

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

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<p>WEEKLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship (except 3rd Sunday) 9:45 a.m. Singing 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship</p> <p>Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting for Worship</p>	<p>MONTHLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August): Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business</p> <p>Third Sunday: Singing begins at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of Meeting</p>
<p>Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting. Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:30 a.m. at Sangha, 7014 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.</p>	

A TAKE ON INTERIM MEETING AT DUNNINGS CREEK LAST MONTH

I had mixed feelings when I learned that the next Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) Interim Meeting would be held at Dunnings Creek. I was eager to visit an older meeting away from the Metropolis. I had reservations about using the gas that it would take to get there. However, I was reminded that Quakers have a tradition of traveling long distances to other meetings. It is said that a major function of Quarterly Meetings was to provide those of a certain age a chance to meet other eligibles.

It was about a decade ago that "Representative" Meeting became "Interim" Meeting to encourage all members and attenders to attend. I'm on the BYM Peace & Social Concerns Committee; so, I had a special obligation. These Interim Meetings keep BYM going in between Annual Sessions. This is where you find the Hard Core Quakers. This is where one gets into the flow of the practices that have evolved in BYM over 334 years.

SeventhDay began with a sumptuous continental breakfast followed by the meetings of the BYM committees. We of P&SCC concentrated on seasoning a minute on the Iraq situation for Annual Sessions.

We broke for a sumptuous lunch.

The afternoon was spent hearing the reports from the new BYM Clerk, Howard Fullerton, the new BYM General Secretary, and the committees. There was extensive discussion of our relationship with FUM. This all went on in a worship space well over a century old as we sat on simple benches of the same age. Later we'd be told that prior to the meeting they'd been looking through their library and had come across a first edition of "Little Women" that had a handwritten note by Louisa May Alcott at its beginning.

Those of us who chose to stay were treated to a sumptuous supper.

The next morning we were treated to a sumptuous continental breakfast.

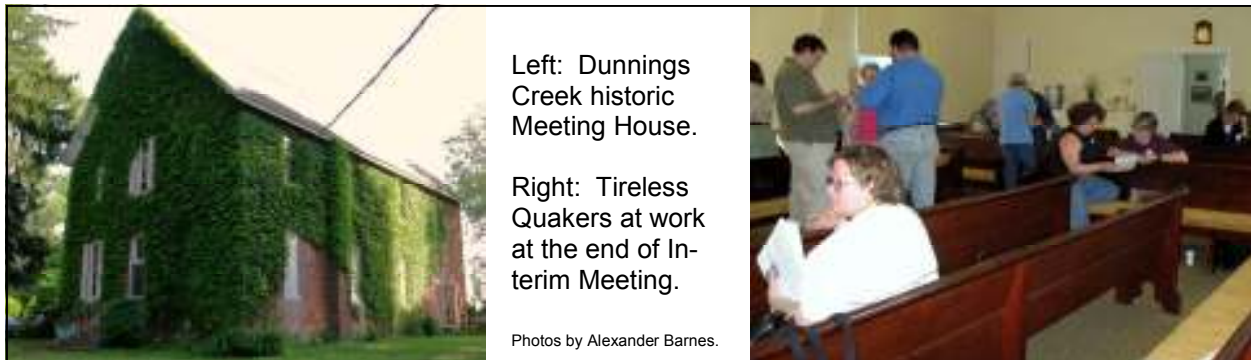
Then there was a meeting of Center Quarter; Center Quarter comprises Dunnings Creek, Fishertown, State College, and West Branch. About half of the BYM Monthly Meetings are members of Quarterly Meetings. The Quarterly Meeting of which Adelphi was a member was laid down about fifteen years ago. The main business of this particular Quarterly Meeting was the possible laying down of the Fishertown Meeting, an FUM connected meeting. The topic was introduced by a man who said his time in support of the Meeting was limited as he took care of his ailing wife. He noted that all the other four active members were there, and he, at 74, was the youngest. It was noted that the Meeting House had significant mold, and there was a concern that treasures like the Alcott book were endangered. Much love, care, and gentleness were expressed as the Quarterly Meeting sought to provide maximum support.

The Meeting concluded with reports from each of the Monthly Meetings. The report from West Branch was received with the humor intended as it was reported that the Ceremony of Commitment of one of the members was cancelled when the husband had announced: "Take her up there but we are not going up in that snow (a significant blizzard)."

