

# Quakerphernalia

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

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## AUGUST 2013

- Aug 3 9AM BQ Budget and Nominating Committee Meets at Wrightstown Meeting Social Hall  
Aug 8 7PM BQ Oversight Committee Meets at Buckingham Meetinghouse  
**Aug 14-18 Grange Fair!! Contact Holly to Volunteer as a Greeter in the Bucks Quarter Tent**  
Aug 15 1:30PM Friends Home and Village Board Meets at Friends Village  
Aug 19 6PM Bucks Food For Friends at Fallsington Meetinghouse  
Aug 22 7:30PM BQ Singing Group Meets at Makefield Meetinghouse  
**Aug 25 9AM-3PM Quarterly Meeting at Fallsington Meetinghouse**

### Looking Ahead

- Sept 14 Yardley Meeting Annual Flea Market  
Sept 21 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair at Buckingham Meeting ~ Theme: Sustainability  
Sept 25 Annual Meeting of the Chandler Hall Auxiliary  
Nov 16 Last Third of Life Conference at Fallsington Meetinghouse ~ Open to the Public  
**Nov 17 Quarterly Meeting at Lehigh Valley MM**

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

August ~ Yardley September ~ Buckingham October ~ Doylestown

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

### Quarterly Meeting for Worship, Fellowship, and Business

**Join Friends and Share Your Light**

**August 25 9:00AM to 3:00PM**

**Fallsington Friends Meetinghouse**

**GROUNDED IN THE SPIRIT**

**9-9:30:** Arrival and refreshments

**9:30-10:50:** Program

**11:00 to Noon:** Meeting for Worship

**Noon to 1:00:** Lunch provide by all! Please bring donations of salad goodies for the beautiful "stone salad". Vegan options are welcome and will be served on the side. Fallsington Friends will provide the balance of the lunch foods.

**1:00 to 3:00:** Business Meeting

**Adult Program:** Please join Fallsington Friends, Cheryl and Fred Veith, horticulturists for over thirty years as they share about their lives shaped by the elements, and grounded in the Spirit. They grow much of their own food, are passionate cooks and believe that whole foods can be medicine, a source of strength, vitality and delicious! They will share stories from a nature-inspired life connected to their work, kitchen wisdom and how these connect to their spiritual journeys. Bring one small item to share in a salad that we will enjoy together, as we celebrate the harvest.

**Children's Program:** The children will have their own adventure exploring lovely Historic Fallsington and the Meeting's green and blooming campus. They will make cobbler from the first apples of the season, and the "stone salad" from the fresh things Friends have brought.

**Business Session:** During the business session we will hear the good news from Middletown, Solebury, Southamptn, Wrightstown and Yardley Meetings. Bucks Food For Friends will have a report to share and Chandler Hall will have someone joining us to speak about their new relationship with the Kendal Corporation.

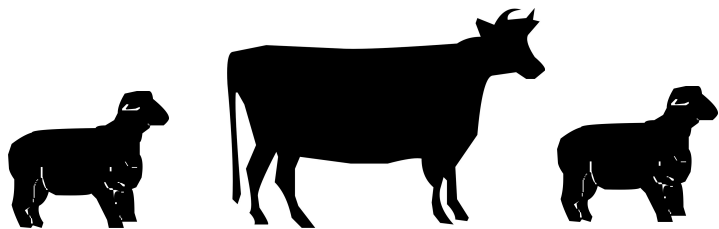
**Note: All agenda items for Quarterly Meeting must be to the clerk,**

**Amy Ward Brimmer, one week prior to Quarterly Meeting.**

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### SHARE YOUR STORY AT QUARTERLY MEETING

There will be space on the QM business agenda is 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.



