



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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NOVEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER

Letter from a Friend

Dear Marsie & John,

Imagine! Bryant & I are laughing in wonder to find a view of fog & pumpkins at Half Moon Bay, courtesy of your artist daughter!

Three or 4 years ago we camped at Half Moon Bay at this time of year. We arrived in the dark. It was so foggy that I doubt we even saw the ocean the next morning. And, returning on a Sunday, we innocently went east on a country road that turned out to be PACKED with cars, people & pumpkins. We couldn't believe the sight, in that wild area. When we got to Chan's, our daughter-in-law, Jessica, said, "Oh, sure. That place is famous all over the Peninsula! It's always a mob scene there around Halloween." *Betsy Harrell*

What's New?

This is the House Cleaning and Maintenance issue.

“For the son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many”

Mark 10.45

Our faith community survives and flourishes because of Friends commitments and active participation in service at all levels.

Remember that service to Friends goes beyond the Monthly Meeting. Please seek to become active in our wider faith community.

The Treasurer's note

Dear Friends --Please keep the following in mind: Please write your name on any receipts you submit for reimbursement so I will know whom to reimburse. If the address you want the check mailed to is different than what's in the latest directory, please provide your address as well. Please do not use the PO Box (Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601) for anything except contributions or other Treasurer related items. If you are receiving any mail addressed to the PO box, please contact the sender and ask them to change the address to 405 S. Washington St. And if you place an order, please have the order shipped to the Meeting's street address. *Thanks – Joe Davis*

Announcements for Third Haven Monthly Meeting week of November 13, 2005

November 16 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

November 17 (fifth day) 9 am to 6 pm flu shots to be given by the Talbot County Health Department at the Easton Armory

November 18 (sixth day) 4:30 to 7:30 pm, Spaghetti dinner at St. Stephen's AME Church in Unionville to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$6. for adults, and are available on the table in the common room.

November 20 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship

November 23 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

November 27 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship. First day school will decorate wreaths for the Meeting, as they have done for nearly ten years.

November 30 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

December 3 (seventh day) 1 pm Talbot County Branch of NAACP will hold their Freedom Fund Banquet at the Tidewater Inn featuring guest speaker The Honorable Peter Harvey, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. Donation \$25. Tickets from Doreen Getsinger 410-745-3485

December 4 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship

December 7 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

December 11 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship and meeting for business

December 14 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

December 18 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship followed by a presentation by the first day school of the Christmas play, similar to the one done last year with narration and singing, and then a Christmas potluck for the whole Meeting with a theme of "Bring your traditional family Christmas dish" and share the story with a member.

Sign up with a friend to provide Hospitality following meeting for worship.

Please place book donations for the detention center in the chest in the common room.

Notify Ken Court kencourt@goeaston.net if you can help with the Habitat Project

Donate non-perishable food for the Neighborhood Service Center

New e-mail address for Edie Silvers esilvers502@comcast.net

Let us know of **e-mail address changes** - send announcements to hawkjm@goeaston.net

More good homes for old computers are waiting. If you have an old (Pentium II or better) computer that is not being used, please call Ralph Young, 410-819-0050.

For those who may have a child or grandchild looking for a liberal arts college Winslow Womack has left information in the common room concerning Guilford College. Guilford is a small, coeducational, liberal arts college in Greensboro, North Carolina, founded in 1837 by the Religious Society of Friends.

"Lawyer wanted to help a fledgling non-profit get off the ground. Talbot 2nd Chance, an organization dedicated to helping the ex-offender return to society, is in need of a pro bono lawyer to help with the incorporation and 501(c)3 processes. Please contact Ralph Young, 410-819-0050. "

Specific details of many forthcoming events may be found at our website <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> please look at this site and click on Complete Text Material which was updated 11/04/05. The following is the index of these events.

INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2005

Join the PYM Library Services Group

Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series

Apply for Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

PYM Reunification Documentary for Sale on DVD

Friends Counseling Service

Is this your year for Pendle Hill?

