

# Quakerphernalia

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

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## May 2014

May 3 9am BQ Budget and Nominating at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall  
May 4 11:30am Program ay Solebury Meeting - Mercer Street Friends  
May 4 12:30pm Create a Vision for Social Media for Bucks Quarter - Wrightstown Meetinghouse

### **NOTE CHANGE IN TIME FOR SOCIAL MEDIA MEETING**

May 15 1:30pm Friends Home and Village Board Meeting - Friends Village

May 15 7pm BQ Oversight Committee - Buckingham Meetinghouse

May 17 Noon-3pm Quaker College Fair - Arch Street Meetinghouse

May 17 9am Wrightstown Meeting Yard Sale

May 17 6pm Games Night - Buckingham Meetinghouse

**May 18 9:30am-3pm Quarterly Meeting - Makefield Meetinghouse**

May 18 7pm Camp Onas Board Meeting at Onas

May 19 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse

## Looking Ahead

June 1 11am Spiritual Formation Informational - Solebury Meetinghouse

June 7 10am-3:30pm Gathering of Friends to Revitalize Quarters - Reading Meetinghouse

July 24-27 PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

August 13-17 Grange Fair- Call or email Holly to Volunteer in the Bucks Quarter Tent!

August 24 Quarterly Meeting - Plumstead Meeting

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

May ~ Yardley June ~ Buckingham July ~ Doylestown

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

## **Sunday, May 18 ~ Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business**

**Join Friends and Share Your Light**

**Makefield Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940**

### **Schedule of Events**

**9:30:** Registration and refreshments

**10:00 to Noon:** **Children's Program:** Details Below

**10:00 to 11:00:** **Worship**

**11:00 to Noon:** **Adult Program:** Details Below

**Children's Program:** Nikki Thompson of the Bucks County SPCA will lead a program about right relationship with animals in our care. Bring donations of pet food (food for any type of pet). Nikki will bring pets from the Lahaska shelter of the BCSPCA.

**Adult Program: Reflections:** Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Arthur's seven-year tenure as PYM General Secretary will conclude later this year. Prior to becoming General Secretary, Arthur had served as Clerk of PYM, and his roots in the Quaker community include a number of years growing up in Bucks Quarter. Join us at the May Quarterly Meeting as Arthur reflects with us – in a unique, unscripted opportunity – on some of the perspectives he's gained about our Faith and our Society during his time as General Secretary and through his longer-term engagement in our Community.

**Noon -1:00 Lunch:** Lunch provided by Makefield Friends

**1pm-3pm:** Meeting for Business: We will hear from Buckingham, Fallsington, Lehigh Valley and Bristol Meetings, BQ Oversight Comm, the Coordinator, Chandler Hall and the final budget for 2014-2015 will be presented.

**Note:** All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,  
Boris Simkovich, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.

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### LIVES PASSING

Makefield Friends suffer the loss of **Karen Shaudys**. Karen passed on March 12. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 4th, 3PM at the Makefield Meetinghouse.

**Margaret Bye Ritchie's** Memorial Service will be held at the Buckingham Meetinghouse on May 3rd at Noon.

### CALLING ALL YOUNG FRIENDS AND YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS

#### **Bucks Quarter needs your social media expertise!**

There will be a meeting on **Sunday May 4th, 12:30PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)** at the Wrightstown meetinghouse to begin the conversation on how to **Create a Vision for Social Media for Bucks Quarter**.

Most of us over the age of 40 are not richly plugged into social media and we need your help to guide us. All ages are welcome and needed but especially the age groups that make up our future. We need your vision of the future of Quakerism and how to get that word out.

#### **FAMILY WEEKEND AT CAMP ONAS**

Family Camp Weekend at Camp Onas is a great time for the whole family to get in on the fun that Onas has to offer. **Family Camp is open to everyone whether you are a couple, single, with or not with children.**

We will have activities geared toward people of all ages. Family Camp Weekend starts at 11 a.m. the morning of May 24<sup>th</sup>, and ends after brunch on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost for Family Camp Weekend is \$95 per adult and \$55 per child under 14. Children under 2 stay for free. The fee covers shared outdoor lodging in one of our sleeping pavilions or platform tents, food, and all activities. For more information, visit [www.camponas.org](http://www.camponas.org) and download a registration brochure, call the camp office: (610) 847-5858, or email Holly Hecht at [friends@camponas.org](mailto:friends@camponas.org).

