

# Quakerphernalia

The Newsletter of Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Coordinator: Holly Olson Phone: 215-860-9747 or 215-453-7358

P.O. Box 4477 ~ George School, Newtown, PA 18940

E-mail: hollybqc@verizon.net Fax: 215-453-1450

Website: www.quakersbucks.org

Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 13th day of the preceding months publication.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

### January 2010

Jan 1 Noon-2pm Bucks Quarter Skating Party ~ Don't Miss Out !!  
(See Article Below)

Jan 6 7:30pm Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse  
Jan 9 10am-2pm Open House Wrightstown Friends Nursery School  
Jan 12 7pm BQ Outreach Comm. Meets at Pennswood Village  
Jan 13 9-11am Open House The Quaker School at Horsham ~ 215-674-2875  
Jan 13 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, "Rethink Afghanistan"  
Jan 14 7pm BQ Oversight Comm. Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse  
Jan 18 1-3pm Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall ~ Pauline 215-860-5554  
Jan 21 1:30pm Friends Home & Village Board Meets at Friends Village  
Jan 21 9am Intro to Kindergarten Open House at United Friends School ~ 215-538-3202  
Jan 24 2-4pm Open House at Newtown Friends School ~ 215-968-2225

### Looking Ahead

Feb 19 Quarterly Worship & Ministry Meets at Middletown  
Feb 21 Quarterly Meeting at Fallsington

### Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

January ~ Wrightstown February ~ Yardley March ~ Buckingham  
**Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:45**

## ANNUAL BUCKS QUARTER SKATING PARTY NEW YEARS DAY ~ NOON TO 2PM

Don't be left out in the cold or inside with nothing to do, come inside! Join Bucks and Abington Quarter Friends and our Friendly school children and parents as we skate, smile and stumble. Come enjoy the decades long tradition of the Annual Skating Party, the fellowship and great fun for the entire family. Since many Friends will be up late welcoming the new year, we will not begin until noon, so you'll have plenty of time to sleep in and still get to the party!

**\$8 Adults, \$5 Children 14 and under  
Includes Skate Rentals**

Face Off Circle address:  
1185 York Road, Warminster, PA 18974.  
Telephone 215-674-1345.

Call or email Holly Olson for more info:  
215-860-9747 ~ hollybqc@verizon.net

See enclosed flier for posting on your fridge!!  
Bring your friends!!

### SKATING PARTY GIFT CERTIFICATES

Want to treat that special someone to skating?

Detach this portion and mail it along with your check to:

Holly Olson  
P.O. Box 4477 George School  
Newtown, PA 18940

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

### LIVES PASING

Doylestown Friends suffered the loss of **Elizabeth "Betty" Todd** this past October. Yardley Friends suffer the loss of **Christine Moyes** who passed on November 13th. Wrightstown friends suffer the loss of **Charly Wilson** who passed on December 2nd.

### CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY FOR CHANDLER HALL

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Christmas came early to Chandler Hall thanks to two elves from the Chandler Hall Auxiliary. Edwina Asch (Fallsington Meeting) and Elsie Wright (Makefield Meeting), President and Treasurer, respectively, presented Lynette Killen CEO with a check for \$25,000. The Auxiliary, organized before Chandler Hall even opened its doors, have been key supporters of Chandler Hall over the years.

### OPEN HOUSE WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL

On **Saturday, January 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Nursery School teachers will be available to answer your questions and to present the Schoolhouse facilities located on the grounds of the historic Wrightstown Friends Meeting, 535 Durham Road (Rt. 413), Wrightstown, PA. Classroom visits during times when school is in session can be scheduled during this event. Wrightstown Friends Nursery School (WFNS) is a small Quaker school under the care of Wrightstown Friends Meeting. For over 30 years, the school has helped children develop important social and academic skills through cooperative games, imaginary play and multi-sensory experiences. Our curriculum includes numerous field trips, several community service projects, many art activities and an interactive music program provided by Doylestown musician and composer, Cathy Block.

