



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## SEPTEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us. "

*Albert Schweitzer (thanks to Ann Marshall for submitting)*

### **In Memoriam Marlette Sawyer**

Marlette moved to Easton from New Castle, Delaware to be near one of her children in the 1970's and in her orderly way transferred her membership to Third Haven. It was our good fortune as she immediately became part of the life of the Meeting. Marlette was a natural Overseer whose job it is to attend to the pastoral care of the members. She stayed in touch with her list of people and was helpful in a myriad of ways. Every First Day after worship she made a point of speaking to all visitors to welcome them with a smile, write down their names and addresses and encourage them to join us again. In later years her mind began to slip and her daughter moved her to the Richmond, VA area. In a letter from Christine after Marlette's death she said, "Mother's dementia was a gift of sorts. I feel that her true loving, playful, and gentle essence, no longer constrained by demands of daily life, emerged. She enjoyed life, she laughed at herself and others, she felt joy in small things, and she never lost her smile. It was a genuine pleasure to be with her nearly every day of these past six years."

Marlette attended the Richmond Meeting with her daughter as long as she was physically able and a memorial service was held for her there. *By Marsie Hawkinson*

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### **Letter from Arthur Larrabee to the Philadelphia Inquirer**

David O'Reilly's article, "Friends frustrate some of their flock, Quakers bogged down by process..." in the Tuesday, August 22 edition of the Inquirer, creates an opportunity for us who are Quakers to shed light on the Quaker decision-making process.

Quaker process is a profound and significant decision-making process with many benefits for the community or institution using it.

Quakers use a decision-making process that is similar to consensus because it is non-voting, but dissimilar because it consciously invites spiritual awareness and guidance. Quakers seek to make decisions that are spiritually grounded and based on the principle of unity.

Benefits of the process are that it avoids the divisiveness of majorities and minorities, it eliminates factionalism and parties, and its vision is one of a strong and united community, not a divided one, rooted in spiritual awareness.

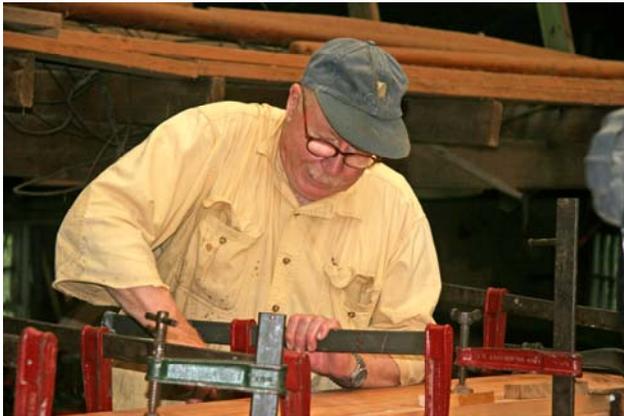
While experiencing the benefits of this process, Quakers are well aware that there are trade offs. The process sometimes takes longer because the spiritual awareness that leads a meeting into unity, especially on difficult issues, does not come quickly or in a heated rush. It sometimes takes longer because Quakers are concerned to include a wide range of perspectives in the decision-making process so to know more of the underlying truth of a matter.

At times, Quaker process can also be frustrating. All decision-making processes have their frustrations. I'm thinking, for example, of the frustration of a filibuster in the U.S. Senate. Unlike a majority-rule process, however, which has clear written rules of procedure, Quaker process, as a spiritual process, is much less rule bound and more open. When used carelessly or without understanding, its lack of formal rules can lead to abuse by neglect or by design, and lead to frustration.

Finally, I would make a distinction between Quaker process, and authority in Quaker institutions. Process is the way in which a decision is made. Authority is the responsibility and power that is given to an individual. Some of the frustration expressed in the article seems to be related to a faulty institutional understanding of authority, specific to the particular institution, and not to Quaker process generally. There are other Quaker institutions, Friends schools for example, which use the same decision-making process without the problems cited in the article.  
*Arthur Larrabee, Clerk, Interim Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting*

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## Meet a Friend



**John tightens a deck board clamp**

John Hawkinson, whose stock-in-trade was once women in labor, is now engaged in a labor of love.