Meetinghouse Paintings at Airport

Elaine Pagels Lecture Now on CD

“Silent Witness” Panels Featured in Abington Art Center 's “Lost Meeting” Exhibit

NOVEMBER

November 15 Meet Two Quaker Authors

November 27 Concert at Fallowfield Meeting

Bible Association Lecture November 17

DECEMBER

December 11 Program on Prison Visitation

Retreats for Friends, Winter 2006

FEBRUARY 2006

Meetinghouse Maintenance Workshop is February 4, 2006

MARCH 2006

Conference for Racial Justice and Equality

Quaker Job Openings

1. Chestnut Hill Meeting Seeks First Day School Coordinator
2. Be a volunteer guide at Arch Street Meeting House
3. Westtown School Seeks Director Of Annual Fund
4. Friends General Conference seeks Friends for four part-time positions
5. Pastoral Care Newsletter Seeks Editor

Third Haven Friends Meeting Minutes of the 10th Month 9th, 2005, Meeting for Business

Attending – Paige Bethke, Ken Carroll, Lorraine B Claggett, Tom Corl, Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Bob Marshall, Sumner Parker, Peggy Paul , Jim Paul, Dee Rein, Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Peggy Walbert, Ann Williams, Irene Williams and Winslow Womack.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk of the Meeting, clerked the meeting for business.

10th Query – During the meeting for worship, Cathy Thompson read the 10th Query on Stewardship of the Environment. Friends spoke of their participation on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting committees and in other environmental organizations. Another Friend suggested a letter to Congressman Gilchrist about his vote on recent environmental legislation. This may be referred to Testimonies and Concerns Committee.

Minutes of the 9th month 11th meeting for business – The Meeting **APPROVED** the minutes of the 9th month 11th meeting for business with minor corrections to the published version in the Newsletter, which was distributed electronically to Friends with e-mail addresses and mailed to others.

Clerk's correspondence and announcements – Clerk Marsie Hawkinson noted Southern Quarterly Meeting will be at Third Haven on 10th month 16th , beginning with meeting for worship at 10:00 followed by meeting for business and then lunch. At 1:00 there will be a program with “Rise Up Singing”. Friends are encouraged to invite others to attend the musical program. Members and attenders should bring food for lunch to support hospitality.

The Meeting received a donation acknowledgement from the Maryland Food Bank and from Hospice. Hospice offered to come speak at the rise of meeting for worship. Chester River Friends Meeting will host a workshop on “A Quaker Response to Christian Fundamentalism” 10th month 28-29th.

Treasurer's report – Winslow Womack presented the financial report for Third Haven through 9th month. The income for 9th month was \$1,593; the expenses \$6,808, for a negative net for the month of \$5,215. The total income for the 7th-9th month period was \$8,732; the total expense for the period was \$13,978 through 3 months; with a negative net of \$5,246 in the fiscal year to date. The Meeting has paid the 1st quarterly payment to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The total current assets are \$51,170 with total current liabilities of \$6,362. The Meeting has \$44,808 net funds available.

Winslow presented 2 tables showing financial contributions, from members and attenders, in fiscal year 2004 (FY04) and FY05. Each table showed the number of family units, total dollars, average gift, % of total from members or attenders and % of total contributions. The financial contributions in each table are broken down by dollar ranges (0-50 through 1001-4000). There was some discussion of these data. Winslow will work with Norval Thompson to publish some of these data in an appropriate form in the Newsletter. The Meeting **APPROVED** the Treasurer's report with thanks. A Friend noted his gratitude for the clarity of this report.

Worship and Ministry Committee – Bob Marshall, Clerk of the Worship and Ministry Committee reported. In its forthcoming annual report, the Committee will focus on the 2nd Query on the meeting for business. There has already been some discussion in the Committee and among committee clerks about the meeting for business.

On 10th Month 30th, Jim Paul will facilitate an adult discussion on the testimony of equality. On 11th month 27th, Cathy Thompson will facilitate an adult discussion on our spiritual journeys.

Open House -- Bob Marshall and Anne Rouse reported on the 10th month 1st open house at Third Haven. About 35 visited Third Haven; the posters worked well to promote discussion. About 20 members and attenders participated and supported the open house. In a related development, front page of the “Life” section of the (Sunday) 10th month 9th Star-Democrat had a full page article about Third Haven Friends Meeting with several photos. Friends heartily thanked Anne, Bob, Lorraine and all the other Friends who organized and supported the open house.

