

Salem Quarter News

Summer 2015



*Let me hear
thy loving kindness
in the morning,
for in thee do I trust.*

Our part is the trusting, it is
His to accomplish the results.
And when we do our part,
He never fails to do His, for
no one ever trusted in the
Lord and was confounded.

Hannah Whitall Smith

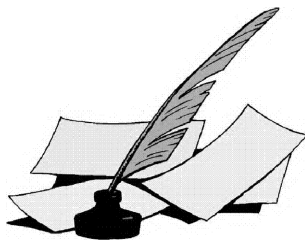
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Quote: Psalm 143:8 Geneva, 1560

School Days

*Barry Sloane,
Clerk of Quarter*



Over the years I have been in hundreds of schools in my work. They range from inner city schools with heavy armed security guards to rural schools with no guard presence. They range from special needs to highly creative. Mostly I just want to get in and out: I took little if any joy from the schooling experience as a child and mostly I put up a mental shell when I go into them.

Yesterday I was in an elementary school in rural Delaware that by providence, or the need for a topic for this article, I forgot to put my “shell” on before going in. The result was a mental kaleidoscope of emotions and memories.

When we checked into the office there was a large 150 gallon fish tank with three red eared slider turtles each about 8 to 10 inches in length. One was swimming and the other two were sunning themselves in the heat lamps. Obviously, it was a conversation starter. It turns out that when a kid is sent to the office they sit him or her next to the tank to let them watch the turtles. Sometimes the lady in the office will say to the child, “You can go into your shell just like the turtle if you want”. It turns out that within minutes, the kids are calmed down by watching the turtles—such a contrast to the “no tolerance” stance that we hear so much about in the media.

As we were going through the cafeteria we had to cross a line of kids. There was a boy with the very intense, wise brown eyes. Anyway he held his hand up for a “high five” which I returned. It was good to connect with him for that brief moment. As we proceeded through to the adjacent hallway, The custodian escorting us had interactions with a number of boys (waves, thumbs up and in one case a brief hug). As an aside to me, he said that he could tell instantly who the kids were who didn’t have a father in their lives. They crave the attention even if it’s negative. Maybe that boy with the high five was one of those. My heart ached for these kids.

As we were walking through the hall ways there was a line third graders passing by us. One of the boys in that line was a good foot taller than the others and very heavy boned. He had the build of a football lineman. I had a flashback to when I was that age. I was a foot

taller than anyone in my class all through elementary school although lighter framed. I remember never being able to fool the teacher with my Halloween costume who would immediately identify me because of my height. I also remember people constantly asking me if I was any good at basketball. Boy, did that line of conversation get old! By the way, I wasn't and I am not. I'll bet he is having similar experiences only for him, the game is football. Maybe he is good at it and likes it. That would be nice.

Then we were off to the playground and there was a second grader playing off to the side who was wearing a motorcycle helmet. I wondered how the others were treating him because of the helmet. I had to wear a helmet for a couple of years because I had a couple of concussions and the doctor told my parents that one more could kill me. While I have since developed a hard head, the football helmet I wore wasn't nearly as cool as the helmet he had. I wonder how much teasing he gets. I sure had my share.

On the way out, we stopped at the school nurse's office. The person escorting me through has known her since childhood and wanted to stop in and say hello. She was in the process of looking at a boy's tooth to see if it was loose enough to come out. A girl was patiently waiting. She had sprained her ankle over the weekend and was hoping to get some help from the nurse. The nurse was gentle and kind; it is clear she loves those kids and her job. I found out later that she is 60 years old and has had MS since she was 20. Her serenity in the face of this is inspiring. She has a sign on the wall that says, "I have so many things to do, I cannot die before they are done". She has a chart on her wall where whenever a child's loose tooth is pulled, the child is given a sticker to put on the chart. September is a very big tooth month.

The school serves a poor community and I suspect the nurse is doing more than her share of providing medical care to the kids. In our brief encounter, I know I have just met a truly extraordinary human being. Public schools have a lot of challenges, but this school was special because of the love in it. These kids are lucky and I am lucky to be a witness to it.

New FGC Bookstore The Friends General Conference bookstore is now located at Pendle Hill. You can visit to browse the shelves or contact them at

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/news/quakerbooks-comes-to-pendle-hill>

<http://www.quakerbooks.org/>

Pendle Hill 610-566-4507

Building Fires Requires Attention To The Spaces In Between As Much As To The Wood. JudyBrown

A blog post by Brittney Gangemi

Forgive me for the upcoming heresy.

I think Eve gets an undeservedly bad rap. I like her. I really like her. Actually, I think she's kind of a badass.

Let's roll back the judgment for a moment and consider that maybe, just maybe, she's kinda brave and beautiful, and dare I say, *wise*.

Don't get me wrong, life's more painful this side of the apple, but wouldn't you say it's also richer and brighter and more knowledgeable and just more *human*? To live a daring, sensuous life, where we enjoy the beauty and the pleasures of this world, while embracing all its nasty risks, is to take Eve's example. We'll experience more pain, yes, but we also expose ourselves to the possibility of genuine connection, wisdom, deep joy, and the mysterious power of the unexplainable.

