



# *Salem Quarter News*

*Summer 2013*

*This is the day  
that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.*

Is it possible that the cause of the decline of Quakerism today ... is that we do not really believe the Holy Spirit will answer our seeking and give us guidance in solving our problems?

Rachel Davis DuBois

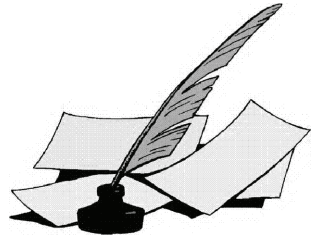


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Quote: Psalm 118:24

# *Our Stories*

by *Barry Sloane, Clerk of Quarter*



Dianne and I were sitting on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City last weekend, just people watching. It was before the summer season, but the glorious weather brought lots of people out. The scene was a veritable mosaic of people; different sizes, shapes, ages, colors, clothing styles and languages spoken. The best part about people watching is imagining the stories of the individuals passing and the stories of the groups of people as they interact with one another. Where are they from? How did they get here? Who are they with and why? What do they believe and why? The questions are endless. Everyone has a unique story and each of our stories are amazing. Sometimes, when I have a hard time appreciating the Divine in another person, I can at least gain compassion and understanding, by learning the other person's story.

Some people have truly extraordinary stories. Consider the story of the Russian, Karp Lykov and his family. Karp and his family were "Old Believers" strict Russian Orthodox adhering to beliefs from before the reformation in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. In 1936, not only were Old Believers shunned by the "new" Russian Orthodox Church, but Stalin was doing pogroms against all Christians. One day, while working in the fields next to his brother, one of Stalin's minions shot and killed Karp's brother. Karp; his wife, Akulina; a son named Savin, 9 years old, and Natalia, a daughter who was only 2, fled with only the clothes on their backs and some seeds. They retreated further into the Siberian taiga having two children in the wild; Dmitry in 1940 and Agafia in 1943. They disappeared entirely with utterly no contact with the outside world for more than 40 years; they knew nothing of World War II or the first man on the moon. Neither Dmitry nor Agafia had even seen a human other than their immediate family until 1978 when some Soviet geologists accidentally encountered the Lykovs.

The taiga is a very sparsely populated area and while oil and mineral rich, is an extremely harsh environment, especially for people with no metal objects to cook with, no guns or bows to hunt and no knives. Consequently, they were in a constant state of near starvation. Akulina died of starvation rather than giving up her children. The rest of the

family was saved by what they regarded as a miracle: a single grain of rye sprouted in their pea patch. The Lykovs put up a fence around the shoot and guarded it zealously night and day to keep off mice and squirrels. At harvest time, the solitary spike yielded 18 grains, and from this they painstakingly rebuilt their rye crop.

They ended up on the Mongolian border 155 miles from the nearest human habitation at a site so remote; it required a week-long arduous hike from the nearest road through some of the roughest country on our planet.

They lived in a tiny hand-built without tools log cabin, lit by a single window "the size of a backpack pocket". The conditions were medieval at best with pine scraps on the floor and a single sooty fire to warm them in the bitter cold Siberian winters. Their principal entertainment was to tell each other their dreams.

The scientists offered them various amenities, many of which they refused, saying they were "forbidden" by their faith. They were offered a return to civilization and they chose not to accept this because of their faith and possibly because in spite of the adversity, they didn't want to trade in their way of life. By the mid 80's the whole family had died off except Agafia. She chose to remain on the site alone rather than moving into a world she never knew. Indeed she preferred the wilderness: when one of the scientists asked her if she was worried for her safety (they have bears and wolves out there), she replied "What could possibly hurt me here?" She was alive and alone as of a year ago. She would be in her 70's now.

There are so many lessons we could learn from the Lykov's story. Their testimony to their beliefs and loyalty to each other were iron forged. Their struggle with and their deeply rooted connection with nature was complex and epic. These gentle people had many lessons to teach us. I saw in this story so many of our Quaker "S-P-I-C-E-S" (Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship) values exemplified and I am humbled. I offer this story to you for your own reflection.

God bless you.

To read more about this extraordinary family follow this link.  
[www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/For-40-Years-This-Russian-Family-Was-Cut-Off-From-Human-Contact-Unaware-of-World-War-II-188843001.html](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/For-40-Years-This-Russian-Family-Was-Cut-Off-From-Human-Contact-Unaware-of-World-War-II-188843001.html)

# *Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes*

*3/10/2013*

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 3/10/2013 at Woodstown Monthly Meeting. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and thanked Woodstown for their hospitality and Friends School at Mullica Hill for their performance. There was a Friendly presence for business of nineteen representing six of the seven Monthly Meetings in the quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 12/9/2012 were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News.

