

GREETER FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN March: Elaine Amoss
FACING BENCH IN March: Scudder Stevens
FAMILY SUNDAY REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE FOR March: Stephanie & Scott Gates,
Sally & Dick Lighty, Chris & Jim Kimmel, Anne Waters, John O’Gorman, Laura Fraser.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH: March 14th: begin Daylight Saving Time
March 14 - Book Club meets at the rise of Meeting. “Their Eyes Were Watching God”
March 14 – 6 pm Covered Dish hosted by Hadley and Religious Ed.
7 pm Evening Meeting for Worship for Business.
March 28- Tri-Centennial Committee for Old Kennett meets at the rise of Meeting.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: March 29

Greeter for Meeting for Worship in April: Dave MacKelcan

Facing Bench in April:

Family Sunday Refreshment Committee for April 4/Easter: MaryEtta, the O’Neills, Sheila Steuteville,
Alison Dobbs, Julie Rickerman

Hadley Programs in March and April

Fri., March 19, 8 pm at Kennett Meeting:	The Royal Pickwickians Victorian Music Hall
Mon., April 12, 8 pm at Unionville High School:	Jill Carroll, Phd.: Trends in American Religion
Sun., April 18, 3 pm at Lower Brandywine Presby. Church:	Melomanie - Concert

3rd Query for Consideration in March **Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education**

Does our Meeting encourage the ministry of both word and deed? How does our Meeting recognize, develop, and nurture the gifts of our members and attenders of all ages?

Does our Meeting prepare all its members and children for worship and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends? How do we teach about Quaker practices in business and worship and their importance to the functioning of our Meeting community?

In what ways do we support each other in order to seek God’s will and act upon our understanding of truth? Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share the excitement of religious discovery and the possibility of religious transformation?

Does our Meeting provide opportunities for all in the Meeting to learn about:

-the Inner Light, the living Christ within, the Bible, the writings of Friends, our Christian heritage, other religious traditions and their respective roles in the history and formation of Friends’ principles?

-the common testimonies Friends declare?

-the variety of expression Quaker faith takes today?

ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE IN MARCH

“Facilitator’s Choice” classes will feature a Kennett Meeting Friend who will lead us on a topic of their choice.

March 7 – Facilitator’s Choice: Scott Gates. Behavioral Finance and Happiness: Why Quakers ought to be great at both. The discussion/ideas will be based on the relatively new science of behavioral economics and more topically for today, research done by Harvard psychologist, Daniel Gilbert, author of "Stumbling on Happiness". If anyone is interested in looking, Daniel Gilbert has several short lectures on www.ted.com

March 14 – The Business of Spirituality. Led by Thomas Neuville.

March 21 – Facilitator’s Choice: Annie Burrows

March 28 – guest speaker from Chester County Futures, an organization that mentors and helps to provide scholarship for public high school students grades 9 through 12, with follow-up services through college. Funds have been provided through the Sara Bowers Fund of Kennett Meeting for 3 students over the past 12 years.



HIGHLIGHTS OF February 14, 2010 MONTHLY MEETING

-The Treasurer, Dan George gave the financial report for January and remarked that heating bills continue to be lower (by 31% in Jan.) than for the same time period one year ago, giving indication that energy costs have been reduced since the installation of the new system.

-Clerk Eliot Dalton gave the Annual Report for House & Property, detailing all maintenance/improvement in 2009 and listing the planned areas of focus for 2010.

-the cost of the new HVAC system: \$41,731 was funded from the Building Reserve Fund, the Memorial Fund and the Sara Bowers Fund, all of Kennett Meeting.

-Clerk Bruce Howells gave the Annual Report for the Trustees. Most of the work of the Trustees during 2009 revolved around Kendal Corporations request for rezoning. As a gesture of good will, Kendal has offered assistance with landscaping the property line between Old Kennett and the planned cottage expansion.

-Clerk Mary Lou Ruggieri gave the Annual Report for the Memorial Committee. There were 6 Memorials held at Kennett Meeting in 2009 and one held in the beginning days of 2010.