Whether or not you buy into my view of Eve, we have to admit that this world is both an absolute disaster and absolutely beautiful, and that's probably never gonna change. Right? Can we agree on that? Even better— Could we just *embrace* the beauty and messiness and risk of *being fully human*?

Like most experiences this side of the apple, this trip has been an absolute disaster. My boyfriend broke up with me only after I arrived, by myself, in rural Guatemala. With an immune system weakened by multiple factors including poor nutrition, a (literally) freezing home, contaminated water source, minimal sleep, horrific air quality, and a tad bit of stress, I had the pleasure of getting pneumonia. To top it off, I added a little amebic dysentery to the mix. I was lonely and grieving and seriously ill. And that's just me! That mess doesn't even begin to cover the everyday reality for most rural Guatemalans. On the days I was well enough to make it to the clinic, I witnessed profound abuse, neglect, severe malnutrition, insuffi-

cient supplies of life-saving medicine, every type of *ism* you can imagine, and babies dying of the same symptoms I had the week before. Folks, it's a God damn mess down here.

[A word on the profound abuse part—just to give you an idea of my everyday reality—we've decided to no longer give out condoms at the clinic because so many of the women returned bloody and bruised and beat to all hell because their husbands were offended by their request to allow their bodies enough time to heal between pregnancies. Don't get me started.]

There's a phrase in Spanish, *caer bien*, that's used when you like someone or are pleased with something or something makes you happy. It literally means "to fall good". Folks, despite the disasters, I am falling good. I've fallen good for this grungy town. I've fallen good for my work, and for my beautiful Guatemalan friends. I'm falling good in more ways than I can say right now. How is that possible in such a devastating day-to-day world?

Because **our messes can't make Beauty any less beautiful**. The human catastrophes that we create can never take away from God's goodness. And folks, God is good.

I really mean that. Life has been one glorious surprise after another. Strangers ask me to pray with them everywhere I go. They bare their souls without provocation. People I've never met knock on my door and hand me their sick babies and we talk about life. Grown women ask me for advice on pretty much every topic that I have absolutely no authority on: their role as a wife, their vocation, their relationship with God, how to raise their kids, how to interpret bible verses. (You should see me trying to do this in Spanish.) These are *Mayan* women, people. Women who have received nothing but exploitation at the hands of white-skinned foreigners for centuries, including recent mistreatment from my alma mater! My point here is that it's about the medicine, but it's not about the medicine. Trust opens doors.

Humility, redemption, reconciliation, laughter. It's all in abun-

dance, amidst the tragedies. I feel remarkably unqualified almost all of the time, yet I'm utterly convinced by the streams of happy tears that God is alive and moving and in the midst of it all. There are so many happy tears here. *There are so many happy tears.*

Look, life's a crazy, chaotic, break-your-heart mess most of the time. But folks, the deliciousness of life this side of the apple is so damn good. It's worth every risk, every ounce of pain and sorrow. If you're willing to reach for it, and taste it, I promise you'll experience a beauty beyond the explainable.

Open your eyes. Take a look around. Your life is pretty damn beautiful. Can you see it? Can you find God within the messiness of yourself and everyone else? Do you have some apples worth tasting, some Good risks worth taking? Am I completely naive, or are the moments of beauty really worth the pain of being fully human?

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real." "Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit. "Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt." "Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?" "It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand." by Margery Williams

Keep up with Brittney's blog at

<https://lovethroughmedicine.wordpress.com>

Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes

3/8/2015

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 3/8/2015 at Woodstown Meeting-house. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and visitors, and expressed our gratitude to Woodstown Friends for their hospitality and delicious soups and breads. There was a Friendly presence for business of twenty-two representing each of the seven monthly meetings in the quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 12/14/2014 were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News.

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported from the Lower Alloways Creek committee highlighting the discussions, plans and activities since the committee was formed. The committee is truly Spirit led and has been a joy thus far. (*See report p. 23*)

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Paul Somers (Greenwich) reported noting the activities and discussions of the Steering Committee specifically referencing the direction to the Steering Committee from the last Quarterly Meeting to investigate the concept and make a recommendation regarding the marketing/communications shared service hire with Friends School Mullica Hill. (*See report p. 15*) The proposed job description as considered by the Steering Committee is as follows:

Proposed Job Description: Marketing/Communications person

The Marketing/Communications person is responsible for:

- Improving the outreach of Salem Quarterly Meeting and its constituent meetings using web and social media.
- Improving our outreach to younger F(f)riends in our meetings.
- Upgrading the Salem Quarter web presence (salemquarter.net),
- Improving and integrating Facebook and other social media with the Quarter and Meeting webpages.
- Tutoring/teaching local meetings and the Quarter how to maintain these improved communication tools.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Steering Committee will give direction to and supervise the work of this person.

Qualifications:

- Experience: demonstrated competency in the above areas of responsibility.
- Member or Attender, or sympathetic with Quaker views and testimonies.

