

Quakerphernalia

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

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Deadline for Quakerphernalia : By the 11th day of the preceding months publication

MAY 2016

May 1, 7pm	George School Community Chorus and Chorale Concert
May 7, 8am - 2pm	Flea Market - Wrightstown Meetinghouse
May 7, 6pm	Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse
May 10, 2-7pm	Blood Drive - Buckingham Friends School
May 10, 7pm	Bucks Quarter Outreach Committee Meets - Pennswood Village
May 12, 7pm	Bucks Quarter Oversight Committee Meets - Buckingham Meetinghouse
May 14, 6pm	Games Night - Buckingham Meetinghouse
May 15, 9am-3pm	Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Fallsington Meetinghouse
May 16, 9-10:30am	Open House - The Quaker School at Horsham
May 16, 6pm	Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse
May 21, 6pm	Pot Luck and Movie Night - Middletown Meetinghouse
May 21-22	PYM Family Overnight - Camp Dark Waters
May 22, 12:30pm	Speakers Series - Middletown Meetinghouse - Bucks Learning Cooperative
May 22, 2-4pm	Create World's Largest Human Peace Sign - BCCC

Looking Ahead

July 29-Aug 2	PYM Annual Session at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA
August 21	Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Location TBD
November 20	Bucks Quarterly Meeting - Lehigh Valley Meetinghouse

Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:

May ~ Wrightstown June ~ Yardley July ~ Buckingham

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

Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business ~ May 15th ~

Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse - 59300 New Falls Rd, Fallsington

Join us at Quarterly Meeting for an adventure that connects Friends around the globe.

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Schedule of Events:

9:00 - 9:30: Registration and Refreshments

9:30 - 9:45: Singing

9:45 - 10:45: Adult Program - Connecting Friends, Crossing Cultures, Changing Lives: FWCC's Global meeting in Peru.

This January, in the Sacred Valley of Peru, Friends from 37 countries and 77 yearly meetings experienced the FWCC World Plenary Meeting, connecting with Quakers from diverse backgrounds including a great variety of unprogrammed and programmed worship. Four Friends from Fallsington Meeting journeyed to Peru for this international conference for consultation and have stories, a video, and songs to share.

9:45 - Noon: Children's Program - The children's program, "Amigas y Amigos" will talk of the many branches of the Quaker Tree: differing cultures, meetinghouses and worship. Children will help prepare Lamington Cake in honor of Australian Friends. We will learn the song Amigas y Amigos and teach it to everyone at the rise of Meeting for worship.

11:00 - Noon: Meeting for Worship: Worship will include the "Experiment With Light" Fallsington Friends experienced in Peru, shared by European Friends. Experiment With Light is a series of queries, drawn from the writings of George Fox and the experience of Early Friends. Simple statements are read during the beginning of worship, and help to focus and deepen our experience. Friends should expect approximately one half hour of worship during which the queries are read at intervals, and then another half hour of unprogrammed worship. Across the centuries, Quakers have used queries as a discipline of spiritual challenge, to encourage us to move closer to God, and to be faithful in our testimonies. The experience of the Experiment with the Light in Peru was deeply meaningful, and Friends offer it to you with Love.

Noon: Lunch will include some international dishes.

1:00-3:00: Business Session - We will hear from our Friends at Buckingham, Fallsington, Lehigh and Bristol Meetings as well as our Coordinator, BQ Oversight Committee, Chandler Hall, The Quaker School at Horsham. Our Treasurer will present the final draft of 2016-17 budget.

Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,

Boris Simkovich, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting. boris@simkovich.com

LIVES PASSING

Lehigh Valley Friends suffer the loss of Marq Calhoun.
Middletown Friends suffer the loss of **John Wood** who passed on April 1st. A Memorial Service is planned for mid-May.
Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Richard "Bill" Banks** who passed on February 29th.

BIRTHS AND LIVES PASSING

Please remember to send notices of births and lives passing to Holly so they can be listed in Quakerphernalia. We are one large community of Friends' love and support.