WFNS offers a 5-day morning program (9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) and a 3-day afternoon program (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.). There are approximately 18 children and three teachers in both classes; there is an additional teacher's aide in the afternoon program. Available openings are limited and vary each year depending on the number of both returning students and siblings who are applying for the first time. This coming year, we anticipate that there will be a few spaces available in our morning class and additional spaces in our afternoon class. Due to the highly structured nature of our morning program, children should be at least four-years-old at the start of the school year, with the anticipation that they will enter kindergarten in September, 2011. Children in the afternoon class should be three-years-old by late spring, 2010. All students must be toilet trained. WFNS can sometimes be flexible about a child's chronological age when there is enough school readiness in place to ensure a joyful and successful school experience.

To schedule a classroom visit if you are unable to attend the Open House, or to request additional information, please call 215-968-9900 during school hours (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) or 215-322-1026 at other times. You can also visit the school website at [www.wrightstownfriends.org](http://www.wrightstownfriends.org). Parents and children are welcome to attend.

Jean Dinneen, WFNS Director

### DOYLESTOWN PEACE VIGIL

The Peace Vigil sponsored by Doylestown Meeting is now in its ninth year. Recently our numbers have dropped due to some deaths and illnesses.

Unfortunately at the present time there seems to be more need than ever to witness the Quaker testimony that peace is not brought about by war.

There is great need for more support, and we ask Friends to consider taking part. Some who are too busy to get to the vigil every week are committing to come once a month. The vigil is **every Tuesday, 6.00 to 7.00 pm at the Junction of State and Main in Doylestown**. We have signs.

Ken Johnson, clerk, Doylestown Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

[kwj1@hotmail.com](mailto:kwj1@hotmail.com) or 215-340-9747

### FINDING GOD IN A DOG

Anyone who knows our family will agree we've become obsessed with dogs, particularly our own. My daughter has channeled her passion into dog obedience shows; my husband thinks his doggiebabytalk is a secret. Perhaps the most eye-raising development is that my take on Quaker testimonies is now intertwined with my impression of how dogs view the world. Yes, it's true, Quaker testimonies are the theological foundation of the Religious Society of Friends and, yes, it's also true I'm neither a theologian nor a pet psychic. So you've been warned about my spin on things.

#### The Testimony of Community

This Quaker's Interpretation : We're all connected, so why not live that way?

A Dog's Reality : When I sniff this tree, I can pinpoint who was here when -- and that makes me happy.

#### The Peace Testimony

One Quaker's Opinion : Peace -- non-violence - is our shot at a global future.

If You Ask a Dog : Encouragement, treats, and consistent behavior get way better results than a smack with a newspaper.

#### The Testimony of Integrity

A Quaker Says : It's way too confusing to live a lie.

Dogs Know : You can't fake unconditional love.

#### The Testimony of Service

One Quaker Viewpoint : Helping others is a highlight on the path to being a better person.

Dogs Tell Us : Therapy dogs can help kids learn to read and be more confident because dogs listen without judgment.

#### The Stewardship Testimony

A Quaker's Goal : Make choices that will make you proud 200 years from today.

The Dog's Unspoken Request : Pick up that dog poop, please.

#### The Testimony of Simplicity

A Quaker Thinks : Life isn't about stuff.

What a Dog Knows : Nothing pleases a dog more than when you come home.

#### The Equality Testimony

A Quaker's Central Belief : There's God in everyone.

All Dogs Probably Agree: Every person's smell is appealing at all times.

Joyce Rivas

Clerk, Buckingham Friends School Board



**LONG LIVE THE PEACE FAIR ??**

**Would you like to see The Peace Fair continue?**

If so, are you willing to help make that a reality by serving on the Steering Committee?

**Call Peter Ray for details: 215-794-5816**

**BUCKINGHAM MEETING PRESENTS  
FILM SERIES**

**“RETHINK AFGHANISTAN”**

**Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30PM**

This 2009 documentary is about the ongoing war in Afghanistan. It features experts from Afghanistan, the U.S., and Russia discussing critical issues like military escalation, how escalation will affect Pakistan and the surrounding region, the cost of war, casualties, and the rights of Afghan women. In Afghanistan, the director met with and interviewed members of Afghanistan’s parliament, bloggers, women’s rights organizations, and groups committed to the peace movement. The ultimate goal of this documentary campaign is to raise the level of public discourse, compel people to ask key questions about the war, and urge Congress to hold oversight hearings. For more information on the campaign, visit [www.rethinkafghanistan.org](http://www.rethinkafghanistan.org).

