



Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

Newsletter

Meeting for Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday
9:15 a.m. Wednesday

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From Worship And Ministry

A concern for the fellow-worshippers of our meetings which leads us to find the necessary time to know them, to visit them, to have them in our homes, and to make their needs our concern is a tested preparation for ministry of the highest importance. A person who throughout the week thinks of the approaching meeting for worship and holds up inwardly some of the needs of those who attend, is being prepared for that kind of participation in the meeting for worship that may open the way for helpful ministry. Ministry is often deepened by our natural exposure to those in greatest need, whether it be physical need, as in a constant visiting of the poor, of those in prison, of those whom group prejudice segregates; or to the poor in spirit, those who face mental turmoil and inner problems. Few who feel this kind of responsible love for the meeting do not in the course of the week find some experience, some insight, something they have read that has helped them, some crushing burden they know some member or some group is bearing which they have held up to the Light, without these things appearing as seeds out of which ministry could grow.

Douglas Steere, 1955

Meeting for Remembrance

On Sunday, April 15 at 7 PM, Care Committee will be sponsoring a Meeting for Remembrance. Over the past year, our Meeting has lost several long-time, well-loved members. Additionally, several current members have lost loved ones. The Meeting for Remembrance will allow our community to come together to celebrate all of those in our lives who are no longer with us. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Facing Benches for April

Kathy Donch and Maria Shivers

Coffee and Hospitality for April

School Committee

Upcoming Events

April 2 — Poetry Reading

6:30–8:30 PM. Central Library of Philadelphia, Logan Circle. Come hear Rocky Wilson, the “Puppet Laureate” of Camden, read his poetry.

April 5 — Envisioning Peace in the Holy Land:

What Palestinians and Israelis Want You to Know

7 PM, social time; 7:30 to 9 PM, program. Haddonfield Meeting House. Kathy Bergen, Program Coordinator, Friends International Center in Ramallah, will share her recent experiences and describe the work of the Friends International Center in Ramallah. Kathy works closely with Jean Zaru, Clerk of Ramallah Monthly Meeting, and others who labor to build peace through nonviolent social change. The Friends International Center in Ramallah, through its ministry of hospitality, provides opportunities for people of good will to meet in the pursuit of peace that can lead to reconciliation. FICR has become a significant resource in the Ramallah community for area residents, other people from Israel and Palestine, and also international visitors.

April 14 — Annual Gathering to Support

War Tax Resistance

Swarthmore (PA) Meeting. 1:30 to 3:30 PM: Q & A on War Tax Resistance and Peace Tax Campaigns. 4:00 PM: Meeting for Music, featuring Julia Haines, harpist and faculty member at Stratford Friends School. Sponsored by the Conscience, Militarism and War Tax Concerns Working Group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the Peace &

Concerns Committee of Swarthmore Meeting. The public is invited to both events. Contributions at the door will benefit PYM's Fund for Sufferings and the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund. For more details or directions, contact Peace & Justice Coordinator of PYM, Joan Broadfield at 215-241-7240 or e-mail joanb@pym.org.

April 15 — Movie Matinee

12:45 PM in the auditorium. Stay after covered dish to watch *Fly Away Home*, an inspirational movie about a young girl who adopts a flock of geese and teaches them to migrate south. Sponsored by Worship and Ministry.

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business March 11, 2007

30 Friends were in attendance. The meeting began with a period of worship. The Clerk read Advice II from *Faith & Practice* (p. 83).

The Meeting has received a request for marriage from Ann Miller and Carmen Williams. Ruth Podolin, Flora and Howard McKinney and Drew Biehl are pleased to serve on the Oversight Committee. Friends approved.

Bob Turrin asked for permission for Property Committee and Friendship Committee to explore with the Borough's First Night Committee the possibility of Haddonfield Meeting participating in the New Year's Eve celebration next year. Committee members would like to offer the use of our auditorium and/or the Meeting room as venues for the event. Friends approved.

Tim Hogan gave a brief report from School Committee. He handed out a list of "HFS Initiatives" — concepts, programs, projects, plans, goals — to either be continued, begun or seriously considered in the near future.

Pam Perry presented the annual Finance Committee Report, which covered the second half of fiscal year 2005-2006 and the first half of 2006-2007. Because of greater than expected income, we ended 2005-2006 with a deficit of only \$132, even though expenses were also higher than budgeted.

At the June Meeting for Business, the Finance Committee presented and the Meeting approved a balanced budget for the Fiscal year 2006-2007. The budget depends on general contributions of \$86,000. So far, expenses and contributions have been in line with the budget.