### THE GRANGE FAIR IS COMING

The Middletown Grange Fair in Wrightstown will be held August 14 through 18th. Bucks Quarter has a tent at the fair and Friends generously serve as greeters. Holly Olson sets the volunteer schedule. If you are able to help at the tent for a two hour shift of your choice please call Holly at 215-860-9747. Beginning in August, Holly will make phone calls to ask for volunteers and the time slots get trickier. The tent opens at 10AM and shuts down at 10PM. If you've never helped before, it's very easy and Holly will make sure that you are teamed up with someone who has helped in the past. Serving as a volunteer is a lot of fun and the fair is lots of fun. Come to the fair for the afternoon or evening and volunteer for two hours while you're there!! You may park at Wrightstown Meeting and walk across the ball fields to the fair. Parking at the fair is around \$10 now. Parking at Wrightstown Meeting is good way to offset your gas cost! Please contact Holly with any questions. 215-860-9747 or [hollybqc@verizon.net](mailto:hollybqc@verizon.net)

### LIVES PASSING

Wrightstown Friends suffer the loss of **Mary Jane Tomlinson** who died on April 10th. Fallsington Friends and the residents of Friends Village suffer the loss of **Hayward House** who died on June 3rd.

### MAY QUARTERLY MEETING BUCKS QUARTER

#### A LOVING, FLEXIBLE and BLESSED COMMUNITY

For those who missed Quarterly Meeting in May, below is an accounting and reflection of what it means to be part of a Quarter that is loving, flexible and willing to be of service to one another... Amy Ward Brimmer, clerk for BQ was ill and couldn't be there so the Boris Simkovich, Alt Clerk filled in, Rick Dow, clerk for Lehigh Valley Meeting read the Fallsington report because their clerk Melanie Douty Snipes had to leave, Doug Meaker former clerk for Bucks Quarter read the Clerk's Annual Report to Bucks Quarter/PYM, Betsy Bayardi, clerk for the Budget and Nominating committee was out of town so Janet Braker introduced the budget and I read for Chandler Hall because CH board member Linda Flower was called away. Doylestown Friends FDS coordinator was ill and could not be at QM. Doylestown Friends received additional help from parents/guardians of other meetings with the children's program and express their deep gratitude for this contribution of time. **All of this without was done without asking why or without missing a beat. This is what it means to be part of the larger Quaker community and I am blessed to be your coordinator.**

Love, Holly

### WORSHIP TIME CHANGE AT BRISTOL MEETING

Due to the modern convenience of air conditioning, Bristol Friends will maintain their 11:00 worship time throughout the year. Visit with Bristol Friends this summer, did I mention air conditioning?

### LEHIGH VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING

Worship with our LVMM Friends at 10:00 in August!

### YOGA CLASSES

#### AT NEWTOWN MEETINGHOUSE

Weekly Yoga classes are held at the Newtown meetinghouse on Saturdays at 8:30am with Jim Whitmoyer, who has over 11 years experience as a Hatha Yoga teacher. Classes are open to all; no prior experience is necessary. There is no charge, although a small donation to the meetinghouse is humbly requested.

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### CHANDLER HALL ANNOUNCES...

Chandler Hall and Kendal Corporation are pleased to announce that Chandler Hall has become the newest member of the Kendal family of not-for-profit communities and services for older adults, now in eight states. Chandler Hall has earned a reputation over its 40-year history for high-quality, innovative programs serving both its residents and the surrounding community.

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Chandler Hall's affiliation with the Kendal System has come after a thorough exploration that found that the values, cultures and missions of both organizations are remarkably well aligned. Kendal and Chandler Hall both share a commitment derived from Quaker principles to a spirit of community, collaboration, inclusion and respect for the individual.

For questions, please call 1-888-603-1973.

### ADVANCE NOTICE Recycle your bicycle

The seventh annual used bicycle collection at Pennswood Village in Newtown, PA will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Bikes for the World will ship donated bicycles to Third World countries, where they are reconditioned and distributed at modest cost to low income people in need of reliable transportation.*

Anyone with a no-longer-wanted bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate the bike to this worthy cause. Children's and adult bikes, as well as portable sewing machines in working condition are accepted. A \$10 donation with each bike or sewing machine is suggested to defray part of the cost of shipping to overseas charity partners. Bikes can be donated prior to that date by appointment only. Contact George Kurz, 215-579-6974, [ghkurz@comcast.net](mailto:ghkurz@comcast.net), or Jon Harding, 215-860-0408, [jhardingjon@gmail.com](mailto:jhardingjon@gmail.com).