Out of general concern and as a reaction to the violence in Newtown CT, Seaville Monthly Meeting created a minute on gun violence and support for the President's proposals on gun control and presented it for consideration by the Quarter. *(See p. 8)*

***Friends approved uniting with the minute and sending our support of this minute to PYM, the media and the applicable officials. Friends further approved forwarding the minute to the monthly meeting clerks with the recommendation that they consider formulating their own minute or uniting with this minute.***

Peggy Warner (Mullica Hill) presented the annual report from the Quarter Nominating Committee. The committee will be meeting soon to fill the recently vacated positions of Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. *(See report p. 12)*

***Friends approved the list of nominations with terms to expire in 2016. The list of Salem Quarter Friends serving on the Board of Trustees at Friends Village was approved.***

Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury), as clerk of the Tri-Quarter Gathering offered a report highlighting plans for 2013 and future strategic planning as well as reports from the registrar and treasurer. *(See report p. 22)*

The Finance Committee report was presented by Michael Shapiro (Salem) outlining the recent Finance Committee meeting and their proposed Quarter budget for 2013-2014. *(See report p. 17)*

***Friends approved the 2013-2014 budget as proposed. A re-***

*quest from Tri-Quarter for an additional one-time contribution of \$300 was approved from the 2013-2014 budget.*

**Friends approved the following minute:**

*The current officers of Salem Quarter are authorized to sign the Custody and Investment Agreement with Friends Fiduciary Corporation on behalf of Salem Quarter. We acknowledge that this agreement offered on 10/10/2012 supersedes the previous agreement.*

**Friends approved the following minute:**

*The Salem Quarter treasurer or other signatory authority has the authority to access the safe-deposit box by whatever means are necessary.*

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported from Steering Committee as its clerk. The Steering Committee has adjusted their meeting schedule. The committee will not meet in the month that Quarterly Meeting occurs unless there is pressing business. Otherwise committee will meet on the third Tuesday in Friends Village.

The current and back issues of Salem Quarter News are archived on the Salem Quarter web site ([www.salemquarter.net](http://www.salemquarter.net)). The recent editions are available there in an e-reader format.

The Steering Committee is supporting the formation of a Salem Quarter fellowship of Quaker Artists. Both visual and performing artists and aspiring artists would be welcome. This grew out of a request by Mary Waddington to support an art exhibit at Friends Village in January 2014. Paul Somers (Greenwich) and Helena Bew (Seaville) offered their assistance.

Upcoming Quarterly Meeting Programs for 2013 include: June in Seaville, Bayshore Discovery Project; September in Greenwich, Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee; December in Salem, Holiday Gathering.

***Friends approved the formation of a Salem Quarter Fellowship of Quaker Artists.***

A report was presented by Lois Dinshah (Mullica Hill) on behalf of Sandra Boone Murphy (Mickleton), clerk of the Indian Affairs Committee, highlighting area events, committee activities and committee membership. ***(See report p. 19)***

***Friends approved the Indian Affairs Committee nominations as presented.***

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) spoke for Friends Village. The Quarter office has been moved back to the Woodstown meetinghouse. Friends Village is expanding into the 500 Wing, where the office was located.

The Worship & Ministry Committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening. Out of worship they had a reflective discussion, heard a report from the Gifts Working group and discussed future activities. An announcement was made regarding the next gathering of the Quarter prayer group. ***(See report p. 21)***

Gary Holmes (Woodstown) reported from the Trustees. Some additional clean up work remains at the Port Elizabeth cemetery. The trees have been trimmed at the LAC meetinghouse and at the Harmersville cemetery. This facilitates both access and safety. Tax-exempt status of properties must now be re-certified every three years. This has been accomplished and future filings should be relatively simple.

Bill Carrigan (Mickleton) spoke about Friends School Mullica Hill. They were awarded the Mildred Garvin Prize by the New Jersey Historical Commission on 2/16/2013. This was awarded to the best program of African American history in NJ public and private schools. The FSMH award-winning program was a year-long program on the Harlem Renaissance. Bill reported that there is no tuition increase anticipated for 2013-2014. Quaker Visitation Day will be on 4/4 from 8:30 – 11:30 am. The school Spring Concerts will be at 7:00 pm on 5/8 and 5/9.

