

Haddonfield Quarter

This Month's Theme: Nuts and Bolts
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The June 2013 issue of the newsletter is the last one under the care of Priscilla Adams, who has been responsible for spreading news throughout the Quarter since she took over the Peace Piece from Scott Morrow many years ago. There have been and will continue to be many expressions of gratitude for Priscilla's work for Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting, first as Peace Field Secretary, later as Regional Secretary for Quaker Concerns, over the last 28 years. Priscilla will continue to be among us as a member and volunteer, but this phase of her service has come to an end.

Thank you, Priscilla.

Guide to Clerking

In your leadership you will be led. Your vision of what is to be accomplished is part of the dynamics of leadership.

As a Clerk I feel that these principles are very important:

(1) Being able to articulate a sense of what is being discussed; knowing that this articulation incorporates the spirit and testimonies of the Society of Friends.

(2) Having a sense of the whole picture- a vision of what the project or program will look like.

(3) Being supportive of the strengths of others on any of the Committees and supporting them.

(4) Keeping yourself open- A most important element.

Now some GUIDELINES that I feel are important:

The Clerk should be in close communication with staff (if there is one) or the committees of the meeting. It is important that the Agenda of each meeting be set by the Clerk. Priorities must be set as to what agenda items are important. All background material should be read beforehand. The more homework you do before the meeting the

easier clerking the meeting becomes. You should have, even for yourself, a time priority for each agenda item. This will be helpful in pacing the meeting. To draw out all those who have something to say and to control repetition. Listen attentively and remember what is being said.

You are always trying to work toward a minute. From time to time it is helpful to summarize where you are as you work forward. Try to keep out your individual bias. Do not interject too many of your own personal comments, unless they are helpful for elucidation and edification.

It is important that you try to attend committee meetings. You are ex-officio on all the meeting committees. If you cannot, at least review the minutes of the committees.

You should be aware of all the larger Quaker bodies i.e.: American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends General Conference, Friends World Committee for Consultation, etc. This will help broaden your perspective of the larger Quaker family.

I know this seems like lot to do, but through it all, ENJOY. It is a great job.

*George Rubin
Clerk, Medford Meeting, FWCC
Northeast Region.
Former Clerk, New York Yearly Meeting,
AFSC, New York Regional Office*

From the Clerk

Nuts and Bolts?

The idea behind this month's theme is to name and value that which holds a Quaker meeting together. Articles in this issue reflect on the nuts and bolts of clerking, recording, and financial support. Previous issues explored other vital aspects of meeting life, including religious education, worship, ministry, and some of our testimonies.

We weren't able to present all the components of Quaker process, so I'd like to acknowledge the power of our committee structure and the habit of careful documentation, both of which have served Friends for centuries. Committees, at their best, recognize and nurture gifts. Rotating committee members and clerks supports egalitarian leadership development among the whole membership and provides opportunities for new and creative approaches. As for documentation, because Quakers have always been diligent writers and readers, we can mine our history for instruction and inspiration.

*Rose Ketterer, Clerk
Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting*

Recording Friends' Meeting for Business

If you listen well and can write clear, declarative sentences, then you've got the tools for recording Friends doing business. Minutes are a significant component in the integrity of our Quaker way of seeking divine guidance, reaching a communal way forward, and then following through to do what we said we would.

Whether it's the whole Meeting or a committee, our discipline relies on the clerk preparing an agenda and guiding participants to focus on its items in succession while a recording clerk captures how each agenda item is resolved. A recording clerk listens for the heart-of-the-matter as the body of the Meeting seeks Truth. Recording minutes is not like

court-reporting where every utterance is written!

Who is the "audience" for minutes of our business?

- those present at the meeting
- those who missed the meeting but need to know what happened
- future "historians" inside or outside the Meeting seeking what went on "back then"

Shorter is usually better than longer for a minute, but details are important. Using the agenda as a template, the minute needs to define the item, tell what was decided about it, who is going to do what by when. No passive voice! There's too little information in "It was decided to move ahead." A minute needs specifics: "Mary will carry the Meeting's concern for simplicity to the Hospitality Committee and ask them to bring a plan in May."

Recording clerk and Meeting clerk share responsibility for minutes reflecting what resulted at a Meeting. However, minutes "belong to" the body of the Meeting, and are not official until they are read and "approved."

Finally, care for approved minutes should make them accessible for future reference. We used to use binders but now often don't know on whose computer is a given committee's file of minutes! Some Meetings are careful to number minutes (e.g. 2013.5) and maintain an index by topic for later reference. Meetings need to send their way-back minutes to Swarthmore.

