



# Quakerphernalia

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

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## MAY 2018

- May 3, 7PM WHYY's Eugene Sonn to Speak - Yardley Meetinghouse - ...Real News in a "Fake News" Era  
May 4-6 Middle School & Young Friends Gathering - <http://www.pym.org/event/camp-swatara-2018>  
May 5 10am-2pm Open House - Friends Village - 215-968-3346 - [www.fhvpa.org](http://www.fhvpa.org)  
May 5 9:30am BQ Budget and Nominating - Wrightstown Social Hall  
May 5 6pm Games Night - Makefield Meetinghouse  
May 6 2-4pm Camp Onas Open House - [www.camponas.org](http://www.camponas.org)  
May 6 6pm Camp Onas Board Meeting at Onas  
May 8 9am Buckingham Friends School - Information Session - [www.bfs.org](http://www.bfs.org)  
May 8 7pm Peace Fair Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse  
May 10 7pm Bucks Quarter Oversight Meeting - Buckingham Meetinghouse  
May 10 7pm PYM Friends in Fellowship - The Human Genome & Health Disparities - Arch Street Meetinghouse  
May 17 7-8pm Informative Historic Presentation - Fallsington Meetinghouse  
May 10 10-3 Yardley Meeting Spring Fling - Book Sale, Car Wash and More  
May 16 11:30am- 1:30pm Open House - Friends Village  
**May 19 2pm Overnight at Camp Onas - Ottsville - Details on next page**  
**May 20 9:30am-3pm Quarterly Meeting at Camp Onas**  
May 21 6pm Bucks Food For Friends - Fallsington Meetinghouse  
May 22 7pm Bucks Quarter Outreach Meeting - Pennswood Village

## Looking Ahead

- June 7 2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive - Yardley Meetinghouse  
June 9 5:30pm Feast, Fun, and Song - Makefield Meetinghouse  
June 18th - June 22nd Peace Camp - [www.thepeacecenter.org](http://www.thepeacecenter.org)  
June 20 7PM Bucks Quarter Goes to the Ballpark - Trenton Thunder vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies  
July 1 - 7 FGC Gathering - Toledo, OH - [www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering](http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering)  
**July 25-29 PYM Annual Summer Sessions - The College of New Jersey**  
Aug 19 Quarterly Meeting - Wrightstown Meetinghouse

**Chandler Hall Worship Services will be organized by:  
May ~ Buckingham June ~ Doylestown July ~ Fallsington  
Worship 11:00\*\*\*\*Arrive 10:45**

**Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business ~ Sunday, May 20th, 9:30AM - 3:00 PM**

**Join Friends and Share Your Light**

**Camp Onas - 609 Geigel Hill Rd, Ottsville, PA 18942**

**Don't forget your hand crafted items to donate to Friendly Crafters (and your money).**

**Proceeds will go to the Camp Onas Camper Aid Fund.**

**9:30: Registration 10:00: Worship**

**10 to 11:45: Children's Program** will take advantage of our lovely outdoor setting to explore the idea of revelation. We ask that each child bring an empty plastic jar for our activity.

**11:00: Adult Program - Jonathan Sprout, Heroes for Children:** Walking the talk as a Songwriter and Performer for Children. Jonathan Sprout, member of Fallsington Meeting and Grammy-nominated children's recording artist will discuss how his songwriting and performing has become a natural extension of his quest to live a life that reflects honesty, compassion, fairness, love and respect for all people and the planet. Jonathan has recorded several multi-award winning CDs and performed 5,500 children's concerts since 1981. In 1994 when he began researching, writing, recording, and performing songs about heroes. Simply focusing attention on people who have lived exemplary lives can inspire us to live more effective lives. We all, especially children, tend to think that famous people deserve more of our attention, but people often become famous for less than heroic reasons.

Jonathan will discuss his craft of writing songs that are catchy and singable, while also having teachable messages that reveal the importance of equality, hard work, persistence, honesty, and compassion. He will conclude his presentation by performing a few of his songs. The children will join with the adults for this portion of his program.

**Noon:** Lunch provided by our Solebury Friends

**1-3PM: Business Session:** We will hear from our Buckingham, Fallsington, Lehigh Valley and Bristol Friends. Our Treasurer will present the final 2018-19 budget for approval and we will hear from our coordinator, the coordinator's Oversight Committee and Chandler Hall/Kendal Corp.

**HAS THEE REGISTERED FOR THE  
BUCKS QUARTER OVERNIGHT AT CAMP ONAS??**  
The fun starts at 2PM on Saturday May 19th and continues through breakfast on the 20th.