The Friends School Mullica Hill Foundation established in 2013 is in the process of being incorporated, approving by-laws and appointing members. They will exist for the primary purpose of providing scholarship to FSMH students independent of the school financial aid.

Bob Horvay (Mickleton) asked to be provided with a membership list from each monthly meeting as part of his work on PYM Nominating Committee. Additional announcements were made and the meeting was closed in worship.

*Rebecca Shapiro*, recording clerk

# *A Minute from Seaville Monthly Meeting*

## *2/17/2013*

As a result of the killing of the elementary school children and teachers in Newtown, Connecticut, we would like this minute, adopted February 17, 2013, to express the sorrow and concerns of our Meeting relative to our existing gun laws.

We are fully aware that recent Supreme Court decisions have reinforced the Second Amendment and said that people have the right to own guns. We do not challenge this; our concerns are about the conditions under which this right is exercised. The right to own firearms implies a responsibility to safeguard those firearms and take reasonable precautions to prevent their falling into inappropriate hands

We understand that all elected officials have sworn to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States”, which insures domestic tranquility and promotes the general welfare.

To that end, we support our President in the call for:

Comprehensive background checks for all gun sales;

The banning of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

In addition to these points, our Meeting recognizes the following needs:

Provision of adequate funding to identify and eliminate the many factors and causes behind violent behavior. This may mean improved education, broadening health services, reducing exposure to and glamorization of violence in our society, and addressing the medical and legal issues concerning the prohibition of access to guns to those who are a danger to themselves or others.

Limits on total gun sales and ammunition sales to any one buyer.  
Disallow purchase or delivery of ammunition through the mail.

Banning the civilian purchase of the kind of ammunition classified as hollow point bullets.

We hope that everyone who reads this Minute will give it careful consideration.

Frederick A. Long Jr., and Margaret S. Long Co-clerks, Seaville Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)



# *Gathered Meeting*

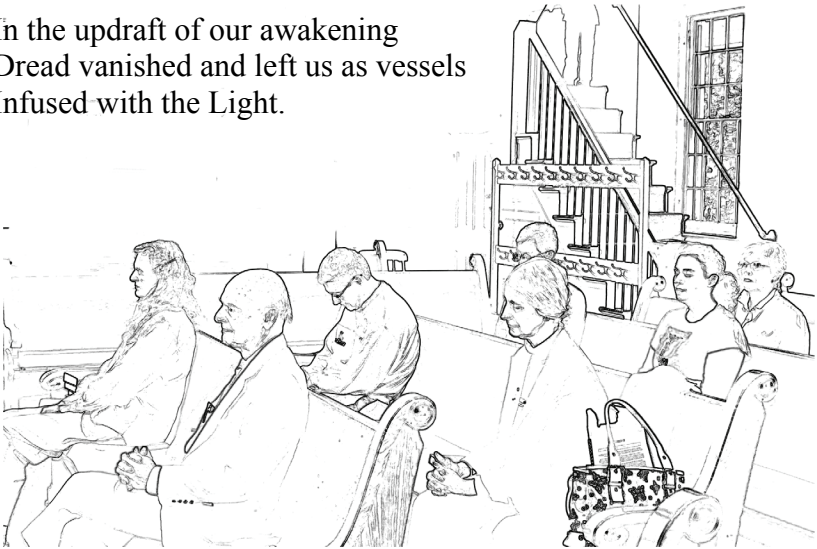
*by Mary Waddington*

Fear swept in on ragged black wing  
And tore at our calm and our reason  
With sharp hooked beak.

We huddled in silent confusion  
A flock off course from the flyway  
Seeking way forward.

White wings soared into the silence  
Bestowing the infinite Now:  
Fear feeds on a carcass.

In the updraft of our awakening  
Dread vanished and left us as vessels  
Infused with the Light.



# *A Proud Moment for a Teacher*

*By Patti Sanderson*

*Principal of Friends School Mullica Hill*



I was recently a part of a moment that elementary and middle school teachers dream about ... watching a student confidently take a step toward his/her future. This proud moment occurred at a reception for eighth grader Annie H. at Merion Mercy Academy. On a daily basis FSMH teachers prepare students to take the next steps in their educational journey. It is a fulfilling moment for every educator to see our eighth grade graduates become actively engaged in their next school communities.