Term: This is a part-time, 5 hours per week (average) position with a 1-year term.

Salary: This person will be an employee of Friends School in Mullica Hill. Salem Quarter will reimburse Friends School at an agreed-upon contracted

hourly rate for 5 hours per week.

Metrics: Page views, web traffic, other social media metrics will be tracked and measured for improvement.

Friends discussed the proposal for a shared service for the marketing/communications position. Beth Reaves, Friends School Mullica Hill Headmaster was available for questions and comments. One Friend expressed concern regarding the expenditure of funds when individual Friends may be able to provide those services as part of their service to the Quarter and as a form of a spiritual leading as well as a concern with an apparent lack of identifiable specific goals and potential methods of delivery; and the speed with which the process seemed to be progressing. Support was expressed from several sources regarding the instructional benefit that such a position could provide to the Quarter and to the individual monthly meetings both in targeting and fulfilling our marketing and communications needs. As an educational consultant this individual might help us realize our visions for growth and outreach by identifying and explaining how we can use marketing and communications, including electronic communication and social media to reach inward and outward. With regard to the timing of this proposal, Headmaster Beth stated that the school will be interviewing and hiring in April. Our involvement in this part of the process would be dependent upon when we made our decision. She verified that this is a one-year contract only.

Friends approved the concept of a one year shared service with Friends School to utilize a percentage of time of the individual that is being hired by FSMH for marketing and communications. Steering Committee was authorized to proceed with the agreement and subsequent approval of the candidate hired by FSMH. Funding for the project was approved at \$6,700 as sourced from the funds that were leftover from financing our previous coordinator program, currently invested in Fiduciary earning interest and awaiting use.

The minute was approved with one Friend dissenting. Friends expressed their deep concern for the thoughts and feelings of the individual and the desire that as we move forward with this project, concerns and objections may be resolved through experience. We will be mindful to keep Quaker process and transparent communications a priority.

Peggy Warner (Mullica Hill) reported from the Quarter Nominating Committee with recommendations for the annual nominating committee

report for the positions of Recording Clerk, Education Fund Committee, and Friends Village Board. (*See complete list p. 16-20*) All nominations were accepted with gratitude.

Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury), clerk of the Tri-Quarter Gathering presented the reminder cards for the next Tri-Quarter Gathering.

The Finance Committee report was presented by Michael Shapiro (Salem). Since last quarterly meeting we have paid out expenses totaling \$3,713. Our income from covenant payments was \$3,200 including both payments designated for General and Education Funds. The annual budget development meeting for the Finance Committee is anticipated for the 18th or 19th of this month. The budget will be presented at the next quarter business meeting in June.

The Worship & Ministry Committee will meet at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening 3/13/2015. A written report will be included in the next Salem Quarter News.

Friends School Mullica Hill Headmaster, Beth Reaves shared some exciting news from the school's upcoming events. At the end of March the 8th Grade will be journeying to Costa Rica. While there they will be performing service work and visiting the Cloud Forest Research Station. Within the next 12 – 18 months the school hopes to offer opportunities for the Monthly Meetings or individual Friends to work with the school and students in several areas that may be of interest, including a community garden. The winning entry from the National Alice Paul Essay Contest is a Friends School Mullica Hill student. The essay will be featured in the next issue of Salem Quarter News.

Additional announcements were made and the meeting was closed in worship.

Rebecca Shapiro, recording clerk

From Our Friends School *8th Grade Trip to Costa Rica*



A group of 8th graders from Friends School Mullica Hill recently took a week-long trip to Costa Rica, exploring the biodiversity of the country, practicing their Spanish speaking skills, learning more about the people and culture of the country and performing community service. Costa Rica is warm, wonderful country with a deep Quaker connection presenting a unique learning opportunity for students. Highlights of the trip include:

San Gerardo Research Station – Nestled in the cloud forest area of Monteverde is the San Gerardo Research Station, where the students spent several days. A vigorous hike into the research station allowed the students to have up-close observation of the beautiful flora and fauna in the area. While there, the students engaged in a research study exploring and documenting the biodiversity of a section of the forest. Using the Simpson Diversity Index as a guide and counting the trees, shrubs, vines and epiphytes in a specific area, the students confirmed that in fact, this area is biologically diverse. A night hike in the rain (in the rainforest!) provided an opportunity to see those creatures not usually out or visible in the day time, including a glass frog, red eyed tree frog and a rare sighting of a porcupine. The highlight of our time in the rain forest was certainly an afternoon hike that led to a beautiful natural waterfall, which the students promptly ran to and swam in.

Monteverde Friends School – While the school was closed for Spring break, we were fortunate to have a tour of the school given by Jonathan Ogle, the Upper School English and Social Studies teacher there. Jonathan provided great insight to the history of Monteverde Friends School and the Quaker community there, as well as an update on things today (square dances still happen, though are not as widely attended as in the past!). We got to see their beautiful new meeting room, built by hand by their community and completed just last year (more information on the meeting room is here <http://www.friendsjournal.org/built-faith/>). Jonathan also shared some of the important ways that Monteverde Friends demonstrates care of their environment, including their handling of waste water run-off. The visit to the school provided FSMH students with a look at a school very similar in many ways to the one they attend, rooted in Quaker values, but residing in a unique and quite different community.

