

# KENNETT FRIENDS MEETING

*of the Religious Society of Friends*

**Summer Issue 2007**

## ***Summer Schedule for June, July and August, 2007***

**Men's Breakfast** June 2, July 7, August 4 at 8 am – Meetinghouse kitchen  
**Meeting for Worship for Business:** June 10/ 7 pm, July 8 /9:30am, Aug.12/9:30am  
**Meeting for Worship at Old Kennett Meetinghouse:** June 24, July 29, Aug.26  
Historic Old Kennett Meetinghouse is located on U.S.Rt. 1 – use entrance to Kendal.  
No childcare available. No Worship at Sickles Street Meetinghouse on Old Kennett dates.

### ***June***

**3 11 am Meeting for Worship** followed by Family Sunday refreshments  
**10 11 am Meeting for Worship**  
**6 pm Covered Dish Supper** hosted by Sara Bowers & Officers  
**7 pm Meeting for Worship for Business**  
**17 11 am Meeting for Worship**  
**1 pm – 4 pm Tubing on the Brandywine – W.Q. event** at Clendenin's  
**24 11 am Meeting for Worship at Old Kennett Meetinghouse**

### ***July***

**1 11 am Meeting for Worship** followed by Family Sunday refreshments  
**8 9:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business**  
**11 am Meeting for Worship**  
**14 WQ'ly Meeting** at London Grove  
**15 11 am Meeting for Worship.**  
**22 11 am Meeting for Worship**  
**29 11 am Meeting for Worship at Old Kennett Meetinghouse**

### ***August***

**5 11 am Meeting for Worship** followed by Family Sunday refreshments  
**12 9:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business**  
**11 am Meeting for Worship**  
**19 11 am Meeting for Worship**  
**24 Friday morning set up for 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION**  
**5 pm – 8 pm doors open** for community clothing distribution  
**25 9 am – noon doors open** for community clothing distribution  
**26 11 am Meeting for Worship at Old Kennett Meetinghouse**

### **STANDING and other COMMITTEES SUMMER MEETINGS:**

**Worship & Misistry:** Clerk will notify members of summer meetings.

**Care & Counsel:** June 17/9:30 am. Clerk will notify members in July & Aug.

**Religious Education:** Clerks will call meeting in early August.

**Q-Fair Continuity Committee:** July 15 at the rise of meeting – details p.3

**Spiritual Growth Group:** will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of June, July & August at 8:15 am at Crosslands

This summer, check the website for updates: [www.kennettfriends.org](http://www.kennettfriends.org)

**SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS:**

**June:** Marjorie Anderson    **July:** Walter Earle    **August:** MaryEtta Clendenin

**FAMILY SUNDAY REFRESHMENT COMMITTEES:**

**JUNE**            Sachiko & Dan George, Sandy Tucker, Annie & Rich Burrows, Joe Lind,  
Barbara & Phil Mounts, Marjorie Anderson  
**JULY**            Mary Lou Ruggieri, Bob & Beppy McKinstry, Walter & Karen Earle,  
Neal Kilpatrick, Julie and Matthew Winters  
**AUGUST**        Elizabeth & David Rhoads, Kathy & Nathaniel Hahn, Laura & Dave McKelcan,  
Sunny & Kevin Livelsburger

**COVERED DISH SUPPER 6 pm June 10 prior to 7 pm Meeting for Business  
hosted by Sara Bowers & Officers**

**Agenda Items June 10 Meeting Include:**

Nominations to Standing Committee and Officers of the Meeting.  
Long-term use of Meetinghouse by outside groups - current requests pending.  
Discussion of PYM Same Gender Marriage Minute. Also, PYM Budget Issues.

**WESTERN QUARTER: June 17 - Tubing on the Brandywine**

*At MaryEtta Clendenin's from 1 pm – 4 pm*

Tubing, Swim, and Picnic on the Brandywine - Sunday, June 17 at Mary's on the river.  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00. Bring something for the pot luck picnic (utensils, hot dogs, veggie dogs  
provided). There will be shade, Friends , and plenty of fun. Bring lifejackets for the youngest,  
another tube if you have one,. We need a couple of "spotters" to stand on the bank, so if you can  
do this for about an hour plus, let Gail know. Questions, suggestions: Gail Newbold, 610-869-  
3455, 610-444-1012, [gailnewbold@verizon.net](mailto:gailnewbold@verizon.net).