*This version of the February Quarterly Meeting minutes contains the edited highlights.  
The minutes in full detail will be brought to Quarterly Meeting in August at  
Fallsington Friends Meeting for consideration.*

**BUCKS QUARTERLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

**May 19, 2013**

**Hosted by Doylestown Meeting and held at Buckingham Meetinghouse**

**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

**Clerks Comments:** Amy Ward Brimmer was feeling ill and not able to attend.

**Agenda** reviewed, modified and accepted.

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

**Minutes read and approved** with corrections noted

**Vitality and Growth :** Stories of Vitality and Growth were shared.

**Coordinator's Report** given by Holly Olson. "Inreach" portion reported on Clerks Meeting, Aging Workshop at Yardley, Fund Raisers at Lehigh Valley MM, Prayer Course, Meeting Photos, and New Hope Pride Parade. "Outreach" portion covered the "North Star" movie, Quakerism in a Nutshell, Grange Fair Quaker Tent, Parenting Initiative, and Final Third of Life for 2013. Holly also reported on her involvement in helping David Bucura, the Clerk of FWCC Africa Section, present around the area over a period of time about the work being done in Africa. She also shared her experience with the PYM Long Range Planning Visioning Session on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Holly closed her report by showing an example of the new BQ advertising campaign that was designed by a 12 year old Friend from Plumstead Meeting.

**Annual Report for Buckingham Meeting** given by Tim Cunningham. This has been a year of Growth with new applications for membership. The meeting has started an inter-generational Games Night, Quaker Conversations after meeting, and a Social Justice Movie Night. The Peace Fair will be on Sept 21. Capital upkeep is a constant issue with the good news being that some grants have been received. Personal contact has been made with British meeting closest to Buckingham in England.

**Annual Report for Fallsington Meeting** given by Rick Dow from Lehigh Valley. The Meetinghouse currently houses, in the basement, the "Levittown Museum of Modern Suburbia" until its move to Bolton Manor. Members of the meeting are involved in a variety of interfaith efforts including Bucks Food For Friends.

**Proposed Minute of Appreciation for Carole Wicker and Karen Shaudys** read by Bethann Morgan (Buckingham MM) and approved. Friends Wicker and Shaudys have served our quarter and yearly meeting with love and faith for decades.

**Annual Report for Chandler Hall** read by Holly Olson. Complete report available.

**Annual Report for United Friends School** given by Louis Herbst of Richland MM. He spoke of the numerous ways that the lessons of the testimony on Integrity are taught to all the children in the school. The school has a large diverse population. He closed the presentation with the request that if you have a Quaker school nearby, that you should become involved because most Quaker schools are seeking the involvement of Friends.

**Break** at 2:10 pm

**Treasurer's Report** given by Tim Dyer (Bristol MM). There were no issues of concern with our current financial situation regarding revenue. Expense over budget line item for Operating expense was caused by the purchase of a computer for the coordinator.

**Budget and Nominating: Proposed Budget** presented by Janet Braker (Newtown). The budget was balanced with a line item for "Additional Contributions". Budget approved as presented with a balance budget of \$263,210.00

**Annual Report for Lehigh Valley Meeting** given by Rick Dow. Clerk LVMM. Complete report is available. Social Action is strong with a major concern for education on Fracking. Young Friends are raising money for public transportation to shelters for those homeless. Both Adult education and First Day school are vibrant with an expansion of First Day classes to pre-kindergarten.

**Annual Report for Bristol Meeting** given by Bob Atkinson for Paul Shaffer. This meeting is evolving and growing. New members have enabled the meeting to organize three new committees. The meeting house is also used by a Hispanic congregation which has led to some joint celebrations.

**Annual Report Oversight Committee** read by David Rose (Clerk of Comm). Report focused on the work of inter-visitation done by the Coordinator and members of the committee.

**Clerk of the Quarter Annual Report** read by Doug Meaker on behalf of Amy Ward Brimmer. It listed a number of examples of the work

**Announcements: #1:** For now, do not contribute to Friends School in Ramallah as the funds have been taken over by the Palestinian Authority. **#2:** Thanks given to Doylestown for hosting and Buckingham for providing the wonderful space. **#3:** Sat June 1, Newtown Friends will be showing "Do the Math". **#4:** Thanks expressed to Boris for stepping up as Clerk in the absent Amy Ward Brimmer **#5:** Letter shared written by Friends Council on Education to the President requesting action to create safe communities by not authorizing gun possession in places where children are being taught

Meeting settled into **Closing Worship** at 2:50 pm.

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