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## Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting

January 2011

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## Meeting Events

### Forum on 9 January: Alternatives to Violence



Meeting members Carolyn Schodt, Lynn Mather and Jorge Aráuz invite you to “come for an hour of Alternatives to Violence. Just as we have invited the residents of Graterford and of New Jerusalem Recovery community, and our neighbors as far away as Central and South America and Nepal, we now invite you to an AVP session for Chestnut Hill Friends.” [Read more »](#)

### Lost (for sure) & Found (we hope)

The “Found” in the title is there as an expression of hope. We’ve recently become aware of two significant kinds of missing items:

- The **folding metal chairs**, most of which are stored in the Social Room closet, are definitely fewer in number than they have been in the past. If you have any of the Meeting’s folding chairs, or know where some might have gotten too, please either bring them back, or tell a member of Property Committee where they are.
- Mary Wilson, our housekeeper, cannot find the **five black plastic vacuum cleaner wands**. They belong to Mary’s own vacuum cleaner, but she brought them to the meetinghouse to use with our vacuum cleaner. If you have them or know where they are, please contact Sue Betts (215-740-8061).

[Read more »](#)

### Play Bookmobile!

The First Day School children tidied up quality non-fiction books for Fidler Public School at Seymour and Knox. We need help delivering them during a school day. Over 200 books are packed in as many as 10 boxes. Meg Mitchell can drive if you can carry but they will fit better in two cars or a van. [Contact Meg Mitchell](#) if you can help.

### Christmas Breakfast and Pageant

Here are a few pictures from these December events: [View slideshow »](#)

### And the envelope, please!

It’s nominating season again. Once the Nominating Committee has filled the officers’ slots, its next task is to ensure that each committee is adequately staffed by Friends who have interest in the work of that group. Here are your options: [Read more »](#)

Members of the Nominating Committee, with contact information (click the name to open an e-mail to that person): [Thomas Taylor](#), clerk; [Christie Duncan-Tessmer](#), [Phil Jones](#), and [Sarah Sharp](#).

## A Warm Welcomer? Try it ... We're sure you'll like it!

To start off the year in reaching out to all – old-timers, newcomers, and those just passing through – the Outreach Committee is looking to swell the ranks of F/friends willing to be a greeter/doorkeeper once in a while. [Read more »](#)

## January Calendar

See the [printable January calendar](#), which shows other groups' uses of the building as well as our own.

Links in the list below jump to more information about the event.

- **Sun., 2 Jan.** – Outreach Committee meeting – 9:00am to 10:30am in Middle School room
- **Sun., 2 Jan.** – Worship & Ministry Committee meeting – 12:30pm in office
- **Mon., 10 Jan.** – Care & Counsel meeting – 7:30pm at Mickey's home
- **Sat., 15 Jan.** – Work Day (Property Committee) – 9:00am to noon
- **Sat., 15 Jan.** – [Trip to Flushing Meeting and PS1](#) – 11:00am to 10:00pm
- **Tues., 18 Jan.** Men's Spiritual Group – 7:30pm in Middle School room
- **Thurs., 20 Jan.** – Campaign Committee meeting – 6:00pm to 8:00pm at meetinghouse
- **Sat., 22 Jan.** – [Trip to Flushing Meeting and PS1](#) – 11:00am to 10:00pm
- **Tues., 25 Jan.** – Peace & Social Concerns meeting – 7:00pm at meetinghouse
- **Thurs., 27 Jan.** – February newsletter deadline – noon, by [e-mail](#)
- **Every Sunday**
  - Early Meeting for Worship — 9 - 10am in meetingroom; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays, weather permitting
  - Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano in Social Room — 9:45 am to 10:15 am
  - Meeting for Worship ([see note](#)) (childcare available) — 10:30 - 11:30 am
  - First Day School — 10:30 am to 11:30 am
- **Sat., 5 Feb.** – [Presentation on meetinghouse design](#) – 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- **Tues., 8 Feb.** – [Presentation on meetinghouse design](#) – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

## Our Growing Community

### Field trips to Flushing Meeting and PS1 Skyspace



The Campaign Committee plans two excursions to New York City this month, to visit [historic Flushing Meeting](#) and the [James Turrell Skyspace, Meeting](#), at MoMA PS1. Both trips are scheduled for Saturdays (January 15 and January 22). [Download the invitation](#) to post on your refrigerator door, or distribute to f/Friends who might be interested in joining us. [Read more »](#)

### Upcoming Information Sessions

In preparation for consideration of the current design for the new meetinghouse, we will have two sessions — one on a Saturday afternoon (February 5) and the second on the following Tuesday evening (February 8) — at which members of our design team will present the results of their work. Where there are choices among different options, they will explain the options and the consequences of each, but we will not make decisions at these meetings. The

information presented at the two sessions will be the same, so you need not attend both to be fully informed. See the [calendar](#) for precise times.

