

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
August 2011

Meeting Events

Paulette Meier is a singer/songwriter and a school-based trainer in violence prevention and social emotional learning. You can read more about her and her work on her website. And you can look forward to hearing and singing her "Quaker plainsong" with her because she's coming to visit Chestnut Hill Meeting on Sunday, July 31. That's a Blue Moon potluck Sunday; at 1:00 pm she will offer her ministry of plainsongs for about an hour.

66th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings

On August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Hundreds of thousands of people died as a result of the bombings. Most of the people who died were, of course, civilians.

On August 7 of this year, Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting will observe the anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with two separate events. From 6-6:45pm, friends will meditate silently on the way that nuclear weapons have affected - and continue to affect - life on earth. From 7-7:45pm, friends will discuss the reasons why Truman and his advisers decided to use atomic bombs, rather than some other means, to force Japan to surrender. The discussion will be led by David Watt, who teaches courses on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at Temple University.

Our presence at Annual Sessions

Many members of Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting participate in the annual sessions of our regional Quaker body, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. This year's sessions began on August 27 with a multigenerational celebration that included a wonderfully grounding presentation by our member Irene McHenry. Irene used poetry from the book *Leading from Within* to invite us to consider

Those wishing to learn more about annual sessions can visit here - <http://www.pym.org/about-annual-sessions> .

KISTA Update

Elizabeth Walmsley reports on her continuing work with our Bhutanese-by-way-of-Nepal friends. She writes: "We missed the May meeting in favor of signing one or two people up for some federal grant money for education, but our June meeting finally happened on July 4th! (Cross-cultural scheduling difficulties)

"I am including for you the plan that we followed that evening - *KISTA_Update_7-12-2011.pdf* (after the swimming and BBQ and before the fireworks).

August Calendar

Sun., 31 July -- Blue Moon potluck lunch -- at rise of meeting; see allergy reminder
Sun., 31 July -- Paulette Meier: Quaker Plainsong -- 1-2:00pm
Sun., 7 August -- Outreach Committee Meeting -- MS room, 9-10:15am
Sun., 7 August -- Community Lunch -- 12:00 pm at Meetinghouse; see allergy reminder
Sun., 7 August -- Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 66 years later -- 6-8:00pm
Tue., 9 August -- Brainstorming Campaign Meeting -- 6:00pm at 9002 Crefeld Street
Sun., 28 August -- Meeting for worship on lower lot -- 9:00 am
Wed., 31 August -- September newsletter deadline -- midnight, via email

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship -- 9 - 10am in meetingroom; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays

Hymn-singing, in Social Room by piano -- 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

Our Growing Community

New gift takes Campaign over \$2 million!

Local people, art enthusiasts and other Quakers have joined many from the CHFM community in contributing to the new meetinghouse Campaign. We are deeply grateful to all those who have given. Recently, the project received an extraordinary demonstration of support - \$500,000 - from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous. As a result, the Campaign official total (i.e., written pledges and gifts) now stands at \$2.38 million. Thank you to all who have contributed - wherever and whoever you are!

Brainstorming the next campaign phase

We've arrived at the stage to begin planning exactly how and when we'll launch the community - "public" - phase of our campaign to raise the funds for our new meetinghouse. To that end, all in our meeting community who have ideas - or want to hear others' ideas - about activities and audiences to include are encouraged to attend the next Campaign Committee meeting, at the home of campaign advisor Michael Verruto in Chestnut Hill on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Graphic design help wanted

For the next phase of the campaign, we're looking for Friends (or friends of Friends) who have graphic design talents that they could donate to help us with a number of creative ideas related to the project. Please contact Nikla Lancksweert - nlancksweert@yahoo.com to offer your ideas and energy.

Foundation of the Month

This month's foundation in search of an adoptive parent is The Forrest C. & Frances H. Lattner Foundation. This is a national foundation located in Florida that funds in Philadelphia, particularly in the northwest. They have a strong interest in the environment.

Outside the Meeting 4th Annual Philly Bike-Walk-Run-Roll for Pain Relief

It's time for the 4th Annual Philly Bike-Walk-Run-Roll for Pain Relief and I'm inviting the CHMM community to participate. The event will be on Saturday, September 17, starting at 9am at the Fitzwater Station Restaurant (in Port Providence near Phoenixville). Money raised will go to RSDSA, a pain organization working to end Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy. RSD (also called CRPS) is a neurologic pain condition that I've personally been affected by.

Online Petition for Colombian Peace Community

Jorge ArÃ·uz writes: "As you know, there is an online petition that I posted on behalf of the Peace Community of San Jose de ApartadÃ· in Colombia. I would like to have the support of the meeting as I continue to work on this petition, especially as I hope to be reaching out to as many Friends as possible in the coming months (both to individuals and to Friends organizations and meetings).

Adoption Café

From the National Adoption Center: More than 1600 children in this area wait to be adopted. They live in foster care while hoping for a family to give them a permanent home.

Poem This is what you shall do

This is what you shall do; Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men, go freely with powerful uneducated persons and with the young and with the mothers of families, read these leaves in the open air every season of every year of your life, re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body.

Walt Whitman, from the preface to Leaves of Grass

Trude Fuchs's memorial service

The memorial service was previously scheduled in September, but has now been re-scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at 2:00 pm at Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting.

Debbie Oberholtzer's memorial service

The memorial for our long-time member Deborah Oberholtzer, who passed away on July 21, 2011, will be on September 24, 2011 at 10:30 am. Condolence messages should go to her daughter Jenny Lingelbach, whose contact information is in the directory.

A moving appeal

Eileen Flanagan and her family will be moving (only three blocks) in mid-August. Anyone who would like to visit Eileen for an hour or two of packing, schlepping, unpacking or garden planning is most welcome.

Keeping the meetinghouse lawn tidy

Please consider joining the Property Committee in keeping our lawn in good trim by taking a turn maintaining it this year. Our lightweight battery-powered mower is easy to operate. The lawn mowing rota is posted and anxiously awaiting your commitment. Direct questions to Bob Reynolds - bobreynolds@comcast.net at 215 880-3166, or any other member of the committee.

Returning Meeting property

When the Property Committee makes an arrangement for use of the building by an outside group, they operate on the assumption that all appropriate assets of the building (e.g., chairs) are available to the group using the building. As you may have seen from an urgent email bulletin sent out in July, on the day of a wedding we found that we were missing a substantial number of metal folding chairs. We had promised 86, and had fewer than 60 on hand.

The lesson is obvious: if you borrow property belonging to the Meeting, bring it back when you have finished using it. And if you're

still using it long after the original use that you planned, you should think about finding another source for this item.

CHFM on Facebook!

There is a Facebook page for Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting. If you're already a Facebooker, go to this page - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chestnut-Hill-Friends-Meeting/115719455173670?ref=ts> , click the Like link and you'll be alerted to new posts on that page. Look at the photo and tag yourself in the 1994 picture from the 75th anniversary, if you were around for that event.

Community Lunch

Community Lunches occur on the first First Day (Sunday) of the month from 12:00 - 1:00pm and are provided by the Hospitality Committee. All are welcome.

Allergy Reminder

Friends are reminded that a member of our community has a severe allergy to strawberries, and has to leave the building if they are present. So please don't bring strawberries in any form to any meeting social function or meal.

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 -