For 30 years, in spotless, sterile operating rooms, John delivered babies. Now, in a dirt-floored shed with no heat or air conditioning, where the sawdust and wood scraps are ankle-deep in spots, he's presiding over a birth of another sort. He and his longtime friend Sidney Dickson are building, from the wormshoe up, a 44-foot bugeye.

The satisfaction he derives from both tasks is much the same, says John, a 42-year

member of Third Haven Meeting. "Of course, it's a much longer gestation period."

How much longer? "We cut the first trees in 1980," recalls John. But some time thereafter, "the project went to sleep for a while....It was time-consuming, and we both had jobs to do and children to raise." John was a physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, and Sidney was in the tree moving business. Work resumed in earnest in May of 2002, after both men retired, "and we've been working on it about every day since."

Well, almost every day. John says he and Sidney work from 2 to around 6 p.m. six days a week. Sundays are spent with his fellow Quakers and his patient wife, Marsie.

John, who turns 74 on Sept. 10, saw his last patient in 2000, but he actually delivered his last baby in 1986. That was 30 years after his first delivery, in 1956 while still a med student at Temple University School of Medicine. "The knee-jerk response is, it was all about insurance,"

says John, “and it wasn’t.” He simply felt that, after 30 years and approximately 2000 babies, he’d had enough. For the next 14 years, he saw gynecological patients only.

“It’s a whole different life,” since he retired, says John. “I don’t even think of myself as a doctor any more.”

Yet it was in his role as a doctor that he first met Sidney Dickson. He completed his residency at Temple in 1964, and moved to Easton to hang out his shingle. In those days, all the local doctors took a turn patching up patients in the Memorial Hospital at Easton emergency room. One day Sidney, who has always had – and still has – a passion for speed, wiped out on his motorcycle and cut his leg. “I had to sew it up,” recalls John, and “we’ve been hanging around ever since.”

They’ve been building and sailing boats together ever since, too. John sailed with Sidney aboard the J.M. Carter, a sailboat similar to a bugeye, in the 1960s. He helped Sidney build a log canoe in the 1970s. And he’s looking forward to sailing the current work-in-progress.

Asked when she’ll be launched, Sidney doesn’t miss a beat: May 23, 2007. That’s the birthday of his late great-aunt, Katherine Mary Edwards, for whom the bugeye will be named. A pioneer aviatrix, she bought an ambulance and took it overseas during World War I, so she could treat wounded soldiers on the battlefields of France. “She was a woman who did things women didn’t do,” said Sidney with atypical understatement.

A Minneapolis native, John was raised in the Congregationalist Church. He became a Quaker when he married Marsie, a birthright Quaker, in 1955. Before moving to Easton, they worshipped at Germantown Meeting in Philadelphia, and occasionally at Lansdowne (Pa.) Meeting, where they were married. At Third Haven, he has been on the Hospitality Committee, and currently serves on the Budget & Finance Committee and chairs the Communications Committee.

Sidney’s shed, although cavernous, is just a little bit longer than the Katherine Mary (CUT LINE John Hawkinson, Sidney Dickson and Tom Huddleston install deck boards on the bugeye Katherine Mary Edwards)Edwards, whose length overall is about 65 feet, and whose beam measures 12 feet. Her wormshoe is supported in three places by four courses of cinder blocks, and a baker’s dozen jack stands support her hull, which is nearly complete. When I visited recently, John, Sidney and Tom Huddleston,



**Installing bugeye deck boards with Sidney Dickson, and Tom Huddleston**

an old friend of mine from Caroline County, were just laying the first of 50-plus 2” by 2” yellow pine deck planks. They were securing them with nails, screws and a white caulk that Sidney calls “magic stickum.” “There’s a lot of belt-and-suspenders about this boat,” says John.

Almost all the wood used in this project was harvested locally, according to John. All the oak, from which the beams and frames are made, is from Johnson Lumber in Longwoods.

