

Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting

August 2013

Monthly Meeting Events

Ice Cream Social on Sunday, 4 August

There will be an Ice Cream Social following the rise of meeting on Sunday, August 4. We will have ice cream and lactose-free alternatives, with appropriate toppings. Nancy Cox and Betsy Wallace will be the coordinators for Hospitality Committee. Please contact them with questions or offers of help.

KISTA and the Marx Brothers

Elizabeth Walmsley offers an update on her work this summer with our Nepali friends, now focused on a community center located in Northeast Philadelphia. But you can also do more: come to the Ambler Theater in Ambler on Thursday, 8 August, for a showing of the Marx Brothers' classic, Animal Crackers. Your \$12 donation gains you admission, and results in a donation to the KISTA Trust.

Plethora of pool party potlucks this month!

David Wootton and Gina Snyder, parents of Forrest and Tanner, are hosting a pool party on Saturday, 10 August, at their home near Penn Charter School (3007 Foxx Lane). Details of time and food were not available at press time; listen for an announcement or watch for a bulletin closer to the time, or send David an email - WoottonD@asme.org.

And as if that weren't enough, the Religious Education Committee is sponsoring a family pool party/potluck at Diane Dunning's home in Ambler on Friday, 16 August. Come out from 6:00pm on to swim, play games, and have potluck supper together at Diane and Peter's house (with indoor pool!), 300 Lewis Lane in Ambler - <http://goo.gl/maps/EJeRj>. For questions or suggestions or to arrange to carpool, contact Diane: dianedunning@gmail.com.

Celebrating and Moving

Our contractor, E. Alan Reeves, will turn the completed meetinghouse over to us at the very end of August, but preparations for our move down the hill are already well under way. The most recent basic schedule is still true as far as we can tell at this point (the very end of July). The two mornings when your volunteer help will be most welcome are Saturday, 31 August and Saturday, 7 September.

Keycode Party: Come explore the new meetinghouse on Friday, 30 September, from 7pm to 8pm. This will be a simple celebration of the our access to the meetinghouse where you will meet the professionals responsible for designing and building the meetinghouse. Bring cookies to share, if you wish. Our first day to worship there is Sunday, 8 September.

August Calendar

Sun., 4 August, 12:00pm - Ice Cream Social - Social Room
Sun., 4 August, 12:30pm - Spiritual Formation Reading Group - Worship Room
Mon., 5 August, 7:30pm - Coordinating Committee meeting - Gathering Room
Sat., 10 August, time TBA - Pool party at David Wootton's - 3007 Foxx Lane
Fri., 16 August, 6:00pm - Pool party/potluck at Diane Dunning's - 300 Lewis Lane, Ambler
Sun., 25 August, 9:00am - Early meeting for worship - In woods above new patio
Wed., 28 August, midnight - September newsletter deadline by email
Fri., 30 August, - Keycode Party - 7:00pm

Every Sunday

Early Meeting for Worship - 9 - 10am in worship room; also on lower lot on 4th Sundays
Meeting for Worship (childcare available) - 10:30 - 11:30 am
Children's supervised summer activities - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Skyspace Openings: the plan as of now

Nikka Landau, Skyspace Coordinator, has been hard at work organizing details and developing materials to train the volunteer hosts for openings of our Skyspace. She has also laid out a schedule of openings for the meeting community, the neighborhood, and neighboring Quakers before we invite the whole world in.

Greeting: a new approach to staffing

As you may remember from the July newsletter, changes are in the works for the way we staff the position of greeter at our 10:30am meeting for worship. The Outreach Committee has drawn up a rotation, using the names of current regular attenders, assigning two people (more or less alphabetically) to each Sunday, from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. Outreach Committee will remind you a couple of weeks before it's your turn, and then again the week before. Each monthly newsletter will also display the names of the greeters for the month at the top of the right-hand column. (This month shows greeters for September and October.)

