

# Gwynedd Monthly Meeting of Friends Newsletter



February 2003

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Meeting for Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Foulkeways: Thursday: 10 a.m.  
First Day School: 9:15 a.m.

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## Pre-School and Kindergarten News

We are now registering new students for the school year of 2003-2004. The process will be complete by the end of February. If any meeting members have not had the opportunity to visit the school or to receive registration materials, please call the preschool at 215-699-5392.

We are preparing for Valentine's Day with songs and crafts and lots of anticipation. I think the purpose of Valentine's Day is to brighten the cold, long days of February!

School pictures will once again be taken for the children and their families during late February.

Our January service project included canned goods for Manna on Main Street. Our February project will be Valentines for community helpers.

This year our scholarship fundraiser will be a potluck dinner on Thursday March 27th (snow date April 3). All are invited to attend! Bring your family and friends for a pleasant evening to benefit our scholarship aid program. Look for more details in the March newsletter about the evening.

## First Day School Schedule

- Feb. 2 Quarterly Meeting at Horsham  
No Adult FDS.
- Feb. 9 9:15 a.m. Intergenerational Breakfast  
hosted by Middle School  
2 p.m. "Friendly Persuasion" shown  
at Foulkeways Auditorium
- Feb. 16 9 a.m. Meeting for Business  
\*2 - 5 p.m. Arthur Larrabee Workshop
- Feb. 23 9:15 a.m. Origins of Zionism - Jay  
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- March 2 Peace and Social Action presentation

\* The date for Arthur Larrabee's Workshop on Clerking has been changed to Feb. 16, 2003 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Gwynedd.

## Secret Friends

Sign ups for secret friends go through January. On February 9 at the Intergenerational breakfast, those involved will get their secret friends. The "friendships" will go until April 6, when HARP will put on a special program for us.

# Meeting Bulletin Board

## **Come Pray for Peace**

The Peace and Social Action Committee will open the meetinghouse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 for Gwynedd members and attenders for peace vigil prayers. The public is invited to participate.

## **Friendly 8's**

Friendly 8's are potluck dinners with (approximately) 8 members and attenders gathering at a host home. Dates are Saturday, February 22, and Saturday, April 19; please note this is the Saturday before Easter Sunday. If these dates don't fit your schedule sign-up on a separate sheet and we will try to arrange something. Sign up on the bulletin board near the kitchen or contact Deb Faulkner at [footefaulk@comcast.net](mailto:footefaulk@comcast.net) or 215-855-8515.

## **Annual Abington Quarterly Meeting Square Dance at Gwynedd**

The annual Abington Quarterly Meeting Square Dance will be held at Gwynedd Saturday, February 15 from 7:30-10:00 p.m. in the Community Room. It is not necessary to bring a partner; you can find one at the dance. Please bring some food or drink to share. This year's caller will be John Krumm, The music will be provided by Hobo Pie and other interested musicians. Interested in playing? Contact Carl Baron at [cbaron@mail.med.upenn.edu](mailto:cbaron@mail.med.upenn.edu) or 215-699-7835. We need volunteers from Gwynedd to help ready the Community Room for the dance.

## **Request for Kitchen Supplies**

We need more forks and spoons and for warming trays to keep foods hot. The House Subcommittee asks that if you have extra or would like to buy and donate metal flatware or "Salton" electric hot trays, please leave them in the kitchen or contact Janet Henderson at 215-699-9186.

## **Showing of FRIENDLY PERSUASION**

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting will be showing the 1956 movie "Friendly Persuasion" with Gary Cooper and Dorothy McGuire on Sunday, February 9, 2003 in the Foulkeways auditorium at 2 p.m.

We would like to have Foulkeways residents and Gwynedd FDS children and families share their impressions of this old favorite that demonstrates Hollywood's representation of Quaker family life in Civil War era Indiana.

Please come and share your knowledge and views.

For additional information, call Peggy McPhaden at 215-361-1346.

## **Gwynedd Youth Group Spreads Holiday Cheer**

The youth group worked very hard to raise money for our holiday shopping spree. The Mystery Dinner and the bake sale raise \$356. On Sunday, December 8, 15 children and teens from the youth group went to Walmart and began spending that money. They were shopping for the Andrea O'Donnell's Children's Trust which serves desolate families in the Upper Chichester area. The children needed necessities like soap and toothpaste, hair ribbons and combs and if there was money left, some gifts for under the tree Christmas. Our youth put great efforts into choosing just the right bar of soap, the most interesting book or what was more important a toothbrush or a lego toy. The most challenging moments were spent by the scanner machine recalculating how much they had already spent. To the Gwynedd community that supported these efforts I offer you this picture: A caravan of 5 shopping carts full of precious gifts and fifteen proud individuals all being lead by one of our own brave teens riding a brand new children's bicycle down the aisles of Walmart fearlessly enroute to the checkout register. Thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas!

June Hallowell, Recorder, reported that our member, Leonore Goodenow, died on January 10, 2003. In June's annual report for 2002 she noted we lost 10 members and gained 18. Our total membership totaling 317 at the end of the year.