Reforestation Work – As a community service project, students worked to help plant and weed trees as part of a reforestation project

helping with water conservation and providing natural habitats for the three-wattled bell bird. Working on the farm of Veronica Barroso and her husband, students learned about the important need to support water conservation in an area that is often dry, despite the lush rain forest not far away. Students also learned about the plight of the three-wattled bell bird, and important efforts to preserve their habitats. These discussions helped to frame the importance of the community service work for the students.

Zip lining, butterfly garden, coffee plantation, rice and beans and so much more – In addition to the important environmental learning experiences described, the students also had the opportunity to have a great deal of fun and learn about the food and culture of Costa Rica! Zip lining above the trees in Monteverde was a huge hit, as was visiting a butterfly garden and releasing several butterflies. Each day brought new foods to try and the students were impressed with how much sweeter some of the fresh fruit was compared to what we experience in the U.S. (especially the mangos). We are hoping that this trip will become the capstone trip for our 8th grade students as they prepare to leave Friends School and enter high school, giving them a unique and special opportunity for personal growth.



Friends Village Named Salem County's 2015 Distinguished Citizen

*by Mary Lou Frank,
Assistant Director of Development*



On Thursday, April 16, the Salem County Chamber of Commerce honored Friends Village at Woodstown as its Distinguished Citizen of the Year during the organization's annual spring banquet.

"Friend's Village has earned this prestigious and well-deserved recognition for economic impact on our community," said Joe Delmar, president of the Chamber's board of directors as he presented a commemorative plaque to Stephan Waddington, Friends Village clerk of the board of trustees, and Thomas Lyons, executive director.

Delmar also commended Friends Village for the spectrum of care offered to residents and for its connections and outreach to the Salem County community. Several proclamations and congratulatory letters from government officials were also given to Waddington and Lyons.

In thanking the Chamber members, Waddington pointed out that contrary to the perception that Friends Home prior to the expansion to Friends Village was a small nursing home run by Quakers to take care of themselves, "the reality is that the percentage of Quakers in our facility has usually been less than 20%. We welcome everyone."

“As we planned our expansion,” he explained, “a stated goal was to reach out to the broader community with an expanded, open campus. We wanted to establish Friends Village as a resource for those needing support, guidance and answers as they aged. Our sense is that as we encourage interaction between our village and the outside community, both are enriched.”

In a break from a tradition of secrecy regarding the distinguished citizen, the Chamber announced Friends Village’s selection prior to the night of the dinner allowing members of the board, staff and residents to be present. During his remarks, Lyons asked each group scattered through the hall to stand and be recognized.

“Friends Village is not your grandmother’s nursing home.” Lyons told the over 200 attendees. “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.”

“Our residents are the embodiment of our mission,” he said. “We laugh together and we cry together. We share pictures and stories. We celebrate birthdays and enjoy fellowship. We are privileged to work in their home.”

“We look forward to the challenges of enhancing our community as we move further into the 21st century,” Lyons said as he concluded his thanks.

After the event, Lyons expressed his gratitude to the generations of local Quakers whose work led to Friends Village earning this recognition.

PLEASE NOTE: Friends Village will hold a 10th Anniversary Celebration of its expansion to a CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) on Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m. All members of the Salem Quarter are invited to attend. Details will be mailed to each clerk in mid-summer. Call 856-823-0786 or look for more information at www.friendsvillage.org.

Steering Committee Report to Salem Quarterly Meeting March 2015

Items for discussion:

- **Marketing/Communications Person.** The prospective hire will be asked to meet the members of Steering Committee. Should the plan develop as anticipated, Quarterly Meeting will be asked for approval to move forward. The estimated cost to Salem Quarter would be \$6,700.00 for the year. Funds that were collected from the monthly meetings as part of previous years' covenants with a paid staff person in mind are available, currently in Fiduciary awaiting use.
- **Monthly Meeting Minutes.** Greenwich Meeting asked about the practice of sending copies of Meeting for Business minutes to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings with the possibility of thus engendering a closer bond between Monthly and Quarterly meetings, as well as between Monthly and Yearly Meeting. The practice of sharing annual reports, though once common, has largely fallen out of practice.

Trustees-Cemetery Grounds Committee.

The Trustees are considering turning the Port Elizabeth cemetery over to the Port Elizabeth community, which thinks of it as theirs anyway. The Committee is still searching for data regarding burials. Many, if not most of the burials are non-Friends. A suggestion was made to contact Stockton University to see if there is a class interested in using ground sonar to locate unmarked graves. A request has been made to the University Provost through Paul Herron, Executive Director of the Bay Atlantic Symphony.

