

Quakerphernalia

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

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

February 2010

Feb 3 7:30pm	BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse
Feb 7 2pm	Open House ~ Camp Onas ~ 610-847-5858
Feb 8 6:45pm	Middle School Open House ~ United Friends School ~ 215-538-3202
Feb 9 1-3pm	Open House at Buckingham Friends School ~ 215-794-7491
Feb 10 10:30am	All School Open House ~ United Friends School ~ 215-538-3202
Feb 10 7:30pm	Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, "Flow for the Love of Water"
Feb 11 7pm	BQ Oversight Committee meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
Feb 15 3pm	Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall (All Welcome) 215-860-5554
Feb 18 1:30pm	Friend Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
Feb 19 6pm	QM Worship and Ministry Program at Middletown Meetinghouse ~ See Below
Feb 21 8:30am-3pm	Quarterly Meeting at Buckingham ~ (Not a typo) See Below

Looking Ahead

Mar 26 - 28	Philadelphia Yearly Meetings March Sessions at 4th and Arch Street Meetinghouse Check out the Young and Middle School Friends Happenings at www.pym.org
April 26	Chandler Hall Golf Classic to Benefit CH Hospice ~ 215-860-4000 x 1502

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

February ~ Fallsington March ~ Makefield April ~ Middletown

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

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 6:00 PM

QUARTERLY WORSHIP AND MINISTRY PROGRAM HOSTED BY MIDDLETOWN MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:00 The non-profit organization, MCEP (Maasai Cultural Exchange Project), will present a cultural awareness program providing information about the Maasai tribe in Kenya, East Africa. Members of MCEP located in Bucks County, PA met the Maasai in 2004 when tribal leaders were attending a United Nations meeting regarding their desperate need for water and education. Learn how the Maasai and Bucks County residents have worked together to drill four wells and educate over 100 children in the small village of Olosho-Oibor. Meet Maasai visitors at events scheduled in April and May. For more information on this organization go to www.quenchthethirst.org

There will be Maasai jewelry for sale.

All the jewelry proceeds go to help the Maasai women send their children to school and purchase food.

PLEASE NOTE: Quarterly Meeting will be held at Buckingham Meeting. Doylestown Friends have parking limitations and Buckingham Friends have happily agreed to share their space. It should also be noted that this is a wonderful example of how and why we have Quarters. No person or Monthly Meeting is an island :-).

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP & BUSINESS

HOSTED BY DOYLESTOWN MEETING AT BUCKINGHAM MEETING 8:30AM—3:00PM

~ ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP ~ SHARE YOUR LIGHT ~

HELP US DISCERN GOD'S TRUTH IN OUR DECISION MAKING

8:30-9:00 Registration, Refreshments and "Find Someone Who..." **9:00-9:10** "Find Someone Who..." cont'

9:10-10:40 Children's Program: our children will have age appropriate parallel sessions focused on "what are our rights? /what is fair?" **Middle School Children** will focus on the Bill of Rights and the UN Declaration of Rights – what is *our* Bill of Rights to be presented to other groups. **Elementary School Children** will also discuss "what is fair?" with a chance to present their ideas. **Nursery/Kindergarten** will have stories/crafts reflecting the theme.

9:10-10:40 High School/Adult Program (9th grade and up): **William Penn and our liberties: an interactive re-enactment.** *We especially encourage Young Friends grades 9 and up to join in this enlightening drama!* William Penn's 1670 trial laid a foundation for our religious and democratic liberties. This highly interactive program will have participants act out the trial, script in hand. After a moot court activity, participants will apply the foundations of this case to religious liberty and democratic freedom in America today.

10:40-10:50: Children present "*our* Bill of Rights" and "what is fair?"

11:00-12:00: Meeting for Worship (Buckingham Meeting House)

12:00- 1:00: Soup, drinks, bread provided by Doylestown Friends Meeting in the school gymnasium

1:00-3:00: Meeting for Business



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 2010 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 Sunday, February 7 and Sunday, 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.

Reminder...

MIDWEEK WORSHIP AT MIDDLETOWN

Join F/friends for candle light mid week worship at Middletown Meeting every Wednesday at 7pm. The third Wednesday of the month is Worship Sharing Wednesday. Middletown Friends have welcomed mid week worshippers for over a decade. Come and find what all the peace and beauty is about!

**BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES
PRESENTS**

**Wednesday, February 10 7:30PM
Flow for the Love of Water**

This documentary examines the harsh realities behind the mounting water crisis. Learn how politics, pollution and human rights are intertwined in this important issue that affects every being on Earth. With water drying up around the world and the future of human lives at stake, the film urges action before more of our most precious natural resource evaporates. 84 min.

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film
Buckingham Friends Meeting House

5864 York Road, Lahaska For more information, go to www.buckinghamfriendsmeeting.org or call 215-794-5816

PEACE VIGILS AND MEDITATIONS

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

Newtown Meeting: 4th Tuesdays, 7pm

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

YOGA CLASSES AT NEWTOWN MEETING

Weekly yoga classes are offered at Newtown Meeting House on **Saturdays at 8:30 am**. The instructor, Jim Whitmoyer, has over 10 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher, and imbues each class with a theme which evokes a positive attitude for the practice and our lives in general. 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.

For more information, contact Jim at 215-968-0927, or jim.whitmoyer@verizon.net

LIVES PASSING

Makefield Friends suffer the loss of **Phyllis Shaudys**, who passed away on January 11th after a long illness.

**CHESTNUT HILL AND NEWTOWN
MEETING FRIENDS
NEEDS OUR/YOUR HELP**

Hi, I am looking for another aide or two. My main aide de extraordinaire Amanda Hoffman was found through Friends, so I am hoping you can do it again. I have followed up on everyone mentioned to me in September, but hope that you might know someone new now.

In general the position will work from 3:30 pm to 6 pm on Monday-Thursday and from 7:30 am to 5 pm on Friday. As things change with me, the time will increase. The main bulk of work is housekeeping (vacuuming, cleaning, and running laundry) I need help bathing and dressing. No medical care is required and no special skills. We can train people in what to do.

If you are not allergic to cats, are reliable and are able to call if you are running late we would love to hear from you.

Please contact me at 215-247-3527.

If you would like to talk with Amanda you can contact her at quiltyoga@gmail.com

Thanks for your help. Best wishes in the new year.

In Peace,

Christine Olinger (CHMM) and Dion Lerman (NMM)
c.oliger@cavtel.net
215-247-3527

FRIENDS CENTER

IS A LEED PLATINUM BUILDING

Each of us is a part of this story and all of us should feel proud to share in the good news.

A Christmas present for all of us is the formal recognition of Friends Center as a LEED Platinum building! We got the highest score ever in Pennsylvania!! We already know we have a great building. This will give us additional opportunities to witness for sustainability.

(Pat McBee and Arthur Larrabee)

**GAP YEAR? SUMMER INTERNSHIP?
THINK PENDLE HILL**

Is your student thinking about taking a year off before college to explore next steps? Encourage them to join Pendle Hills's multigenerational community for a term or a year. With the support from gifted teachers and a caring community, your student can take the time she or he needs to discern how best to use these next important years.

Darlene Walker dwalker@pendlehill.org or 610-566-4507 x 161

Interested in a summer of service, community, and spiritual growth - with room, board and a small stipend provided? Apply for Pendle Hill's **Young Adult Leadership program (YALD)** for those age 18-24. June 19-Aug 8. Applications due March 20
Walter Sullivan wsullivan@pendlehill.org or 610-566-4507 x 160

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 for consideration.

**BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
MEETING FOR BUSINESS**

First Day, 15 Second Month 2009

HELD AT BUCKINGHAM MONTHLY MEETING

Clerk: Chris Lucca (Yardley MM)

Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM)

Friends gathered at 1:00 p.m. and settled into worship. **Business Issues:** Agenda reviewed and approved.

Roll Call: Bristol: 2, Buckingham: 4, Doylestown: 2, Fallsington: 1, Lehigh Valley: 2, Makefield: 4, Middletown: 4, Newtown: 2, Plumstead: 2, Quakertown: 1, Solebury: 1, Southampton: 3, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 1. It was recognized with expressions of joy that this is the first time in the memory of many present that all Meetings within the Quarter were represented at a Quarterly Meeting.