70 min.

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film

Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5864 York Road, Lahaska For more info,

[www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org)

215-794-5816

**COLLECTION YIELDS 123 BIKES**

On Saturday afternoon October 10 the third annual used bicycle collection at Pennswood Village brought in 123 bikes and three sewing machines for Bikes for the World!

Pennswood Village thanks the many churches, synagogues, and Friends Meetings that helped to publicize this event.

Each bicycle was “processed” by volunteers in preparation for shipment overseas and loaded onto a truck to be taken to a storage facility near Washington, DC. From there they will be loaded into a shipping container on their way to a needy area in the developing world where they will be reconditioned and distributed at low cost to provide for the transportation needs of the working poor.

The expected final destination for the bikes is an organization in Costa Rica called Fundacion Integral Campesina (FINCA Costa Rica). FINCA Costa Rica since 2005 has already received 6,323 bikes from Bikes for the World, benefiting low-income individuals in rural communities throughout that country. Interviews with two Costa Rican beneficiaries can be seen in a brief video story available at [www.america.gov/bikes.html](http://www.america.gov/bikes.html).

A total of 37 volunteers put in an estimated 162 hours on this project. Donations, totaling \$1,248, were received to offset part of the shipping costs.

The hard work of the volunteers and the response of all who donated bikes and sewing machines to this worthy cause combined to make this event a great success.

***Friendly Reminders***

**Chandler Hall worship:** 11:00am every first day in the Health Services building.

**Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting** presently has two mid-week Meetings for Worship on Wednesday at 5:30pm. at the Meetinghouse and from 12 to 1pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 514 Third Ave in Bethlehem.

**Middletown Friends Meeting at Langhorne:** Mid-week Worship from 7-8pm every Wednesday. The third Wednesday is Worship Sharing at 7pm.

**Pennswood Village Meeting for Worship:** every first day morning at 10:30am at Barclay Terrace Lounge

\* Send notifications of births, adoptions, and deaths to the coordinator so that the members of Bucks Quarterly Meeting may hold your families and Meeting in the Light .



**Need a Gift in 2010 ?**

Bucks Quarter **OUTREACH** Committee “Q” Charm (as pictured) and Pin Order form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

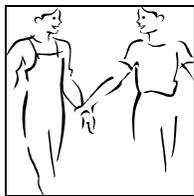
Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

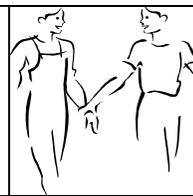
Number ordered (\$45.00 for each): Charm: \_\_\_\_ Pin: \_\_\_\_

Please make all checks out and forward all orders to: **Kellie L. Schlusel-Edens**,  
C/O: Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee 443 Osborne Ave. Morrisville, Pa 19067  
If you have any questions please call: (215) 428-0196 or Email: [visualdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:visualdiva@yahoo.com)



## Friendly Services Offered

## Friendly Services Needed



### **Touching Hearts at Home**

**Alice Agnew and Linda Cooper** of Richland Meeting offer a non-medical home care agency serving Upper Bucks & the Lehigh Valley. Friendly home care for seniors and those with disabilities, helping them live independently in their own homes. Passionate about sharing, caring and helping. Companionship, light house-keeping, transportation, grocery shopping, errands, meal planning and preparation. Committed to setting standards for service excellence through training, supervision and communication.

We give you and your loved ones peace of mind.

**Tel: 267-429-0438**

### **Advertise Your Business**

#### **Send Your Good News**

With "All the 'good news' that's fit to print," Donna Allen, member of Fallsington Meeting and owner of 7 monthly newspapers announces two new publications in Bucks County; the Doylestown Observer & New Hope Life. We are an affordable alternative to other print advertising reaching an estimated 250,000 readers while creating a positive impact in the communities we serve.

