

# Quakerphernalia

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

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## February 2011

- Feb 3 7pm Zak Ebrahim, Peace Activist to Speak at Wrightstown Meetinghouse.  
Feb 5 9am BQ Budget & Nominating Committee Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall  
Feb 6, 13, 27 1-3pm PYM Quaker Parenting Initiative at Yardley Meeting  
Feb 6 2pm Camp Onas Information Day at Camp Onas  
Feb 9 7:30pm Buckingham Meeting Film Series Presents, **Garbage: The Revolutionary Starts at Home**  
Feb 10 7pm BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse  
Feb 17 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village  
Feb 18-20 Couples Enrichment Weekend  
**Feb 20 9am-3pm Quarterly Meeting held at Pennswood Village hosted by Newtown Meeting**  
Feb 15 3pm Creative Hands at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall (All Welcome) 215-860-5554  
Feb 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse  
Feb 24 7:30pm Bucks Quarter Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse  
Feb 21-25 Camp Onas Winter Camp !!

## Looking Ahead

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

February ~ Newtown      March ~ Solebury      April ~ Wrightstown

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20 ~ QUARTERLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & BUSINESS

PENNSWOOD VILLAGE 9:00AM- 3:00PM  
**JOIN FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR LIGHT !**

**9:00: Children** 4yrs and older are to be dropped off at Newtown Friends School. The morning will include some silent worship, Friendly play, and activities related to the theme of aging that is the focus of the adult program (details below). A snack will be provided at 10:45. Parents will be asked to leave a phone number where they can be reached. (11:45 pick up by parents). Nursery care for children will be at Pennswood Village.

**9:00: Registration** and refreshments in the Game Room at Pennswood Village. Nursery care is next door in the Activities Room.

**9:15: Adult Program: Do I welcome the approach of old age, both for myself and others, as a time for wisdom, for detachment from turmoils, and for greater attachment to the Light?** George Schaefer and Tricia Coscia, our PYM Care and Aging Staff Friends will present an overview of the resources including a walk through the website and new tools and programs now available through the Yearly Meeting and then invite Worship sharing in response to the opening Query.

**10:30: Worship**

**Noon: Lunch** - soup and bread provided by Newtown Meeting; beverages and desserts provided by Pennswood Village.

**1-3:00:** Business meeting. Childcare provided next door in the Activities Room.

#### **Detailed Children's Program**

**9:00am to 9:30** crafts and parents sign in

**9:30 – 10:15** group activity

**10:15-10:30** snack

**10:30 – 11:15** group activity

**11:15- 11:30** silent worship

**11:30 to 12:00** free play and sign out

#### **Arriving and Parking Details:**

Newtown Friends School and Pennswood Village share a driveway at a stoplight on Rt.413 south of the Newtown By-pass. Parents with children 4 and older should stop first at NFS to drop them off. Return for pick up no later than 11:45, please.

Continue on the driveway and then turn right at the stop sign towards the Community Building. First one and then a second Visitor Parking lot will be on your right. Once the second lot, closer to the Community Building is full, cars will need to return to the first, larger lot. Follow signs to walk to the main entrance to the Community Building. Proceed through the lobby, past the Gift shop and Cafe on the right to the elevator that will take you down to the Game Room. Small children will be cared for in the Activities room adjacent to the Game Room.

**Note: All Agenda Items for Quarterly Meeting Must be to the Chris Lucca one Week Prior to QM Telephone Chris at 215-208-1821**

**SHARE YOUR STORY AT QUARTERLY MTG.**

There is a newly created space on the QM business agenda for Meetings to share a quick story about an inreach or outreach event that caused you to feel the vitality and/or growth that is in your meeting.

**LIVES PASSING IN OUR WIDER QUAKER FELLOWSHIP**

I don't usually post passings from other Quarters, but there have been very significant losses to our Friends at West Chester Meeting (Concord Qtr) and Mickleton Meeting (Salem NJ Qtr). Over the holiday break, West Chester Friends suffered the losses of **Kristen Hazard and Rick Holmes**, who were killed in a car accident leaving behind 12 and 15 year old daughters. Mickleton Meeting suffered the loss of **Mario Cavallini**, widower of Sondra Ball who passed in March 2010. Both Mario and Sondra were active Friends in their meeting, quarter and our yearly meeting.

