

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : 14th day of the preceding months publication.

February 2009

- Feb 4 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meeting
Feb 7 2 pm Camp Onas Info Day at Camp Onas ~ 610-847-5858 or friends@camponas.org
Feb 9 10am United Friends School Open House ~ 215-538-1733
Feb 11 1-3pm Buckingham Friends School Open House ~ 215-794-7495
Feb 11 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series ~ Consuming Kids, The Commercialization of Childhood
Feb 12 9-11am The Quaker School at Horsham Open House ~ 215-674-2875
Feb 12 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meeting
Feb 13 6pm Bucks Quarter Worship and Ministry Meets at Doylestown Meeting ~ All are Welcome (*See Below*)
Feb 15 9am-3pm Bucks Quarterly Meeting at Wrightstown (*See Below*)
Feb 16 1-3pm Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall ~ Pauline Biggs 215-860-5554
Feb 19 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Feb 21 1:30-4pm Family Activities for Peaceful Living at Yardley Meeting (*See Article*)
Feb. 20-22 Young Friends Gathering. Burlington Conference Center, Burlington, New Jersey.
Feb. 28 Gathering for Quaker Educators in Public Schools ~ Elke Muller, 215-241-7223 or elkem@pym.org

Looking Ahead

- March 6-8 Training Facilitators for Parenting Programs ~
Harriet Heath, 610 649 7037, Harriet_Heath@hotmail.com
March 27-29 Spring Sessions for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting "Living up to the Light"

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:
February ~ Yardley March ~ Buckingham April ~ Doylestown
Worship 11:00**Arrive 10:45**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13th, 6 PM

QUARTERLY WORSHIP AND MINISTRY PROGRAM AT DOYLESTOWN MEETING

For directions: www.quakersbucks.org. and click on the Doylestown Meeting link

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6:00 Pot-luck meal in the lower-level; then move upstairs for the program. The program will be about prayer; Who we pray to, what we want, when we do it, where? What exactly is it? Can we define prayer?

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15th ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP & BUSINESS WRIGHTSTOWN MEETING

~ ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP ~ SHARE YOUR LIGHT ~

HELP US DISCERN GOD'S TRUTH IN OUR DECISION MAKING

For directions : www.quakersbucks.org. Click on the Wrightstown Meeting link.

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PLEASE BRING DONATIONS OF COFFEE, CEREAL AND/OR PEANUT BUTTER FOR THE PENNS PARK UNITED METHODIST FOOD PANTRY

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO THE PANTRY
AND BUCKS FOOD FOR FRIENDS

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:00-9:55 Welcoming/Registration in the Social Hall with Refreshments

10-11:00: Meeting for Worship (Children are in worship the first 15 minutes)

10:15-11:55: FDS Program in the Soc. Hall. Elem. Sch: Food Pantry & Bucks Food For Friends posters for MMs & Community Bulletin Boards. Middle Sch: Bake Cookies for BFFF. Young Friends: Flyers for local Food Pantries to let clients know about BFFF.

11:00-Noon: Adult Program : Panel & Discussion "Sense of the Meeting- WMM Our Personal Journey"
This program is valuable for any age individual and is a great tool in a greater understanding of Quaker process.

12:00: Brown Bag lunch. Desserts and beverages will be provided by our Wrightstown Friends.

1:00: Meeting for Business ~ (Movie and other activities in the Social Hall for Children and Teens)

Annual Reports to be Presented: Doylestown, Makefield and Quakertown Meetings. Regular QM reports to be presented: Coordinator, Treasurer (preliminary budget for next fiscal year) and Budget and Nominating. Additional Annual Reports from Friends Home and Village, Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee.

KATHY HARR

DELEGATE TO PEACE CONFERENCE

Kathy Harr, member of Newtown Meeting was our Bucks Quarter delegate to the three day peace conference that took place in Phila. at the Arch Street Meetinghouse and surrounding houses of worship in January.

Bucks Quarter was blessed to have Kathy serve as our representative. Kathy is charged with bringing the work of the Gathering on Peace back to our Meetings. Kathy will give a presentation to the Quarter in the near future and Meetings are encouraged to invite her to visit and share her stories and discover what actions we can take as we move forward to do the work of the Spirit.

Kathy is excited about this opportunity and we are grateful for her contributions of Spirit, time and energy.

DOYLESTOWN MEETING FDS NEWS

On January 4th, all First Day School students at Doylestown Meeting started a new, six week unit on conflict resolution. The younger children are led by Laney Mitchell, who has extensive experience teaching this topic. Laney uses lots of activities and role playing to learn better communication skills. The Peace Quakes are led by Liz Fritsch, who also has taught conflict resolution and uses it in her legal profession. Conflict resolution is such an important skill in our personal lives and our community and global interactions and it is intricately tied to our Quaker testimonies.



