

# Quakerphernalia

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

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## January 2014

### Annual New Years Day Skating Party Noon to 2PM - New Location See Below -

- Jan 3-5 PYM YOung Adult FRiends Retreat at Swarthmore Meetinghouse
- Jan 4 6pm Annual Contra Dance & Pot Luck Dinner at Fallsington Meetinghouse
- Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 Creative Parenting in a Quakerly Manner Discussion Group (See Article)
- Jan 11 9:30-1:30 PYM Junior Interim Meeting Meets at Arch Street
- Jan 16 1:30 Friends Home & Village Board Meets at Friends Village
- Jan 16 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at the Jane Jackson House
- Jan 18 10-Noon Quarter Wide Outreach Meeting at Yardley Meetinghouse - Snow Date 1/25 (See Article)
- Jan 18 6pm Games Night at the Buckingham Meetinghouse
- Jan 25 9am-3pm Camp Onas Board Retreat at Onas
- Jan 25 PYM PYM Thread Gathering on Worship and Ministry <http://www.pym.org/thread-gatherings/>
- Jan 26 11am Right Sharing of World Resources Program at Solebury Meetinghouse (See Article)

### Looking Ahead

- Feb 2 Noon Quaker Conversation at Buckingham (See Article for details)
- Feb 5, 12 Creative Parenting in a Quakerly Manner Discussion Group Cont. (Article on page 2)
- Feb 16 **Quarterly Meeting at Middletown Meeting**
- March & April Prayer Course at the Wrightstown Meetinghouse
- July 24-27 **PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA**

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

January ~ Middletown February ~ Newtown March ~ Solebury

**Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:45**

## ANNUAL BUCKS QUARTER SKATING PARTY

### NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ NOON TO 2PM

Fellowship and great fun for the entire family

This New Year's Day, don't be left out in the cold or inside with nothing to do, come inside and join Bucks Quarter for the annual skating party.

Since many Friends will be up late welcoming the new year, we will not begin until noon.

You will have plenty of time to sleep in and still get to the fun!

The Annual Skating Party has been the thing to do on New Year's Day for over 50 years!!

Ages one to infinity are welcome to join the fun.

**Cost:** \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children under 14

Includes Skate Rental

**Where: NOTE: NEW LOCATION!!!**

**Rink at Warwick**

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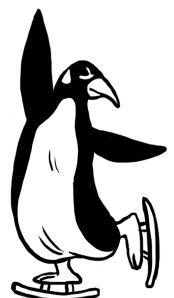
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## **SIMPLICITY: A QUAKERLY DISCUSSION OF RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES**

Join Solebury Meeting on **January 26th at 11AM** for an exploration of Right Sharing of World Resources. The program will be led by Valerie Brown. It will begin with a simple meal hosted by Solebury Worship & Ministry.

### **WHAT IS RSWR?**

RSWR is a Quaker non-profit organization that provides micro-loans to women in the developing world, and especially India and Africa to alleviate poverty and promote social and economic equality. This is a short film about RSWR:

<http://vimeo.com/71753172>

See more at the RSWR website: [www.rswr.org/](http://www.rswr.org/)

Join us for an insightful program.

## **CREATIVE PARENTING IN A QUAKERLY MANNER DISCUSSION SERIES OFFERED**

How do we raise Quaker children in a non-Quaker world? Is it possible to live Simply with the endless demands of daily life? Can we really live the Peace Testimony in a world full of violence and war?

Have you ever wondered about how Quaker beliefs, values and practices might be integrated into day to day life and offer guidance within our families?

Do you seek a group of like-minded people to discuss these challenges and explore opportunities to find some answers?

If these questions concern you and your family please join the Creative Parenting in a Quakerly Manner Discussion Group.

**Dates:** January 8, 15, 22, 29, & February 5, 12

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Place:** Newtown Friends Meetinghouse

**Cost:** \$80 per person/ \$140 per couple

**Facilitated by:** Teri Van Solkema-Waitz- Member Newtown Meeting & Liaison for The Quaker Parenting Initiative- [www.quakerparenting.org](http://www.quakerparenting.org)

Sign Up & Questions Contact Teri: [TVWaitz@aol.com](mailto:TVWaitz@aol.com) / (267) 934-8084

## **BUCKS QUARTER PEACE FAIR**

As many of you know by now, the future of the Bucks Quarter Peace Fair is in a delicate position. Hopefully you heard about this at your December Meeting for Worship and Business. If you have more to offer or missed Monthly Meeting, please come to the Quaker Conversation on **February 2nd at Noon at the Buckingham Meetinghouse**. The theme is "Bucks Quarterly Meeting Peace Fair; What is our vision?"

## **YOGA CLASSES AT NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE**

Weekly Yoga classes are held at the Newtown meetinghouse on Saturdays at 8:30am with Jim Whitmoyer, who has over 11 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although a small donation to the meetinghouse is humbly requested. 215-968-0927 or [jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net](mailto:jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net)

## **PLEASE NOTE...**

**Middletown Meeting Mid-Week Worship will now be held on Thursday evenings at 7PM**

## **LIVES PASSING**

Makefield Friends suffer the loss of **Taylor Bobeck**. Solebury Friends suffer the loss of **Barbara Orphanides** who died on November 3rd.