Where can you go for \$10 as an individual or \$30 as a family unit and get games, camp fire, canoeing, sleep over and more? No where. Bring a friend or two along. The options are almost endless ... you can come for the day on Saturday, you can stay overnight, you can come for the day on Sunday, or you can join for the whole experience. Just like Camp Onas is low tech (which is just one of many reasons that it's so great), so is the registration process for the overnight. You simply need to call or email Jess Walcott (215-741-4895, [walcott29@verizon.net](mailto:walcott29@verizon.net)), and she will walk you through the process. She will also be happy to answer questions you may have and help you determine the best way to participate in this not-to-be-missed event.

**EUGENE SONN**

**“Reporting and Consuming Real News  
in a Fake News Era”**

On Thursday, May 3 at 7PM, Eugene Sonn (WHYY Audio News Director) will host a conversation, “Reporting and consuming real news in a fake news era”. This conversation is being held at the Yardley Friends meetinghouse Light refreshments and conversation to follow. This event is open to the public.

65 N. Main Street - Yardley, PA

**NEW COOING ADDITIONS**

Abigail, Chris and Jane Meletti of Solebury Meeting welcomed Sidney into their loving arms in March.

**BUCKS QUARTER PEACE FAIR**

Planning is under way for the 2018 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair to be held on September 22nd. If you want to help plan the fair, please join the committee on May 8th, 7pm at the Buckingham meetinghouse for the second meeting. If you wish to reserve a space, applications and payments are being accepted now.

[www.peacefair.org](http://www.peacefair.org)

Volunteers are needed before and during the fair. A signup Genius will be on the web site soon.

**Do you live on a busy road? Do you have a yard with enough frontage to host a Peace Fair banner for two weeks leading up to the fair? If so, please contact Peter Ray at [peter.ray@comcast.net](mailto:peter.ray@comcast.net)**

**BOOK SALE, CAR WASH & MORE**

Come to the Yardley meetinghouse on **May 19th, 10am to 3pm** where they will have a huge book sale, car wash and other great things.

65 N. Main Street - Yardley PA

**MEMOIR WRITING GROUP**

If you want to make a difference consider our Memoir writing group. The group meets the second and fourth Thursdays with a writing coach on the first Thursdays.

*The pen is mightier than the sword.*

For more info: Judith Solt [judtsolt2@gmail.com](mailto:judtsolt2@gmail.com) or 215-968-2897.

**LIVES PASSING**

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **John Fullam** who died on March 8.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER BASEBALL  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

**ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!!**

**Arm & Hammer Park, Trenton, NJ**

Join Bucks Quarter for a summer evening of fun with the Trenton Thunder as they play against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies.

RSVP Sarah Crofts at [sarah.crofts@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.crofts@gmail.com) by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** with the number of tickets that you need

Tickets are only \$8/each.

We will meet outside the stadium. Look for the yellow “QUAKERS” banner.

**THICH NHAT HANH MEDITATION GROUP  
SEEKS MEMBERS**

Old Path Sangha, a mindfulness meditation group that practices in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh seeks new members. **OPS meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm at Solebury Friends Meeting education building. The dates for 2018 are: May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12.** Everyone is welcome and each session includes silent meditation, inspirational reading, chanting, walking mindfully, and mindful discussion. For more information contact Valerie Brown at [ValerieBrown95@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieBrown95@gmail.com) or [www.leadsmartcoaching.com](http://www.leadsmartcoaching.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
SUPPORT FUND**

Take a moment to dream about getting the word out to the public about how special Quakerism is and how you would like to see more people visit and then hopefully join... Ok, now think about how to fund that project...did you know that there is money available to help your meeting with your project?

To find out more, visit <http://www.pym.org/grants/granting-groups/membership-development-granting-group/membership-development-support-fund/>

There is even a committee, Membership Development Granting Group with members who can help you.

**PYM FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

PYM's new **Friends in Fellowship** program is after work and free. It is being held at the Arch Street meetinghouse 7:00-8:30PM with refreshments.

**FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP EVENT DATES** – all events are at Arch Street Meetinghouse 7PM-8:30PM

**May 10: Medicine** – The Human Genome & Health Disparities: -

**Dr. Max Muenke**, of the National Institute of Health (Lansdowne Monthly Meeting) will speak about efforts to address disparities in health care. Dr. Muenke has directed medical genetics, first at CHOP/Penn, and later at NIH. His lab made seminal discoveries in normal and abnormal brain development in humans by identifying several genes important in craniofacial disorders. More recently, his lab has identified susceptibility loci for ADHD, with further research focused on predicting severity, treatment response, and long-term outcomes.