We then concluded with Meeting for Worship Without Business and I understood why, when I had asked about times the preceding day, I had been answered with vagueness. There was no specific time for the ending of the Quarterly Meeting.

I couldn't stay, but those who did were treated to a sumptuous lunch.

—Alexander Barnes



DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING

Most of my friends are not wealthy in the world's terms. This is one of the reasons that my appeals for my workcamp ministry funding nets small returns. I know most of them personally and realize that their giving though modest is sacrificial. This is why I attempt to send them letters of thanks as if they had just sent me a million dollars.

Sending sincere thanks to those who serve me is a vital task. These letters are read and, I know, appreciated.

It is most important to thank young people who always hear it if they do something wrong but seldom hear it if they do things right. Young people seldom have money but they do have time and some offer it to the Meeting working in the Strawberry Festival. Because I am so grateful to these young people who come to serve year after year, I make it my task to write each of them a thank you letter for their work as waiters and waitresses or cooks in the Café and this year to those who helped sell T-shirts.

I don't know whose job it is or should be to thank the many adults who work all day of the Festival and many in the weeks prior in preparation. Ann Marie Moriarty publicly thanked those who helped with clean-up after Meeting last First Day but many went unheralded for their long hours of preparation and then long hours in the sun or shade selling, but we all have different ways of giving. Take the example of Ray Lane who rose very early to drive the truck he rented the day before to the farm to collect the berries. Then, after leftover items were loaded, he took them to The American Rescue Workers site as donations there. He got home very late after returning the truck.

So many were involved that I hesitate to name any one for fear of omitting someone.

Still, I want everyone to know how deeply moved I am by your service willingly and cheerfully given to make this year's Strawberry Festival a success.

Let us never forget that because of this labor freely given there will be many ministries enabled by those profits. I will be telling new homeowners who lost their homes and all of their possessions that your giving enabled us to feed and house international volunteers who come from around the earth to help rebuild their homes.

So, thank you, Adelphi Friends. Thank you very much!

--Harold Confer

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE YOUTH WORKER WOUNDED IN GAZA

Philadelphia [June 18] — The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) expresses profound sadness that Ibrahim Shatali, program coordinator for the American Friends Service Committee Quaker Palestine Youth Program, was shot Wednesday, June 13, in Gaza City during a peaceful demonstration calling for an end to violence between Hamas and Fatah supporters.

Ibrahim suffered a chest injury and underwent a three-hour surgery in Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. He is in stable condition and the Service Committee is relieved he is making progress toward recovery.

Ibrahim was among hundreds of Palestinian peace activists who joined peaceful demonstrations in three cities on the Gaza Strip. Tragically, marchers in Gaza City and Rafah were met with gunfire that resulted in the death of one participant and the wounding of 15 others.

Since its establishment in 1996, the Quaker Palestine Youth Program has worked closely with local and international organizations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to enhance opportunities for marginalized Palestinian youth. The program is managed through AFSC's offices in Ramallah and Gaza with support from the Middle East Regional Office in Amman, Jordan.

The Quaker Palestine Youth Program helps youths become active citizens by enhancing the skills they need to contribute to civil society and to preserve their communities. Ibrahim joined the program as a student coach. His determination, hard work, and enthusiasm for the program led to a staff position in 2004.

More than 2,200 young men and women have been involved with the program over the past four years. Previous projects include: establishing science labs and computer centers, developing youth-focused web sites, founding libraries, campaigning against early marriage, and cultural preservation and education.

Backed by a 90-year history working for peace, justice, and reconciliation in troubled areas of the world, the American Friends Service Committee is a faith-based organization grounded in Quaker beliefs respecting the dignity and worth of every person. Quaker work in the Middle East dates back to 1875, with the establishment of a Friends school in Lebanon. AFSC work in Israel and the Palestinian Territories began providing relief assistance on behalf of the United Nations to more than 200,000 Palestinian refugees entering the Gaza Strip during and after the 1948 Arab-Israeli War and has continued to the present.

AFSC asks all concerned to continue to hold Ibrahim and the people of Gaza in the Light. More information on the Quaker Palestine Youth Program can be found at <http://afsc.org/middleeast/int/palestine.htm>.