Future Quarterly Meetings

- **June:** We plan to be in Woodbury with a program on Woodbury's 300th Anniversary, supplied by Woodbury. The usual arrangements for childcare, bag lunch, beverages and desserts apply. We would hope to gather at 9:30 am; Program at 10:00 am; Meeting for Worship at 11:00 am; lunch at noon; and Meeting for

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*Officers and Committees of
Salem Quarterly Meeting
Approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting 3/8/2015*

Clerk—three years, two consecutive terms only, second term ends 2017

Barry Sloane MIC

Assistant Clerk—three-year term ends 2016

Tom Etherington, MUL

Recording Clerk—three-year term ends 2018

Rebecca Shapiro, SAL

Treasurer—three-year term ends 2017

Chuck Devers MIC

Assistant Treasurer—three-year term ends 2016

Michael Shapiro SAL

Salem Quarter Trustees: Cemetery Grounds—three-year term, at least one per monthly meeting. Responsible for the care and maintenance of the properties and cemeteries entrusted and/or deeded to Salem Quarter, excluding the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse and surrounding grounds.

2016: *Torrey Reade*, (ad hoc)

James Murphy, WBY

2017: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr.*, WTN

Preston Carpenter, SAL

Barbara Jean Chadwick, SEA

Rick Williams, MIC

2018: *David Cadwallader*, SAL

Paul Somers, GRN

Salem Quarter Auditors—three-year term

2016: *Joe Tingle* MUL

2017: *Gloria Horvay* MIC

Walt Pierson MIC

For complete contact information, refer to the print edition of the SQ News or contact your Steering Committee Representative.

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

2017: *Alice Waddington*, SAL

Salem Quarter Education Fund Committee—three-year term

2016: *Marsha Gaspar*, WBY

Judy Isenhardt, MIC

2017: *Lori Talbot*, GRN

*Tacie Trull*SAL (clerk)

*Tom Etherington*MU1

Sally Crane, WTN

2018: *Robert Holden*, SEA

Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry—terms not established

Rebecca Shapiro, SAL (clerk)

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

PYM Nominating Committee—three-year term, Quarter entitled to two members. Representatives from the Quarter bring names from the Quarter to the attention of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee in an effort to match gifts and skills to appropriate PYM committees.

2018: *Bob Horvay*, MIC

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Salem Quarter Lower Alloways Creek Committee: Meetinghouse Property. Members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting. An action group to oversee the stewardship, management and use of the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse building and property.

Penny Watson, GRN

Mary Waddington SAL

Jim Waddington SAL

Paul Somers, GRN

David Culver SAL

Maurice W. WTN (rec. clerk)

Torry Reade ad hoc

Ron Magill ad hoc

Keith Ragone, WTN

Preston Carpenter SAL

Indian Affairs Committee - members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting

Sandra Boone MurphyMIC

Lois DinshahMUL

Marie Haaf, WTN

Carol Lively, GRN

Jim Murphy, WBY

Salem Quarter Steering Committee—appointed by monthly meetings. Ex officio, quarter officers

Paul Somers, GRN clerk

Anne LesterMIC

Tom Etherington, MUL

Michael ShapiroSAL (treasurer)

Robert Simmons, SAL

Michael Hainsworth, SEA

Diane Metz, SEA

Mary Hess, SEA

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Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN
Jack Mahon WTN
Helena Bew, SEA
Dianne Herland Sloane, MIC
Rebecca Shapiro SAL recording clerk

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

Burt Doremus, GRN
Barry Sloane, MIC
Joan Boarts, MUL
Michael Shapiro, SAL (clerk)
Ben Ford, SAL
Diane Metz, SEA
Heidi Bower, WTN

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

Grace Thompson, GRN
Anne Lester, MIC
Ruth van Veenendaal MIC
Peggy Warner, MUL (clerk)
Rebecca Shapiro, SAL
Ben Ford > SAL
Diane Metz, SEA
Gail Scuderi, WTN

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Clerks of Meetings

Greenwich: *Grace E. Thompson*,

Mickleton: *Gloria Horvay*,

Mullica Hill: *Jeffrey Summerton*

Salem: *Tacie Trull*,

Seaville: *Mike Hainesworth and Mary Thompson-Schmidt, co-clerks*

Woodbury: *George Crispin*⁴⁰⁹³,

Woodstown: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr.*,

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

2016: *Anne Lester*MIC

*Richard Ridgway*MUL (ass't clerk, ass't secretary)

Grace E. Thompson, GRN

Stephen Waddington, SAL (clerk)

2017: *Joan Ayars*, SAL (ass't treasurer)

Louise Cressman, GRN

*Susanne Culver*SAL (treasurer)

Ruth Crane, Friends Village Resident Association

2018: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr.*, WTN (secretary)

Russell Bassett, Jr SAL

Wick Hollingshead, (community)

Lori Talbot, GRN

For complete contact information, refer to the print edition of the SQ News or contact your Steering Committee Representative.

*Carlotta Redden, Friends School Student,
wins Alice Paul Essay Contest*



The Alice Paul Institute recently held a nationwide essay contest for students, asking them to respond to the question *“Think about the resources and tactics that were used by Alice Paul when she fought for women’s rights. Now think about the tools and methods that are available today. What might Alice Paul have done the same or differently if she had access to today’s tactics, methods, and resources?”*

Friends School Mullica Hill is proud to share that a FSMH 8th grade student, Carlotta Redden, was chosen as the essay contest winner! Carlotta reflected on the intersection today of social justice and social media and thoughtfully explained what a suffragist with internet access might have done.