NEW COOING ADDITIONS

Congratulations to **Carla and Tim Cunningham** of Buckingham Meeting on the birth of their son **Owen Sterling Cunningham**. Owen was born December 23rd at 5:47 AM weighing in as 6lbs. 14oz. 12 inches.

CONSUMING KIDS...

Consuming Kids: The commercialization of Childhood is this months feature for the Buckingham Meeting film series. A multi-billion dollar marketing machine sells kids and their parents everything from junk food and violent video games to bogus educational products and the family car. This film shows how marketers have used the latest advances in psychology, anthropology and neuroscience to transform American children into one of the most powerful and profitable consumer demographics in the world. (67 minutes).

THE FILM SERIES IS OPEN TO ALL

YOUNG FRIENDS WALK THE QUAKER WAY

Liv Berelson of Doylestown Meeting and **Gracie Mitchell-DiMicco** of Middletown & Yardley Meetings were involved in a community service project at Solebury School. Gracie and Liv, along with other students collected \$520 to purchase snacks to create "giving bags" for 400 students in Cooke, Birney and Thurgood Marshall schools in Philadelphia. The committee also purchased 90 pairs of socks and 15 uniform shirts for other middle-schoolers in need. **THANK YOU!!**

LIVES PASSING

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **James Barthomay** who passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 22 after a long illness.

Solebury Friends suffer the loss of **Esther (Terry) Crooks** who died on Christmas day after a lengthy period of ill health and a short terminal illness.

SECOND MONTH QUERY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

Do I regularly attend meeting for business and in a spirit of love and unity? If unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?

Do I consider prayerfully the many concerns that are lifted up on any issue, acknowledging that the search for truth in unity involves what God requires, being open to personal transformations as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?

This version of the November Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.

The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in February at Wrightstown Monthly Meeting for consideration.

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING

First Day, Eleventh Month 16, 2008 held at Solebury Monthly Meeting

Clerk: Bethann Morgan **Recording Clerk:** David Rose

Meeting began with a period of worship at 1:05 PM

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol 1, Buckingham 2, Doylestown 2, Fallsington: 7, Lehigh Valley 3, Makefield 3, Middletown 6, Newtown 3, Plumstead 2, Quakertown 0, Solebury 9, Southampton 4, Wrightstown 1, Yardley 0.

Guest recognized from Abington Quarter (Andrew Salz) and The Quaker School at Horsham (Karen Wright, Ruth Joray, and Patricia Thomas)

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of August 24, 2008 held at Quakertown MM approved as read

The Quaker School at Horsham Annual Report given by Board President Karen Wright who introduced those with her, Head of School Ruth Joray and incoming Board President Patricia Thomas. Last year's work was on reaccreditations and settling into the new building. For '09-'10 they will be working on a five-year strategic plan. There are two more phases of the building to be built. In response to questions regarding the typical student we were told that the students have a wide variety of learning disabilities. As public schools become better able to deal with the more common learning disabilities, such as Attention Deficit, the type of learning disabilities are changing. The failure rate at the school averages to about one student per year.

Plumstead Monthly Meeting Report given by Bob Happ. The report was brief, noted changes in the membership, that members are involved in a variety of ways with Quaker testimonies and the Quaker Community, and that Plumstead Meeting continues to remain a small, simple, and quiet Meeting.

Coordinator's Report given by Holly Olson and is available. Inreach: Holly reported on intervisitations and upcoming events such as the New Year's Skating Party and the Bucks Quarter Day of Fun scheduled at Buckingham Friends School on May 16, 2009. Outreach portion included a description of the first meal served by the Bucks Food For Friends, the Peace Fair, and the experience of attending Quaker Quest Workshop at Arch Street. It was noted by Andre Salz that Bucks Food For Friends could expect an increase in persons taking advantage of the service provided. The experience of his local food bank is that the number of persons served each month has gone up in the past two months from 1,100 to 1,600.

Newtown Monthly Meeting Report given by Martin Ogletree, clerk and is available.

Portions spoken on included membership statistic of 198 adult members and 43 minor members. Outreach will be continued through mailing a "Welcome Postcard". The Meeting has sought to articulate guidelines and preferred approaches for seasoning personal leadings and concerns. A packet of information has been prepared to assist standing committees and clearness committees in facilitating the discernment process.

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A request for financial donations from Doylestown Meeting was presented by Carmen Berelson. In October, Doylestown Friends became acquainted with Bill, a homeless man in Doylestown. After a great deal of effort was expended to obtain services, a promise has been obtained from the Veterans Administration to admit him to their Homeless Domiciliary within the next three weeks.