**Tel: 215-702-3405**

**Email Advertising: [dallen@timespub.com](mailto:dallen@timespub.com)**

**Editorial Submissions: [mallen@timespub.com](mailto:mallen@timespub.com)**

**Web site: [www.timespub.com](http://www.timespub.com)**

### **Soup to Nuts Caterers**

**Linda Jacobs**, member of Yardley Meeting offers, catering for all occasions. **Soup to Nuts realizes the importance of value and endeavors to make your event work best for you.** Anything from Super Bowl Sunday to weddings and more. "Soup to Nuts" is well connected to local farms. Call for all your catering needs.

**Tel: 215-321-7980**

**Email: [stncaterers@yahoo.com](mailto:stncaterers@yahoo.com),**

**Web site: [www.souptonutscuisine.com](http://www.souptonutscuisine.com)**

### **This Space Could Be Yours**

**\$25 per month or \$240 for one year**

**Contact Holly Olson for Details**

**[hollybqc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc@verizon.net)**

**...you must be a member**

**or an attender of a BQ Meeting**

### **Maris C. Langford, Esq.,**

**Maris Langford**, a Doylestown Meeting member offers mediation, and general legal services, including preparation of Wills and Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, Estate Administration and Family Court matters. **Maris Langford** can be reached at her Doylestown office.

**Tel: 215-348-4031.**

### **Carol Richardson, Associate Broker**

#### **with Coldwell Banker Hearthside Realtors**

A member of Newtown Meeting, Carol hears your wishes and needs clearly and is very resourceful. Carol enjoys finding the perfect match of home to home owner.

Carol Richardson, Associate Broker, ABR, GRI

114 S. State Street Newtown

13 locations serving Bucks County.

**Direct Tel: 267-566-5676**

**Office Tel: 215-504-9000 Ext 187**

**Web site: [www.carol-richardson.com](http://www.carol-richardson.com)**

**Email: [c.richardson@cbhearthside.com](mailto:c.richardson@cbhearthside.com)**

"Caring for all your real estate needs."

### **Law Offices of Snipes & Collins**

**Samuel M. Snipes and Lisa Bellet Collins**, members of Fallsington Meeting. General law practice - Wills, Estates, Probate, Living Wills, Powers of Attorney. House calls available. Call our office in Yardley at:

**Tel: 215-493-3664.**

**Visit our Web site at: [www.snipescollins.com](http://www.snipescollins.com)**

### **MRP Plans, Inc.**

#### **Retirement Plan Services**

**Ed Snyder**, a member of Yardley Meeting, is a Certified Pension Consultant/Qualified Pension Administrator and offers retirement plan services to small businesses - plan design and installation, and annual third party administration. If you're thinking about a 401(k) or similar retirement plan for your small business or have a plan but don't understand it, Ed is the one to call.

**Tel: 609-689-9400**

**Email: [mrp.ed@verizon.net](mailto:mrp.ed@verizon.net)**

### **Superior Benefit Plans**

#### **Employee Benefits Insurance Broker**

**Marybeth Snyder** is a Wharton School Certified Employee Benefits Specialist with 30 year's experience and Member of Solebury Meeting. Individuals, small and large employers rely on Superior to afford and manage benefits plans including health insurance. Offices in Lahaska and Malvern, Pa.

**TOLL Free: 888 656 1339**

**Email: [msnyder@superiorbenefitplans.com](mailto:msnyder@superiorbenefitplans.com)**

Marybeth Snyder, CEBS, CLU

Superior Benefit Plans, LLC

**Tel: 610 722 9900/215 693 6303**

**Fax: 610 725 9209 (Fax)**

### **Thomas G Wells Construction, LLC**

#### **Energy Audits, Home Remodeling Services With The Planet In Mind.**

The State of Pennsylvania has a wonderful program called KeystoneHelp. KeystoneHelp provides low interest loans for energy efficiency upgrades and Energy Star appliances and heating equipment. We can help you get a loan to save money on your heating bills.

**Call Tom Wells at 215 378 4048**

**Our web site: [www.tgw-construction.com](http://www.tgw-construction.com)**