Carlotta’s winning essay follows:

Alice Paul is known as a leader of the woman suffrage movement in the early twentieth century. Along with Lucy Burns, she attempted to obtain equal rights for women by attempting to create change on a federal level. Paul is known for her tactics that included picketing the White House and conducting hunger strikes after being arrested. Her efforts along with others led to women getting closer to gaining equality. Although her tactics were effective and led to change, if Alice Paul had access to today’s resources her efforts may have been less daunting and more efficient.

One resource that would have been extremely helpful to the woman suffrage movement is social networking. There are so many ways to communicate to the masses in today’s society that include facebook, twitter and Instagram to name a few. An effective method for change is to publicize the protest. It would have worked to Alice Paul’s advantage in sending the message that women were not equal in several forms on various media outlets. Imagine posting a simple picture illustrating how women suffered with a simple short message underneath driving home the point. Think of how many “likes” it would get. On facebook, videos of the march on the White House could be shared and viewed repeatedly until the message was reached to the masses. Twitter messages would have been exchanged daily and followers would have joined in huge numbers. The most effective way of publicizing a message is through social networking.

In today’s world, it probably is no longer necessary to conduct hun-

ger strikes. Alice Paul was such an important figure in the movement to gain equality for women, it would not be wise for her today to jeopardize her health and well-being. We have so many other means to show support for a cause, a hunger strike is probably not the most effective tactic. In today's world, we may decide to wear a certain color to show support or use our spending power in order to influence others to join a cause or at least recognize injustice.

Alice Paul was right in seeking change on a Congressional level. One thing that Paul and her activists could do today is to elect leaders who supported their agenda. This is probably the most effective way to create change. In order to make a difference in a cause for equality for women, laws should be implemented to make certain that women are treated fairly in our society. Now that women are able to vote, the power of that privilege would be beneficial in electing leaders that would support equality for women.

Alice Paul grew up in an environment that led her to pursue the life she lived. She used the resources necessary in order to attain a goal that was near to her heart. If she were able to utilize the tools we have in today's society, her efforts would have been less stressful but just as effective.

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Business at 1:00 pm.

- **September:** Possible locations and potential programs were noted. One suggestion was a program on historical diaries with a spiritual component and focus; more information is needed.

Future Quarterly Meeting locations and Programs

- Would like to hold Quarterly at all seven monthly meetings.

Salem Quarter News deadlines The next submission deadline is on or around 4/26/15.

- Current and back issues are available on www.salemquarter.net

Report to Salem Quarterly Meeting

Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House Committee

March 8, 2015

The Salem Quarter Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House Committee has been meeting monthly since being formed at the Dec, 2014 Quarterly Meeting. Dave Culver has been appointed clerk, and Mike Ayars, recording clerk. Sub-committees have been created to focus on key aspects: Preservation: Penny Watson, Jim Waddington, Ron Magill and Mike Ayars, and Use: Mary Waddington, Paul Somers and Mike Ayars .

To gain perspective, committee members reflected on queries chosen to focus their thoughts on the significance of the LAC Meeting House, on concerns they might have, and on visions for future use of the building. We found ourselves united in wanting to undertake a path with the twin goals of pursuing a program of careful conservation while seeking and implementing appropriate uses. Initially our efforts will be focused on generating two documents. The first is a Preservation Plan which will include background documentary information and chronological history, a condition assessment, and recommendations for short and long term preservation. This report will primarily be written by experts with the necessary expertise. The preservation plan will define how we prioritize our work going forward and serve as a basis for future grant applications. The second is a Use Plan which will include a listing and evaluation of possible uses and provide specific recommendations. This report will be prepared by Committee members with assistance from outside resources as needed. Uses will need to be compatible with the fragile nature of the structure, and should promote Quaker outreach or other compatible goals.

The Committee is evaluating possible sources of grants including the Quaker Tyson and Keeney Funds. Fund raising options are also being explored.

Preliminary examinations of the building indicated no outstanding structural problems or current termite or powder post beetles activity. There has been some low level vandalism in the form of BB's shot through windows. We've concluded that an educated and engaged local population would be our best defense, so an Open House is being planned for April 26, with neighbors, township officials, and local police and fire department personnel invited. We will also be meeting with the Township Committee at their next meeting to introduce ourselves and seek their help and advice.

Other activities underway include updating the LAC Meeting House page on the Quarterly Meeting website, and rewriting informative pamphlets so they can be distributed to visitors at the site. Possible links with the Hancock House are also being explored.

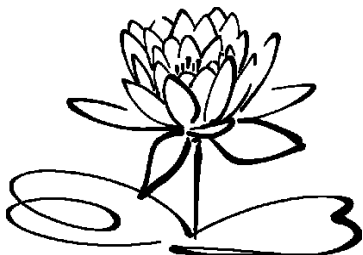
As we move forward with this important work, ideas and input from Quarterly Meeting and its members would be welcomed.