"Unforeseen Joy" is a delightful how-to and why-to booklet by Damon Hickey describing the process of turning listening into the written word while Friends do business together as Seekers.

Suzanne Day, Westfield Meeting

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Stewardship and Financial Support of our Meetings

I was asked to write an article on financial stewardship for the newsletter and as I drafted the article, I realized that it needs to be a dialogue - not an article. I needed to express my thoughts and the questions that I have been grappling with and I hope that others will feel free to share their thoughts, concerns and questions.

In *Faith and Practice* it states in the section on stewardship of economic resources that "All that we have, in our selves, and our possessions, are gifts from God, entrusted to us for our responsible use. Jesus reminds us that we must not lay up earthly treasures for ourselves, for where our treasures are, there will our hearts be also." In the advices, it states "Use your capacities and your possessions not as ends in themselves but as God's gifts entrusted to you. Share them with others; use them with humility, courtesy and affection." In the eleventh query on Stewardship of Resources, it asks, "Do I contribute generously within my means to the funding of the work of Friends in my Meeting, in the yearly meeting, and in the wider world of Friends?"

The question is how to interpret this guidance. What does it mean to "contribute generously within my means to the funding of the work of Friends in my Meeting?" Is it simply the amount that is asked when the total estimated budget is divided by the number of members or is it something more? Is giving to our Meetings a spiritual discipline or a routine donation to balance a budget?

If we each looked at our personal budgets and divided our budgets into pie charts, like many of us do with the federal and state budgets, what percentage are we giving to our spiritual home? While many of us give to numerous Quaker and nonprofit organizations that do good works, how much are we giving to our spiritual home - our Monthly Meeting? How often do we receive the annual letter from the finance committee or the treasurer asking for a donation of a specific amount in order to "balance" the budget for the upcoming year and write a check for that amount?

Shouldn't we consider the entire process of financing our spiritual home differently? What if we started from a different premise? Instead of asking the

finance committee or the treasurer to estimate the expenses for the upcoming year and then dividing that amount among the members, what if the budgeting starting with each member and attender pledging an amount that would allow Quakerism to grow and flourish. If the Monthly Meeting had more income than its usual expenses, then besides keeping the heat on and the roof repaired, there might be money to share the wonder that is Quakerism with many others.

If a Meeting started by asking members and attenders for pledges, the question then is asked, "What should I give? If the Meeting doesn't tell me what it expects from me, how will I know how much is needed?" Providing financial support to our spiritual home is more than covering the basic costs, it is allowing us to help Quakerism grow and flourish. I think the response might be how much are you willing and able to donate to keep your spiritual home vibrant and active.

Whenever financial support of the Meeting is discussed, people often raise the following concerns:

- I donate money to many other Quaker/nonprofit organizations, isn't that as important as donating to my Meeting?
- I donate my time isn't that as important as or more important than money?
- What if I don't have any excess money to donate?"

My responses would be:

- If the Meeting ceases to exist would those other organizations offer people a spiritual home? Would Quakerism itself continue to exist without Monthly Meetings?
- Will donating time keep the lights and heat on in the building? Will the phone bill be paid so a seeker could call and find out about Quakerism?
- Can you donate \$5 a year so that every member and attender is a financially contributing member?

Faith and Practice does not provide a prescription for donating to our Meetings. We are not asked to tithe as an expression of our belief. We are however asked to seriously consider what we are doing with our money and our possessions and to contribute generously within our means to the funding of the work of Friends. I think each of us needs to think what this means for each of us and then discuss it with each other. I think we need to talk about donating to our faith community within our Monthly Meetings so that we can hear each other's views and learn how we

each interpret the guidance provided in Faith and Practice.

I hope this "article" sparks others to write and share how they understand stewardship and the financial support of our faith community.

Katherine Reilly, Medford Meeting

Stop the Drones Before They Start!

Brandywine Peace Community, AFSC, and others are campaigning to stop the October 1 opening of a Drone War Command Center at the Horsham Air Guard Station.

Pilots there will be linked by satellites to "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles" - Reaper drones - with the capacity to drop Lockheed-Martin's Hellfire Missiles and Paveway bombs in other countries.

AFSC and Brandywine representatives noted earlier this year: "The U.S. policy of drone strikes, targeted assassinations, or 'extra-judicial' killing, is unconstitutional and a violation of international law. Thousands of civilians, including children and infants, have been killed by drone strikes in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Somalia, and Libya. Drone strikes are war crimes. Terrorizing whole populations in the name of the 'war on terror' must end."