**July 14 - Western Quarterly Meeting at London Grove**

**Alligator Zydeco – July 14, 7 – 9:30 pm in Nixon Park – rain date 7/15, 6-8:30**

Music of the Bayou straight from Louisiana. Dance and celebrate.  
Final program of the Hadley Foundation 2006-2007 season.

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION – August 24/25**

**Please refer to page 7 for details.**

*No clothing will be collected at Kennett Meeting for this event.*

**QUERIES For the Summer** please refer to ***Faith & Practice*** pages 205-214

June: Equality    July: Social Responsibility & Witness    August: Peace

**DEADLINE for September Newsletter will be August 28**

*Look for the September Newsletter after Labor Day*

## **Nurturing and Engaging Planning Committee News** – Betsy Neuville

The weekend is over but the work begins with energy and enthusiasm! There is room for all to move the energy forward. Our first steps are to channel the ideas through Quaker process – over the next few weeks you'll see activities and interest areas bubbling up into monthly Meeting for Business as changes are made. You may have already heard that some activity has begun.

Nominating Committee has heard of interest in a fellowship group, and leadership has emerged for this to happen. An interested group of Friends has met and will continue to meet as a Peace Group, with a clear focus and activities for the year already being planned. Leadership for this group is also emerging. *More information and their next meeting date on page 5.*

Adult Class plans for the next year will be enriched by numerous interest areas and leadings expressed by Friends, as the purpose of the adult religious education activities is clarified.

The original planning committee for Nurturing and Engaging has already met, and will continue to meet over the summer as we continue the process of renewal, visioning, and action, and support the initiatives, leadership, and ideas that have so joyously sprung from our membership. Our Meeting needs the whole community to take part in engaging for the future, nurturing and building our heart, and strengthening our spirit. As one Friend replied confidently and simply when asked why she attended the retreat, "I love this meeting."

Truly, we join together in this.

### **Quaker Fair Continuity Committee**

Calls for First 2007 All-Meeting Information  
and Organizational Session on July 15th

There will be a rather brief Information and Organizational Session about Planning for the 2007 Quaker Fair immediately after Meeting for Worship on July 15th 2007. Meet the Chairs for 2007 and 2008 and Section Coordinators. They will each give a pitch about the nature of their section and spell out what help is needed.

**If you crave fellowship within the meeting this is the place to be.**

**If you crave to be involved with the Kennett community this is the way to go.**

**If you want to further the work of AFSC this is a great way to do it.**

-Laura Fraser

According to the National Climatic Data Center, 2007 has been the hottest year ever. Global temperatures from January through April were the highest they've ever been.

With each new piece of evidence, the case that our planet is warming becomes more and more certain, and the need for action becomes more and more urgent.

You don't have to completely change your life to live a more eco-friendly life. Here are five steps you can take:

1. Unplug your appliances when they aren't being used, or use a power strip with an on/off switch. Your appliances use energy, even when they're off.
2. Buy compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). They use 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.
3. Get regular tune ups and keep your car tires properly inflated. It improves fuel economy and could save around 2 billion gallons of gas each year.
4. Shop at local farmer's markets and buy locally sourced foods. It saves energy from packaging, refrigeration and transportation.
5. Instead of buying bottled water, use water filters or refill bottles. Bottled water is more expensive than gasoline and has a huge carbon footprint.

Will you pledge to take these steps too?

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From The Archives  
Taken from Dan George's "Kennett Monthly Meeting Extracts"

At Monthly Meeting in June, 1957 the Meeting approved (excepting the fire place on the west wall) four preliminary scale drawings of the new Meetinghouse.

By July, the contracts for sale of the State Street Meetinghouse to the Library Board had been completed: \$55,000 for the property less the cemetery with option to purchase the west end of the cemetery at a later date for \$1.00.

Payment schedule: \$5,500 at signing followed by 3 payments of \$10,000 each in July, August and September, 1957; balance due on or before December 31, 1958, the possession date.

The Meeting accepted a stipulation of the Library Board that small section of the cemetery extending the east line south to the McCord property be included and the Library Board will assume any legal action and expense necessary for removal and transfer of graves.