Overseers – Paige Bethke, Clerk of Overseers reported. Overseers plans to meet with Worship and Ministry Committee. Overseers will call all members and attenders in the weeks ahead to check in on spiritual care, attendance, and interest in and concerns about the Meeting. The Friendly 8s have gone very well. Paige moved on to discuss the carriage shed sale planned for 10th month 22nd. She distributed a hand out and reported on the committees, those in charge, volunteers needed and the schedule. There will be no live auction. The common room will be open for donations beginning after Southern Quarterly Meeting on 10th month 16th, and Monday-Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm the rest of that week. On behalf of Overseers and the carriage shed sale committee, Paige proposed a distribution of the net proceeds from the sale. After some discussion the Meeting **APPROVED** the distribution of proceeds of the carriage shed sale among: 1) the Apostle Build community housing program, previously approved by the Meeting; 2) Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, Federalsburg project; and 3) funds for a Meeting family in need.

Testimonies and Concerns – Lorraine B Claggett, Clerk of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee, reported on plans for simple meals and discussions at the rise of meeting for worship in the months ahead, with proceeds going to Right Sharing of Word Resources. On 10th month 30th following the spaghetti dinner for Apostles Build, the Committee will host a family viewing of To Kill a Mockingbird in the Common Room.

First Day School – Candace Shattuck, Co-Clerk of Committee, reported that the First Day School is off to a good start, with 19 children this morning. The results of the use of Godly play are positive.

Communications – Norval Thompson reported that the Newsletter distribution is increasingly electronic, a considerable financial savings to the Meeting.

Other business – Several Friends noted that the 10th month 8th meeting of all Meeting and committee clerks, called and clerked by Marsie Hawkinson, had been very positive and productive. Clerks talked about issues and concerns in the Meeting and considered common approaches to these. Marsie and others thanked this group for their dedicated work for Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Nominations – Marsie reminded Friends that the Nominating Committee will be asking Friends to serve on committees to do the work of the Meeting. The Nominating Committee is clerked by Mary Cotton with Bob Kemp and Meredith Watters. At the clerks meeting, Mary handed out information to all clerks on the committees, clerks and committee members’ terms. She asked all clerks to review membership and help with the nominations process. Members of the Nominating Committee will try to talk to all members and attenders about opportunities to serve on committees and support the work of the Meeting.

The meeting for business closed with a period of silent worship. Out of the silence, Marsie Hawkinson spoke eloquently about the great gift of Ginger Howell's membership and participation in the spiritual life of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

The next Third Haven meeting for business will be at the rise of meeting for worship 11th month 13th.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Corl, Recording Clerk, Third Haven Friends Meeting*

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and finance Committee along with Overseers Committee reminds Friends of the spiritual rewards in their good financial stewardship to their faith community and to their Monthly Meeting in particular. All Friends have the responsibility to financially support their Meeting. The Meeting is sustained by each of our contribution, each but all to their ability. By the editor on behalf of the Budget and Finance and Overseers Committees

THIRD HAVEN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Dollar Range	\$0-50	51-100	101-200	201-350	351-500	501-1000	1001-4000	Total
Members								
Number of Family Units	2	2	7	9	10	9	13	52
Total Dollars	75	200	1,240	2,490	4,500	8,450	22,134	39,089
Average Contribution	38	100	177	277	450	939	1,703	752
% of Members Total \$	0.2%	0.5%	3.2%	6.4%	11.5%	21.6%	56.6%	100.0%
% of Total Contribution \$	0.2%	0.5%	2.9%	5.7%	10.3%	19.4%	50.9%	89.9%
Attendees								
Number of Family Units	9	4	5	1	3	1	0	23
Total Dollars	265	400	1,000	300	1,450	1,000	0	4,415
Average Contribution	29	100	200	0	483	0	0	192
% of Attendees Total \$	6.0%	9.1%	22.7%	6.8%	32.8%	22.7%	0.0%	100.0%
% of Total Contribution \$	0.6%	0.9%	2.3%	0.7%	3.3%	2.3%	0.0%	10.1%
Total								
Number of Family Units	11	6	12	10	13	10	13	75
Total Dollars	340	600	2,240	2,790	5,950	9,450	22,134	43,504
Average Contribution	31	100	187	279	458	945	1,703	580
% of Total Contribution \$	0.8%	1.4%	5.1%	6.4%	13.7%	21.7%	50.9%	100.0%

Approximately 1/3 of Member Family Units did not contribute in Fiscal Year 2005

Please send your contributions to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

Stewardship of Resources

-Quakers recognize the interdependence of all life. We embrace and are guided by a reverence for all life, and the resources upon which all life depends.