According to Sidney, it’s been 88 years since the last log-bottomed bugeye, the Anna Florence, was built on Kent Island. “The heyday of the bugeyes was between the Civil War and 1900,” says John. Their shallow draft and low freeboard made them ideal for dredging oysters under sail. They could venture into shallow waters, and their crew only had to lift the heavy,

oyster-laden dredges a few feet out of the water to clear the gunwale. In addition, they were fast enough to make the run to Baltimore, where they could get more for their catch than the slower boats got from the buyboats that were the Chesapeake Bay's middlemen.

Bugeyes had two raked masts, and carried a mainsail, foresail and jib. Asked how much sail the Katherine Mary Edwards will carry, John does some quick calculations on a deck plank, and estimates 1,200 square feet.

"Even if it's a large boat, he says, "they're very kindly to sail. Once they're under way, they're very low-maintenance."

"You know," says John, "I've been fooling around with boats all my life, since I was a kid. You're always working on them," especially if they have wooden hulls. "When you've done it long enough, you ask yourself if there's any difference between rebuilding an old boat and building a new one. And there isn't."

John has no equity in the Katherine Mary Edwards, but he doesn't mind. "It's fun to work on it, the same way as it was with the log canoe. The pleasure you get out of seeing your work accomplished is tangible."

Of course, other things have taken a back seat. "I've had a boat of my own for a long time," a 35-foot cruising ketch, "and it seems to be an orphan. It could probably use a month of my time." But he has not sailed it or worked on it this year because, "I'm committed to seeing this project through to completion."

What does Marsie think of John's commitment to someone else's boat? "She understands," he says. "She does not begrudge me the time. I'm home most of the morning."

Even if she did object, Marsie might be wasting her time. "I've got a thick skin," says John, "and a head to match." *By Peter Howell*

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**Third Haven Friends Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting for Business  
6th Month 11th, 2006**

Present: Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, Frank Zeigler, Joyce Zeigler, Jim Paul, Ralph Young, Irene Williams, Cindy Browne, Nancy Mullen, Doreen Getsinger, Ann Williams, John Schreiner, Katherine Johnson, Candace Shattuck, Susan Leibman, Alan Girard, Dick Smith, Dee Rein.

Clerk of the meeting Anne Rouse clerked the meeting for business. The meeting opened at 11:27 am with a period of worship.

Query for sixth month – The sixth query on Equality had been read during the meeting for worship. A friend had commented on his experience that prejudice seems to be an aspect of human nature of which is hard to divest ourselves. Another friend had reflected that a more appropriate title for this query might be "prejudice," partly because it seems to be the underpinning of so much of our society and is something which Quakers, by virtue of their testimonies, must study and try to come to terms with. At this time, another friend recalled the prejudice she remembered from her youth between Orthodox and Hicksite Quakers. Another

friend noted an apparent lack of discussion among Quakers about simplicity and selflessness, which might discern the motives behind prejudicial thought and behavior.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the 5th month 2006 meeting for business were approved without changes.

First Day School – Alan Girard read the Annual Report for First Day School. He noted that First Day School opened in September 2005 with two classrooms, added another classroom in January 2006 and added yet another in June 2006 for high schoolers. Godly Play has been a major component throughout the course of the school year, and a workshop for the study of it is approaching. Special activities throughout the year were highlighted, including a bake sale which raised funds for relief in Burundi. Several adult members' contributions to the working and well-being of the First Day School were commended, and it was noted that the safety program mandated by PYM is upcoming. A Friend asked the status of the Children's Garden. Another Friend answered that we may have a called meeting during the summer to approve the beginning stages of building as some funds but not all were now available.

Property and Grounds – Clerk of Property and Grounds John Schreiner gave a report on the status of the meetinghouse roofs. He spoke of his conversation with the banker and has determined that most of the money for the roof overhaul has been recovered, so that, with approval, work could begin on the roofs within the next few weeks. Ten Thousand Dollars is still to be obtained and some of the work will have to be done by the meeting with regard to the roof on the shed. Easton Historic Commission has approved the project and a grant is forthcoming from Maryland Historic Trust.