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**A COURSE IN MIRACLES** - will continue in the summer. Contact Sheila Steuteville.  
610- 486-6812

**SUMMER READING GROUP** – trying to form. Contact Anne Hanzel 610-444-4030.

## **A Fresh Start for the Peace Committee** –Betsy Neuville

A small group of Friends has gathered with the intent of working toward a more peaceable world. Our fledgling group met in May to determine if there is sufficient interest in meeting as a **Peace Group**, and we are glad to say that there is. Several areas of activity were identified as shared interests of the group, and we absolutely welcome new ideas as well as other Friends who want to commit to this effort along with us.

One of the early interests of the group is learning about and discussing issues related to violence within families and within the culture. We are reading a book called Non-Violent Resistance: A New Approach to Violent and Self-Destructive Children by Haim Omer in preparation for our next meeting on **June 21st at 6 pm** at the Meetinghouse. Discussion will be led by Annie Burrows. Interested people should feel welcome to come. If you need a copy of the book, Betsy Neuville can help you find it easily, so feel free to call or email her.

## **From Nominating Committee**

Nominations to Standing Committees will be made to the Meeting on Sunday evening, June 10 at Meeting for Business. Committee Lists will be available in the Meetinghouse Office later in June. The Nominating Committee is grateful for the willingness of many Friends who say “yes” when asked to serve Kennett Meeting. For each of us there are times of high and low activity. Everyone’s contribution is important to the whole. Together we are *the life of the Meeting*.

Peg Baker, MaryEtta Clendenin, Anne Hanzel, Bruce Howells, Jim Kimmel, and Marcie Potter



## **A NIGHT WITH THE BLUE ROCKS AND FIREWORKS**

Bring your family and join your friends for a night of baseball at Frawley Stadium in Wilmington, DE.

Kennett Meeting is arranging this night out for Friday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m., as the Blue Rocks take on the Frederick Keys.

After the game, stay and enjoy a fireworks display. Tickets are only \$8.00.

To reserve your seats, e-mail Sheila Steuteville at [steutevilles@verizon.net](mailto:steutevilles@verizon.net) or call her at 610-486-6812 by June 8th.

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## Washington FCNL Newsletter – June 2007 Update

*Summary by Ilona Lind-FCNL Newsletter# 717of May 2007*

Is the U.S. Administration pushing Russia and other countries into a new nuclear arms race? The head of the National Nuclear Security Agency told Congress last year that the administration wants to restore U.S. nuclear bomb making capabilities to Cold War levels. While most of the warheads in the U.S. arsenal will last and be “reliable” for at least 100 years, Congress has been asked this year for money to begin developing a new “Reliable” Replacement Warhead by the Bush Administration.

With this request, is it a rational assumption that the White House has no interest in adhering to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), to work toward nuclear disarmament? This Cold War-era doctrine of multi-national arms build up could result in Mutually Assured Destruction – MAD for short - with so many nuclear weapons that any use of nuclear weapons would result in the total destruction of both countries and many other nations as well. This approach made no sense then and it makes even less sense today. U.S. leaders across the political spectrum, such as, Former Sec. of State Henry Kissinger, the former Senator San Nunn, George Shultz, Retired Admiral William Perry have all expressed concern in the Wall Street Journal (op-ed,1/4/07), regarding the danger of nuclear proliferation and the Bush’s administrative plans to modernize the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

The U.S. nuclear weapons complex is a network of facilities across the country that develops and maintains the U.S. arsenal of nuclear weapons. The complex is administered by a semi-autonomous agency inside the Energy Department called the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Just maintaining the existing nuclear weapons complex currently costs taxpayers more than \$6 billion a year. The plan released by NNSA this past fall calls for a complete overhaul of existing U.S. nuclear weapons facilities. Included in the proposal is the construction of a new nuclear bomb-making plant which would produce 125 to 200 plutonium pits, the primary component of thermonuclear weapons to the final cost of \$150 billion.

Since the end of the Cold War, the U.S. nuclear weapons program has struggled to justify its existence.

But if nuclear weapons are not needed, funding for the nuclear weapons complex would be in jeopardy. This funding represents the pay checks of weapons scientist and bomb plant production employees working at eight primary facilities located in congressional districts where reductions in nuclear weapons would be a serious impact to local communities. In some cases, support for the weapons complex becomes more a matter of turning on the Treasury spigot in members’ districts rather than a serious congressional evaluation of the “merits” of nuclear weapons. As Robert Civak, a former White House budget official under Bush Sr. and Clinton administrations, stated, “The weapons labs are more interested in job security than national or global security”.

