

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting of Friends Newsletter



November 2002

Meeting for Worship :11:15 a.m.
Foulkeways: Thursday 10 a.m.
First Day School: 9:45 a.m. (September - May)

Clerk: Lea Stabinski,
1885 Meredith Lane
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Can you hear me now? A gentle reminder to speak up during meetings so that all F/friends can hear you. Sponsored by Worship and Ministry. Can you hear me now?

News and Events for November

FALL WORK DAY NEEDS YOU! NOVEMBER 16th 8 a.m. - Noon

Come early and choose your work.

Chores include but are not limited to:

Outdoors: weather proofing benches, cleaning entrance lanterns, washing exterior doors and shutters, placing storm windows and doors, raking curb leaves and picking up branches.

Indoors: cleaning and organizing the kitchen, spot-cleaning woodwork and walls, painting some low wall sections, cleaning windows and window sills, polishing furniture and cleaning ceiling fluorescent light covers.

If you are having your picture taken for the Directory on Saturday morning, bring work clothes and stay a while!



Smile and say Peace

A new Gwynedd Photo Directory is in the works and we need everyone's smile. Pictures will be taken at the Meetinghouse on: Thursday, 11/14 3-9 p.m., Friday 11/15 3-9 p.m. and Saturday 11/16, 10-4. Photo orders will be ready in time for Christmas.

Sign up at Gwynedd (up the steps from the Adult First Day School room) on Sunday mornings or call Judy Flanigan, 215.699.4592 or Deb Faulkner, 215.855.8515 to schedule a time.

We may be able to schedule times on Friday 11/29 (the day after Thanksgiving) if sufficient families are interested

New Sunday schedule starts in January

Beginning in January 2003, until the end of First Day School in June The Schedule will be as follows:

8:30 - 9:00 Early Meeting for Worship
9:15-10:30 First Day School
10:30- 11:00 Fellowship
11:15 Late Meeting for Worship

On the third Sunday, Meeting for Business will begin after Early Meeting for Worship and there will be no Fellowship.

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<u>2</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 pm	Gwynedd Coffeehouse” featuring Charlie Zahm
3	SUNDAY	9:00 am	Meeting for Worship.
		9:45 am	Adult First Day School: HARP – Intergenerational Event
		11:15 am	Meeting for Worship.
		12:30	Peace & Social Action called Meeting to discuss our response to current war threat.
		7:00-8:30pm	Dream-work Group meets.
4	Monday	7:30 pm	Overseers meet @ <i>Meetinghouse Library</i>
7	Thursday	10:00-10:30am	Meeting for Worship @ <i>Foulkeway's Beaumont Parlor.</i>
		7:30 pm	Hilltop Discernment Committees meet.
10	SUNDAY	9:00 am	Meeting for Worship.
		9:00 am	Stewardship Committee meets @ the Meetinghouse.
		9:45 am	Adult First Day School: Bible & Origins of Early Friends, Gene Hillman of PYM
		11:15 am	Meeting for Worship.
		7:00-8:30pm	Dream-work Group meets.
11	Monday	9:30 – 11 am	Worship sharing at home of Verna Tweddale
		7:30 pm	Peace & Social Action Committee meets @ <i>Beaumont Parlor</i>
12	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Preschool Committee meets.
14	Thursday	10:00-10:30am	Meeting for Worship @ <i>Foulkeway's Beaumont Parlor.</i>
		10:00 am	Sort and Pack Clothes @ <i>AFSC.</i>
17	SUNDAY	8:30-9:00am	EARLY Meeting for Worship.
		9:00 am	Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business.
		9:00-9:45am	Children---games on the playground.
		9:45 11:00	Children's First Day School.
		11:15 am	Meeting for Worship.
		7:00-8:30pm	Hilltop Use Discussion
21	Thursday	10:00-10:30am	Meeting for Worship @ <i>Foulkeway's Beaumont Parlor.</i>
24	SUNDAY	9:00 am	Meeting for Worship.
		9:45 am	Adult First Day School: Status of Quakerism in the US, Steve Baumgartner of Pendle Hill
		11:15 am	Meeting for Worship.
		7:00-8:30pm	Dream-work Group meets.
25	Monday	9:30 – 11 am	Worship sharing at home of Verna Tweddale
		7:30 pm	Worship & Ministry Com. meets @ <i>home of Nina Braxton (E-12).</i>
26	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Property Committee meets @ the <i>Meetinghouse.</i>
28	Thursday	10:00-10:30am	Meeting for Worship @ <i>Foulkeway's Beaumont Parlor.</i>
29	Thursday	10:00 am	Sort and Pack Clothes @ AFSC

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1	SUNDAY	9:00 am	Meeting for Worship.
		9:45 am	Adult First Day School: Youth Exchange Students
		11:15 am	Meeting for Worship.
		7:00-8:30pm	Dream-work Group meets.