Jim Rouse asked for greetings to be sent from Third Haven to the historic meeting he and Anne would be visiting in Ohio in the next two weeks. Approval was given with enthusiasm.

Marsie Hawkinson gave the report from Interim Meeting of PYM from May 25. Emphasis was on the homeless occupation on the property at 4th and Arch Streets, and of an increase in malfeasance on that property. The report also touched upon the workings of the Young Friends Group and the Arch Street Futures Planning Group.

Joe Davis gave the Treasurer's Report. Before he began, a friend gave thanks for Joe's effort and diligence on behalf of the meeting. Joe proceeded to note that the final month always requires the greatest expenditures in the course of the budget as goals and obligations come due. The meeting has, this session, come in under budget in several areas and other categories are on budget. Hospitality was over budget due to the postcard invitations mailed. Contributions from members and attenders were up from the previous year, but Joe noted we could not necessarily count on this as a future projection. Expenses are higher this year by about \$2500 due mostly to those of property and grounds and contingency expenditures. Joe reiterated that a down payment has been made on the roofing which shows on the budget as due from the Historic Trust and some money is expected toward this from the Trustees.

For May 2206, the meeting has shown a total income of about \$3600 and expenses of about \$2700. In actual dollars, the net income was \$924.29.

For the fiscal year 2005-2006, the meeting has had approximately \$53,000 in income and \$39,500 in expenses. Income stands currently at 98% of budget, overall expenses are at 73%. The balance sheet as of 5th month 31st shows total assets of \$68,404.17. The meeting approved the report with thanks to the treasurer.

Joe Davis also gave the report for Budget and Finance. He noted that the Testimonies and Concerns budget was the only committee budget to decrease, and that this was due to the (proposed) new policy of donations outside the meeting coming directly from the meeting's budget rather than from that of Testimonies and Concerns itself. It was noted that while Ministry and Worship spent their budget this year, much of that expenditure was reimbursed so that the committee had money available to give to others, such as to Marilla's lunches. Joe commented that Worship and Ministry's budget could be decreased if they are not using it, but the clerk noted that they still felt it necessary to retain their budget.

A Friend wondered about the Webster's' response to the change in their financial description and package. John Schreiner said that he had spoken to them and that they were positive about the changes and would appreciate ongoing clarifications over time.

Joe then brought up the minute proposed by Budget and Finance which reads, "It is the policy of Third Haven Monthly Meeting that all memberships in and all donations to organizations have the approval of the Monthly Meeting and be in the name of the Monthly Meeting. Meeting Committees are not to use funds from their budgets for donation and memberships." A Friend discussed Testimonies and Concerns' role in dispersing donations in emergent or last-minute situations. Testimonies and Concerns' hands are then tied if permission is needed from the Business Meeting. Another Friend remarked that meeting approval can be sought following a regular First Day meeting for worship. The treasurer then asked from where these monies would come – the regular budget or from the contingency fund? A Friend noted that, previously, money for these kinds of things came from contingency. A friend said that a group bringing a request might clarify where the money might come from. She said the minute makes clear how these situations might be handled. It was agreed, then, that a special meeting could be called in the event that such a situation arise. The minute was approved.

In OTHER CONCERNS, Dee Rein thanked the meeting for their support of "Smart Recovery," a substance abuse support group, who can now meet at Third Haven while their quarters are renovated. The Meeting then approved the suggestion that First Day School and Property and Grounds collaborate on the Children's Garden, and the Meeting will trust them to make ongoing decisions regarding use of funds and building.

The treasurer then proposed that a copy of the new list of donations from Testimonies and Concerns be forwarded to him so he could work it into the budget and proceed with dispersal. This was assented to by a Friend who has access to the list. Another Friend commented on the value of the donation list for individual Quakers to peruse for their own information regarding giving of themselves. Friends approved discussion and approval of the donation budget on the following First Day, 6th Month 18th.