#### *Nominating*

The Nominating Committee recommended Roger Leimbach for the position of Treasurer of the meeting and this was approved.

#### *Membership*

The membership clearness committee for Mary Julia Street met with her and recommend her for membership. Welcoming committees reported on meeting with Roger Buchanan, Gary Lapreziosa, and Laurel Doran and her children. Sol and Barbara Jacobson's welcoming committee will wait until the Jacobson's return from Florida.

#### *Treasurers Quarterly Report*

Karen Russell read the Quarterly treasurer's report. Revenue is currently on the low side, but our expenses are in line with our budget. For Hilltop, at the end of the quarter, the balance is \$13,762.

A minute of appreciation will be included in the minutes for all the work of Karen Russell as treasurer over the last nine years.

The audit of Gwynedd accounts shows all is in good order.

#### *Fiduciary*

Ken Taylor, for the Gwynedd Fiduciary Corporation, reported a bequest to the Meeting of \$40,964 from the Arlene and Hamilton Thompson estate. The Meeting clerk will send a letter of appreciation to the Thompson children.

## *Highlights from Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business*

First Month

#### *Hilltop Property Update*

Connie Lezenby asked for approval to convene a subcommittee of the Hilltop Discernment Committee to develop timelines for integrating the many good ideas presented for the Hilltop property. These will then be brought to the meeting for consideration. A suggestion was made to open this committee to members from Quarterly Meeting. Some members expressed concern about assuming such a wide-ranging program, and the fiscal and commitment considerations such a program would necessitate. The committee was asked particularly to consider a way to focus on one particular direction rather than integrate all proposals into one long-range plan. The Meeting approved with one member standing aside.

Connie Lezenby reported on the many ideas that were shared about the potential use of the Hilltop property at the recent meeting retreat at Burlington. Notes from the various discernment groups will be posted on the bulletin board. The Hilltop property has not yet been rented, but income continues from the rental of the barn.

Roger Buchanan was approved to serve as our representative on the North Penn Ministerium.

Cyndy Blumenthal spoke about her experience as a participant in the Peace March in Washington, D.C. There were at least three other people from Gwynedd who attended as well.

#### *Peace and Social Action*

Carolyn Moon says calls for shelter increased last year by 35%. A new family is to be admitted to Hope Gardens. There are four children less than 4 years of age, two being twins. She would like Gwynedd to support this family while in residence. She also asked that Gwynedd host the CARE Workshop the weekend of May 17 this year. Peace and Social Action will set up coffee and juice in the morning and provide lunch in the afternoon.

Don Moon sent in a report on the continuing AVP work at the prisons in his absence. At this time there are too many volunteers who want to do workshops and not enough participants to accommodate all of them. Graterford has once again cancelled the program due to having to pay for extra guards on the weekend. Don has rearranged the schedule to accommodate everyone. The funds for AVP are very low...about \$1,000. We need to find ways to increase the fund. Karen Russell will look into transferring \$3,500 in funds from COPE. She will ask the donor to approve the transfer.

Gary L. has chosen March 30 for his presentation on Conscientious Objection with regard to Military Tax. Laura has chosen March 2 to share her work on Project Win.

Craig Trueblood is thinking about having a round table discussion, along with Al Pashkis, on the peace testimony on April 13. He would like to invite as many opinions as possible, including those of our high school Friends.

## Gwynedd Youth Group Upcoming Events

Events in February include rockclimbing and hopefully a special lunch/workshop based on children centering themselves. February 23rd is the date for rockclimbing. The special lunch/workshop based on children centering themselves will hopefully take place on February 9th. This date will take the place of our regular youth group business meeting. If you are in the youth group you will have already received info about this. If you are interested in your child attending and they are not attending the youth group meetings, please contact Pauline immediately at (215)855-2284.

## Other Friendly News and Events

Support Friends General Conference with a New Long Distance Phone Service. This is an opportunity to contribute money to FGC each month at no cost to you. By switching your long distance service to Enhanced Communication Group (ECG), you will also be contributing to FGC. ECG will automatically contribute 5% of your phone bill to FGC each month. Check the bulletin board for rates and more information.

## FGC's 2003 Gathering of Friends

The 2003 FGC Gathering of Friends will be held June 28- July 5 at the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown, Pa.

FGC's mission is to support and nurture meetings, worship groups and individual Friends in a movement for a dynamic and vital Religious Society of Friends.

Conference coordinator Liz Perch welcomes any questions Friends may have. Contact her at [LizP@fgcquaker.org](mailto:LizP@fgcquaker.org) or call 215 561 1700.

## Yearly Meeting News

**Yearly Meeting plans change:** Due to PYM's tight budget situation, the Annual Sessions Planning Group has had to cancel the summer residential portion of Yearly Meeting this year. A Called Session of PYM is anticipated for fall 2003.

The March sessions will begin with workshops on Thursday and conclude with meeting for worship on Sunday morning. **There will be no programs for children and young people.**

Jim Wallis will be the Saturday night speaker. One or more sessions will focus on "Finding the Power to Make Peace in every Aspect of Our Lives." Yearly Meeting will be asked to approve the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003.