Meeting Bulletin Board

Rachel Snyder MacDougall and her husband, Michael welcomed their son, Alexander Newlin MacDougall into this world on September 30, 2002.

The Hilltop Discernment Subcommittee

will host a discussion of the ideas presented at monthly meeting for business and first-day school. This is a chance for everyone in the meeting to ask questions and give feed-back on the different ideas presented. Caroline Packard from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will again be our facilitator. If you cannot attend, but would like to write ideas and questions down, just put them in the Gwynedd retreat box located in the lobby. Thanks! Connie

Area Friends School Open House Dates

Plymouth Meeting Friends: K-6

Saturday 11/16 2-4 p.m.

Intersection of Butler and Germantown Pike
215.828.2288

United Friends School: K-8

Sunday, 11/17 2-4 p.m.

1018 W. Broad St. Quakertown
215.538.1733

Westtown School: PK-8

Saturday 11/9, 12/14, 1/11

All school, Monday 2/17
610.399.0123

William Penn Charter School: K-12

Tuesday, 11/12 and 1/14 8:30 a.m.
3000 West School House Ln. Phila.
215.844.3460

Harvest Food and Fellowship Dinner

Come one, come all, to the potluck harvest dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23 in the community room. Sign up sheets for bringing food are available on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

For more information call Pat Dawe at 215.643.4904.

Not so Random Acts of Kindness

Cancer patients from your community need your help to get to their medical treatments and appointments. Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, needs kind people to volunteer their time and use their own cars to drive patients to and from appointments. Schedules are very flexible, and mileage reimbursement is available. For more information please call 610.565.1009

FGC Directory Online

FGC's new website, www.QuakerFinder.org. is a geographically searchable web directory of Friends meetings and worship groups in the US and Canada. The directory currently includes meetings in the 14 FGC-affiliated yearly meetings and the three independent western yearly meetings.

The Listening Center 's Christmas Open House

Sunday, 12/8 2-5 p.m. Donations welcomed
Springfield Friends Meetinghouse 1001 Old Sproul Rd, Springfield (Delaware County) 19064

For more information call Jennifer Elam at 610.627.9621 or email Jenlam@aol.com.

Lea Stabinski, clerk, has asked for the meeting guidance with her job description. She has prepared and distributed pages listing the current responsibilities of clerk and asks that friends indicate their thoughts on those responsibilities. Responses may be given to Lea directly, or put in the clerk's mailbox in the office before the next meeting for business.

Nominating Committee recommended both Pat Dawe and Doug Faulkner as co-recording clerks. The meeting approved. The position of Meeting Treasurer has been held over until next month.

Quarterly Meeting

Kathleen Geist reported 39 people attended Quarterly Meeting at Byberry on 10/6. It was noted that Quarterly Meeting attendance has been declining.

Attendance at Junior Friends Conference as well as Middle School Conference was lower this year.

A traveling High School First Day group has been proposed.

Kathy has new Quarterly Meeting brochures for distribution. For more information visit the Quarter's website at www.pym.org/abington/qm.

Membership

A request for membership has come from Stanley Kitzelman. Overseers recommended Elizabeth Browning and James Quinn as the clearness committee. Joyce Bilinski has also requested membership. Marilyn Alfonso and Al Hubbs were recommended as her clearness

Notes from Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business

Ninth month

Gary Lapreziosa, Roger Buchanan, and Jean Keubler were recommended for membership. Gary will be welcomed by Connie Lezenby, Karen Russell and Mickey Edgerton. Welcoming Roger will be Russ Bishop, Henry Beck, Mickey Edgerton and Regina Peasley. Marilyn Alfonso, Carolyn Moon and Craig Trueblood will welcome Jean.