With no other business apparent, Friends closed the meeting at 12:22 pm with a period of worship, with agreement to meet on 9th Month 10th, 2006, when the Meeting will receive the End-of-Year report from Budget and Finance. *Nancy Mullen Assistant Recording Clerk*

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### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Minutes of the Called Meeting for Business 6th Month 18th 2006**

Attending: Cynthia Brown, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B. Claggett, Lorraine T. Claggett, Joe Davis, Jane Escher, Steve Escher, Doreen Getsinger, Nicola Green, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Bob Marshall, Sumner Parker, Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Karin Stoker, Ralph Young, and a visitor whose name is not known.

Clerk of the Meeting Anne Rouse clerked this called Meeting for Business. The meeting opened at 11:15 am with a period of silent worship.

The purpose of this called meeting was to discuss contributions that Third Haven makes annually to a variety of worthy organizations, both on the local and the national/international levels. These contributions will be made before the end of our fiscal year, less than three weeks from now. Anne indicated that our discussion today would focus on three things: (1) Any organizations that we feel should be dropped; (2) Any that should be added; and (3) If we agree to more organizations than before, how do we pay for the added organizations out of our budget.

Copies of a list of organizations, prepared by the Testimonies and Concerns Committee, had previously been distributed to members through e-mail. Lorraine B. Claggett, Clerk of Testimonies and Concerns, distributed copies of the list for review.

A general discussion followed: With regard to the Quaker United Nations Office, it was suggested that we not contribute to that office this year, but to consider them again next year. Friends APPROVED removing this organization from the list. One Friend suggested that he would like to see an Internet web-site and a brief description of each organization so that we could know more about these organizations before trying to reach a decision. For example, are any of the groups political organizations or do any of these groups actively support any issue with which members might be in disagreement. Another Friend questioned the number of organizations on the list under discussion, remembering a time when our contributions were in the amount of \$100 to fifteen organizations. Former Clerk of the Meeting Marsie Hawkinson reminded Friends that these contributions were meant to be tokens of our support and that individuals within the Meeting might then feel inclined to contribute more.

Lorraine Claggett stated that the Testimonies and Concerns Committee each year keeps re-assessing the list. One Friend pointed out that there could be no end of worthy organizations on this list and that perhaps the Testimonies and Concerns Committee should be asked to propose a limited number of organizations. The organizations to which we contribute should be symbolic of what we as Quakers stand for and should serve as a guide to the youth of our Meeting. Anne

proposed that the Meeting turn over responsibility for determining the procedure to be used in arriving at a list of worthy organizations to the Clerks' Committee. Friends APPROVED this proposal.

Discussion of individual organizations on the list continued: It was proposed that the Talbot County Humane Society be removed from the list. Also, since the Testimonies and Concerns Committee had previously sent \$100 to the Afghan Women's Fund out of their own budget, that group was also dropped from this list. Two additional groups, the Alternatives to Violence Program and the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, were added to the list. Friends then APPROVED the changes to the list of organizations to which Third Haven would send contributions for this fiscal year. A complete listing of the organizations and the amount to be sent to each is attached to these minutes.

The meeting concluded at 11:35 following a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

*James W. Rouse, Acting Recording Clerk*

#### Third Haven Friends Meeting – Contributions to Organizations

Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2006

The following organizations will receive a token contribution in support of their activities in the amount of \$50 (unless otherwise noted):

1. Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
2. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) - Philadelphia, Development Office
3. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) - Middle Atlantic Region
4. Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)
5. Friends General Conference (FGC)
6. Friends Journal
7. National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund
8. Friends Peace Teams - Great Lakes
9. Friends Peace Teams - Colombia.
10. Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors
11. Nonviolent Peaceforce
12. Quaker Earth Care Witness
13. Pendle Hill
14. George School
15. Alternatives to Violence Program (\$100)
16. P.E.A.C.E.
17. Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity - Good Samaritan Fund (\$100)
18. Partnership for Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Prevention
19. Habitat for Humanity - Talbot County
20. Habitat for Humanity - Caroline County
21. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
22. Channel Marker, Inc. (Talbot County)
23. Hospice
24. Maryland Food Bank