The Merion Mercy Academy reception acknowledged the freshmen scholarship recipients in the areas of academic, music, mercy and alumnae. Annie received the mercy scholarship for demonstrating outstanding leadership in the area of service to others, with academics, scholarship and character also considered. It was my pleasure to nominate Annie for this award. Administrators and teachers are often requested to write recommendations as part of the high school application process. If you know Annie, you'll understand how



*Annie at ARC Walk*

easy it was for me and Teacher Nicole (Annie's Spanish teacher) to write her recommendations.

During the reception, each of the approximately 20 recipients

had an opportunity to tell their new classmates about themselves. It was not long before I recognized a pattern in their presentations. The majority of the recipients included the following characteristics:

- \* A committed practice of a musical or athletic talent
- \* A love of reading
- \* An interest in service to others – through their school or church affiliations
- \* An appreciation of the support of their parents

In other words, self-discipline, a thirst for knowledge, and the ability to think beyond oneself are keys to success for a Merion girl. I happen to think that these qualities are also encouraged and cultivated in a Friends School child.

Annie is just one of the 25 FSMH eighth graders who are currently making their high school decisions. Several have also received awards for their academic achievements, and others have received acceptances from several private high schools. As these soon-to-be graduates choose their next school community, FSMH teachers know that the graduates are well prepared to meet the next academic challenges and will go on to lead lives of meaningful purpose.

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**Officers and Committees of  
Salem Quarterly Meeting**  
*Approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting 3/10/2013*

**Clerk—three years, two consecutive terms only, first term ends  
2014**

*Barry Sloane, MIC*

**Assistant Clerk—three-year term ends 2016**

*Vacant*

**Recording Clerk—three-year term ends 2015**

*Rebecca Shapiro, SAL*

**Treasurer—three-year term ends 2014**

*Vacant*

**Assistant Treasurer—three-year term ends 2016**

*Michael Shapiro, SAL*

**Salem Quarter Trustees—three-year term, at least one per monthly  
meeting**

2014: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr.*

*Preston Carpenter,*

*Ken Thompson,*

*Rick Williams,*

2015: *David Cadwallader,*

*Gary Holmes, (clerk)*

*Paul Somers,*

2016: *Keith Ragone,*

*Torrey Reade,*

*James Murphy,*

**Salem Quarter Auditors—three-year term**

2014: *Joan Ayars,*

*Gloria Horvay,*

*George Romeo,*

2016: *Joe Tingle,*

**Salem Quarter Liaison with Friends School at Mullica Hill Board  
of Trustees—three-year term**

2014: *Alice Waddington,*

**Salem Quarter Education Fund Committee—three-year term**

2014: *Lori Talbot,*

*Tacie Trull, (clerk)*

*Tom Etherington,*  
*2015: Robert Holden*  
*2016: Marsha Gaspar*  
*Judy Isenhardt,*

**Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry—terms not established**

*Rebecca Shapiro, (clerk)*

**(All members of Monthly Meeting Worship & Ministry or Ministry  
& Oversight Committees)**

**PYM Nominating Committee—three-year term, Quarter entitled to  
two members**

*2016: Dana Houghton,*  
*Bob Horvay*

**Indian Affairs Committee - members to be nominated by the com-  
mittee and approved by Quarterly Meeting**

*Sandra Boone Murphy, (clerk)*

*Lois Dinshah,*

*Marie Haaf,*

*Carol Lively,*

*Jim Murphy,*

*Ruth Hall Brooks,*

**Salem Quarter Steering Committee—appointed by monthly meet-  
ings. Ex officio, quarter officers**

*Paul Somers,*

*Jim Cibroski,*

*Tom Etherington,*

*Michael Shapiro, (treasurer)*

*Robert Simmons*

*Michael Hainsworth*

*Diane Metz,*

*Maurice W. Ayars Jr., (clerk)*

*Linda Jeffrey, WTN*

**Finance Committee—appointed by monthly meetings, one per  
meeting. Ex officio, Steering Committee treasurer**

*Burt Doremus,*

*Barry Sloane,*

*Joan Boarts,*

*Michael Shapiro, (clerk)*

*Ben Ford,*

*Diane Metz,*

*Heidi Bower*

**Nominating Committee - appointed by monthly meetings, two per meeting plus one from Friends Village Board**

*Grace Thompson,*  
*Anne Lester,*  
*Sandra Boone Murphy,*  
*Peggy Warner, (clerk)*  
*Rebecca Shapiro,*  
*Alice Waddington*  
*Diane Metz,*  
*Dorothy Kramme,*