New Playing Field

Arnold Trueblood reported on discussions for developing a "playing field" in the meadow on the Hilltop property. There would be no benches or other improvements and it could also be used for overflow parking. The topsoil would be removed, the land graded, and the topsoil returned and reseeded. A contribution has been made to pay for the costs. The township would need a letter of request since this is a deviation from the zoning. There was a concern that this idea should be taken up by the Hilltop Discernment Committee since it may impact on that committee's current considerations. Some expressed a desire to move quickly since we have been without a ball field for a num-

Treasurer's Report

Karen Russell gave the annual treasurer's report. Over \$21,000 in contributions was received in September. This year will end a little ahead. Donations from members were low (off by \$14,000). Expenses were below budget, mostly due to lower property expenses. It was approved that the excess from the year be moved to the Property Reserve. Karen read the list of Quaker organizations to receive donations from the Meeting this year, as worked out by the Coordinating Committee. She also reported on the Hilltop budget. Legal fees for the property will be reviewed.

Peace and Social Action

Joan Johnston reported for Peace and Social Action representative noting the committee's concern about the possible war with Iraq. The committee has called for a meeting for worship for guidance on a response to the threat of war. This will be held November 3 at 1:15 p.m. with a simple lunch to be provided by the committee at the rise of 11:15 meeting.

The following committee reports were held over until next month: Property, Preschool, Religious Education, Fellowship and Outreach, Hilltop Ad Hoc Committee, Worship and Ministry, and the Historian's Report.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. with 35 persons having been presented.

A Flash from the Past: Eleventh Month

1802: The Meeting taking into Consideration that a Number of our Members are likely to be Brought under Suffering on account of our Testimony against war, the following friends are appointed to afford Assistance in Case of Difficulty and Endeavour to Strengthen the hands of our Members of Faithfulness in that respect who are also to collect accounts of Friends sufferings: John Evans, John Wilson, Jacob Paul, Isaac Williams, Samuel Livezey, Samuel Thomas, Amos Ellis, Thos Robeson, Robert Harper, Jonathan Cox and Jesse Foulke.

1902: Gwynedd Preparative Meeting informs that a committee has been appointed to purchase dishes for use at Quarterly Meeting with which this meeting unites and Mary R. Livezy and Catharine S. Tomlinson are appointed in conjunction with that committee. The case of Daniel Cleaver? and it is the judgement?to proceed in the case according to disciplines? and to prepare a testification and present to next meeting.

1952: The 11th query and pertinent passages of the Book of Discipline were read.

Dorothy B. Hallowell spoke to the query. Integrity, honesty and truth, if we have them, furnish us with the means to answer satisfactorily.? The unimportant frequently is more pressing than the worthwhile, to which we ourselves must furnish the weight?.

Yearly Meeting News

New Place and Time for Residential Yearly Meeting!

Residential Yearly Meeting moves to Wilson College, Chambersburg, Tuesday, July 29– Sunday August 3, 2003.

Wilson College is in Chambersburg, Pa., 50 miles southwest of Harrisburg. Facilities included a beautiful dining hall which is directly connected to some of the dormitories. Which will allow convenient access for Friends who have trouble walking longer distances. Dormitory rooms have dividers affording some privacy between roommates. Three classroom buildings provide spaces for our programs and PYM will have a choice of an 800 seat air conditioned auditorium or a 600 seat chapel for plenary sessions.

Middle School Friends Upcoming Events

November 8-9: *Circle of Girls "HEALING HANDS, HEALING HEARTS"* An event for Middle School & High School Age Girls and a program for parents as well.

NOVEMBER 22-24: "Simplicity Gathering", Glensiddich Farm, Millerton, PA and Wellsboro Friends Meeting, Wellsboro, PA

Young Friends Upcoming Events

November 22-24, 2002: *Holocaust Museum Bus Trip.* We will stay at Woodstown Meeting, Woodstown, NJ and then travel by bus to the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC. LIMITED TO 42

December 27-30, 2002: *Young Friends Christmas Gathering* at Burlington Meeting House, NJ. LIMITED TO 80.

Other Friendly News and Events

November 1: AFSC presents a Concert for Peace with Philadelphia violinist Judith Geist.

November 7-10: *FCNL Annual Meeting in Washington DC.*

A wonderful opportunity to learn and feel revived in Spirit as Friends from across the USA debrief, deliberate and decided. Check www.fcnl.org for details and for ways you can take action on priority issues of FCNL.