- 25. Talbot Mentors
- 26. Easton Volunteer Fire Department
- 27. Southern Poverty Law Center

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## **Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements for week of August 27, 2006**

Expect to experience great inward power to act. It may open you to Transforming Power  
*Alternatives to Violence*

September 3 (first day) 10am meeting for worship  
 September 6 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship  
 September 6, 7-9 pm A practical, urgent call for change in America's environmental policy:  
 Mike Tidwell will be at the Avalon on for a talk sponsored by the Town Creek Foundation.  
 September 8 – 10 - Faithful, Effective Work for Peace and Justice at PENDLE HILL:  
 A Conference for Quaker Peace and Justice Committee Clerks and Members  
 CONTACT - registrar@pendlehill.org - www.pendlehill.org or call (800) 742-3150 ext 3  
 September 9 (seventh day) 10:30am meeting of all clerks in the common room  
 September 10 (first day) 10am meeting for worship and meeting for business – first day school  
 resumes for the year.  
 September 13 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship  
 September 17 (first day) 10am meeting for worship  
 September 20 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship  
 September 24 (first day) 10am meeting for worship  
 September 24 (first day) 2:30pm dedication of Tuckahoe Meeting Contact: Frank Zeigler  
 September 27 (fourth day) 5pm Property & Grounds meets in Common Room  
 September 27 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship  
 Website is a Quaker Youth Outreach Project  
 KidsQuake is a website dedicated to children everywhere who are learning about Quakerism.  
 KidsQuake is a youth outreach project of the Southern Quarter of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.  
 There are fun things to do, some Quaker history and trivia, and epistles from children around the  
 world. Printable alternatives are provided. Visit with Friends who are young in age and/or spirit  
 and find out what it means to be a Quaker and have some fun too! Parents and First Day School  
 teachers are invited to send student-created artwork, stories, poetry, epistles, queries, minutes, or  
 photos of anything their class or Quaker youth gatherings are doing.  
[www.friendsmedia.org/kidsquake/](http://www.friendsmedia.org/kidsquake/)

### Reminders

- Send a contribution payable to: Third Haven Monthly Meeting  
 Mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

Monthly newsletter pictures are courtesy of Ralph Young. The past thirty issues of the  
 Third Haven Newsletter are available as .pdf files. Editor

More Computers Needed - The after school learning program in the White Marsh Elementary School is in need of computer equipment. When asked what they needed, the response was "whatever you've got". If you have any computer equipment lying around not being used or if you know of someone who has, please call Ralph Young (819-0050).

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## **INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2006**

The following is an index of coming events listed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other major Quaker organizations. Details of these events may be found on the Third Haven Website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> by clicking on Complete Text Material on the home page.

### **GENERAL (undated)**

Washington Quaker Workcamps  
Invitation to Quarterly Meeting Study Project  
New Clerk of Interim Meeting is Arthur Larrabee  
Working Group on Homelessness Proposed  
Observer applications available for FWCC Triennial  
Concerned about the War on Drugs?  
WWII CO's Sought for Book Project  
Using PYM Library materials  
Join the PYM Library Services Group  
Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series  
Friends Counseling Service

### **SEPTEMBER 2006**

Nationwide 9/11 Call for Freedom From Fear  
Project to Strengthen Meeting Community  
September 16 Quaker Arts Conference  
September 16 – QuickBooks Workshop – Westtown School  
September 16 - Willistown's Environmental Stewardship Festival  
September 29, 30 and October 1, 2006 New Jersey Gathering Set for Fall Weekend

### **OCTOBER 2006**

October 13-15 Dan Seeger to Lead FWCC Gathering in N.Y.  
October 14 Fall Work Day at Fair Hill  
October 28 – Treasurers Workshop – Arch Street Meeting House

### **NOVEMBER 2006**

November 9 Opportunity for Young Adult Friends (FCNL)