Minutes of Eighth Month Quarterly Meeting **approved.**

United Friends School Report given by Nancy Donnelly, Head of School and member of Unami MM. Nancy spoke of the background of the school and its relationship to the Quarter. She stated that they look to their "Friends" for guidance. The school has a weekly Meeting for Worship, there is also a "Meeting for Announcements" where personal messages are welcome which opens and closes with period of silence. Classrooms also have periods of worship sharing. All committees are conducted in the sense of Meetings for Worship with a focus on Business. **Report accepted**

Coordinator's Report given by Holly Olson (Middletown MM). Complete report is available. In the report she noted her changing role in relation to the "Bucks Food for Friends" program that she had felt led to help create. The Quarter has been actively promoting "Quakerism in a Nutshell." **Report accepted.**

Wrightstown Annual Report: Report was held over as there was no one present to present the report.

Budget and Nomination Committee: Betsy Bayardi (Wrightstown MM) Quarterly Meeting Nominations (all were approved):

Tim Dwyer (Bristol MM) as BQ Treasurer. Bob Atkinson (Bristol MM), Doug Meaker (Quakertown MM), and Bill Daly (Middletown MM) are appointed as a "Treasurer Orientation Committee" to assist the new treasurer in filling the role. Tim Dwyer will present any recommendations for possible changes at Feb QM.

Robin Meaker as BQM representative to PYM Nomination committee.

Minute of appreciation to Doug Meaker for filling in as BQM Treasurer.

Board Members Needed: The Quaker School at Horsham and Friends Home and Village need Board members.

Friends Camp Association (Camp Onas) report given by Beth Taylor (Plumstead MM). The enrollment this past year was very good considering the change in the economy.

Peace Fair report was given by Tim Cunningham (Buckingham MM). Tim noted the successes and problems with the lack of volunteers to help plan the event. There were many good suggestions lifted up that the Fair Steering Committee might try.

Newtown MM Annual Report given by Betsy Crofts. Examples of the richness of the blessings the Meeting is experiencing were recounted. The worship group at Pennswood Village is a strong Meeting which serves many former Newtown members. The Reconstruction Jewish Congregation which uses the Meetinghouse.

PYM Priorities Standing Committee report given by Ken Parks. The committee has done its work and will be starting its work again in the near future. Ken explained the process of establishing priorities and some of the things that they learned. There has been a great change in the information provided by PYM. No longer can we say: "What are they doing for us?"

Quarterly Worship and Ministry: Carole Wicker from Makefield Meeting gave the report verbally. The meeting met four times during the year. She gave thanks for the support that Karen and she received from every Monthly Meeting in the Quarter.

A minute of appreciation was approved for the dedication of the following persons to helping with the worship service at Chandler Hall: Sam Nicholson (Southampton MM), Jennifer Parry (Middletown MM), Kathleen Parry (Middletown MM), and Carole Wicker (Makefield MM).

Plumstead MM Annual Report given by Beth Taylor. Meeting remains small but stable. The Meeting is continuing their connection with the Alazawee family and has welcomed the Michener and Doan Family for their annual reunions. The Meeting also has established some wonderful traditions which enrich their spiritual journey. Report received.

Treasurer's Report given by Acting Treasurer Doug Meaker (Quakertown MM). Complete report available. BQM does not have not have the cash flow to make our contribution to PYM at the moment but hope to be able to do so by the end of the year.

Peace Vigil report was given by Ken Johnson (Doylestown MM) who stood with Beth Taylor and Bob Happ (both of Plumstead MM). These members have been a steady presences in Doylestown on a weekly basis for the past eight years. They have lost some members and need more participation if the vigil is to continue. The vigil is held from 6-7 every Tuesday evening in front of the Starbucks at the intersection of State and Main.

Solebury Monthly Meeting Annual Report given by George Rhoads. The Meeting reported on the large number of activities that take place at the meetinghouse and the variety of programs that are provided for the Meeting community. There has been a difficulty in finding persons willing to assume positions on Meeting committees or to represent the Meeting in the large Quaker community and organizations. Report received.

Announcements

Holly asked that we lift up Meetings who have lost members during the past month.

Chris Lucca, BQM Clerk announced his intention to have a gathering of Quarterly Meeting Clerks in January 2010 at a date and time yet to be decided.

The Clerk noted a request from Pennswood Village Worship Group to host a Quarterly Meeting. This information was received with appreciation

Meeting closed with a brief period of worship at 3:15 p.m.



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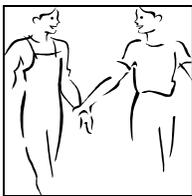
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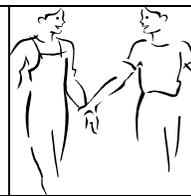
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