



KENNETT FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

MAY, 2009



Date Day Time

“←” – arrow indicates a change or addition to our regular schedule

2	Saturday	8 am	Men’s Breakfast Group
3	Sunday	9:45 am	Adult Class: Faith & Practice pgs. 74-81. Discussion led by Sheila Steuteville
		10:45 am	Youth Class: classes for K-2 and for grades 3 – 8.
		11:30 am	Gathering followed by 11 am Meeting for Worship
		At the rise of meeting	Family Sunday Refreshments – check p.2 for hosting committee Quaker Fair Committee Meeting ←
10	Sunday	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
		10:45 am	LAST Youth Class: classes for K-2 and for grades 3 – 8. ← Gathering followed by 11 am Meeting for Worship
17	Sunday	9:45 am	LAST Adult Class: Planning Session for 2009-2010 Bring your good ideas!
		10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11 am Meeting for Worship
		At the rise of meeting	Worship & Ministry Committee Meets
24	Sunday	10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11 am Meeting for Worship
31	Sunday		CLOTHING COLLECTION BEGINS ←
		8:30 am	Care & Counsel Committee Meets
		10:45 am	Gathering followed by 11 am Meeting for Worship
		At the rise of meeting	BOOK CLUB MEETS ← “The Tenderness of Wolves” by Stef Penney

Looking ahead....

May 31 – June 7	5 th Annual Clothing Collection – details on page 3
June 7	Meeting for Worship Outdoors
TBA	The First Day School Picnic at Brumbaugh’s house and pool Date and details to be announced in May

GREETER FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN MAY: Annie Burrows
CLOSER FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN MAY: Ilona Lind

FAMILY SUNDAY REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE FOR MAY: Kathy and Paul Gamble,
Chris & Bruce Howells, Michelle & Paul Scheibe, Bob Bean, Melanie & Michael Pratola, Rita Funchin

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Sunday, May 31 thru Sunday, June 7 – Clothing Collection

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: June 1st – remember, this is the Summer Newsletter
It will cover June, July and August.

Family Sunday Refreshment Committee for June:

Sachiko and Dan George, Annie & Rich Burrows, Barbara & Phil Mounts, Sheila & Eric Magendantz,
Chris and Warren Reynolds

Committee for Monthly Meeting Supper on June 14: Care & Counsel

Hadley Program on May 1: Chester County Youth Orchestra – 8pm at Unionville High

Alex Kimmel, who is a member of this orchestra, invites everyone to attend.

5TH Query To Be Considered In May – EDUCATION

What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends education?

If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

HIGHLIGHTS OF April 5, 2009 MONTHLY MEETING

-In response to the 4th Query on Care of the Meeting, members spoke to the increased effort made by Friends at KMM to listen to one another, especially when initial positions may differ.

-The cause of high energy bills this winter was discovered to be a faulty thermostat.

-People from outside of the Meeting will be invited to speak about geothermal over the next few months. Discussion continues about the cost benefits vs. environmental impact of the selected heating system for our meeting.

-Worship & Ministry is working to bring forward a lecture series or retreat using the Yvonne Boeger Fund.

-Karen Earle was nominated and approved to join the Nominating Committee.

-Coleman Dorsey requested transfer to Kendal Meeting where he now resides.

Items Carried Over: discussion of heating system options

Annual Reports In May From: Nominating Committee

Annual Reports In June From: Care & Counsel, Peace Group, Religious Education, Worship & Ministry and the Library Committee

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

Social Services Committee presents....

Fifth Annual CLOTHING DRIVE

Recycle what you are not using.

AT KENNETT FRIENDS MEETING

Spread The Word...

WHEN: Beginning Sunday, May 31, 2009
Ending Sunday, June 7, 2009

WHERE: Lower Floor – Kennett Friends Meetinghouse

Please do not leave bags outside.

WHAT TO BRING: men's clothes and accessories
women's clothes and accessories
children's clothes of all sizes
shoes in very good condition
bedding, curtains, towels
baby items in good condition

HOW TO PACK IT: in strong plastic bags – Max. wt.: 25
lbs. & bring it into the meetinghouse

WHAT CONDITION: clean and wearable. No holes or stains.

SPREAD THE WORD: WE WILL NOT ADVERTISE.
Please invite friends and family to join
in bringing their bags with you to meeting.

Many of us have keys to the meetinghouse.
We will try to arrange daily drop-off hours if you need help.
Please do not leave bags outside.