## **Increase your new meetinghouse gift - ask your boss!**

Does your employer offer to match your charitable contributions? If so, by filling in a simple form (available from your HR department) you might be able to double the size of your 2010 giving to the new meetinghouse project - a registered 501c3. And, of course the match would be yours to claim again for any contributions you choose to make during 2011. Please ask at work whether a matching gift program exists and how you can apply. [Read more »](#)

## **Outside the Meeting**

### **Workshop and Interest Group Proposals for '11 Yearly Meeting Sessions**



We are seeking leadership for workshops and Interest Groups for 2011 Yearly Meeting Sessions, framed around the theme *Powerful Beyond Measure: Trusting the Call to Leadership*. Help us find the hidden talent in quarterly and monthly meetings! Workshops and interest groups are the vehicles for gathering into small groups to explore more deeply our faith work and our work in the world. They also provide a picture of the work being done by PYM. Workshops provide carefully planned transformational activities while interest groups are more informal gatherings for F/friends to share their common concerns. [All materials needed to submit a proposal are on line. Read more »](#)

### **Youth Ministries Coordinator position at FGC**

FGC is seeking a Friend experienced in working with young adult Friends and building intergenerational communities to work on a contract basis (24 hours/week @ \$25/hour) from 2/1/2011 to 10/1/2011. Work with meetings and volunteers using a new FGC resource: *Build It: Tools for Nurturing Intergenerational Spiritual Community*, plus other duties. Good communications skills (written, oral and Internet/electronic) essential. Need not be based in Philadelphia. Applications are due by 1/15/2011. Please [send resumes to Deborah Fisch](#), Associate Secretary for Ministries, Friends General Conference. [Read the full job description here.](#)

### **A Silent Retreat for Friends**



Friends and attenders who are drawn to the mystery we call God may find a retreat helpful. An eight-day silent retreat is again offered in 2011 at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford PA., from Tuesday, February 1 to Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Renee Crauder from State College Meeting is the spiritual director for this retreat, which is co-sponsored by the Religious Education Concerns Group. [Read more »](#)

### **Christine Olinger Appreciation Day, 2011**

Did you know that Christine Olinger's birthday was December 21? Because it was so close to Christmas, she celebrated a month later, and for the last several years held "Christine Olinger Appreciation Day" at a local restaurant that she and Dion liked. Desserts of the most sinful and chocolate-filled kinds always followed at their house. Dion wants the meeting community to know that COAD returns on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 6:00 to 10:00pm. This time it's a dance party with Betsy Robertson, DJ. [Read more »](#)

# Poem

## Mourner's Kaddish

Recently a Friend mentioned this poem/prayer in a message in meeting for worship, and several Friends expressed an interest in having the text. The Friend has adapted the poem by Marge Piercy.

We rise now to proclaim our faith in the One who calls us to choose life out of, and despite, our anguish and our pain.

Look around us, search above us, below, behind.  
We stand in a great web of being joined together.  
Let us praise, let us love the life we are lent,  
passing through us in the body of all people  
and our own bodies, let us say amen.

[Read the rest »](#)

## Miyo's father, Takashi "Tak" Moriuchi

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his Memorial Service on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10am at [Moorestown Friends Meeting, 118 East Main Street in Moorestown, NJ 08057](#). [Read more »](#)

## French Interest Group

La prochaine soirée de la groupe qui aime parler français sera dimanche, le 23 Janvier, chez Sarah. Si vous voulez assister, demandez renseignements à [Sarah Whitman](#).

## Anti-War Meeting

Philly Against War will meet to plan an anti-war teach-in in Philadelphia at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, at Friends Center, Room 22, 1501 Cherry Street in Center City, Philadelphia. More information from 267.994.9448 or [by e-mail](#).

## Interested in Exploring Charity?

The group that meets to discuss charity will meet Sunday, January 23, at the rise of meeting in the middle school room. Topic: **non-monetary ways to give**. [Contact Sarah](#) if you'd like to be on the e-mail list for future meetings.

## Changes of Address

In December's newsletter, Elizabeth Walmsley's new address was printed in such a way as to cause confusion among some Friends, one of whom points out that the new address is **Apt. K5**, not Apt. K51.

Jean-Marie Dolloff-Haubert has changed her e-mail address; the new address is [thepaisleyocean@cavtel.net](mailto:thepaisleyocean@cavtel.net).

## WHYY on NEA Grant

Here's a [link to a transcription and an audio clip](#) of the short piece that WHYY ran on its local news a few weeks ago.

## Wanted: office space in CH area or close by

Sarah Whitman is looking for a small office to rent or sublet in the area, either 1 day or 1½ days per week. [Contact her](#).

## **Correction about fireplace coordinator**

Last month's newsletter incorrectly identified Irene McHenry as the go-to person organizing the winter Sunday fires. If this task speaks to your inner lighter, please let Jean Warrington know.

## **Green Night Out with [Philadelphia Green Party](#)**

Please join us. GREEN NIGHT OUT is open to the public and an exceptional bargain for only \$25/person. [Read more »](#)

## **Meeting for Worship**

Children are welcome in meeting for worship from 10:30 to 10:45, when they leave to attend First Day School.

## **Newsletter Feedback**

The newsletter is compiled by Phil Jones with the help of many others. Please send your comments, suggestions and questions about the newsletter by [e-mail](#). Your feedback is important!

## **Links to the Meeting's web sites**

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[Campaign Web Site](#)

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