CLERK OF RAMALLAH FRIENDS MEETING TO SPEAK IN BETHESDA

Jean Zaru, Clerk of Ramallah Friends Meeting, will speak at Bethesda Friends Meeting after 11:00 a.m. meeting for worship on Sunday, July 1st. She will describe the conditions of living under Israeli occupation combined with the international sanctions imposed on the Palestine Authority and how a person of faith retains hope that peace and justice will ultimately prevail for the Palestinian people. Jean will discuss how the Friends International Center in Ramallah is one source of hope in that situation.

Jean is recognized internationally for speaking and writing on the issues of theology and liberation, and will be a keynote speaker this summer in Dublin at the meeting of the Friends World Commit-

tee of Consultation. Please share this notice with anyone who might wish to attend.
QUAKER POTLUCK AND DIALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

There *will* be a Quaker potluck and dialogue on August 5 at William Penn House with potluck starting at 6:30 p.m. The Friend who has tentatively agreed to speak has an unresolved conflict. Watch this space for further details.

PROGRAM AND GRANTS COORDINATOR SOUGHT BY WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

William Penn House has an opening for a new Program and Grants Coordinator in charge of new program development, grant funding, planning and supervising ongoing programs, and marketing and outreach.

Applicant must have a bachelor's degree in Education (master's preferred), three to five years' experience, computer literacy, familiarity with Quaker witness, education and services (those who attend a Quaker meeting will be given preference), ability to multi-task, leadership and team skills, and excellent written and verbal communication skills.

This position is non-residential. William Penn House is open full time except for several days in November and December. Employee will accrue vacation and sick leave. All full time employees are eligible to participate in the Friends Mutual Health Group health insurance program.

For more information or to apply: Byron Sandford, Executive Director, Byron@WilliamPennHouse.org, (202) 543-5560. William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 31-August 5, Tuesday-Sunday: Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Session "Nurturing the Seeds of Hope" will be held at Frostburg State University from July 31 through August 5, 2007. See www.bym-rsf.org for more information.

August 11, Saturday: Friends Wilderness Center--Stargazing. Perseid meteor showers are at their height at this time of year. Don't miss the chance to see them and learn more about the night sky with Kevin Boles, astronomer of Morgan County Observatory in Berkeley Springs, WV. Bring a reclining lawn chair and your telescope; even a good pair of binoculars is useful. Kevin will have an 8" reflector telescope and star charts to help guide us on this interstellar journey. Further details on gathering times will be forthcoming. Five dollars per person donation requested. Call Sheila Bach at (304) 728-4820 or email snbach@earthlink.net for more information. Summertime is a wonderful time to stay at Niles Cabin.

BYM Camp Rentals: The Camp Property Management Committee wants Friends to know that we appreciate the fact that so many Friends, Friends Schools, and others take the advantage of the opportunity to enjoy Catocin Quaker Camp when Camp is not in session. For nearly 50 years the beauty and serenity of Catocin has contributed to the spiritual lives of Friends in Baltimore Yearly Meeting in ways that we can only begin to imagine.

We would also like to hold up the fact that we have two other properties that long to enrich the Yearly Meeting with the gifts that they have to offer.

Shiloh Quaker Camp is located near Madison, Virginia and nestles up along side of the Shenandoah Mountains near Shenandoah National Park. It is less than two hours from the Washington beltway.

Opequon Quaker Camp is located in a more pastoral, agricultural setting at the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley near Winchester, Virginia. It is a beautiful one-hour drive west of Frederick.

In the hope of encouraging Friends to visit one of the Virginia camp properties, the Camp Property Management Committee would like to invite Friends to visit the Virginia properties FREE OF CHARGE for the remainder of the 2007 and all of 2008. To book a visit to one of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Virginia properties for the fall of 2007, please call (301) 774-7663 or e-mail David Hunter (davidhunter@bym-rsf.org) at the Yearly Meeting Office. Use of the camp properties in 2008 can be booked after September 1, 2007.

Remember - for updated information, check www.bym-rsf.org

SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY THEREOF

When I go to the Adelphi web site
<http://adelphifriends.org>,
I am greeted by Dennis Botzer
playing the hymn/round
that we usually sing
to close our musical
praise and start out
silent worship most
First Days.

This morning, carrying burdens,
I listened to it all and again
cherished his fingers playing much
like a child would play in a cool mountain stream
with a joyful leaving of one's cares
and I praise God for Dennis and his skills.

My burdens were not lifted
but lightened and put
in perspective.

The perspective that shows
God is still in charge and
just like the sun rising,
and Hazel playing in the stream,
She is always available,
each and every day.
If we but listen
to the music of
the spheres....

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