Wanted: Nursery assistant

Nursery Assistant needed part time beginning September; starting pay is \$8.00/hour. This position is needed to assist the current staff in the nursery and will be on an as-needed basis (i.e., not every Sunday). You must have childcare experience, be friendly and reliable. The hours are typically Sundays including holidays from 10 AM to noon. Occasionally, you may need to work later than noon to provide coverage for meetings, but you will have advanced notice. Knowledge of Quakerism a plus.

Jorge Aráuz on becoming a vegan

Our member Jorge Aráuz, now living in Madison, WI, writes to share a short essay he was led to write while attending the FGC Gathering in Greeley, CO, a few weeks ago. "Recently, I have felt moved to openly share with Friends my concern about how we relate to animals and what it means for their welfare and dignity, and for our world, our health and our spiritual integrity." Click to [download Jorge's essay as a 2-page PDF](#).

News of Friends

A wedding!

Rabiya Kassam-Adams, daughter of Nancy and Shahir Kassam-Adams and sister of Rahim K-A, was married this summer in Virginia to Carlos Clay. The Kassam-Clays are living and working in Mexico City.

A 90th birthday!

Ruth Kirk celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at the meetinghouse. She says she got to visit with relatives and old friends she hadn't seen in years.

Outside the Meeting

Volunteer Opportunity: Arch Street Meeting House Interpreter

Do you enjoy meeting people from all around the world? Join the Arch Street Meeting House Interpreters! Arch Street Interpreters provide friendly outreach and hospitality in the historic meeting house. Please consider volunteering a few hours a month. To learn more, visit the PYM website's Volunteer page - <http://www.pym.org/volunteering/ongoing-volunteer-opportunities/program-volunteers/arch-street-interpreters/> or contact Tricia Coscia, PYM Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@pym.org or call 215-241-7238.

Another way to support NPIHN

There are many ways to help the Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (NPIHN). One that will give them donations without costing you a penny is an online service called Igive. Buying a computer or textbooks for a student, or anything else you're likely to buy online? Before shopping, set up an account here - <http://www.igive.com/welcome/lptest/wr21.cfm?c=28775&m=894845&jltest=1>. You do not have to give Igive your credit card info.

2014 Quaker Pilgrimage to England

Take a trip to "Fox and Fell 1652 Country," July 14 to 20, 2014. Join trip leaders Irene McHenry (Chestnut Hill Meeting) and Deborra Sines Pancoe (Abington Meeting), of the Friends Council on Education, to experience the roots of the Religious Society of Friends. Plans are under way for our 2014 Quaker Pilgrimage, exploring England's "1652 Country" with a guide from Britain Yearly Meeting.

World Affairs and Quaker Testimonies

Join the discussion on the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Monthly Meeting Room at Friends Center. We discuss how to live our Friendly positions in the midst of a world of conflict, chaos and uncertainty. All are welcome. For more information, contact Patricia (Pat) Torosian, Arch Street Meeting, at pjtoro@verizon.net or Brian Spooner, Central Philadelphia Meeting at 215-241-7260.

Wanted: Licensed Mental Health Providers

The Friends Counseling Service (FCS), a program of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is looking for licensed mental health providers who are Quakers and active in their monthly meetings to join the service. We need counselors in Upper Bucks County, Salem, Caln and Upper Susquehanna Quarters. The FCS provides mental health counseling to members and attenders of Friends meetings. The service is provided on a sliding scale for those with limited income. Interested applicants should have their own office space and malpractice insurance coverage, and have been in practice for a minimum of 3 years. For more information contact Ken Brick at FriendsCounseling@pym.org or 215-241-7019.

EQAT coordinates efforts against Keystone XL pipeline

Have you signed the pledge of resistance to stop the Keystone XL pipeline? (See here for the pledge - http://act.credoaction.com/sign/kxl_pledge.) If you would like to fulfill your pledge with other Friends, Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) will be conducting a training on Saturday, August 17 from 2-5pm, Rufus Jones Rm, Friends Center. For more information, contact Eileen Flanagan (eileenflanagan@juno.com).