One troubling aspect of the Meeting's financial situation is that the major part of the budget is supported by just a

few members and that many members do not contribute at all. Friends discussed possible ways to reach out to these members and to increase other contributions. Visits, letters, testimonials and a note in the Newsletter were among the suggestions. Please send any additional ideas to Pam Perry.

At the Meeting's direction, both the Meeting Finance Committee and an Audit Committee composed of members of the Meeting Finance Committee have been reviewing the School's finances. Pam Perry, on behalf of both committees, observed that this is an unnecessary duplication of effort. She recommended to the Meeting that only the Meeting Audit Committee continue to review the school finances and that the full Finance Committee concern itself with the Meeting's finances. Friends approved

Consistent with the new tuition program, members of Meeting who wish to send their children to Haddonfield Friends School will not automatically receive a third of the tuition. They must submit a request to Finance Committee. Last year, the Committee was able to honor all requests. Finance Committee is now accepting requests for the school year 2007-2008.

The Meeting's Education Endowment Fund is in need of someone to re-establish the Committee and be responsible for its continued good health. When Steve Berryhill was Clerk of the Education Fund Committee, he obtained a matching grant that would give the Meeting \$1 for every \$3 raised by the Meeting over the next two years. Steve is no longer a member of Meeting and there currently is no Education Fund Committee. Clerking this committee would be a valuable service to the Meeting.

Our contribution to Yearly Meeting for the last year or two has been \$16,000/year in addition to whatever was requested by the Quarter.

Finance Committee is preparing a preliminary budget report for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be presented at the May Meeting for Business.

Friends reviewed the information presented and accepted the report with thanks to Pam and the Committee.

Pam Anderson presented the proposed plan for the Memorial Garden. Friends discussed the proposal and approved it, as presented. The Meeting appreciates the thorough and careful planning and major effort by members of the Memorial and Graveyard Committee that have brought a loving idea to near reality. The Meeting wishes to take note of and thank Pam Anderson for her work on and deep involvement in the project.

The Committee has chosen the construction company, “Nature Scape” to do the work on the Garden. They were responsive to the special requests of the committee and presented a reasonable estimate for the work. It is scheduled to be completed by May of this year.

The Clerk read a letter from Jayne Stokes resigning from the Newsletter Committee. The letter was forwarded to Care Committee so they may begin the search for a new editor. The Meeting noted its gratitude and appreciation to Jayne for more than 5 years of superb editing of the monthly newsletter.

There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

Please note: Due to the Easter holiday, April Monthly Meeting for Business will be held April 1 at rise of Meeting.

First Day School For Adults

April 1 — Meeting for Worship for Business

April 8 — Easter (No class)

April 15 — Deborah Vermaat, mother of Jaimie Vermaat who attends Meeting here regularly, will speak about Mae Crowe, her great aunt, whose brutal murder in 1912 in Forsyth County, Georgia led to the expulsion of African Americans in the county. This is only one of the many cases of racial expulsion discussed in Elliot Jaspin’s controversial new book, *Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America*.

April 22 and 29 — Library Committee will hold a discussion of the book *Holy Silence* by J. Brent Bill. This book is an introduction to Quaker spirituality that should be of interest to new and long-time Friends alike.

Updates From HFS

I received a report from the school full of the wonderful things that have been happening at HFS this year. This month, we’ll take a look at what Middle School students have been doing.
— Editor

Sixth Grade Social Studies

We began the year with an exploration of the rise of ancient Greece focusing on the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations. Next, we studied the Trojan War, followed by the

Dark Ages. This led to a lesson on the development of city-states and democracy. The students enjoyed learning about ancient Greek theater and subsequently creating decorative plaster theater masks portraying Greek gods and goddesses in an interdisciplinary social studies/art project.

Next, the students explored the ancient Roman Republic. They were introduced to Etruscan culture and enjoyed hearing the legend of Rome’s founders, Romulus and Remus. The students examined the historical significance of Julius Caesar and the way in which his rule contributed to the decline of the Republic. This led to a discussion about Caesar Augustus and the eventual rise of the Roman Empire. The students enjoyed learning about the Roman Senate. In addition, they explored some of the technological achievements of the period including the extensive system of roads, the construction of aqueducts, and the function of the Colosseum. The students also drew a one-point perspective drawing of Roman aqueducts and a study of classical architecture.

Perhaps the highlight of any sixth grader’s experience at Haddonfield Friends School is the study of the organization and structure of the United Nations. In particular, the students learned about the purpose of the UN’s six main organs, which include the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Secretariat, Trusteeship Council, and International Court of Justice. Our classroom studies were reinforced by a visit to the United Nations headquarters in New York City on October 26th, 2006. Our tour guide was from Brazil and she was very impressed by our students’ knowledge!

