

Quakerphernalia

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

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JANUARY 2012

Jan 1 Noon-2 Annual Bucks Quarter Skating Party ~ See Below !!!

- Jan 7 10am-noon BQ Clerks Meeting at Makefield Meeting Social Room
Jan 10 7pm BQ Outreach Committee Meets at Pennswood Village
Jan 12 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at **Doylestown Meeting**
Jan 16 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meeting
Jan 19 1pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Jan 21 9-10:30am Open House ~ The Quaker School at Horsham (www.quakerschool.org)
Jan 26 7:30pm BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting
Jan 29 9am-2pm Camp Onas Board Retreat at Camp Onas (Snow date Feb 4th)

Looking Ahead

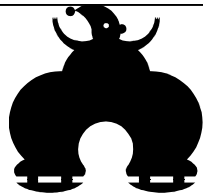
Feb 19 Quarterly Meeting at Solebury Meeting

PYM Annual Sessions 2012: Living the Holy Experiment, **July 25-29** at Arch Street Meetinghouse and other locations in and near Philadelphia

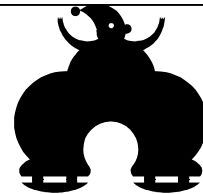
Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

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

**Bucks Co. Ice Sports Center (Formerly Face Off Circle) address:
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**BUCKS QUARTER
MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM

Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM

Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM

Wednesdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

Wednesday at Plumstead 8:30 AM

NOTE: There will not be morning worship at Plumstead on Jan. 18, 25 and Feb 1st

**FALLSINGTON FRIENDS MEETING
RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Fallsington Meeting has a great social room that is available for rent for parties or events at very competitive rates. Rentals provide good outreach and needed income. The room has space for about 60 people and rentals include the use of a full kitchen. Fallsington is a beautiful village and the social room has been freshly painted and a new playground has been installed!

For info on rentals call Tracy Begley: 267-797-6242

**OPEN HOUSE
WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS
NURSERY SCHOOL**

On Saturday January 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School invites families interested in the 2012-2013 preschool program to their Open House. Nursery School teachers will be available to answer your questions and to present the School-house facilities located on the grounds of the Wrightstown Friends Meeting, 535 Durham Road (Route 413), Wrightstown, PA. Parents and children are invited to attend.

Wrightstown Friends Nursery School is a small Quaker facility under the care of the Wrightstown Friends Meeting. For more than 30 years, we have helped children develop important social and academic skills through cooperative games, imaginary play and multi-sensory experiences. The curriculum includes numerous field trips, several community service projects, many art activities and an interactive music program provided by nationally known musician and composer, Cathy Block. The school provide hands-on learning in a warm, caring environment. At WFNS, learning is fun!

WFNS offers a five day morning program and a 3-day afternoon program (Tuesday to Thursday). There are approximately 16 children and 3 teachers in each class. There is an additional aide in the afternoon program. The students range in age from 3 to 5 years old. Available openings are limited and vary each year depending on both the number of returning students and siblings who are applying for the first time

To schedule a classroom visit, if you are unable to attend the Open House, or to request additional information, please call Director, Jean Dinneen at 215-968-9900 during school hours (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) or 215-322-1026 at other times. Please visit our website at www.wrightstownfriends.org.

YOGA CLASSES AT NEWTOWN MEETING

Weekly yoga classes are held at Newtown Meeting House on **Saturdays at 8:30 am** with Jim Whitmoyer, who has over 10 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although small a donation to the Meeting House is humbly requested. Jim at 215-968-0927, or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
PYM ANNUAL SESSIONS!!!**

PYM Annual Sessions 2012: Living the Holy Experiment, **July 25-29** at Arch Street Meetinghouse and other locations in and near Philadelphia. The Sessions Planning Group discerned that our theme for Annual Sessions 2012 should be "Living the Holy Experiment," in celebration of our Quaker history and to continue the ongoing exploration of our witness in the wider world, especially in these times of change. William Penn's Holy Experiment was about applying religious principles to the work of the world. The colony was to offer religious and civil liberty so that all could live peacefully according to their principles. During these sessions we will explore together -How do we apply our principles to how we live in the world, with one another in community, and how we conduct our business? Annual Sessions include opportunities for all ages for worship, learning, and fellowship along with the discernment of business. Plans are in the works for lodging, including hospitality with local Friends, opportunities to eat, play, learn, and share with one another. Being in Philadelphia opens doors of possibility- to witness to our faith through service, worship, and outreach to the wider world as well as time together, welcoming Friends from throughout the Yearly Meeting to our historical home. For more information, contact Tricia Coscia, Sessions Coordinator at 215-241-7045 or email to tcoscia@pym.org

**THE BUCKS QUARTER SINGING GROUP
ROCKS THE HOUSE!!**

For more than 15 years, Makefield Meeting has hosted a fellowship group for hymn singing. We begin with worship and then through our time together we choose hymns intuitively, sometimes old favorites, sometimes making our way through new songs that over time become favorites. It is fun and inspiring, and our spirits are always lifted leaving us grateful and refreshed.

We would love to have your voice added to mix! You don't have to be able to read music to join us, you just have to like singing. We are not a choir, just a group of Friendly people who come together for worship and singing.

Everybody is welcome!

The group meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at Makefield Friends meetinghouse, which is located at 877 Dolington Road in Newtown. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2011. For more information, please contact Holly Olson at hollybqc@verizon.net.

We look forward to seeing you!

CAMP ONAS

Plan now for a fun-filled summer camp experience at Camp Onas!