Submitted by
David Culver

Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends

October 2, 3, & 4, 2015

Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ



The lotus flower symbolizes the struggle toward personal fulfillment and our awakening to life's spiritual reality, both integral to the quest for healthy living.

Please circle the dates of October 2, 3 and 4, 2015 on your calendar and plan to attend this enriching event.

Our theme this year is “Heal Thy Living” – a permutation of “Healthy Living” – that focuses on how we can optimize our personal efforts in the realms of spirit, mind, body and our planet Earth to attain true healthy living. Workshops will carry through on this theme to bring mindfulness to these cornerstones of each of our lives.

In addition to workshops for adults, teens and children, the weekend offers intergenerational games, all-day challenge course, canoeing and boating, stargazing at the Camp’s observatory, square and round dancing, six hearty meals, an ice cream social, hayrides, bonfire with s’mores, and community worship at an outdoor lakeside chapel. There is also abundant free time for nature walks and contemplation.

For questions regarding activities, accommodations and fees – or to request a registration form in August --please contact Registrar Cindy Cox Crispin at (856) 478-4093 or email her at cindy-coxcrispin@gmail.com. Please remember to put “Tri-Q” in the subject and inquire early as to the limited scholarships available.

While this event brings together members of the 22 Monthly Meetings of the Salem, Haddonfield and Burlington NJ Quarters, it is open to all members and attenders within PYM, as well as like-minded individuals who are not yet Friends.

The Miracles that Surround Us

George A. Crispin
Woodbury Monthly Meeting

Nearly everyone has had the experience of reading the Bible and upon coming upon certain passages that cause the modern mind to rebel. The virgin birth, changing water into wine, and walking on water are incidences of stories told in the Bible along with the Red Sea parting to allow the escaping Jews to pass, and then closing to engulf the persuing Egyptians. For Joshua to have more time for battle, the sun is made to stand still. So it goes. We are tempted to disregard them as miracles, or exaggerations of the primitive writers, or maybe just coincidences. But upon closer inspection, we are surrounded by miracles that upon deeper thought cause profound wonder.

The ancients believed there were four manifestations of matter: earth, air, fire, and water. Today modern man knows there are more, such as atoms, electrons, quarks, miracles within themselves, such as communication without intercession.

But in examining the four manifestations in which the ancients believed: Our earth lists 21 degrees in relation to the sun 93 million miles away. Without this listing the sun's rays would strike at and near the equator and heat the earth up to thousands of degrees, and around the poles the temperature would fall hundreds of degrees below freezing. Life on earth, except very marginal life, would be impossible. Certainly human life would not exist.

Then there is air, which contains oxygen. A little less oxygen and our lungs would have to be several times larger, leaving no room for the other organs, such as the heart. More oxygen and there would be massive explosions every time lightning struck, accompanied by enormous destruction, marginalizing human life.

Water has most unusual qualities. It can mix with other substances, but the original water can be retrieved in its pure state. When its temperature is reduced it volume contracts until about 39 degrees F. When cooled between 39° F and 32° F it volume expands. It turns to ice when in this expanded state, so ice floats. If water did not turn to ice and float, all water, including the ocean, would freeze from the bottom up

and it would kill most life therein. Thus, much of our life on the planet would disappear. Since the ocean supplies much of our oxygen it would diminish with reverberating results.

Fire. The sun is a large ball of fire 93 million miles from the earth. Its fire is sent to us as light. Without light there would be no photosynthesis, thus, no plant life. It travels at 186,300 miles a second, 11 million miles a minute, taking eight minutes to reach the earth. A flock of dust hitting our eye at that speed would pass through our skull killing us instantly. But light strikes the eye without harming it and allows us to see. A miracle. We are surrounded by miracles. These and many more.

When we think of the miracles that surround us today, perhaps walking on water, changing water into wine, making the sun to stand still, and the sea to part may not seem so extraordinary.

Worship & Ministry Report

3/13/2015

The committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening, 3/13 having been postponed due to icy conditions the previous week. Nine Friends were present with two out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented.

Peggy Warner reported that the Gifts Working Group is planning for a spring meeting.

The 5th Sunday Meeting for Worship & Prayer is scheduled for 3/29 from 2 -4 at the Cumberland County College. Attendance is small, but stable. Participants in our seven week series on *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* by Steven Chase and facilitated by Tom Swain had expressed their desire to have a single “reunion” session in about 3-4 months to reconnect and check in on the progress of our individual spiritual journeys. A Thursday evening in April or May was suggested. We will make contact with Tom Swain to coordinate the event. Out of worship, we considered prayer on behalf of the Quarter, the Monthly Meetings and individual Friends. We envisioned how and when this might take place. Input is needed from the wider Quarter community regarding interest and willingness to develop the “how, when and where.” Our goal is the deepening worship and the growth of the practice of prayer.