Additional topics of study included lessons on ancient India highlighting the religions of Hinduism and Buddhism; a study of the Golden Age of China focusing on the Silk Road and the role of Confucian philosophy; and an exploration of the achievements of classical Japan during the Heian period.

In connection with visiting the United Nations, the sixth graders counted, distributed, and collected UNICEF boxes from all of the classrooms. Our parents and friends generously gave over \$700.

Seventh & Eighth Grade Social Studies

Students began the year looking at civilizations that existed on the American continents before European exploration. They each chose a tribe or civilization to research and present an oral and visual report on. Students looked at dioramas, made crafts, and shared a Papago soup as they listened to each person’s report.

Make New Friends (But Keep the Old) ...

This month, we feature Susan Borkowski. New members, Susan, Mary Anne Gaffney, and their daughter Megan live especially adventurous, active lives. The moms, who met as undergraduates thirty-six years ago, alternated getting their Masters degrees and then their PhDs. In 1989, Susan became a professor and administrator at LaSalle University. Haddonfield residents since 1983, the family's association with Meeting began when Megan started pre-kindergarten at Haddonfield Friends School in 2000.

But this was not Susan and Mary Ann's first exposure to Quakers. In the 1970s, they began going for winter vacations to Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, New York. Initially a hotel run by the strict Quaker Smiley family in the 1880s, the retreat was used from 1916 into the 1920s for peace conventions. President Roosevelt stayed there. Portraits of black-suited Quaker notables, including Rufus Jones, still hang on the walls. Until quite recently, Susan says, there were no TVs, and a policy barring alcohol. Instead, wonderful outdoor recreation is featured. The site consists of four connected buildings, including a rambling Victorian house. Megan describes Mohonk Mountain House as "looking like Hogwarts!"

The family spends five weeks each summer at a small home in Provincetown, Cape Cod.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Susan was a triathlete (running, bicycling, and swimming) before her leg cancer was diagnosed in 1990. A survivor of about sixteen surgeries, she's healthy. Happily, Susan has acquired a hand bicycle. She and Megan recently enjoyed a ride at the island of Chincoteague. Also a fourth-grade Girl Scout leader at Haddonfield Friends School, Susan enjoys Megan's company at leader-daughter workshops.

Susan is an experienced political campaign worker. In graduate school during the 1980s, a professor put her name in for a position with the Carter-Mondale team, although she was an Independent. "It was interesting to be on the inside," she says. "It's very different than how campaigns are run now, with all the mudslinging." One of the surprises was that "the Presidential box in the Kennedy Center was open to any staff person. I could invite up to eight people, so I invited family members six or seven times."

Whenever possible, Susan attends Wednesday morning Meetings for Worship at the school. "I love them. The kids work so hard at it. Sometimes what they say is heart-breaking, sometimes wonderful. It's great to see how the school fosters the tenets of Quakerism."

By Judy Kruger

... One Is Silver And The Other Gold.

A song sung in Girl Scout camp.

Students then went back to Europe to pick up where they left off last year in the Middle Ages. They learned about the Crusades, the plague, the rise of the monarchies' power and the decline of the Church's. Students are now learning about the Renaissance in Italy and elsewhere in Europe. They have looked at pictures of famous art work, read poetry and literature from that time, studied architectural details, and learned about the Reformation. They will read a version of a Shakespearean play before studying about the Age of Exploration which will take them back to the American Continents. Lots to think about in middle school social studies!

Middle School Partners

Middle School is partnering both with Tr. Christine's Pre-K 4-5 year old class and with a class at the Kingsway Learning Center. On October 27, we walked to Kingsway, met our new friends, and joined them in a school dance. On Monday, December 18, we visited them again, providing crafts and refreshments for a winter holiday party. The Middle School students also made snowflake cards for all of their buddies.

Middle School Activities Committee

Students in Boxwood Hall formed a committee of their peers to plan social activities for the Middle School. They organized a movie night in December where 13 of the students enjoyed a Friday evening at Loews Theater. They

viewed 'Unaccompanied Minors' but they themselves were accompanied by Trs. Carol and Susan. A festive and fun time was had by all! The Activity Committee is planning an ice skating party for the New Year.

Middle School Service Committee

Boxwood Hall has also formed a Service Committee so that students can both organize and participate in service work. In December, this committee sponsored a coat drive to benefit New Visions Shelter in Camden. They also participated in an 'adopt a child' program from a women's shelter for the holidays. Each student picked a child's wish list to try to buy gifts that will be under the tree at the shelter. This amazing group of middle schoolers also work as a team to make lunches for Leavenhouse. Generous benefactors purchase supplies and Boxwood Hall turns into a deli as students make and pack over 70 lunches each month.