-Actions often impact others. Quakers require of themselves a full accountability of the impact of their actions on others.

-The Meetinghouse and its grounds are under our stewardship, to care for and preserve, so that we can worship peacefully and, of equal importance, that future generations can worship peacefully.

-Difficult self-examination is required of Quakers. Queries in this regard for stewardship of resources are:

-Am I clear that I am steward, not the owner, of property under my care?

-Do my employment and other activities allow for the use of time and energies in spiritual growth?

-Do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency (to avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources?

-Do I make choices as a consumer that support the equitable distribution of income?

Nominations Committee

2006 is Calling! Third Haven Friends - Members and Attenders: Many thanks to all of you who are participating in our Third Haven Community through our Meeting's committees and their activities. For those who may not yet have enjoyed the experience - we're hoping any member or attender will make known their interests directly to the Nominating Committee (Mary Cotton, Bob Kemp, Meredith Watters) as it works on the 2006 roster. If it is easier, you can also contact them through email at MiaCC@aol.com

Working with a Third Haven Committee is a great way to become more involved in the life of Third Haven and get to know other members and attenders whose faces you see every First Day! Please let us know what your interests are or skills that you are willing to . Members of the Committee are happy to answer questions about committees and the range of opportunities for you to participate in the life of our Third Haven community.

All current Committee members, please let a member of the Nominating Committee know if you wish to change your current assignment. By Mary Cotton

Integrity

-“Your yes shall mean yes, and your no shall mean no, and you shall swear no oaths.”

-Teaching of Jesus from Matthew 5:37

-Truthful in all actions and communications, at all times.

-Completeness and full disclosure in all actions and communication is required. Knowingly omitting important information, although not explicitly speaking an untruth, is unacceptable.

-Swearing of an oath implies that without an oath one's words may not be truthful, thus, Quakers do not swear oaths.

-In legal proceedings, Quakers only affirm that their words are truthful, not swear to it. Many early Quakers were jailed for their unwillingness to swear oaths.

-Integrity requires that Quakers listen to the words of others.

RTE(Irish National Television) is producing a documentary based largely on Kenneth Carroll's book John Perrot: Early Quaker Schismatic. In this television work an Irishman from Cork attempts to retrace his ancestor's trip to Rome where John became a prisoner of the Inquisition while attempting to present the Quaker message to the pope. The section in which Ken talks about John (and answers Des Perot's questions) was recorded on October 22. This

production is a part of a series of six dealing with Irishmen who leave their home on the trail of famous/ infamous ancestors - hoping to learn more about them. – *Ken Carroll*



Winslow Womack's Famous QuakerDogs



The ladies count up yard sale proceeds

Decision-making in the Manner of Friends

-Meeting for Business is a Meeting for Worship. All words and actions are to be guided by our love of God, our love for one another, and our love for all people, open to the leading of the Spirit.

-Role of the Clerk.

We have no clergy. The clerk provides guidance regarding topics for deliberation by the Meeting Community.

On any topic, after Friends have spoken, the clerk “gathers the sense of the Meeting”. This is a delicate task that is best done by a seasoned Friend.

-Unity

For the Meeting Community to take an action it must be of one heart. It may not be of one mind, but it must be of one heart.

A single Friend who rises and speaks of their disquiet, or of being unsettled, with regard to an issue will result in the issue being “held over”.

-Unity as a decision process stems from our recognition of that of God in each of us.

Unity does not make for quick decisions.