**ZAK EBRAHIM, PEACE ACTIVIST TO SPEAK AT WRIGHTSTOWN MEETINGHOUSE**

On **Thursday, February 3rd at 7pm**, Zak Ebrahim, peace activist and son of convicted Muslim terrorist, El-Sayed Nosair will tell his amazing life story in the Wrightstown Friends meetinghouse. Zak is a Doylestown resident and attender at Doylestown Friends Meeting along with his fiancée Sharon Mattson. Zak's message that we don't have to follow the hatred of our parents is very powerful. Recently, Zak was interviewed by Marty Moss-Coane on Radio Times. "Zak's life has been a journey of discovery, about what turned his peace-loving father into a violent jihadist, and the role of nonviolence and peace activism in American and global politics." This event is open to the public. Donations are welcome.

**CHECK OUT KAREN LOVE-MATHIEU'S AD IN THE FRIENDLY SERVICES SECTION ON PAGE FOUR!**

**BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES PRESENTS**

**Garbage: The Revolutionary Starts at Home Wednesday February 9, 7:30pm**

A feature documentary about how the family household has become one of the most ferocious environmental predators of our time. An average urban family keeps every scrap of garbage that they create for three months. They then go on a journey to find out where it all goes and what it's doing to the world. You will be inspired to change your lifestyle for the sake of future generations.

Free Admission

Refreshments and Discussion After Each Film  
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**2nd SUNDAYS AT 7**

Every second Sunday from January to June 2011, join Friends at Newtown Friends meetinghouse for an evening of discussion of spiritual matters focusing on a different Pendle Hill Pamphlet each month.

Please purchase your pamphlet before hand at [www.pendlehill.org/bookstore](http://www.pendlehill.org/bookstore). February will be led by Sharon Kulik and the pamphlet will be:

**#402 Christianity and the Inner Light by Margery Post Abbott**

**WINTER CAMP AT CAMP ONAS!**

Camp Onas will hold Winter Camp from Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> for 8-14 year olds. Rock climbing, drama games, archery, arts and crafts, talent shows, cooking, campfires and winter games are just some of the activities that will be offered. With plenty of indoor accommodations, campers can come for specific days or stay the entire week with both day and overnight options. New friends to Onas are warmly welcome. Visit [www.camponas.org](http://www.camponas.org) or call 610-847-5858 for more information. Camp Onas will also be hosting a Family Camp Weekend from May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> so mark it in your calendars now and visit our web site for more information and a registration brochure.

**COUPLE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 18-20, 2011**

A couple's relationship doesn't remain static. Couples find themselves facing new challenges and changing circumstances throughout their lives. Without attention, the relationship can lose its spark even though your commitment to each other is solid.

Couple Enrichment (CE) can help you and your partner improve your communication skills, celebrate the strengths and joys of your relationship and learn how to use conflict creatively. It is not therapy or marriage counseling. CE is designed for couples with a strong commitment to each other that want to enhance their relationships. All committed couples are welcome without regard to marital status or sexual orientation.

Stuart Bush and Mary Ellen Scott, FGC Certified Leader Couple and members of Doylestown MM will lead a CE Workshop February 18-20 (Friday Evening, Saturday and Sunday morning.) If you are interested in finding out more, or to register, please contact Stu or Mel (215-345-5309, [stuartgbush@gmail.com](mailto:stuartgbush@gmail.com)). The cost will be \$75/couple, and the registration deadline is Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Scholarships are available.

More info on Couples Enrichment is available on the Friend General Conference-Couples Enrichment website: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/couple-enrichment>.

*Comments from past participants:*

*"We fell in love all over again – thank you for creating the space for that to happen."*

*"A lovely, relaxing and creative weekend"*

*"The process works!"*

*"A wonderful, enlightening and enriching weekend!"*

**WANTED – QUAKER KIDS 8-13**

**For fun-filled summer session at Camp Onas**

Camp Onas, the Quaker Camp in Bucks County, is now registering campers for the 2011 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 us out on the web at [www.camponas.org](http://www.camponas.org). Don't delay. Camp Onas fills up quickly.

**Camp Onas Info Days will be held Sunday, February 6 and Sunday, March 6 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](http://www.camponas.org) for more information and a map with directions.