**Clerks of Meetings**

Greenwich: *Grace E. Thompson,*  
Mickleton: *Gloria Horvay,*  
Mullica Hill: *Jeffrey Summerton*  
Salem: *Tacie Trull,*  
Seaville: *Fred & Peggy Long*  
Woodbury: *George Crispin,*  
Woodstown: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr.,*

**Friends Village at Woodstown Board of Trustees—three-year term,  
nominated by Friends Village, approved by Quarterly  
Meeting**

2014: *Joan Ayars, (ass't treasurer)*  
*Louise Cressman,*  
*Susanne Culver, (treasurer)*  
*Trish DeCinque,*  
*Estelle Sherman,*  
2015: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr., (secretary)*  
*Russell Bassett, Jr.,*  
*Wick Hollingshead*  
*Donald L. Pierce,*  
2016: *Anne Lester,*  
*Richard Ridgway, (ass't clerk, ass't secretary)*  
*Grace E. Thompson,*  
*Stephen Waddington, (clerk)*

# *Finance Committee Report*

## *3/10/2013*

### **Finance Committee Report 3/10/2013**

The Salem Quarter Finance Committee met in mid February. Out of worship they discussed Quarter financial policy and philosophy; and prepared the 2013-2014 proposed budget.

#### **2013-2014 Budget**

Information from recent Fiduciary disbursements and covenant figures from the monthly meetings yielded the following income projection. Both Woodstown and Salem designated that a portion of their covenants subsidize the Education Fund.

Based on anticipated fixed costs, available income and Salem Quarter directives, the committee proposed the following expenditures.

Administrative expenses include PO Box rental, general postage, website maintenance, bank fees, telephone service, office supplies, and event liability insurance.

Education expenses are the amount that the Quarter contributes toward the disbursement of scholarships from the donor restricted education fund at Fiduciary. Subsidy of the Education Fund makes possible awards ranging from \$700 - \$1,200 for each qualified student per year. The committee noted that this not only benefits the student directly, but the Quaker elementary and secondary schools those students attend. Designated subsidies from Woodstown and Salem adjusted this line item to reflect an overall expense to the Quarter of \$0.

Newsletter expenses represent the greatest portion of the Quarter budget. This is proportionally appropriate as the newsletter represents the primary form of contact between the Quarter and individual Friends within the Quarter. Care is continually exercised to insure minimal waste in both printing and mailing.

Program expenses are almost as great as newsletter expenses. Program expenses include allowances for the four Quarterly Meeting programs (\$500); Quarterly Meeting child care (\$600); special programs, worships, and retreats hosted by the Quarter (\$400); costs for the W & M's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Group (\$300); funds for unspecified donations or outreach as may be approved by the Quarter (\$500); funding for the annual Tri-Quarter Conference (\$500); and as directed by the Quarter, a small budget for the Indian Affairs Committee (\$200); and limited re-

imbursement of travel expenses for the Southern State Prison Ministry (\$1,000).

Property expenses are those costs incurred for the maintenance and insurance of the LAC Meetinghouse (\$1,400) that are not covered by the donor restricted LAC Property Fund. Also part of property expenses are the costs of maintaining the Harmersville and Port Elizabeth cemeteries (\$1,200).

### **Policy and Philosophy**

As part of their discussion of financial policy and philosophy, the Finance Committee makes the following recommendations:

- Ascertain and relocate the contents of the safe deposit box to Swarthmore Historical Library and/or a Quarter meeting safe, whichever is appropriate.
- Relocate the checking and savings accounts to a bank with no monthly charge.
- Research and consider a less traditional telephone service to reduce monthly costs.

### **Friends Fiduciary Corporation Agreement**

Friends Fiduciary has established a new agreement for all new accounts. This new agreement is available for execution on existing accounts, although it is not required. The new agreement is stated to be more in line with “industry standard investment agreements” as well as offer new products and address some specific questions raised by some constituents. The recommendation from Fiduciary is that the new agreement is in the best interest of the constituent. After discussion, the Finance committee concurs and offers the following minute for consideration.

*The current officers of Salem Quarter are authorized to sign the Custody and Investment Agreement with Friends Fiduciary Corporation on behalf of Salem Quarter. We acknowledge that this agreement offered on 10/10/2012 supersedes the previous agreement.*



# *Report from Indian Affairs Committee*

## *Third month 2013*

*by Sandra Murphy*

Since our last Quarterly Meeting, members of the committee have been led by spirit to undertake the following work:

1) reading Quaker and community literature, seeking evidence of Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal presence in our geographic location since colonization which is required in seeking federal recognition; this includes research at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

2a) pre-writing a minute of support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Resolution 61/295 adopted in 2007 by the UN General Assembly and signed by President Obama in 2010; identifying the documents intentions, application, and limitations

2b) helping to organize informational presentations for Annual Sessions and this Quarter

3a) working led by spirit, with our friends and neighbors of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribe for a round dance benefit, joint meeting with Tribal Council, and Prayer Circle Ministry; SQ is welcome to the next Prayer Circle and potluck at 2pm on 16th day 3rd month held at the Fairton Tribal Grounds.