To register for Friends in Fellowship events, go to: <http://www.pym.org/fellowship/rsvp-form/>

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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 Camp Onas for consideration.*

*Unedited version can also be read on the quarter's web site [www.quakersbucks.org](http://www.quakersbucks.org)*

**Clerk:** Rick Dow (Lehigh Valley)

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

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

**100% Participation by Monthly Meetings!!**

**Stories of Vitality and Growth:**

**Solebury** will be showing the movie "Friendly Persuasion". **Lehigh Valley** committees for 2018 were visited by the Clerk of the Meeting who shared what she had learned from the Clerking workshop with Arthur Larrabee. **Yardley** has formed a committee to address the issue of gun violence. **Middletown:** Friends Home and Village is collecting blankets in case residents need to be evacuated during colder months. **Fallsington** is showing a series of movies about Climate Change. Tom Wells is willing to show these films at other venues and has the necessary equipment. The clothing drive for hurricane refugees from Puerto Rico was very successful. Extra clothing was distributed at Bucks Food For Friends. **Lehigh Valley** children, at their own Meeting for Business, decided to raise money for the Puerto Rican refugees and had two very successful Oatmeal Breakfasts that so far raised over \$500. **Southampton:** the Meetinghouse is again available to them every Sunday as the group that was using it for three Sundays a month has disbanded. Worship will now be held every Sunday at 10 AM.

**Announcements:**

Tom Wells spoke of Section 287(g) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act.

Susan Thompson of Spiritual Formation announced a retreat Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

David Smith listed the positions that PYM needs to fill: Rising Clerks, Recording Clerks, Administrative and Quaker Life Council, and external organizations.

**Coordinator's Report presented by Quarter Coordinator Holly Olson (Middletown).**

Inreach: Items noted were time spent in pastoral care, Spiritual Formation Program, Feast Fun & Song, Book Club on Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome, data base, Yardley Meeting work on Gun Violence, North Star film, Quaker Woman's Social Hour, games night at Makefield, and Bucks Quarter Overnight at Camp Onas.

**Outreach:** Christmas Sing at Friends Village, Quakerism in a Nutshell on April 7<sup>th</sup>, Peace Fair on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Poetry reading on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Snyder (Yardley) reviewed Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual. Ed summarized the current financial situation as being as usual for this period of the fiscal year.

Budget and Nomination Report: Preliminary Budget 2018-2019 FY presented by Ed Snyder, Treasurer. Budget as presented has Revenue projected at \$268,980 and Expenses at \$276,140, a projected shortfall of \$7,160. Budget will be presented for approval at May Quarterly Meeting.

**Minute requesting Bristol Meeting becoming a Preparatory Meeting:** Bristol Clerk Paul Shaffer and Fallsington Clerk Jonathan Snipes presented Minutes of Bristol and Fallsington in which agreement was reached between the respective meetings to have Bristol become a Preparative Meeting under the care of Fallsington MM.

**MINUTE 1**

Bucks Quarterly Meeting of 18 Second Month 2018 approves the request of Bristol Monthly Meeting and Fallsington Monthly Meeting to have Bristol Monthly Meeting become a Preparative Meeting under the care of Fallsington Monthly Meeting in accordance with the Bristol Monthly Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2017 and November 12, 2017, and Fallsington Monthly Meeting Minute of December 10, 2017. **APPROVED**

**Doylestown MM Annual Report** given by Wendy Steginsky, Clerk She highlighted the growth of regular attenders, vibrant worship and socially active community. Membership is currently at 155. Average First Day School attendance is 10 children.

**Makefield MM Annual Report** given by Boris Simkovich, Clerk. He highlighted the active involvement of this small meeting with the work of the larger Quaker community.

**Discussion of Newtown MM Minute on Korea:** The input received from meetings that had considered the minute between November and now was shared. After discussion, but unable to arrive at a sense that the Quarter was ready to create its own minute, the following minute was offered

**MINUTE 2**

BQM supports and commends Newtown MM in their effort to address the Korean crisis and looks forward to hearing their work with the Minute that they are currently considering. **APPROVED**

Quakertown MM Annual Report presented by Pat Stover, Clerk. She highlighted the activities of the small but active First Day School which provided the impetus for the program that was scheduled on prison reform but which was canceled due to the weather.

**Outreach Committee Annual Report** given by Jess Walcott, Committee Co-Clerk. Holly Olson and Jess displayed the SPICES Banner on Integrity. Committee is involved with many events around the Quarter.

**Friends Home and Village Annual Report** given by Tyler Hoff (Yardley MM, CEO FH/V). He highlighted the completion of the elevator in Paxton Hall and the renovations to individual units at the Styer Campus.

**Closing:** Meeting ended with a period of silent worship at 3:20 PM.

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