-Quakers embrace patience as a central virtue of our Religious Society

Overseers

The overseers Committee would like to know (while you are alive lucid and can make your own decisions), what you would like for Friends and other love ones to do with your remains should you not live for ever. Please return a completed Declaration of Intention forms below to the Overseers Committee, Third Haven, 405 S. Washington St., Easton, Md. 21601.

Thank you. -- *Norval Thompson on behalf of Overseers.*

**THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
Declaration of Intentions**

Full Name _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ Birthplace _____

_____ Social Security Number _____

Military Service # _____ Railroad Employment? _____

Branch of Service _____ Date of Discharge _____

Spouse, Next of Kin or other person I have directed to carry out my wishes:

I hereby direct that the following disposition be made of my body after my death:

Memorial Service Directions:

I would like the following undertaker to aid in carrying out these arrangements, and have filed a copy of this declaration with him:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Send a notice of my death to the following newspapers and journals:

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in my name may be sent to:

I understand that this Declaration of Intentions is not legally binding, and that Third Haven Monthly Meeting has no duty to fulfill any of the above requests, but shall act as a depository and advisor for this expression of personal wishes for procedures at the time of my death. I have executed this document for the purpose of guiding my family and the members of Third Haven Monthly Meeting at the time of my death.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness: _____ Witness _____

Copies of this Declaration are on file with: _____

Members and Attenders Directory

Overseers Committee is charged with contacting Friends through the Third Haven Monthly Meeting Directory. That has been an interesting challenge; Some people we were unable to reach by phone and hope this gets through. Would you please help us update your directory by completing the following and returning it to Third Haven Overseers, 405 S. Washington St., Easton, Md. 21601 or in person. Please feel free to call if you have questions or would just like to chat!

Wishing you all the best, *Dee Rein on behalf of Overseers*

Please update and return the following;

Name: _____ circle one: Member Attender

Complete all that apply to you:

_____ Please remove me from the Third Haven Directory

_____ Please keep me in the Third Haven Directory

My current address is:

Names of children at same address (birthdates)

My current phone # is:

My current e-mail is:

_____ I don't use e-mail. Please mail me the monthly newsletter.

Comments:

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Helen J. File's Retirement

It is with deep gratitude for her 28 years of remarkable service that the Yearly Meeting announces the impending retirement of Helen J. File as the Director of Arch Street Meeting House, planned to be effective at the end of January 2006. We are, at the same time, very pleased to say we expect Helen to continue to serve PYM as a consultant to the Meeting House Trust Fund Granting Group, where her extraordinary knowledge of how to maintain and improve Meeting properties – especially historic properties – will continue to benefit our Meetings and members.

Many know that we have been engaged in an intensive study and analysis of the Arch Street property and operations for the past several years. We recognize that dramatic changes – in technology, in the neighborhood, in tourist activities, in PYM's operations and use of the

building, and in the market for conferences, space rental and food service – have combined to create a pressing need to make changes in the ways we operate this facility. We are committed to maintain its historic and architectural integrity, but need to find ways to generate more revenue and make the building a more effective site for outreach and service.

Anticipating the need to make many significant changes, we asked Helen if she wanted to take this occasion to retire, and she has agreed.

PYM will always be in Helen File's debt for the work she has done. She has cared for our treasured property with great love, kept it operating even through the dramatic renovations and repairs of 1991, and welcomed many of us to many functions there. She has helped plan and implement Yearly Meeting sessions, and cared for the practical needs of our community in many ways. And her service to a myriad of Meetings, offering them advice and counsel on how to care for and repair their buildings, has literally saved many other meetinghouses.

Now, because of Helen's gracious flexibility around this timing, we anticipate a smooth transition at Arch Street. PYM will now begin looking for a Coordinator of Marketing and Hospitality to follow Helen. We hope to have that person begin by January 10, 2006. That person will focus on actively developing and marketing space rental, conference and food service in the building, as well as continuing to care for the facility. S/he will work closely with the Coordinator of Visitor Services to continue to enhance the tourist/visitor experience as well. We will be inviting applications for this position very soon. We hope this timing will allow the new person to work with and learn from Helen for several weeks in January.

Hospitality

Thank you to all who have signed up and have provided hospitality, it is good service and is much appreciated by all.



Quaker Sing Along



Stone Soup warms the spirits