3b) sought support for a family of seven whose home was destroyed by fire 17th day, 2nd mo; a "round dance" benefit was held on 2nd day 3rd mo; ten Friends heard the call & responded in giving

3c) found a grant writer - funds proposed to be cut by the state; the tribe provides direct/ extensive health services for diabetes and obesity which are experienced by a high percentage of the Tribe

4) ongoing communication with PYM and BYM Indian Committees; participation with PYM IC

5a) At this time we ask for the Quarter's discernment. We lift up for your consideration to be named to this committee Friend Ruth Hall-Brooks, SAL. After she expressed interest to several members of the Quarter she was contacted. We feel that she is called to do the work of the committee and brings essential knowledge and sensitivity (mercy) which will grace our concerns.

5b) Asked to be released from *the committee are Phil Anthony, and Gary Holmes*

Our Quaker heart in hand tenet invites us to use spirit given gifts. If spirit led with gifts such as assisting, giving, healing, organization or

multiculturalism know that we may be a good fit. The list is not complete, nor exclusive; all spirit led gifts for our work are welcome.

While the committee is comprised of named members it is an open committee. Our next set meeting will take place at Friends Village 19th day 4th month 2013 at 7:00 pm.

On behalf of the committee,  
Sandra Boone Murphy, MIC; clerk of Salem Quarter Indian Affairs  
Committee

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Current Named Members: Lois Dinshah, MUL; Carol Lively, GRN;  
Marie Haaf, WTN; James Murphy, WBY; Sandra Boone Murphy, MIC.

## *Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends*

*Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ*

*October 4, 5 & 6, 2013*

For one weekend each year, we become a village of Friends in the pinelands of South Jersey. Together we play games, dance, attend workshops, go boating, enjoy hayrides, sing around a bonfire, and become enraptured by the sights through the camp's large telescope. We share six hearty meals together. We provide activities for our teenagers, and for our children. Some of us sleep in cabins and some of us sleep in heated lodges. In our village, there is time for solitude and reflection as when we walk alone under the pines, and moments of deep community as we worship at the lakeside outdoor chapel in the autumn chill.

To find out more about this family memory in the making, please call or email our Registrar Cindy Cox Crispin (856) 478-4093 or [cindycoxcrispin@gmail.com](mailto:cindycoxcrispin@gmail.com) at with questions or to request a weekend schedule with fees and other information.

# *Worship & Ministry Report*

## *3/8/2013*

The committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening. Seven Friends were present with two out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented. Out of worship we heard a brief report on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday prayer group. The insurance certificate and contract for the next two events are in place awaiting the addition of the check. The group opted to re-schedule from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in March, which is Easter, to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April. The following gathering will be on 6/30, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June. The Gifts Working Group reported on their last meeting held in Mullica Hill on 3/2. They shared personal events and affirmations of one another. The evolution of direction towards recognizing gifts in community for the committee was a topic of discussion, especially for those members who have been recently absent from the group.

Worship & Ministry held the Gifts Working Group in the Light as we discussed their evolution from a more introverted focus to one with greater outreach. We reviewed a list of gifts with descriptions as developed from the United Church of Canada and discussed the concept of jotting down the names of individuals we see described therein. There was palpable excitement about the potential of this practice for all and for the work of the Gifts Working Group. *Faith and Play* gifts workshops are still being conducted in the Monthly Meetings around the Quarter and a workshop is being considered for Tri-Quarter 2013.

We considered future workshops/ retreats, including the appeal of sponsoring a *Faith and Play* training program. If this is of interest to the Quarter, it would require advance planning in both logistics and finance. We acknowledge that we are not limited to hosting or sponsoring programs; we can offer support to Monthly Meeting programs in terms of promotion, refreshments or possibly costs.

As a follow-up to our consideration of a book discussion program on *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* by Steven Chase, we reviewed the interest that might exist for those familiar with the book as well as new interest from seasoned Friends or new attenders. Finding potential in all of those sources, we planned to verify such interest and schedule an event. John Cameron (Salem) offered to facilitate the discussion when scheduled.