PYM Library

The PYM Library is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30 to 5:00 pm, and on first Thursdays from 12:00 - 8:00 pm. Every member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is a potential member of the library. Once you have registered (which you may do by telephone), start borrowing books! The PYM Library Catalog is available 24/7 on the web, and books are deliverable and returnable by mail or by Interim Meeting courier from your meeting. Check us out at <http://www.pym.org/library> or call 215-241-7000 during afternoon hours to register.

Greeters for September

9/1	Mickey Abraham	Kathy Miller
9/8	Jocelyn Anthony	Susan Lee Barton
9/15	George Benz	Pauline Doyle
9/22	John Bieniek	Peter Borowiec
9/29	Crissy Bowen	Marja Brandon

Greeters for October

10/6	Chuck Bragitikos	Evangeline Bragitikos
10/13	Jude Brandt	Grace Moses
10/20	Barb Buonocore	Joe Byers
10/27	Ginny Christensen	Linda Clark

Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography

Meeting member Eileen Flanagan will be offering a nine-week class on Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography at Pendle Hill (pendlehill.org - <http://pendlehill.org>) beginning September 26.

Part-time First Day School teacher

The Religious Education Committee is looking to hire an elementary teacher with Quaker experience to teach and to coordinate volunteer teachers, working closely with the RE committee. September-June, 10am-12pm Sundays and prep during the week. Send letter, resume, references to jeanwarrington@verizon.net.

Building and Grounds Assistant - Arch Street Meeting House

The Building and Grounds Assistant provides care and security for the Arch Street Meeting House facility and its property. Requires ability to perform basic maintenance, custodial and groundskeeping duties, good communication skills, attention to detail.

Charlie Rose interviews James Turrell

If the Charlie Rose show is past your bedtime, or you just happened to miss his interview with James Turrell, you can see it here - <http://video.tvguide.com/Charlie+Rose/The+Venice+Biennale+James+Turell/20167244/tvo-194941-season-21-episode-210?autoplay=true>. That link brings up the whole show; the Turrell interview starts at 28:20, and you can drag the progress indicator to skip the first part.

Lynn Mather on the Green Frontier

Lynn invites you to either of two sessions she's holding at her home (near the Trolley Car Diner) demonstrating how she strives to lighten her environmental footprint.

Visit our new meeting website

Much of the content from our "old" website has been brought over, and there is new material as well. Come check it out - <https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/chestnut-hill-friends-meeting>, and request an account.

Community Lunch: No Community Lunch in August, but an Ice Cream Social instead!
Third Sunday Lunch: No business meeting in August, so no third Sunday lunch.

Allergy Reminder: Please don't bring anything with strawberries in it to a potluck or community lunch; a member of our community is highly sensitive to strawberries.

Meeting for Worship: Children are welcome in meeting for worship from 10:30 to 10:45, when they leave to adult-supervised activity (summer) or First Day (Sunday) school class (school year).

Poem

Little Summer Poem Touching the Subject of Faith

Every summer

 I listen and look
 under the sun's brass and even
 in the moonlight, but I can't hear

anything, I can't see anything--

 not the pale roots digging down, nor the green stalks muscling up,
 nor the leaves
 deepening their damp pleats,

nor the tassels making,

 nor the shucks, nor the cobs.
 And still,
 every day,

the leafy fields

 grow taller and thicker--
 green gowns lifting up in the night,
 showered with silk.

And so, every summer,

I fail as a witness, seeing nothing--

I am deaf too

to the tick of the leaves,

the tapping of downwardness from the banyan feet--

all of it

happening

beyond all seeable proof, or hearable hum.

And, therefore, let the immeasurable come.

Let the unknowable touch the buckle of my spine.

Let the wind turn in the trees,

and the mystery hidden in dirt

swing through the air.

How could I look at anything in this world

and tremble, and grip my hands over my heart?

What should I fear?

One morning

in the leafy green ocean

the honeycomb of the corn's beautiful body

is sure to be there.

by Mary Oliver