinsey, present member of the Pleasant Valley Social Club.)