**WRIGHTSTOWN MEETING FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY MAY 7th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Come to the Wrightstown Friends meetinghouse for the best spring Flea Market!!
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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.
Financial donations can be made to Bucks Quarterly Meeting, P.O. Box 4477 George School, Newtown, PA 18940

YARDLEY MEETING CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Yardley Friends Meeting Cancer Treatment Support Group will combine its efforts with those of Cancer Support Community of Greater Philadelphia, CSCGP. As of April 1st, they will meet on the second Monday of the Month, in the Conference Room of the Regional Cancer Center located on the main floor of St. Mary Medical Center. The name of the group has been changed to "Living with Cancer and Beyond". This monthly networking group is open to those diagnosed with any type of cancer. Caregivers and family members also welcome. The Cancer Support Community of Greater Philadelphia is a consortium of well established support communities that have more than twenty years of [local] experience supporting cancer patients and their families. The upcoming meeting on Monday, 11 April will feature Dr. Kathleen Petrucci of the Optimal Health Center of Yardley. Dr. Petrucci will be giving a presentation titled "Take the Road toward Optimal Health...Improving Lifestyle Choices."

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Buckingham Friends School**

Here is an easy way to help save lives! On Wednesday May 10, Buckingham Friends School is hosting the American Red Cross for a Blood Drive from 2PM-7PM.

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**GEORGE SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHORUS
AND CHORALE**

On May 1st at 7pm the GS Community Chorus and GS Chorale will be presenting Bach's *Magnificat* and Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer* in the GS Meetinghouse.

SPEAKER SERIES

MIDDLETOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Bucks and Princeton Learning Cooperative

May 22, 12:15

The speakers on May 22nd will be Paul Scutt and Eileen Smyth.

Paul Scutt and Eileen Smyth of Bucks Learning Cooperative, neighbors to Middletown Meeting, will talk about the philosophy of education that guides their work and the practical consequences for teenagers who leave traditional high school to pursue a more self-directed education with the cooperative.

12:15 welcome and refreshments.

Info: Contact langhorneclerk@gmail.com

THE QUAKER SCHOOL AT HORSHAM

TQS has two Quakers rotating off the board this year so they really need our help. TQS could benefit from Friends with a financial background, and perhaps someone with a law background. If you are interested in serving on the board of this very special school please contact Joe Devlin, Clerk for Trustess at joseph.t.devlin@gmail.com. The Quaker School at Horsham is under the care of both Bucks and Abington Quarters for board service. When needed the school contacts the quarters with their needs for board service. www.quakerschool.org

PYM SPRING FAMILY OVERNIGHT

Camp Dark Waters, Medford NJ

<http://www.pym.org/event/spring-family-overnight-2016/>
This year the Spring Family Overnight will begin on May 21 at 1pm and end on the 22nd at noon.
Cost: \$35/person, scholarship available
Contact: Benjamin Camp 215-241-7228 or bcamp@pym.org

**THE PEACE CENTER
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Every year The Peace Center in Langhorne honors an individual who stands out in the participation and willingness to go the extra mile to help further the mission of The Peace Center. This year the the Volunteer of the Year award will be given to Marion Snipes of Fallsington Friends Meeting. Marion is a peace educator, she has helped to train hundreds of new peacemakers in our schools, she has served as a Board member and member of both Planned Giving and Personnel Committees for The Peace Center.

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*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 Fallsington Meeting for consideration.
Unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site www.quakersbucks.org*

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting - February 21, 2016 - Held at Buckingham Meeting

Clerk: Boris Simkovich (Makefield) **Recording Clerk:** David Rose (LehighValley)

Agenda reviewed and approved.

First Day School project: The children's program was done in conjunction with the morning's program on "Friendly Water for the World".

Roll Call of Meetings: Bristol: 0, Buckingham: 8, Doylestown: 1, Fallsington: 2, Lehigh Valley:3, Makefield: 2, Middletown: 4, Newtown: 5, Plumstead: 0, Quakertown NJ: 3, Solebury: 2, Southampton: 3, Wrightstown: 1, Yardley: 4

Previous Minutes of November 15, 2015 approved with edits.