Increasing participation in Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry is an ongoing reflection. We asked ourselves how we would respond if someone asked, "What does the Quarter W&M do?" Responses followed both practical and spiritual leadings. We might seek ways to encourage and support worship outside of the monthly meetings and look for ways to we might offer ministry or show Quakerism in our lives to others. One function of Worship & Ministry at the quarter level is to offer support, both practical and spiritual to the monthly meeting W&M committees.

Concluded in worship, those present were filled with gratification for having been an active participant.

## *Tri-Quarter Gathering Report 3/10/2013*

### *RE: The 2013 Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends*

The 2013 Planning Committee consists of nine Friends: Marsha Gaspar, Clerk; Cindy Cox Crispin, Registrar; Denise Pooley, Treasurer; George Crispin (all from Woodbury MM); Jarry Jones (Moorestown MM); Kandy Lippincott (Moorestown MM); Meed Barnett (Atlantic City Area MM); Sandy Ridgway (Mullica Hill MM); and Denise McDaniel (Mt. Holly MM) ). The Committee held its second face-to-face meeting on February 10, 2013. Most of our business is conducted via emails throughout the year.

Registrar's Report: Participant overview included attendance breakdown by Quarters, Monthly Meetings and ages. We went from about one hundred attendees in 2010 to about eighty in 2011 and down to 59 in 2012. It was also reported that two MMs provided scholarships for attendees in 2012 and that scholarships offered by the Tri-Quarter have increased due to economic need. The dates for the upcoming Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends are October 4, 5 & 6, 2013.

Treasurer's Report: For the 2012 Tri-Quarter we deduct \$8,859 in registrations and donations from \$10,782.87 in expenses to show a \$1,923.87 reduction in our "cushion". Our balance as we enter 2013 is \$6,687.35 .... or about \$1,900 less than when we started in 2012. Camp Negotiations and Contract: Cindy submitted a letter from Dave Kaubin of Camp Ockanickon which showed the Camp's intention to keep all charges the same as in 2012, or \$8,845.00. This eliminates the necessity of a "Negotiating Committee" meeting with the Camp, and it was decided by the Planning Committee that Cindy could sign our 2013 contract.

Theme: The theme for the 2013 Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends has been selected, **Transitions :Trusting the Process.**

## *Old Habits Change Slowly*

*Debbie Callahan,*

*Director of Marketing and Development*

*Friends Village at Woodstown*



When I tell people I work at Friends Village in Woodstown many times their response is, “Oh, Friends Home.”

I reply, “Yes, but we have more services now.” Then I give them my 30 second recap of all the choices that comprise the Friends Village community.

Friends Village is a community of people who call this campus home. They choose to live in this community for a variety of personal reasons; but, one point they all agree on is the value of the services provided. These services include:

- Independent Living cottages and apartments for active seniors.
- Assisted Living for seniors who need assistance with daily activities.
- Residential Healthcare for seniors who need a little bit of help and don’t want to cook.
- Rehabilitation Services for adults, residents and others, recovering from different health events.
- Skilled Nursing Services for seniors who need 24-hour care and support.

Living at Friends Village provides seniors, 62 years old and up, the opportunity to de-stress their lives by leaving the maintenance and upkeep of their home to the staff members. Residents socialize with each other and staff members rather than sitting home alone. They enjoy good food and fellowship, and participate in as many activities as they find interesting.

Residents and their family members also know that if there is a problem - - a fall in the middle of the night; an unexpected trip to the hospital; or a need for more services - - Friends Village is prepared to help. It’s all right here. Residents don’t have to “shop” for a rehab center or an assisted living facility. They transition to a different area of the Friends Village campus.

And when I tell seniors and their family members that they can

utilize the rehabilitation services of Friends Village they are usually quite surprised. The big misconception about Friends Village is that non-residents cannot access its services. Nothing is further from the truth.

Rehabilitation services at Friends Village are open to All Seniors in the area. A doctor may recommend that you or a family member receive short-term rehab (commonly referred to as therapy) in a facility like Friends Village. Short-term patients live here temporarily; participate in therapy sessions; get stronger; and then they return to their homes. While they are at Friends Village, we treat them like family; just like the residents we serve every day.

Our rehabilitation services are available to seniors on an outpatient basis too. Think about the advantages of completing your therapy at a facility that specializes in caring for older adults.