*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 Pennswood Village for consideration. Note: Newtown Meeting will provide QM program at Pennswood Village.*

## BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING

First Day, Eleventh Month 21, 2010

Held at Middletown Monthly Meeting

**Clerk:** Christopher Lucca

**Recording Clerk:** David Rose

**Meeting began** with a period of worship at 1:10 p.m. preceded by the singing by members of the Bucks Quarter singing group.

**Clerks Comments:** Chris Lucca offered words of appreciation to Lehigh Valley MM for hosting the last Quarterly Meeting and for the support that he has personally received.

**Agenda** approved.

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

**Minutes** of August 2010 Quarterly Meeting approved.

**Stories of vitality and growth:** The Clerk provided time for sharing. Stories from around the Quarter included increases in attendance and participation, reviving of Meeting Christmas dinner, and the story of an attendee at Doylestown Meeting who is a speaker on non-violence with the unique distinction of being the son of an imprisoned terrorist.

**Report of Coordinator:** Holly gave the report. The complete report is available. The In-Reach section reported on various programs attended and plans for upcoming programs. She noted the current low registration number for the upcoming Quaker Parenting Initiative (QPI) to be held in January at a site to be selected. Numerous Outreach activities were reported.

**Auditors Report:** Report given by Doug Meaker (Quakertown Meeting). All three auditors met and reviewed the books. Records are satisfactory and a full report to be presented at February Quarterly Meeting.

**Announcements:** Time was provided for announcements of upcoming programs and activities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report given by Tim Dwyer (Bristol Meeting). Complete detailed report is available. Expenses and income are as expected for this period of the fiscal year. Report received.

**United Friend School Annual Report:** Nancy Donnelly of Unami Monthly Meeting presented the report, from which she highlighted what she called "The State of Quakerism at United Friends School". Every year there is a Testimony Exploration which this year is about the testimony of Stewardship.

**Budget and Nominating Report:** Report read by Doug Meaker. Complete report is available. The Quarter has received a request from PYM that BQM provide the anticipated covenant figure for the coming fiscal year. In other business:

Marion Hepburn (Solebury MM) presented for appointment to the Audit Committee: Approved.

Minute for Robin Meaker's service to the PYM Nominating Committee was written and approved

A Minute of Appreciation for Bob Atkinson will be requested at next business meeting.

**Annual Report of Newtown MM** given by Betsy Crofts. Complete written report is available. Betsy Crofts spoke of an upcoming series of talks to be given at the Meetinghouse and the adjustments made necessary due to the loss of weekend parking at the sold auto dealership. Upcoming Quarterly Meeting session will be held at Pennswood Village with the youth program to be held at the Newtown Friends School.

**Friends Counseling Services** member Dale Myrtetus (Middletown Meeting) provided background about the counseling service which is provided through PYM.

**Worship and Ministry report** given by Bethann Morgan (Buckingham Meeting). She gave special recognition to those few who stay consistently involved with providing a service at Chandler Hall. Her report noted that there a fewer people available to do the work necessary to keep the work of the committee alive. Bethann urged that the meetings send a representative to the upcoming meeting of Worship and Ministry in January to discuss the future of the committee. A minute of appreciation for the work of Bethann Morgan on this committee was suggested by a Friend. Minute approved. The completed minute will be read at next Quarterly Meeting by Beth Taylor.

**Friends Camp Association Annual Report** given by Paul McAndrew (Lehigh Valley Meeting). The news from Camp Onas is much better then could have been expected a couple of years ago during the start of the financial crisis. The Annual Report was provided.

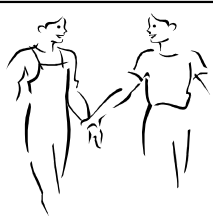
**Plumstead Monthly Meeting Annual Report** given by Beth Taylor. Complete report available. The completion of a separate classroom for First Day school is greatly enjoyed by the children and the adults.

**Quaker School at Horsham** Annual Report given by Phil Henderson (Doylestown Meeting) and Ruth Joray, Head of School. Complete detailed report is available. The School is doing very well with a stable current environment. The school is taking this opportunity to reevaluate the strategic mission of the school.

**Annual Report for Solebury MM** to be rescheduled to next Quarterly Meeting as there was no one present to give the report.

**Closing Comments:** The clerk highlighted the importance of getting Monthly Meeting representatives on the Budget and Nominating Committee.

**Meeting closed** with a period of worship at 3:25 p.m.



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**August 15-19**

**For Children ages 6-11**

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