Many members of congress noted the lack of a coherent national nuclear weapons policy that would be a prerequisite for such a large expansion. Rep. Visclosky (IN) questioned how the U.S. could ask North Korea and India to stop developing nuclear weapons while the U.S. rebuilds its own arsenal. “Given the United States’ nuclear nonproliferation commitments around the world, .....I am disappointed that the Dept. of Energy and this administration has chosen *to make new nuclear weapons its top priority*” Rep. Visclosky said.

**For FCNL, these expressions of congressional caution are good news, but members of Congress still need to hear from their constituents to remind them of the unacceptable financial and moral costs of nuclear weapons.**

How can you make a difference? Turn page...

**Take Action:** *This month, May, Congress will begin considering their bills for FY08. The house is expected to ignore Pres. Bush's recommendations to cut funding for nuclear non-proliferation programs by \$554 million or 3.1% in FY08. Instead, Congress is likely to insist on significant funding increases for these programs. FCNL was instrumental in lobbying for increases in these programs last year and they intend to continue their efforts for increased funding. Specifically, they are asking for \$200 million increase for two Energy Department programs: the International Nuclear Material Protection and Cooperation Program, and the Global Threat Reduction Initiative.*

**Please write and tell your members of Congress that securing "loose" nuclear weapons materials is critical and that these programs need more funding. Also, tell them that they should encourage the administration not to turn its back on established treaties. To do so will return the U.S. and the world to a much more dangerous era. Write to: Sen. Arlen Specter-R, Sen. Robert Casey-D, Rep. Joe Siskak-D 7<sup>th</sup> or call Congressional switchboard #:1-202-225-3121 or [www.senate.gov/general/contact](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact)**

*Summary by Ilona Lind-FCNL Newsletter# 717of May 2007*

*I would like to ask for a core group of KFM volunteers (5-10 persons) from our members and attenders to consider a commitment to writing or calling their congress members twice a month on issues on which we need to express our views in Washington. This might take all of 10 minutes each time. Write out a message on postcard or make three phone calls.*

*-Ilona*

### **TRANSPORTATION FOR SARAH**

The Howells/Betson family would like to thank Friends for all of the help with rides to medical care for their 26 year old daughter Sarah, this year. Sarah has been coping very courageously with an illness called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome ( also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy), a neurovascular disorder that causes burning pain, nerve pain, muscular pain and spasm, difficulty with movement and stiffness. Chris will be off for the summer and will be able to coordinate rides if she or Bruce cannot do it. Thanks for all who have offered and we will keep you on the list! Please contact Chris ( e-mail is best) at [chowells@zoominternet.net](mailto:chowells@zoominternet.net) if you can provide a ride on an occasional basis.

### **PYM RESIDENTIAL YEARLY MEETING**

**"Dwelling in God: Living Our Faith Out Loud"**

**July 26-30 at Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ**

Register by June 27

For information or to request paper materials to be mailed, contact Lauren Baumann at 215-241-7075 or go to [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org).

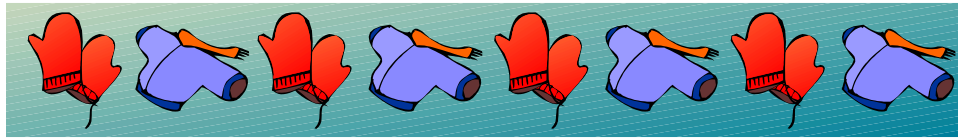
Pre-registration very important for children's programs and for dorm rooms.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Norma Closs and Michele Parks have both been approved for membership.

At Meeting for Business in May, a letter was read from Maceo Davis requesting membership. Three wonderful additions to Kennett Meeting.

*from THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.....*



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clothing Distribution**

will be held at the Meetinghouse on  
Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25

We are looking for a large turnout of people in need of clothing  
and volunteers to serve them.

As summer ends, this is a special opportunity within our own  
meetinghouse to be of service to the community in which we live.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED  
FOR THE FOLLOWING SHIFTS:**

On Friday, August 24:

For Set-Up: 9 am - noon

During Distribution: 5 pm – 8 pm

On Saturday, August 25:

During Distribution: 9 am – noon

During Distribution: noon – 2 pm

Breakdown & Clean-Up: 2 pm – 5 pm

Sign-up Sheets will go on the Meetinghouse hall table in late July.

TO VOLUNTEER or to learn more.....

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