Stories of Vitality and Strength shared.

- Lehigh Valley a visitor who said that she came because of our web site
- Four members from Fallsington attended a Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Report of the Coordinator given by Holly Olson(Middletown MM). She reported on Christmas events, a Memorial Service, upcoming Caregiver Training, Movie Night at Middletown, Clerks Meeting, and Quaker 800's dinner. The Ice Skating Party is not drawing enough Friends to justify rental of an entire rink. Also "Quakerism in a Nutshell" and planning for the Peace Fair. Also her deep involvement organizing help for a family from Florida who became stranded in Bucks County due to a medical emergency.

Friends Home and Village Annual Report given CEO Tyler Hoff (Yardley MM). He noted some of the changes that have occurred since he arrived less than two years ago, most significantly increasing the occupancy rate from 70-80% to over current rate of 95%. There will be a capital campaign for a needed elevator and fire tower. He noted that there has already been \$175,000 set aside for this project and that the campaign will kick off in April or May.

Fallsington Meeting Minute on Climate Change as held over from last Quarterly Meeting was read by Clerk. In response to the question regarding administrative costs, answers can be found on the Citizen's Climate Lobby website (www.citizensclimatelobby.org) and that there has already been a process created by the IRS to handle such distributions. The first step is to get the concept of a carbon fee to be considered. Yardley Meeting has considered the carbon fee and dividend proposal and is supportive. After some further discussion the Fallsington minute was approved and adopted by Bucks Quarterly Meeting:
The minute will be forwarded to PYM.

Quakertown Monthly Meeting Annual Report given Gerry Kerwin. Gerry described Quakertown as small but active monthly meeting that would appreciate Newtown MM sending some of their over three hundred members to Quakertown.

Treasurer's Report given by Assistant Treasurer Ed Snyder. Some issues that could be causes for concern in meeting our budget this year is that expected contributions from one meeting have been reduced by about \$4,000

Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 given by Ed Snyder (Yardley MM). PYM has asked for an increase 1.5% that is noted in the budget. He covered some of the assumptions that the balanced preliminary budget is based on including some increase by Monthly Meeting and a "plug" amount listed as Additional contributions.

Nomination Report: Ed Snyder reported for the Budget and Nominating Committee. They are putting Rick Dow forward (Lehigh Valley) as Rising Clerk. Nomination approved.

Doylestown Annual Report given by Wendy Steginsky. There has been a steady growth of attenders and children with eight attenders becoming members in 2015. Activities reported on included donations of food from FDS garden, letter writing, Hiroshima Day rally, contacting Friends at a distance, capital improvements, and used of meetinghouse by other groups.

Outreach Committee Annual Report given by Outgoing Committee Clerk Kellie L. Schlusser-Edens (Yardley Meeting). The summary for 2015 included the Quaker Tent at the Middletown Grange Fair with the suggestion that this event be laid down, Facebook page, assistance to Monthly Meetings, need for Monthly Meeting appointments to Outreach, the Bucks Quarter Outreach Idea Manual, and official notice that she will be moving to Oregon this year and will need to be released from this committee position. At the conclusion of her report, the meeting considered the suggestion contained in the report to lay down Bucks Quarter's presence at the Middletown Grange Fair. Question raised about forming a committee specifically to work on the Grange Fair. After discussion, it was decided that there was not enough energy evident to continue and that the recommendation to lay down the BQM presence at the Grange Fair is approved. Minute of Appreciation passed by the Outreach Committee for the work that Kellie has done was read by Holly Olson.

Makefield Monthly Meeting Annual Report given by Clerk Boris Simkovich. He described the strength of the community and the depth of the worship as the basis for what he believes to be a change that will be noted when Friends look back at the history of what will be a vibrant and growing community.

Meeting concluded at 3:20 p.m.

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