In April, Farea al-Muslimi testified before the Senate about the bombing of his village in Yemen. "My mind was racing and my heart was torn... between the great country that I know and love and the drone above my head that could not differentiate between me and [an Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula] militant... I knew that the bombing in my village by the United States would empower militants."

For further information about the negative impact of drones, see also "Living Under Drones: Death, Injury and Trauma to Civilians from US Drone Practices in Pakistan." (livingunderdrones.org/report/)

Demonstrations will be held from 12 Noon to 2 PM, on 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, corner of Rt. 611/Easton Rd. & County Line Rd., Horsham, PA.

See: Bob Smith, Brandywine Peace Community, brandywine@juno.com, 610-544-1818 or Peter Lems, AFSC, plems@afsc.org, 215-241-7170.

Newsletter Plans for the Summer

As noted earlier, future issues of the Haddonfield Quarterly Newsletter will be produced by an all-volunteer committee. Discussions are still underway about how many issues will be published throughout the year. If you have ideas for themes for the Fall and Winter, please let us know.

For now, we invite you to submit information as follows:

- July - calendar items only : deadline June 15
- September - articles & calendar: deadline August 15
- October - articles & calendar: deadline September 15

Please contact the Haddonfield Quarter newsletter committee at: HQM_NEWS@yahoo.com (Please use underscore between HQM and News)

Friends' Garden Project

Here are a few ways that you could help the Friends Garden Project, and you may have other ideas to offer as well.

Would you be willing to knit or crochet a shawl? On the last day at the Garden Project before a woman goes home, we celebrate her. Part of the celebration is to give her a prayer shawl to have a visible sign of our caring and faith in her. A lot of women go home this summer and we need more shawls. Contact Lee Parry (at leep2301@comcast.net and put "shawl" in the subject of your email) We can supply you with yarn if you wish.

The directions are:

- Needles used are 10 or 10 ½. Any yarn in any color is acceptable. The women like brighter colors.
- Cast on 53 stitches. Slip the first stitch of every row. Knit 3 stitches, Purl 3 stitches to end of row, Knit the last 4 stitches. Continue until shawl is 60 inches in length. Put a 3 inch fringe on each end.

We are exploring new ways we can help women after they go home. Would you give a ride to someone or cook a meal for a family? If so, contact Priscilla at peacepc@aol.com so we know if there is interest.

Priscilla Adams, Haddonfield Meeting

Drepung Gomang Buddhist Monks

The Drepung Gomang Buddhist monks will be arriving at Haddonfield Meeting on Tuesday evening, June 25, for an opening ceremony from 7:00-8:30 PM. The next morning and every day through Saturday, June 29, the monks will be building a beautiful sand mandala. If you are interested, you are welcome to visit any day during that week between 10 AM and 5 PM to observe this meditative process.

On Thursday, June 27, and Saturday, June 29, from 7:00-8:30 PM, there will be prayers, music and chanting. The closing ceremony will begin Sunday at 11:15 AM, immediately after worship.

This is a wonderful opportunity for both children and adults. PLEASE JOIN US!

Connie Brookes, Haddonfield Meeting

Potluck Dinner for Peace

Peace Pilgrim's sister, Helene Young, who is 97, will host her annual Potluck Dinner for Peace at her Galloway Township, New Jersey home at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 9.

Visitors can view Helene's extensive scrapbook containing Peace Pilgrim's writings, postcards and photographs, and enjoy fellowship, food and music.

Contributions raised will help cover expenses for the annual Peace Pilgrim Birthday Celebration, which will be held in Egg Harbor City, an International City of Peace, Sept. 20-22, 2013.

For directions and information, contact: barbreynolds123@gmail.com; (609) 597-5074



Peace Pilgrim Celebration

PeacePilgrim100.com will host its 6th annual Peace Pilgrim Celebration in Egg Harbor City, New Jersey on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20, 21 and 22. It coincides with the United Nations International Day of Peace on Sept. 21.

The three-day event will celebrate of the life and work of Peace Pilgrim, an American sage who walked her talk. Peace Pilgrim believed that world peace would be possible when enough people attain inner peace.

Events include Yoga 100, a mass yoga and meditation session for novices and experienced practitioners, 2-mile Intergenerational Walk for Peace, community picnic, unifying drum circle and interfaith spiritual service. Events are free for people of all ages.

Walk a Mile in My Shoes on the Path to Peace will be collecting gently-loved shoes throughout the weekend to distribute to the needy in South Jersey.

