

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.

April 2010

April 7 7:30pm	BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse
April 8 7pm	BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse
April 9 6-9pm	Teen Movie (and Pizza) Night at Newtown Meetinghouse ~ You're Invited! (Page 2)
April 9 7pm	Buckingham Friends School Annual Auction (Page 2)
April 12 12:30pm	Open House ~ United Friends School (215-538-3202)
April 14 7:30pm	Buckingham Meeting Film Series, "The Garden" (Below)
April 15 1:30pm	Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village
April 16 6pm	Jon Watts Returns to Solebury Meeting Ed. Building (Page 2)
April 17 10-Noon	BQ MM Clerks Meeting at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall
April 19 1-3pm	Creative Hands Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall (215-860-5554)
April 19 6pm	Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse
April 24 6pm	Wrightstown Friends Nursery School Annual Auction (Below)
April 26	Chandler Hall's 11th Annual Golf Classic ~ 215-860-4000x1502 (Page 2)
April 29 7pm	David Denoon to speak at Buckingham Friends School (Page 2)

Looking Ahead

May 14 6pm BQ Worship & Ministry at Newtown (Below)

May 16 BQ Quarterly Meeting at Fallsington

May 22 Annual Heritage Day Celebration at Solebury Meeting

May 22 Zoo Friends at Friends Village

*** Coordinator will be on Vacation June 15 through 29***

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

March ~ Makefield April ~ Middletown May ~ Newtown

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

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BUCKINGHAM MEETING FILM SERIES PRESENTS

**Wednesday, April 14, 2010
The Garden**

A group of low-income families struggles to protect a 14-acre urban farm in the middle of South Central Los Angeles from bureaucratic real estate developers. A lightning rod for controversy in 2004, this cause célèbre drew the attention of numerous notable activists and politicians. 80min.

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

WRIGHTSTOWN FRIENDS NURSERY SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION

WFNS Annual Auction will be held at 6 PM on Saturday, April 24 at the school. This year's theme is "Under the Sea." It will be an evening of good fun, good food and good fellowship! Donation of goods and services are welcome! The event is open to the public! Proceeds from the event will benefit the nursery school as well as financial aid for WFNS students. For more information, please call the schoolhouse at 215-968-9900.

UPDATE ON THE ALAZAWEE FAMILY

Nadia Hashim, Issam Alazawee, Ahmed, Nabaa, and Sarah, the Iraqi family sponsored by BQM, are moving from Paoli to less expensive housing in King of Prussia. They want to save money to buy a house, and they want to be nearer friends, also Iraqi, whom they met during their time as refugees in Jordan. They don't have a landline, but Issam is at 484.716.4027, and Nadia's number is 484.598.3053. Their email address remains issamalazawee@gmail.com

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT THE PEACE CENTER

Is your teen looking to do something different and meaningful this summer? Perhaps they would consider broadening their talents by serving as an intern at The Peace Center. Call The Peace Center at 215-750-7220 for more info.

FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you drive and have some time during the day? The residents at Friends Home and Village often need rides here and there to activities and appointments and public transport isn't always the answer...perhaps you are! If you'd like to spend some time with some wonderful people and feel great about it, contact Mary Ann Brooks, Executive Director at 215-968-3346.

JON WATTS & SPRING MUSE RETURN SOLEBURY FRIENDS' COFFEE HOUSE

The Coffee House at Solebury Meeting will present a family night with F/friends, coffee, tea, desserts, music and a message on **April 16th**. It is an event that should not be missed. **Doors will open at 6:00PM and the performance will begin around 6:45PM** in the Solebury Friends' Meeting Education Building. Donations for charity will be collected at the door. So come join the fun!

Anyone that was fortunate enough to attend last years Solebury Friends' Coffee House was roused with an evening of entertainment and spiritual enrichment. Jon Watts speaks to the heart and soul of all, but especially Quakers of all ages. Born into a Quaker family, attending a Quaker camp, went to a Quaker college, and spent a year as a resident student at Pendle Hill he now with his own unique brand of ministry. He may be the only self-professed Quaker Rapper in the world and amazingly a simple Google search for 'Quaker Rapper' finds 63,500 hits with 8 of the top ten all featuring Jon.