Volunteers Needed for Annual Fund Phonothon

Faithful Friends will be needed for the phonothon to benefit the Annual Fund, which in turn benefits the PYM budget, which in turn benefits us all. This year the phonothon will take place on May 22, 31, June 4 and 6, at Friends Center in Philadelphia. We share a catered dinner and receive training from 6 until 7 PM. We make calls from 7 until 9. Parking, bridge and transportation costs are reimbursed. We make new friends and visit old Friends. We give some of our God-given time in service to raising the funds that make the wheels of Yearly Meeting turn. If you can help, please contact the development office to let PYM know your availability: 215-241-7115.

Library Committee Book Sale

The Library Committee wishes to thank everyone who participated in our used book sale March 18. Many people purchased books, which helped us raise \$82, which we will use to purchase new books for the library. Because of the amazing amount of books donated to the sale, we had many leftovers. Veronica Salaam, a Library Committee member and librarian in Mount Laurel, took some books to donate to her library's used book sale. Leftover cookbooks went to a charity in Camden, and Priscilla Adams is taking the remainder to a charity in Philadelphia.

Family Camping Weekend in New Jersey

Princeton Monthly Meeting is sponsoring its 10th annual camping event for families and Young Young Friends (ages 7-13). It will be held at Blairstown Camp, near the Delaware Water Gap, the weekend of May 11-13.

College Loan Program for Quaker Students

Financial Aid is available for post-secondary education for members and children of members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The Mary Jeanes Loan Fund and Anne Townsend Grant Fund are now taking applications from members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for post-secondary financial aid for the 2007-2008 school year. Interest-free loans average about \$1,000 per academic year. May 1 is the deadline for submission of applications. For more information, or to request an application, contact the PYM Education Office at 215-241-7223 or elkem@pym.org. Please visit our website at <http://www.pym.org/education> and click on "Financial Aid."

2008 Quaker Pilgrimage to England

A remarkable opportunity is on the horizon. Irene McHenry (Millville Meeting, PA) and Sarah Sweeney-Denham (Germantown Meeting, PA) of the Friends Council on Education staff are co-leading the PYM Quaker Pilgrimage to England in June 2008. We expect the cost for the 8-day Pilgrimage to be in the range of \$1,550 to \$1,800 per person. This includes all room and board, local bus travel to historic sites, guides, site entry fees, etc. It does not include airfare. There will be some financial aid available.

The fee covers 7 nights at the Glenthorne Guest House, a lovely Quaker conference center in the Lake District, the heart of "1652 country." The meals at Glenthorne are hearty and delicious, the hiking trails around the countryside and through the towns are lovely, and the day trips that we take, following the footsteps of George Fox and Margaret Fell and the founding of Quakerism in this beautiful countryside, are true experiential learning. Hiking to the top of Pendle Hill is a highlight.

The Pilgrimage dates are Monday, June 17, through Monday, June 24, 2008. Please respond right away, if you are interested. We have 26 spots available for this trip. Send e-mail to Sarah@friendscouncil.org. When fees are confirmed, we will request a deposit to hold your space.

FWCC Offers Quaker Interpreters Training

Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas will hold a workshop to train bilingual (English/Spanish) Friends in the basics of consecutive and simultaneous interpretation in a Quaker context. It will take place May 20-25 at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Instructors will be Vicki Hain Poorman, FWCC Bilingual Communications staff, and Loida Fernandez, Committee of Latin American Friends (COAL) Executive Secretary. This workshop is offered to Friends who not only have the language skills but also see interpretation among Friends as a ministry. Those selected to participate will be evaluated for English and Spanish language skills and interest in service to the Religious Society of Friends. For more information go to www.fwccamericas.org or call 215-241-7250.

Are You Considering Counseling?

Friends Counseling Service is a network of mental health professionals who are also Quakers. The service is a program of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and serves members and attenders of Friends meetings. Counselors include psychologists, social workers, family therapists, and a psychiatrist. The mental health professionals in the Friends Counseling Service have been chosen for this service because of both their extensive counseling experience and their commitment to Quakerism. Some financial support is available if needed.

Dude, Where's My Leaf Blower?

Property Committee reports that the Meeting's gas-powered leaf blower has gone missing. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please contact someone on Property Committee — no questions asked.

April 2007



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Meeting for Business	2	3 PASSOVER BEGINS	4 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	5 7 pm Peace in the Holy Land Program	6	7
8 9 am Peace & Soc. Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship EASTER	9	10 7:30 pm Care Committee	11 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	12	13	14
15 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am FDS 12 noon covered dish 12:45 pm movie 7 pm Meeting for Remembrance	16 Newsletter deadline 7:30 pm Prop. Committee	17	18 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	19	20	21
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