ALL CLOTHES ARE GIVEN AWAY TO PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM.

Contact people at Kennett Meeting: Peg Baker and Jim Kimmel

Kennett Members Working in the Wider Community

“STUFF THE VOLVO” FOR THE KENNETT FOOD CUPBOARD

On April 26, people arrived for Meeting with arms full of groceries and pantry items – once again, the Volvo was stuffed and overflow put into Tom Taylor’s truck (now in the loving care of the Howell’s family). At the close of worship, First Day School families formed a caravan to follow the Volvo and TT’s truck to the Kennett Food Cupboard’s new location on West Cedar Street. After the bags were unloaded, Jean Jenkins, Director, and Peg Baker provided a tour of the new facility. The purchase of the building was made possible by a grant from Chester County Development Foundation. The transformation of the interior was performed by hundreds of community volunteers and the generous donation by local business owners of materials.

In March the Food Cupboard served 943 people, almost half were children. Also served were elderly residents of Luther House in West Grove. Once they have qualified, recipients may visit the Food Cupboard one time each month. A grocery “order” is prepared to feed the individual or family for a 6-7 day period.

After being walked through as if they were receiving groceries for their own families, our Kennett Meeting youth were so impressed with the Food Cupboard that they will be working through First Day School on more ideas to be of assistance. Peg provided each child with a blue piggy bank inscribed with “Pennies A Meal – Kennett Food Cupboard.”

Contributions of non-perishable food items can be left in the baskets on the first or second level at Kennett Meeting at any time. The most popular items continue to be cereal, canned corn and other vegetables, peanut butter, jelly and tuna. Personal care items are also needed, such as toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, and soap. Cash contributions raised through “Penny A Meal” are used to purchase meats and dairy items.

The Strength of a Penny

This past winter the MacKelcan Family organized two penny collections for **P4P**, Pennies For Peace, part of the Central Asia Institute, founded by Greg Mortenson, author of “Three Cups of Tea”. Mortenson was led to build schools in Afghanistan after being cared for by local villagers following a mishap on his climb up K2.

Collecting only pennies, here’s how they did: Over 6 months, Laura and students and staff at the Avon Grove Charter School met the personal goal of raising \$1000. Rachel’s Penny Drive at Wilmington Friends School was for 4 days and raised over \$100.

Kennett Area Senior Center Volunteer of the Month

The KASC selected Mary Ann Piccard as their March Volunteer of the Month. Mary Ann is known for pitching in where she can help, and her many talents enable her to help in many places.

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Kennett Members Working in the Wider Community *continued***Tish Dalton – Avon Walk for Breast Cancer**

On May 2nd/3rd, Tish will walk a marathon and a half (39 miles) in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, D.C. Funds raised from sponsorship of Tish and other participants will be dedicated to helping others who cannot afford proper medical care and to support research to find a cure for this disease.

Tish happily joins the Avon Walk in gratitude for her own successful treatment in 1997 and in recognition of the many people she knows and loves who have also battled cancer. She also proudly reports that she has exceeded her own personal goal by raising pledges in excess of \$3000.

For more information, visit www.avonfoundation.org. to learn more about the Avon Walk, go to www.avonwalk.org.

Sarah Betson – Achilles Walk for Hope & Possibility

In Central Park in New York on June 28th, Sarah will be walking 3 miles in the Achilles Walk to raise funds and awareness for Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome. Three years ago Sarah's life was changed suddenly and dramatically when she developed RSD, a syndrome that alluded diagnosis for almost another full year. Sarah (and her family) worked with strength, faith and determination to come back from her own paralysis. Her participation in this walk might be considered a miracle.

For more information, visit www.rsdr.org. To learn more about sponsoring Sarah in the Achilles Walk, go to www.firstgiving.com/sarahbetson.

MaryEtta Clendenin – Neighborhood Guild Association

MaryEtta is our Meeting rep to NGA, a program that distributes new items of clothing and toiletries to people in need in our community. NGA distributes throughout the year to at least 15 different organizations in this community. This includes the Chester Country Hospital, new mother's programs, children's programs and shelters.

When you are shopping this spring and summer and see a bargain, please think of making a purchase for a person in need. Children's clothing, socks, underwear and cash contributions are always on the top of the list of desired items. Also, if you sew or knit, lap blankets for Pocopson Home and mittens, hats and scarves for adults and children are always popular.

Very often these items are supplied on an emergency basis - toothbrushes and paste, combs, soap, shampoo.

Mother's Day is May 10th