Jon's musical transition solidified in 2001 when he released his own project called "Introduction to Inhibitions". Jon has produced and released 5 projects since. His list of influences has grown to encompass a wide range from of styles such Dave Matthews, Slug and Indie rock. In songs like "So Well" and "Instructions for Us(e)", Jon approaches Truth and spirituality intentionally and care-fully, while "Friend Speaks My Mind" and "There's a Spirit in Iraq" tackle subject matter that is clearly and distinctly Quaker. The Public is invited.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL

David Denoon, BFS Class of 1958 and member of Wrightstown Meeting will speak on **April 29th at 7:00 p.m.**

The school is honored to welcome David Denoon '58 as the next distinguished speaker at Buckingham Friends School. David, a professor of Politics and Economics at NYU, and an expert in his field, will speak on the topic "U.S. - China Relations: The Challenges Ahead." This event is free of charge and open to the public. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very special program.

WAYS TO SUPPORT EACHOTHER...

Bucks Quarterly Meeting functions because people volunteer their time, give financial support and connect on a spiritual level. Please consider how you participate in this spiritual community.

If you have bits of time to volunteer, there are many options available throughout the year, contact Holly Olson at 215-860-9747.

Financial donations can be made to Bucks Quarterly Meeting, P.O. Box 4477 George School, Newtown, PA 18940.

QUARTERLY WORSHIP AND MINISTRY AT NEWTOWN MEETING

The program for May will be, **Knowing One Another on a Deeper Spiritual Level**. We worship silently together, serve on committees together and often give service to the wider community, yet many friends have the desire to know one another on a deeper spiritual level. Claremont Friends Meeting has developed a series of queries designed to help friends share their spiritual lives and thereby enrich one another's spiritual journeys. Join us for a sampling of the Claremont queries and an opportunity of talking about spiritual matters and getting to know one another in more meaningful ways

BUCKINGHAM FRIENDS SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION

Buckingham Friends School is hosting their annual spring auction on Friday, **April 9th, at 7 p.m.** at Jericho National Golf Club. This year's theme is "Tradition", so why not start – or continue – a tradition by donating an item or service, sponsoring, or purchasing tickets to the event? All can be easily accomplished online at www.bfs.org. Thanks for your support!

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT AT NEWTOWN MEETING

You're teens are invited to join Newtown Friends Meeting teens for Pizza, Movie and Friends 5th-12th grade. \$5 per person and friends of Friends are welcome. **Friday, April 9th from 6:00-9:00pm**. For more information contact Melanie Parry 267-987-0538.

QUAKER SCHOOL AT HORSHAM ANNUAL AUCTION

This years auction will be held at the Doylestown Country Club on **May 7th**.

Tickets can be purchased with cash, check or credit card. The event includes heavy hors devours and light dinner fare. Cocktails will be available for purchase. Attire is cocktail or business attire.

Tickets are \$75 dollars per person. Through March, purchasing 4 tickets earns you a 5th ticket to use or donate for a teacher. To purchase tickets or make a donation of goods and/or services, please contact Makopano Mutloatse at 215-674-2875 x 14.

PEACE VIGILS

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

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

CHANDLER HALL 11th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Chandler Hall is getting ready for its 10th Annual Golf Classic being held on **April 26** at the Trenton Country Club. Proceeds from the event benefit the Chandler Hall Hospice and Elder Services. Consistently, over the last nine years, the Golf Classic has been Chandler Hall's highest yielding fundraising event for health services not covered by insurance and has helped make it possible for Chandler Hall to provide benevolent care and admit anyone to Hospice regardless of their ability to pay. We welcome everyone to be a part of the event either as a golfer or a sponsor.

More info: www.chandlerhall.org/golf_classic.php or Heather Milardo at (215)860-4000 ext 1502.

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

This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights. The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in May for consideration.

BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS FIRST DAY, 21 SECOND MONTH 2010 HOSTED BY DOYLESTOWN MM, HELD AT BUCKINGHAM MEETINGHOUSE

Clerk: Christopher Lucca (Yardley MM)

Recording Clerk: David Rose (Lehigh Valley MM)

Friends gathered at the appointed hour of 1:00 pm and were led in singing by the Bucks Quarter Singing Group prior to settling into worship.

Roll Call of Meeting: Bristol: 2, Buckingham: 2, Doylestown: 4, Fallsington: 3 Lehigh Valley: 1, Makefield: 4, Middletown: 5, Newtown: 2, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown: 2, Solebury: 1, Southampton: 3, Wrightstown: 2, Yardley: 3

Minutes of Eleventh Month Quarterly Business Meeting reviewed. Clarification accepted that it was the intent of the Meeting to continue the Peace Fair in 2010. **Minutes approved** with clarifications.

Annual Outreach Committee Report. Kellie Schluskel-Edens (Yardley Meeting) and clerk of the committee presented the report. Complete report available. Website Modernization Project is underway; Quaker Tent at Middletown Grange Fair was successful; Report concluded with a request for increased representation by Monthly Meetings on the Outreach Committee.

Doylestown MM Annual Report given by Stu Bush outgoing clerk. Complete Report Available. The summary provided highlighted the renewal of connections within the community through a variety of programs and social gatherings, including an optional prelude to Meeting for Worship of "spirit" filled Chanting.

PYM Middle School Coordinator, Stephen Dotson, gave an overview of benefits of PYM services for Middle School Friends and described the leading that he feels in working with young Friends. Friends were invited to contact him for ideas and assistance. He is also available to be a resource for activities that arise from Monthly Meetings and a resource for parents of Middle Schoolers. He is currently working on helping families to deal with the issues of internet usage and social networking. Phone # 215-241-7171 or call Friends Center and ask for the "Middle School Guy".

Friends Home and Village Retirement Report read by Carol Richardson (Newtown Meeting). Complete report available. The report noted the transitions that are occurring to the board, the changing economic and regulatory environment, and the commitment to Quaker values in determining the mission.

Treasurer's Report given by Tim Dwyer, (Bristol Meeting) and Quarter Treasurer. Complete report available. There were no issues to highlight. Proposed Budget 2010-2011 presented as part of report. As is the practice, proposed budget is laid over for consideration at next Quarterly Meeting with the expectation that it will be reviewed at Monthly Business Meetings. Approval requested by the Treasurer for PYM commitment amount.

Makefield MM Annual Report given by Boris Simkovich, clerk. Complete report available. The Meeting community is growing stronger. Rather than outreach this year, the Meeting has decided to focus on working on developing the bond uniting the Meeting before working on outreach. The Meeting has a good representation in the larger Quaker community.

Coordinator's Quarterly Report given by Holly Olson (Middletown Meeting). Complete report available. The report listed the various ways that the Coordinator has provided support for outreach efforts and has participated in, or helps organize, community building events.

Quakertown MM Annual Report was given by Robin Meaker. Complete report is available. The most significant development during the past year was the sudden need for a First Day School after some years without children. Members of the Meeting are involved with a variety of social concerns and the Meeting is well represented on Quaker Boards.

Budget and Nominating report given by Betsy Bayardi of Wrightstown Meeting

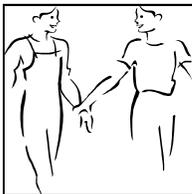
David A. Smith (Solebury MM) approved as Bucks representative to PYM Nominating.

Doug Meaker (Quakertown MM) approved as interim Alternate Clerk.

Quaker School at Horsham read by Holly Olson, former Board Member. Complete report available. Friends were requested to read it in depth. The report mentioned the national recognition received and the recent innovations to service delivery for learning challenged students.

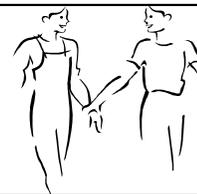
Wrightstown MM Annual Report given by Leo Fitzpatrick, clerk. Complete report available. There are ongoing improvements to the grounds and facility. New programs have been created that provide a number of opportunities for gathering and discussions.

Meeting closed after a period of silent worship at 3:25 p.m. to reconvene May 16, 2010 at Fallsington MM.



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