#### **GOOD NEIGHBORS TO THOSE IN NEED**

Solebury Meeting will host Dr. Shannon Mason, Director of Mercer Street Friends, with coffee and lunch/ refreshments on **May 4 at 11:30 am** in the Solebury "little" building on our Meeting house grounds! Dr. Shannon is an inspiring speaker about what truly works to combat poverty and hunger. Join us for a discussion of the work of Mercer Street Friends and how Friends can support the summer camp program this summer 2014. This summer program helps parents work because they know their child is in a safe nurturing environment. It helps children keep up study skills over the summer. It feeds children nutritious meals.

The goal this year is to send 60 children to the summer camp program. Join us to learn the how and the why of supporting Mercer Street Friends. If you cannot join us, will you please consider a donation to this worthy Quaker-affiliated cause? To send a child to the summer camp is the goal! The website is [www.mercerstreetfriends.org](http://www.mercerstreetfriends.org) and donations can be made at the site.

#### **QUAKER COLLEGE FAIR**

**Parents of 11th grade, college-bound students:  
Please save May 17,  
for the next Quaker College Fair –  
Arch Street Meeting House**

Help your college bound teen discover the answer to the burning question: "Where will I most thrive, and how can I connect to that place?" Uniquely centered on values-based higher education and its life-long benefits, the Quaker College Fair supports students and their families in the college discernment process. <http://www.pym.org/2014quaker-college-fair>

### WRIGHTSTOWN MEETING YARD SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 17TH - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Spring Yard Sale Event - Kitchenware, Small Appliances, Glassware, Lamps, Books, Children's Toys, Garden Tools - to name a few.

**Come browse and get great bargains!**

### BUCKS QUARTER SINGING GROUP

Due to the many commitment of Friends and the loss of many, the Bucks Quarter Singing Group has been laid down.

Should the fire be rekindled with the energy of more, the singing will rise up again.

### DO YOU SEEK

#### **A DEEPER SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE?**

Did you know that PYM offers a Spiritual Formation Program designed and facilitated by its Spiritual Formation Working Group? That program encourages Friends to take seriously God's call in their lives, by way of structured, supportive activities consisting of retreats, personal spiritual disciplines, readings, devotional groups and prayerful presence that will prepare participants to better discern that call and follow it. Solebury Meeting will be hosting that program beginning in September 2014, open to all Friends and attendees.

If you would like to know more, facilitators from the Spiritual Formation Working Group will present an introduction to the program on **June 1** at the Solebury Meetinghouse, 2680 Sungan Rd., New Hope **at the rise of meeting (11:00 a.m.)**. Friends are welcome to worship at 10:00.

All are invited to attend and learn first-hand about this unique opportunity to energize and elevate your spiritual practice. Refreshments and coffee will be provided.

#### **REVITALIZING OUR QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

A gathering for those who are passionate or curious about the life of our Quarterly Meetings

**June 7, 10am to 3:30pm**

Reading Meetinghouse.

Quarters are the life blood for the monthly and yearly meeting. Join Friends throughout our yearly meeting to share success stories, challenges and plans for the future of quarters. To be added to the mailing list for future updates, please send name, meeting and email address to [philaqtr@pym.org](mailto:philaqtr@pym.org).

For details and to register for the June 7 event go to [WesternQuarterQuakers.org/June7/](http://WesternQuarterQuakers.org/June7/) and click on the button to preregister.

#### **TYLER HOFF NEW CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

#### **FRIENDS HOME AND FRIENDS VILLAGE**

Robert E. "Tyler" Hoff will be joining Friends Home & Village as its Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director as of July 1, 2014.

Tyler brings depth and knowledge to us through his proven leadership in healthcare. In addition to serving as Executive Director of a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), he has filled the positions of executive director of a high acuity rehabilitation facility and nursing home administrator.