## **OUTREACH DOES IT MATTER?**

Calling all members of Bucks Quarter who are concerned about Outreach in their meeting and the quarter. The Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee is calling a quarter wide meeting to discuss Outreach and to share ideas.

**Come to the Yardley meetinghouse on January 18, 10AM-Noon. Snow date Jan 25.**

A big focus of the meeting will be to share the BIG outreach events that your meetings have taken up.

**Bring details.** The quarter's Outreach Committee is putting together a How To book of meeting events for meetings to use and get ideas from.

**Any questions,** contact Kellie Schluskel-Edens, clerk for the quarter's Outreach Committee.

[visualdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:visualdiva@yahoo.com)

## **GAMES NIGHT AT BUCKINGHAM**

### **You are Invited!**

Buckingham Friends invite you to Games Night. Games Night happens on the third Saturday of the month running October, November, and January through May. **The evening begins at 6:00** with a pot luck meal and then the games begin. For the most part all of the games are multigenerational and none are electronic so leave your devices at home and enjoy an evening of community fellowship. It is not unusual for this fun to continue past 9:00. You are welcome to come and go any time you wish.

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## **CONTRA DANCING FALLSINGTON MEETING**

Join Fallsington Friends for the annual New Year's Contra Dance Saturday **January 4th!** Our own Laura Thomforde teaches each dance so that it's fun for people of all ages and skills. Join us from 6-7pm for a potluck and then to kick up your heels for contra and square dancing!

## **CAMP ONAS**

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

The Onas active and creative program stresses sharing, cooperation, understanding, simple living, and most essential of all, fun! Campers ages 8-13 can come for 2 or 4 week sessions starting in June and running into August.

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Figuring out how, when, whether and from whom to get therapy can be a daunting question. One can be virtually bowled over by the different degrees, orientations, and backgrounds of available therapists. The need and decision to engage psychiatry and consider pharmacology can also be challenging. The cost of therapy itself can feel out of reach in today's economic times. So, what to do if one determines it might be time for professional intervention with our struggles? For those of us who are members or attenders within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting where to begin can actually be quite easy.

The Friends Counseling Service is currently a stalwart crew of 13 highly trained, licensed and, most importantly, very experienced, therapists – each in private practice somewhere in our geographic PYM region. Better yet - these are not only well trained therapists but all are "Friends" grounded in Quaker spirit and culture. A simple phone call to The Service is entirely confidential and costs nothing. This is a tremendous resource for individuals, couples, families and youth in our Community. To call the Service one does not necessarily need be ready for therapy but may call with any associated questions.

Friends Counseling Service is well known in some Quaker Quarters but as new members and attenders come into our midst there are many who are yet unaware of this facile resource. For nearly 70 years The Service has been staffed with professional therapists committed to providing quality and confidential therapy at reasonable rates. As the Service is committed to turning away no one within our Community - significant subsidies have been raised to assist those who qualify. It is impressive that both funding groups as well as Meetings amongst us have continually contributed to this Service keeping it solvent even in tough economic times.

All therapists licensed by the Friends Counseling Service are affiliated with psychiatry and can help access resources for medical (psychiatric) assessment if indicated. Anyone with any questions about the Service or interested in investigating therapy for themselves or a loved one may call the Service Coordinator for a confidential inquiry:

Ken Brick, LCSW Coordinator Friends Counseling Service of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting  
302-655-8101 (Wilmington DE Office) or inquire @

[Friendscounseling@pym.org](mailto:Friendscounseling@pym.org)

\*all inquiries are confidential

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If you prefer to receive your Quakerphernalia electronically, contact Holly Olson at [hollybQc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybQc@verizon.net)

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays at Southampton 7:30 PM

Wednesdays at Lehigh Valley 5:00 PM

Wednesdays at Makefield 7:00 AM

Thursdays at Middletown 7:00 PM

Wednesdays at Plumstead 9:00AM

**PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING  
THREAD GATHERINGS**

Thread Gatherings bring Friends from many monthly meetings together for a shared sense of community and calling. Each gathering focuses on one primary thread (topic) and offers workshops, experience sharing of our ministry, wisdom sharing from our experience and more.

For more information go to:

<http://www.pym.org/thread-gatherings/>

The following Gatherings are scheduled for 2014:

**Worship & Ministry** January 25

**Communications** February 15

**Pastoral Care** February 22

**Stewardship of Finances** April 19

**Peace & Social Concerns** April 26

**JUNIOR INTERIM MEETING**

**January 11, 9:30-1:30**, Arch St Meetinghouse 1st-5th grade (includes lunch), childcare available for Little Friends, 6th-8th grade Jr. Friendly Presences invited.

Quaker kids gather to pursue the PYM Children's Priority as discerned by them at Summer Sessions. Fulfilling God's Big Idea involves service, fun, and community.

Free; \$5 suggested donation to help with cost of lunch

For more information: Benjamin Camp,

[Children@pym.org](mailto:Children@pym.org), 215-241-7228

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