This led us to the idea that we could deliberately gather as a committee prior to business meeting at Quarterly Meeting for the purpose of praying for and holding the Quarter in the Light. In addition to the tangible benefit derived from prayer, we would be a visual reminder to Friends of the spiritual responsibility that we each have to approach business meeting practicing spiritual discernment and seeking the will of God; remaining in unity despite divergent opinions. As this is an open committee, welcoming all; we would issue an invitation to join in worship prior to business meeting, specifically to hold the

Quarter in Light and prayer. It is our intention to begin this practice at the next Quarterly Meeting in June.

As we segued into sharing thoughts on our spiritual responsibility towards meeting for business, we concluded that a workshop on that topic might be worthwhile. Discussion will continue at the next Worship & Ministry meeting.

Mary Waddington brought a request from the Quarter Lower Alloways Creek committee. They are serious about the task of fundraising to stabilize the building and halt decay. They expect to utilize grant writing and consider revenue producing events on site. They asked Worship & Ministry to be under the weight of this task and offer suggestions, ideas, and spiritual support of their work. With regards to possible uses of the building both as Quarter activities and revenue producing events, we compiled the following list: Quarterly meeting to be held there as part of the regular rotation; a Quarter picnic site; grounds rental for weddings, banquets, musical concerts, grounds or building use by Hancock House for group presentations. Any rental situations would necessitate some kind of supervision and insurance provision. As a committee, we will continue to hold the Lower Alloways Creek Committee in the Light as they are led to provide for this historical and spiritual treasure.

We closed in worship with renewed respect for the deep and enriching experience of gathering in unity.

Mullica Hill Mtg. Archive Project

Friends at Mullica Hill have been preparing their records in archival required by Swarthmore Quaker Collection. This involves scanning the old hand-written materials, enhancing the digital scans so they can be legibly printed on archival paper and saving digital copies in the archival format PDF files approved by the American Archivist Assn and the Library of Congress. Typed records will also be scanned, printed on archival paper and digitally stored in archival PDF.

The archival paper used is not just acid free, but also lignin free and buffered to protect it from self destruction as well as damage from other materials stored near-by. The digital copies must be in the PDF A/1-b format to help ensure their readability on future software. You can't get the paper at Staples, and it takes a while to figure out the PDF A/1-b format, but once you get the basics down, it's just a matter of humdrum work. If other meetings are interested in such a project, Friends at Mullica Hill will be happy to share what they have learned.

**Join us for
Quarterly Meeting on
June 14, 2015
at
Woodbury Meeting House**



FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE AND SCHOOL, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY

Woodbury is celebrating 300 years in its new meeting house. The program will be a guided walking and/or video tour of the meeting house and the highlights of the meeting's history. The program starts at 10:00.

Follow the directions on page 30 to the parking garage. There is little space for parking on the meeting house property.

It is the practice of some individual Friends to gather prior to the Quarter meeting for business in the meetinghouse. They may use this time to center and focus themselves in preparation. As always, they are welcome to continue this practice.

The Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee intends to deliberately gather as a group about fifteen minutes prior to the meeting for business for the purpose of praying for and holding the Quarter in the Light. We hope for the Quarter to receive the tangible benefit derived from prayer, and we wish to be a visual reminder to Friends of the spiritual responsibility that we each have to approach business meeting practicing spiritual discernment and seeking the will of God; remaining in unity despite divergent opinions.

The Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee is an open committee, welcoming all Friends who are led to join us. If you would like to add your presence to ours, please sit with us in worship and prayer.

And of course, you are also welcome to join us at our committee meeting held at 7:00 pm on the Friday evening prior to Quarterly meeting



Directions to Woodbury Meeting House *52 N. Broad St., Woodbury*

Parking is at the municipal parking garage on Hunter St. The meeting house is on Broad St., next to the parking garage.

From Bridgeton, Salem, Woodstown, take Route 45 north from Mullica Hill to Woodbury. Cross Cooper St in the center of town and take the second right onto Hunter St. The parking garage is on your left.

From Millville, Cape May areas, take Rt. 55 north to Exit 56B for Woodbury, Westville. Take Route 47 north for 2.5 miles to the traffic light at Cooper St. Turn left and go about 1.3 miles. Cross the railroad and pass the Catholic Church. Take the first right onto Euclid St., then the second left onto Hunter. The parking garage will be on the right.

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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 856-423-3782
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
Worship 9:30 After-words and general fellowship 10:45, Meeting for
Learning 11:15

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

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 meetings** (Memorial Day to Labor Day
weather permitting) **In Cape May** Windsor Ave and the water, Cape
May, , 9:00 am Sundays, 7:00 PM Wednesdays; **in Ocean City**, 23rd St.
and the beach, 8:30 AM Sundays

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

Woodbury: 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096, 856 -845-5080
http://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– 478-4618 <http://www.woodstownfriends.org/> First-day School
9:15 am Worship 10:30 am

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June 14, 2015
Woodbury Meeting House

9:30 Gather

***10:00 Program Woodbury Mtg's 300 Anniver-
sary***

11:00 Worship

12:00 Lunch - Bring your own.

Beverages, and dessert provided.
To arrange childcare call Mike Ayars