Tyler serves on the Board of Directors of Friends Center City, a CCRC in center city Philadelphia, and previously served on the Board of Friends Home & Village prior to relocating to Delaware. He is a member of the Bucks County Long Term Care Consortium, the Emergency Preparedness Alliance (Bucks County) and Yardley Friends Meeting.

Tyler holds a license as a Nursing Home Administrator in both Pennsylvania and Delaware and a Pennsylvania personal care license. He earned his B. Sc. in Marketing and his M. Sc. in Finance at the University of Colorado, and his M.B.A. in Healthcare Administration at Temple University.

***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  
at Makefield Monthly Meeting for consideration.***

**BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
February 16, 2014**

**Clerk:** Boris Simkovich (Makefield)

**Recording Clerk:** David Rose (Lehigh Valley)

**Friends gathered** around the appointed hour of 1:00 PM and settled into a period of worship.

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

**Minutes of November 17, 2013** were reviewed. Minutes approved as improved.

**Stories of Vitality and Growth** were shared by Middletown, Plumstead and Wrightstown Monthly Meetings.

**Coordinator's Report:** Inreach portion reported on Camp Onas informational gathering, skating party, various Christmas events, Quakerphernalia mailing reduction, completed Calendar and Appointment list, and Prayer Course updates.

Outreach portion covered Outreach Committee's meeting results, Peace Fair, and upcoming "Quakerism A-Z" workshop.

**Quakertown MM Annual Report:** Report provided information on Adult education programs, community publicity and outreach, and member's involvement in the life of the meeting and beyond.

**Peace Fair update:** The Fair is moving forward. A number of meetings attended the called meeting on the Fair and some were able to give specific commitments. Some meetings have not been heard from. The next committee meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Quaker School at Horsham report** Head of School Ruth Joray was not able to attend. Hard copies of the report were distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for Revenue and Expenses as of 1/30/2014 is available. Income to date is as anticipated. Request was made to provide on a quarterly basis a meeting breakdown of contributions to date.

**Preliminary Budget for 2014-2015:** Preliminary budget of \$268,427.00 was accepted.

**Nominations:** BQM now has a full slate of auditors. The committee has been actively working to find a replacement treasurer. Current treasurer's term ends June 30<sup>th</sup> so this is an urgent matter. There are still BQM positions on the PYM Nominating Committee that remain open.

**Doylestown MM Annual Report:** Report highlighted the reactivation of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, the many opportunities for social gatherings, and the recent change from a concern that meeting vitality may be gone to celebrating the many new attenders that have been participating in the life of the meeting.

**Outreach Annual Report:** Activities during this past year included a recent quarter-wide outreach meeting with another scheduled, the theme of which will be "Create a Vision for Social Media in Bucks Quarter". Outreach at Middletown Grange Fair successful. Explanation provided of the concept of creating a "Bucks Quarter Outreach Idea Manual". Kellie Schlussek-Edens, clerk will be moving within the next two years and the Quarter will need to find someone to clerk this committee. A sample of the Yardley MM folder for newcomers was given to each MM.

**BQM Worship and Ministry Committee Concern** presented by Holly Olson. Holly related the past practice of having a meeting for the clerks of Monthly Meeting Worship and Ministry Committees the Friday prior to Quarterly Meeting. staff this committee or continue it's previous function. After discussion, it was the sense of the meeting that the possible laying down of the Quarter's Worship and Ministry Committee be a topic of discussion for the Clerks Meeting in March and that a recommendation be presented to our next Quarterly Meeting in May.

**Makefield Monthly Meeting Annual Report:** Visually, the meeting may look the same but there has been much progress in creating a caring community and planning for the future. The support of the Quarter is very important for a smaller meeting and is a large reason for the energy this meeting has.

**Census of Attendance** for 2004-2013 for BQ Monthly Meetings listed on reverses of Makefield report. The clerk poised a query asking what other information could be used to help direct us in the future.

After announcements, Meeting settled into **closing worship at 3:15 pm.**

## Friendly Services Offered and Friendly Services Needed

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