### **FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Job Openings at Friends General Conference  
Friends Journal seeks Development Officer  
Call for Licensed Mental Health Professionals  
Buckingham Meeting seeks Friend in Residence

**Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Monthly Meeting Services Specialist.**

My name is Evan Draper, and I'm a member of London Grove Monthly Meeting in Western Quarter. I'm proud to serve as Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Monthly Meeting Services Specialist. This new position serves as a new link between your Monthly Meeting and the entire Yearly Meeting community. Any Monthly Meeting or individual Friend who wants to obtain any sort of information or service from the Yearly Meeting offices can contact me for assistance. As your guide or ombudsman, not only will I do the utmost to direct you to the appropriate Quaker resource; I will shepherd your inquiry until it is satisfactorily resolved. In this fashion, I can also help PYM keep abreast of the current life and interests of Monthly Meetings. In addition, I will be assuming administrative responsibilities directly supporting these groups:

- Adult Religious Education,
- Care and Counsel for Meetings and Members,
- Center for Deepening and Strengthening Our Meetings,
- Friends Counseling Service, and
- Pastoral Care Newsletter.

Attached to this letter you'll find a flyer advertising this new position. Please post it as you see fit, and encourage Friends in your Meeting to use me as a resource. Call me at 215 241 7182, or email me at evand@pym.org, and let me know how I may be of service. I hope to hear from you and your Meeting soon!

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**From Friends Committee on National Legislation - Nationwide 9/11 Call for Freedom From Fear**

In response to 9/11, the U.S. invested in war and got what it paid for. Five years after 9/11, the time has come to invest in Peace. It's time to reevaluate the nation's post-9/11 choices and invest in building a world full of hope and promise. Are We More Secure Today?

- The U.S. military budget has increased 45 percent yet more violent groups are planning attacks on the U S. than immediately after 9/11
- Record budget surpluses turned to record deficits even as funds for development and diplomacy were cut
- Civil liberties have been seriously eroded - threatening the very heart of democracy this nation values

After Five Years of War, Ask Congress to Try a Better Way:

- End the war in Iraq which has cost nearly half a trillion dollars and made the U.S. less secure as a nation
- Prevent the next wars now by funding effective development and diplomacy infrastructure
- Model the best of democracy - stop the erosion of rights and freedoms in the name of "security"

Worship and Prepare Sunday, September 10, Call for a Better Way than War September 11

Sign up to participate in this program. Contact: [www.fcnl.org/911call](http://www.fcnl.org/911call) or phone (800) 630-1330 Local Contact: Frank Zeigler 410-634-2491

**Residential Yearly Meeting** Attending Residential Yearly Meeting this year for me was a little like attending Sunday Meeting for Worship. At first, I didn't know where to go or what to do. I didn't know very many people and I was tired from the long car drive. That feeling may be a little like your first time to Quaker worship. . .a bit unsure, ("It's so quiet."), where do I sit? I don't know anybody.

On the second day, I began to feel more at ease. I found the breakfast room and dropped my kids off at their junior gathering classrooms. At 8:30 am, singing began followed by worship and then Meeting for Worship for Business. As you return to Quaker Meeting each week, is there a routine for you? Do things begin to get more "settled?"

By the third day, I was comfortable with the schedule but uncomfortable with my body having to sit again for 3 hours to do the business of the Yearly Meeting. Ouch . . . that was hard! Breakfast, kids, singing and worship all fell into place but more friendships were forming. As weeks blend into months and even years, do you form friendships within your faith community?

Everyday at RYM kept getting better. Watching Quaker process unfold during a Yearly Meeting session is amazing! At Third Haven, our Meeting for Business contains about 20 members. At PYM sessions there are 10x that many people. Can you imagine getting "the sense of THAT meeting" or deciding on ANY issue? Well, it was done!

By the end of my five days at RYM, I didn't want to leave. It was fun and spiritual worshipping and networking together and just plain getting to know one another. I hope as you continue to attend Third Haven Meeting that you will feel like you don't want to leave either.

*Susan Claggett*

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Friends investigate an old will.