-Auditor William O'Neill's report was read. Finances are in good order.

-Considerable discussion was generated in response to Clerk Sarah Kastriner's report for Religious Education. The Rel. Ed. Committee would like to continue the present schedule for First Day school. Attendance was lower last year, and this schedule currently works best for the parents and teacher/volunteers. Others within the Meeting community had comments and concerns. Meeting requested that Religious Education, Worship & Ministry, and Care & Counsel consider these concerns and report back to Meeting for business in April.

-Betsy Neuville volunteered to take the census count of attendance during Meeting for Worship and First Day School sessions in April at the request of Philadelphia Meeting.

Items Carried Over: discussion of Youth First Day School schedule.

Annual Reports in March from the Sara Bowers Committee. In April, Social Services Committee

Complete minutes and committee reports are available in the binder on the hall table in the meetinghouse.

SAMUEL MARTIN FUND APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 15.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LICENSED FOOD MANAGER?

In addition to the three official licensed food managers, we encourage others to take the classes for certification so that we will have a broad base for Meeting events, such as the Quaker Fair. Classes are held at the Intermediate Unit on Boot Road, and also on line.

Please contact the Clerk, Debbie Brumbaugh or Sally Lighty, Clerk Nominating Committee. The Meeting will pay for the cost of the course.

NURTURING MINDS, INC. – School for Girls in Tanzania

On Sunday, Feb. 21, Tracey Dolan, President of Nurturing Minds, Inc., presented in our Adult Class on her group's efforts to educate marginalized young women in Tanzania. Nurturing Minds has received support from our Sara Bowers fund. Those who attended Tracey's presentation, and/or who would like to become further involved with the work of Nurturing Minds in some capacity, may contact Tracey by email at Traceydolan@aol.com or by mail at PO 144, Valley Forge, PA 19481 or by phone at 610 639-1213. More information can be obtained from the group's website: www.nurturingmindsinafrica.org.

FRIENDS CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT – MARCH 6, 2010

Are you unemployed and feeling the pinch? You're not alone! Join us for a day-long conference for unemployed Friends and meeting members who are trying to help. Attenders are also welcome.

The conference will be held Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. at Burlington Conference Center. You will have a chance to learn skills in resume writing, interviewing, internet job hunting, and handling your finances. Plus, you will meet lots of other folks who will lift your spirits and offer moral support, friendship, and ideas.

Thomas Swain, presiding clerk of PYM, will speak from his own experience of going through a period of unemployment and will give encouragement and perspective. A number of Quakers from related professional fields will contribute their time and skills by leading workshops. Computers and assistance with using the internet and writing resumes will be provided on site.

The conference is sponsored by Friends Counseling Service of PYM and financially supported by Friends groups who are concerned about the growing problems of unemployment, with its financial difficulties and resulting to morale. There will be a special workshop for Friends who are working with unemployed people in their meetings.

Registration is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. If you are unable to afford this, please let us know so we can make arrangements for you to attend anyway. To find out more information or to register, contact Melissa Elliott, conference coordinator, at puddinriver@sprintmail.com or telephone her at (215) 843-4827.

This information has been copied from www.pym.org. Registration forms available on that site.

The next book is ***Their Eyes Were Watching God*** – join on March 14th
by Zora Neale Hurston.

Hurston is an important writer and a fascinating person who influenced Alice Walker and others.

Old Kennett Meeting (1710-2010)

Celebrates Tri-Centennial

How does the Meeting want to celebrate this event?

Meet with members of the Old Kennett Committee to discuss what we can do.

Meet with the Old Kennett Committee at the rise of **meeting Sunday, March 28th**.

ANNUAL SESSIONS – PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING – 3/26 – 3/28/2010

We Make the Road By Walking

How are we called to be prophetic in our witness?

Held at the Arch Street Meetinghouse, Philadelphia. www.pym.org

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION – 3/18 – 3/21/2010

Held in Reisterstown, MD

www.fwccamericas.org