Budget and Nominating Committee Report given by Walter Farley of Bristol Meeting and is available. He reported on an additional contribution from Wrightstown MM. This additional contribution balanced the Quarter's budget. Changes have been made in the payment schedule to Buckingham Friends School Budget committee approved designating \$1,100 for the delegate to the PYM Peace Conference that the Clerk recommends.

Auditor's Report Report of Audit Committee 2006-2007 indicated that the records were in excellent condition and accurately reflect the financial transactions and status of the Quarterly Meeting.

Treasurer's Report given by Karen Shaudys of Makefield Meeting and is available. Income is as expected for this time in the fiscal year.

Friends Camp Association Annual Report given by Bob Holt of Solebury Meeting, and is available. It was a very good summer. For the first time in years, there were openings for additional enrollments. Landscape of summer camping is changing around the country. The Board of the Camp will be evaluating what they can do. Proportion of campers from Bucks Quarter has gone down 10% in two years. This could be due to a decrease in camp age kids throughout the Quarter.

PYM Nominating Committee report represented by Will Bowers of Fallsington Meeting. Richard Richardson of Newtown Meeting has resigned from PYM Nominating Committee. Bucks Quarter is the largest Quarter in PYM and we have seven positions allotted to us on the committee. Five out of the seven are filled at present. There is a new committee being formed to oversee the use of the Arch Street Meeting House. Bucks Quarter is entitled to six appointments to this committee.

Clerk's Report given by Bethann Morgan of Buckingham Meeting. This is her last Quarterly Meeting as Clerk. New Clerk will be Chris Lucca of Yardley Meeting.

- Delegate to the PYM Peace Conference is Kathy Haar of Newtown Meeting.
- Quaker Quest keeps bubbling up and will for a time in the future. Hopes are that our Quarter finds way to make this come alive. Interim Meeting asks that we become involved with the life of Interim Meeting by attending the meetings which will now be held on Saturday.

A minute of appreciation will be written for Bethann's service to our Quarter.

United Friends School Annual Report to be given 2nd Quarter 2009

Meeting ended with a period of Worship at 2:50 PM.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

Evelyn Throne, Falls Meeting, has started a Lyme Disease support group. It meets once a month at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church #65 East Street RD. Feasterville Pa. 19053. We usually meet the third Sunday of the month, but you should check the web site:

www.lowerbuckslymegroup.org to make sure, or call Evelyn at 215 741 5902. Evelyn started this group to help spread the word about the devastating and growing epidemic of Lyme. The average Lyme sufferer sees many doctors, and goes 4 years before being correctly diagnosed. Lyme is called the Great Imitator, because it's symptoms mimic Fibromyalgia, MS, Chronic Fatigue, and many other conditions. Our group meets to talk about what we as individuals and our families face, what we can do to help ourselves, how to find Lyme Literate doctors, and simply support each other.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES

The DAY OF PEACE committee and The Peace Center are sponsoring "Family Activities for Peaceful Communities" on **February 21 from 1:30 to 4 PM**, at the **Yardley Meetinghouse**. For more info contact: Caroline Carr at The Peace Center 215-750-7220

Coordinator On Vacation March 7-13 April Quakerphernalia Deadline is March 5

PEACE VIGILS AND MEDITATIONS

Doylestown: Tuesdays at State & Main Sts 6-7pm

Newtown Meeting: 2nd Tuesdays, 7pm

Newtown: Mondays at Routes 332 & 413 5-6pm

WANTED

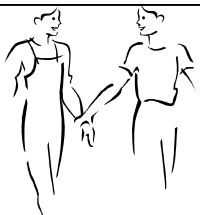
QUAKER KIDS, 8-13 FOR A FUN-FILLED SUMMER SESSION AT CAMP ONAS

Camp Onas, the Quaker Camp in Bucks County, is now registering campers for the 2009 summer sessions.

Look for brochures in your Meeting or call Sue at 610-847-5858 and she will be happy to send you a brochure and answer any questions. Check Onas out on the web at www.camponas.org.

Don't delay. Camp Onas fills up quickly.

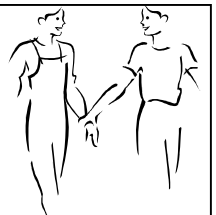
Camp Onas Info Days will be held Saturday, February 7 and Saturday, March 7 starting at 2 pm at Camp Onas. Families are invited to visit and find out what Camp Onas is all about and tour the facilities. Call 610-847-5858 or check www.camponas.org for more information and a map with directions.



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