A Peace of Africa

David Zarembka will be speaking about the African Great Lakes Initiative and his long years of work with this Quaker peace-making work in Africa. Since David lives in Africa, this is a special opportunity. He will be speaking on A Peace of Africa at Princeton Meeting on Sunday, June 16th. Potluck is 5:45 pm & program is 7-8pm. Contact: nancy@princetonfriendschool.org

Learn more at aglifpt.org Their mission is: "The African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI) of the Friends Peace Teams strengthens, supports, and promotes peace activities at the grassroots level in the Great Lakes region of Africa (Burundi, Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda). To this end, AGLI responds to requests from local religious and non-governmental organizations that focus on conflict management, peace building, trauma healing, and reconciliation. AGLI sponsors Peace Teams composed of members from local partners and the international community."

Cuba Caravan 2013

Early in July, Newton Meeting hosts the annual Cuba Caravan with a potluck supper, music and good fellowship. Look for an invitation when the 2013 date is finalized. The Cuba Caravan, a bold challenge to the decades old US blockade of Cuba, is organized by Pastors for Peace. In 2012 the Friendship of nearly 100 tons included five vehicles and four containers of medical, educational and construction aid, collected by groups from across the US, Canada and Mexico. Pastors for Peace is an ecumenical agency whose mission is to help forward the struggles of oppressed peoples for justice and self-determination. <http://www.ifconews.org/>

Young Adult Friends Conference

Pendle Hill is holding a special gathering for young adults, June 14-19. Participants will engage with one another around simplicity, inequity, empire & abundance from a spiritual foundation. Details at: www.pendlehill.org/yald

Woolman Walk

Woolman Walk, Saturday June 8 - Sunday June 23 from Woolman Memorial, Mt. Holly NJ to Wyalusing, PA Museum. The 250th Anniversary of John Woolman's peacemaking journey to Wyalusing will be celebrated with a walk along a route similar to that taken by Woolman in 1763 to visit with Indians and to minister during a time of war in Wyalusing. All are welcome to join us for any portion of the journey or the entire anticipated 15 days. Hosts are needed along the route. Woolman's concerns for peace, the effects of war, slavery, commerce, land-use and listening for "that of God" in one another are as critical today as they were 250 years ago. Upper Susquehanna Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by Towanda Monthly Meeting over the weekend of June 21st-23rd in the township of Wyalusing. For more information, see www.woolmanwyalusing2013.org or contact Margaret Wood at woodmargaret19@gmail.com or Paul Loomis at loomispa@gmail.com or 570-380-4452.

Moorestown Sunday Bulletin



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Upcoming Events

June 8-23 - Woolman Walk, see article & www.woolmanwyalusing2013.org

June 9 - Potluck dinner for peace, 3 pm, barbreynolds123@gmail.com; (609) 597-5074

June 15 - Deadline for Haddonfield Quarter Newsletter - Calendar items for July-September only. Submit to: HQM_NEWS@yahoo.com (Please use underscore between HQM and News)

June 16 - David Zarembka speaking on the African Great Lakes Initiative, 5:45 potluck, 7:00-8:00 program, Princeton Meeting, nancy@princetonfriendschool.org

June 21 - Peace Prayers Gathering, 7-8:30, Haddonfield Meeting, Judy Barnes 856-287-9472

June 22 - Stop the Drones Before They Start! Noon-2:30 PM, Corner of Route 611/Easton Road & County Line Road, Horsham, PA, www.brandywinepeace.com

June 23 - Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting, 10 worship, followed by business meeting and lunch, (bring your own lunch; beverages and dessert provided), Cropwell Meeting, roseket@aol.com

June 25-30 - Drepung Monks, Haddonfield Meeting, www.haddonfieldfriendsmeeting.org

July - Cuba Caravan, Newton Meeting, roseket@aol.com

July 15 - Meeting for Worship for Healing, 7:00 PM, Haddonfield Meeting. Contact: barnes.judy1@comcast.net

July 24-28 - PYM Annual Sessions at Muhlenberg College, details and registration at www.pym.org

July 27 - Stop the Drones Before They Start! Noon-2:30 PM, Corner of Route 611/Easton Road and County Line Road, Horsham, PA. See: www.brandywinepeace.com

August 15 - Deadline for Haddonfield Newsletter copy for September issue. Submit to: HQM_NEWS@yahoo.com

August 24 - Stop the Drones Before They Start! Noon-2:30 PM, Corner of Route 611/Easton Road and County Line Road, Horsham, PA. See: www.brandywinepeace.com

September 20-21 - Celebration of the life and work of Peace Pilgrim, <http://peacepilgrim100.com/PeacePilgrim100/Home.html>

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, June 23, 2013
Cropwell Meetinghouse
802 S. Cropwell Road
Evesham Township, NJ, 08053

Bag Lunch: dessert and beverages provided

10:00 Worship

11:00 Introductions

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