Our active and creative program stresses sharing, cooperation, understanding, simple living, and most essential of all, fun! Campers can come for 2 or 4 week sessions starting June 24 and running into August. A one-week session for 7, 8 and 9 year old campers is available to introduce younger campers to overnight camp. Special rates for Quaker kids and financial aid is available. Please check www.camponas.org for dates, rates and session availability. Info Days at **Camp Onas are Sunday, February 5 and March 4 at 2pm.** Contact us at 610-847-5858 or friends@camponas.org for more information and a brochure.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS GATHERING

The Young Adult Friends (YAF) Winter Retreat on Sexuality & the Spirit, will be held **January 6-8 at Swarthmore Monthly Meeting in Swarthmore, PA.** Join YAFs (age 18-35ish) from across the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting region and beyond for the annual winter retreat, organized by the PYM YAF Working Group. Expect worship sharing, workshops, games, and fellowship as we explore the themes of relationships, spirituality, and sexuality. YAFs are at different places on our journeys, and they come together for rejuvenation, relaxation, and to deepen their connection to one another & the Spirit. Good food and fun are also assured! All Young Adult Friends are invited - whether it's your first time at an event or a regular attendee! For more info or to register, contact: Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt YoungAdultFriends@pym.org or 215-241-7075 Or check the website at www.pym.org/programs/young-adult-friends or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/32059302690/

JUNIOR INTERIM MEETING

Junior Interim Meeting will meet on **Saturday, January 14, 9:30 – 1:30 at Arch Street Meetinghouse.** Junior Interim Meeting is an opportunity for PYM's children up through Fifth Grade to take part in God's Big Idea- as discerned by them. It builds on the Children's Priority, a calling that the children of PYM hear as a group. For this year, the Children's Priority is: *"God's big idea for us is to make the world a better place and share our Quaker Faith by treating ALL as our brothers and sisters. We will do this by raising money and helping those who are hungry and homeless."* JIM is held concurrently with (Adult) Interim Meeting at the Arch Street Meetinghouse on the second Saturdays of the months that Interim Meeting is held. Upcoming meetings will be on February 11 and April 14. For more information, contact Ben Camp at 215-241-7228 or bcamp@pym.org

THE YEARLY MEETING LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED!!

The funding for the Yearly Meeting Library was cut from the PYM budget. With these cuts, the library was closed for several months while a new strategy was devised. That strategizing has led to a place where the library can be re-opened two days a week. In the beginning of October the Library Services Group hosted a Volunteer Training. Nine Friends completed that training and most of them are scheduled to volunteer in the library allowing it to be open two days per week. For the immediate future, the library is now open from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As the skills and number of volunteers increase, hours may be extended into the evenings. With the reopening of the Library, Friends may again check out books, DVD's, Godly Play materials, magazines and pamphlets. The library is not in a position to mail materials to patrons however, so Friends wishing to borrow must either come into the building or arrange for someone else to pick the materials up for them. The library can arrange for materials to be sent back to your meeting with your representative to Interim Meeting on the 2nd Saturday of most months. To contact a librarian, you can come into the library on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 12-6 or you can call the library at: 215-241-7220.

FRIENDLY ADULT PRESENCE (FAP) TRAINING DAY

Youth Worker Training Day: Accompanying Youth in Spiritual Community will be held on **Sunday Jan 22, , 10:30 am – 4:00 pm. Location TBD.** The community that works with kids, Middle Schoolers, and Young Friends is a vital and growing part of our monthly and yearly meetings. Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) day is an event to empower and encourage adults who are interested in increasing the vibrancy of youth programming in their meeting and with the yearly meeting. The day will be led by experienced PYM youth program staff, current FAPs, and participants from the middle school and high school programs. Participants on the day have been invited to join a meeting for worship together in the morning, followed by simple lunch (soup, salad, drinks and dessert provided). The afternoon will feature workshops that highlight the possibilities of group facilitation with a Spiritual lens. This day will nourish the excitement, skills, and ideas of Friends who value the energy and search of young Quakers for Truth. Join us! For more information, contact Ben Camp at BCamp@pym.org or 215-241-7228.

UN AND USAID WORKERS

TO SPEAK AT PENNSWOOD VILLAGE

On Thursday, Jan 12 at 7 pm at Pennswood Village, Brian Conklin former Executive Director of The Peace Center in Langhorne and his wife Dawn who served as a Peace Educator at The Peace Center, will describe their community development work with UN and USAID programs in Southern Africa, Uganda, Iraq and Eastern Europe. Brian recently worked in Iraq to re-establish the agricultural sector to support economic development Dawn's work is mentoring grassroots organizations to improve lives of those affected by HIV and AIDS.

THE PEACE CENTER NEEDS YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER!

Bucks County is well known for its activism rooted in the Quaker tradition. The Peace Center (located in Langhorne Borough) is a result of 29 interfaith groups who joined together to educate the public on global issues that would create a world that thought beyond war.

The challenge for The Peace Center is to teach peace locally while holding a vision of global peace. The Peace Center has many programs to address the root and cycle of trauma and violence, and each year they serve upwards of 3,000 people.

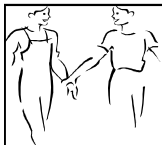
The Peace Center does this through fundraising efforts such as the annual auction and membership drive.

When you donate and become a member, you receive the knowledge that your dollars help support programs that can transform conflict, and you get discounts on workshops and events.

The next event is a conference titled *Engaging Peace* in collaboration with Arcadia University's Intl Peace and Conflict Resolution program, to be held March 23-24 in Glenside. Guest speakers will be Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Arun Gandhi, & Charles Einstein (Sacred Economics) and we will offer over 60 workshops for students, teachers and business leaders.

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