January 17-19 2003: *Friends Peace Conference in North Carolina.*

Join representatives from PYM and other Yearly Meetings and in considering our Peace Testimony. Sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the America.

Gwynedd Friends Meeting Retreat Saturday January 4 – 5, 2003 All Ages are Welcome!

As we plan to enter a new year, we hope to gather our beloved meeting community at Burlington Friends Meeting Conference Center (accessible) in New Jersey for getting to know each other better, fun, food and seeking openness to the spiritual energy. As part of the discernment process the Hilltop Committee has been led to offer this weekend to help us find connection with each other and with God's desire for us in our relationships and the wider work that we do. We will have programs for all ages and lots of intergenerational time too!

Schedule: Sat. Jan 4, 9-12 AM: Arrival & setting up, Getting-to-know-you activities, small group discussions, cooperative games, Children: arts and crafts. 12 – 1:30: Lunch 1:30 – 2: Free time, 2 – 4: Hilltop discussions with Caroline Packard facilitator, Children: tour, music, singing. 4 – 5:30: rest, free time, 5:30 – 7: Dinner, 7:30 – 8:30: Play by Young Friends, 8:30 – 10:00 Music, games, charades, skits, fun, Sun. Jan. 5 8-9 AM: breakfast, 9:30 – 10:30 Meeting for worship, 10:30 – 11:30: College students presentations & closing activity, 12 – 1: lunch & cleanup. Meals: Saturday: Bring potluck lunch, Youth prepare Sat. evening supper, Sun. breakfast and lunch by volunteers. Cost: The committee decided on \$20 per person for the two days. \$45 per family for the two days. Charge for just Saturday will be \$10. Scholarships from Overseers are available. Childcare: Will be available during adult programs. Transportation: Ideas were discussed about how to make it easier for all to attend. Burlington is 1 hour away. We could possibly rent a bus or use member vans for car-pooling. This will depend on the number signing up, so we will wait to decide. Volunteers: Would you like to volunteer to plan a program, fun activity or to help prepare a meal?

REGISTRATION FORM GWYNEDD RETREAT 1/4 – 1/5, 2003

PLEASE REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 30, 2002

Questions call Connie Lezenby at 215-393-9192 (Day) 215-646-6643 (Evening)

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING (& AGES OF CHILDREN):

PHONE NUMBER & E-MAIL _____

NEED TRANSPORTATION?: _____ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? _____

FAMILY \$45.00 _____ INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 _____ SAT. ONLY \$10 _____

SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST _____ DONATION: _____

VOLUNTEER (DRIVE, COOK, SHOP, SET UP/CLEAN UP, PROGRAM) _____

PLEASE RETURN CHECK MADE OUT TO GWYNEDD FRIENDS MEETING BY MAIL TO PO BOX 142
GWYNEDD PA 194336 OR PUT IN HILLTOP BOX IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

A registration letter with directions for driving will be sent out in December.

New Office Manager Hired

After much consideration an office manager for Gwynedd Meeting has been hired. Jeanette de Richemond will begin her new job November 1, 2002. She will be available to meet members at our November Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business. We hope that you will come to appreciate Jeanette as much as the committee has. She is a member of Doylestown Meeting, an editor, a writer, and a member of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts. Jeanette will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 AM to 3 PM. These hours may be adjusted over time.

A new email for the Meeting will be going into effect **gwyneddfriends@rcn.com**. We don't expect the transition to be effortless, so for the first few weeks if you have a problem that needs to be addressed, please first contact Henry Beck, Karen Russell or Sandy Snyder to help. We are sure that Jeanette will be up to speed in no time, but we don't want to overwhelm her the first month.

Ambler Symphony opens season with Beethoven

Wednesday, November 13 in the Wissahickon High School auditorium at 8:00 pm the Ambler Symphony along with The Choristers of Upper Dublin, and The Wissahickon High School Camerata, will present an evening of great choral/orchestral masterpieces. Adults \$10, senior citizens \$8 and students \$3. For further information call 215.646.4310.



Deadline for November Newsletter is November 17. Please sign the notes you submit.

If you can please submit copy either electronically through email or on disk.

Whom to contact with newsletter items.

Newsletter items: Amanda Vail
Email: shevail@netscape.net or place in box. Please make sure all items are in by the deadline as I may not be able to check my mailbox after that. Any late notices should be emailed.

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Address Correction requested