Want to visit before you decide where to do your rehabilitation? No problem. Give us a call and we will schedule an appointment for you to tour and meet our staff members.

To summarize, Friends Village is not your grandmother's nursing home. Friends Village is a vibrant community that offers older adults, and their family members, options that will support their lifestyles now and in the future.

A former resident shared these thoughts a few years ago. "There is a feeling of contentment – something warm and real that hasn't just been slapped together – it's something durable at an important milestone in our lives. It is a transition to new friends with similar concerns. It is a discovery that we are not alone. We are a family."

Come see what makes us special. Call me, Debbie Callahan, 856-769-1500, ext. 2757. Let's talk about how Friends Village at Woodstown can be part of your family too.

*Join us at  
Salem Quarterly Meeting  
June 9  
at Seaville Meeting*



*Seaville Friends will provide soup, bread, and desserts. Picnic tables are available if weather permits outdoor eating.*

*Meghan Wren, director at Bayshore Discovery Project will present a program concerning the New Jersey bayshore and post Sandy issues.*

*Arrangements have been made for Salem Quarterly Meeting attendees to camp at a local private campground. The campground has the usual showers, fire ring, etc. Friends who want to camp need to bring their own tents, firewood, etc. Friends interested in camping need to contact Bob Holden of Seaville mtg ([holdenon@comcast.net](mailto:holdenon@comcast.net)) with the number of people, who would be in charge of the group, and the number of nights.*

## *Directions to Seaville*

Seaville Monthly Meeting is located at 3088 South Shore Road (Route 9), Ocean View, N.J. To find it:

From southern Cape May County: Take Route 9 north to Seaville. The meetinghouse is on the left. Or take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 20 and follow Route 50 north to Route 9. Turn left on Route 9. Drive one mile. The meetinghouse is on the right, just after a curve.

From Salem, Greenwich, and Millville: Follow Route 49 east to the T intersection with Route 50 in Tuckahoe. Turn right, and take Route 50 south to Route 9. Turn right again and drive one mile on Route 9. The meetinghouse is on the right, just after a curve. Allow about half an hour from the intersection of Route 49 with Route 55 in Millville.

From farther north and west: Get onto Route 55 and take it to Exit 24, Millville/Route 49. Follow the directions from Salem, Greenwich, and Millville (above) to the meetinghouse.

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**Greenwich:** Upper Greate Street P.O. Box 18, Greenwich, N.J. 08323  
856-451-8217, 15 Sep–15 Jun, Lower Greate Street 15 Jun–15 Sept,  
Worship 9-9:45, 9:45-10 After-words and general fellowship, 10:00- no  
longer than 11:00, First Day School, children and adults.

**Mickleton:** 413 Kings Highway, Mickleton, N.J. 08056 856-845-7682  
mickletonmeeting.org Worship 10:00 am, children's First-day School  
10:15

**Mullica Hill:** 2 Woodstown Road (Route 45 just south of Route 77), P.O. Box  
67, Mullica Hill, N.J. 08062 856- 478-2184 mullicahillfriends.org  
Sunday School 9:45 am, worship 11:00 am Sep–May; worship 10:00 am  
Jun–Aug

**Salem:** East Broadway at Walnut Street, P.O. Box 7, Salem, N.J. 08079  
First Day School 9:15 am Sept.-May; Worship 10:30 all year.

**Seaville:** 3088 South Shore Road (Rte. 9, 1 mile S. of Rte. 50), Ocean View,  
N.J. 08230 609-624-1165 seavillequaker.tripod.com  
Worship 10:00 am; Beach meeting (weather permitting) Grant Street  
beach, Cape May, May–Oct, 9:00 am

**Southern State Worship Group:** Call Roshan Dinshah for info 856-694-3025

**Woodbury:** 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096, 856 -845-5080  
www.pym.org/pym\_mms/woodburynj\_salq.php www.meetup.com/  
Woodbury-Friends-Meeting/ First-day School 10:00 am, worship 11:15  
am

**Woodstown,** 104 North Main St., P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, N.J. 08098,  
856- 769-9839 <http://www.woodstownfriends.org/> First-day School  
9:15 am Worship 10:30 am

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## **Quarterly Meeting**

*June 9, 2013*

*at Seaville Meeting House*

*(Directions on p. 26)*

**9:30 Gather**

**10:00 Worship**

**11:00 Program**

**12:00 Lunch (beverages, soup, bread, and  
dessert provided by Seaville Mtg.)**

**1:00 Business Meeting**

*Child care, beverages, and dessert provided.*