An agenda and registration material will be mailed to members and attenders in February. Those who wish to stay at the Holiday Inn must return the registration form by March 7. Further information can be found in the March/April issue of PYM news and at PYM's website [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org).

## Young Friends Upcoming Events

February 21-23: *Peace Gathering*, Burlington Meeting House.

Beginning with the flier for the February gathering you will be mailed a post card reminder. The YF's email network will continue to send out reminders and registration forms, directions and other good stuff can be accessed through the Young Friends' website. We hope to be able to reduce the cost of our mailing. If you need us to mail you information contact Cookie Caldwell at Yearly Meeting. Send us your email address if you would like reminders and we will put you on the Young Friends network. Remember to check out the Young Friends' website at [www.pym.org/youngfriends](http://www.pym.org/youngfriends).

## **Pendle Hill Lecture Series**

February 3: "*White Racial Profiling in America*" Arch Street Meeting House.

February 24: "*Quakers and African Americans: A New Look at an Old History.*"

March 3: "*Why Racial Justice Matters for White Folks*" Arch Street Meeting House

For more information: [www.pendlehill.org/Monday.html](http://www.pendlehill.org/Monday.html)

# February Calendar

**. --- Saturday, February 01 ----**

Coffeehouse - Elizabeth & Tim Oliver- Opera and Broadway 8 PM

**--- SUNDAY, February 02 ----**

Religious Education Committee 8:00 AM-9:00 AM  
 Meeting for Worship 8:30 AM-9:00 AM  
 Quarterly Meeting/No FDS 9:00 AM-9:30 AM  
 Fellowship 10:30 AM-11:00 AM  
 Meeting for Worship 11:15 AM-12:00 PM  
 Dream Group 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

**----- Monday, February 03 -----**

Worship Sharing @ Trueblood's 9:30 AM-11 AM  
 Overseers 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

**----- Wednesday, February 05 -----**

Prayer for Peace 7:00-8:00 PM

**----- Thursday, February 06 -----**

Meeting for Worship 10:00 AM-10:30 AM (Foulkeways)

**----- SUNDAY, February 09 ----**

Meeting for Worship 8:30 AM-9:00 AM  
 Fellowship and Outreach 8:45 AM-9:45 AM  
 Stewardship Committe 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (Brown Cottage)  
 Intergenerational Breakfast 9:15 AM-10:15 AM  
 Meeting for Worship 11:15 AM-12:00 PM  
 "Friendly Persuasion" movie 2:00 PM-5:00 PM (Foulkeways)  
 Dream Group 7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
 Nominating Committe 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

**----- Monday, February 10 -----**

Peace & Social Action 7:30 PM-9:00 PM (Braxton)

**----- Tuesday, February 11 -----**

Preschool Committee 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

**----- Wednesday, February 12 -----**

Prayer for Peace 7:00-8:00 PM

**----- Thursday, February 13 -----**

Meeting for Worship 10:00 AM-10:30 AM (Foulkeways)  
 Sort & Pack Clothes 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (AFSC)

**----- Saturday, February 15 -----**

Abington Quarter Square Dance 7:30-10:00 PM

**----- SUNDAY, February 16 ----**

Meeting for Worship 8:30 AM-9:00 AM  
 Meeting for Business 9:15 AM-10:30 AM  
 Meeting for Worship 11:15 AM-12:00 PM  
 Arthur Larabee's Workshop on Clerking 2:00-5:00 PM  
 Dream Group 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

**----- Monday, February 17 -----**

Worship Sharing @ Trueblood's 9:30 AM-11 AM

**----- Wednesday, February 19 -----**

Prayer for Peace 7:00-8:00 PM

**----- Thursday, February 20 -----**

Meeting for Worship 10:00 AM-10:30 AM (Foulkeways)

**----- Saturday, February 22-----**

Friendly Eight's

# February Calendar

## ----- SUNDAY, February 23 -----

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Meeting for Worship	8:30 AM-9:00 AM
First Day School: Origins of Zionism	9:15 AM-10:30 AM
Fellowship	10:30 AM-11:00 AM
Meeting for Worship	11:15 AM-12:00 PM
Dream Group	7:00 PM-8:30 PM

## ----- Monday, February 24 -----

Worship & Ministry Committee	7:30 PM-9:00 PM (Braxton)
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## ----- Tuesday, February 25 -----

Property Committee	7:30 PM-9:00 PM
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## ----- Wednesday, February 26 -----

Prayer for Peace	7:00-8:00 PM
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## ----- Thursday, February 27 -----

Meeting for Worship	10:00 AM-10:30 AM (Foulkeways)
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## ----- Friday, February 28 -----

Sort & Pack Clothes	10:00 AM-12:00 PM (AFSC)
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Deadline for March is February 16

Whom to contact with items:

Calendar: Jeanette de Richemond at [gywneddfriends@rcn.com](mailto:gywneddfriends@rcn.com) or place items in office manager's mail box.

Newsletter: [shevail@netscape.net](mailto:shevail@netscape.net) or place in newsletter mailbox.

Please sign the notes you submit.

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