



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## March 2006 NEWSLETTER

"What words or deeds could undo the massive trauma faced by the people of Fallujah every day? Everywhere we went during the afternoon young boys listened to our words and the words of those with whom we were meeting. I kept wondering what was going on in their minds as they relived the events of a year ago and the ensuing trauma. What effect will these events have on their lives as they grow up?

There are no words." *Tom Fox*

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**Meet the Member: Jacob Mullen** New to the communication committee, young Friend Jacob Mullen is a welcome addition. His experience with computers and websites will be put to good use as he contributes to Third Haven's web presence. Jacob's interests, aside from helping at Third Haven and the Habitat For Humanity Shrimp Dinner in October, include reading science fiction and playing steel drums. He rides his bike far and wide, including longer rides with his Dad, Mike Mullen. A Freshman at Easton High School, Jacob is also active with Tred Avon Players, providing technical and lighting assistance for the current and coming plays. We're glad to have his talents and good company!



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**Friendly Eights** are about to commence. Are you interested? This is an opportunity for Friends in groups of eight to meet for 4 pot luck dinners at homes and times chosen by the group between June and December, 2006. Our goal for this round is to encourage intergenerational interaction, to better know each other. (Children's attendance will be at the discretion of the host for each event.) To sign up, put your name on the poster in the Common Room by May 15<sup>th</sup> or contact Ann Williams at 770-3237. Overseers will organize the groups then and notify everyone. Questions are welcome! Hope you can join us! *Dee Rein on behalf of Overseers*

## **Third Haven Friends Meeting Minutes of the 3rd Month 12th, 2006 Meeting for Business**

Attending: Ken Carroll, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Joe Davis, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Tanya Harrison, Susan Leibman, Bob Marshall, Nancy Mullen, Jim Paul, Peggy Paul, Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Norval Thompson, Cathy Thompson, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Winslow Womack, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.

Clerk of the Meeting Anne Rouse clerked the Meeting for Business. The meeting opened with a period of worship.

Query for Third Month -- The third query, "Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education" had been read during Meeting for Worship. The Clerk asked for reflections. The clerk of Worship & Ministry committee wondered if the committee had done enough to address the queries raised here. He further wondered if he was perhaps more effective at spiritual nurture in the context of family life than within the larger Meeting community. In the family environment, openings cannot be forced, but can be waited upon, acknowledged, and nurtured while seasoning. Another Friend was inspired by the power of the query "Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share . . . the possibility of religious transformation?" It takes courage to replace fear with faith, but when we do so, we preserve the opportunity of transformative religious experience.

Approval of Minutes -- The minutes of the 2nd Month 2006 Meeting for Business were APPROVED with the following corrections: replacing "Anne" with "The Clerk;" indicating that requests for use of the common room "should" rather than "may" be directed to the common room committee; and adding a note indicating the delay of the 2nd Month's Meeting for Business by one week due to inclement weather.

The Clerk asked the Meeting to consider whether it wished to communicate with Langley Hill Meeting to express sympathy on the death of Quaker peace worker Tom Fox, who was killed in Iraq. The Meeting APPROVED a minute of appreciation for the life of Tom Fox, and asked that the Clerk write a letter conveying our sympathies to Langley Hill Meeting. In the future, the Clerk will share general announcements, correspondence, and items of interest at the rise of Meeting of Worship instead of during the Meeting for Business. We received a gift from the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore for use of the common room. The Committee of Clerks has approved extending an invitation to a member of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) staff to visit Third Haven during 4th or 5th Month to speak on Residential Yearly Meeting and give us an update on recent events surrounding the General Secretary's resignation. Finally, the Clerk received a letter from a woman in Colorado seeking a room to rent in Easton for one or two weeks this summer. Friends aware of possible accommodations may contact the Clerk.

Meeting treasurer Joe Davis gave the Treasurer's Report. Income for 2nd Month 2006 totaled \$1332.79 and expenses totaled \$7625.95 for a net deficit of \$6293.16. Joe explained that we expect to receive funds from the Trustees toward the furnace replacement. For the fiscal year-to-date, the Meeting has had roughly \$43,500.00 of income and \$37,000.00 of expenses.

Contributions stand currently at 80% of budget, overall expenses at 68.5%. The balance sheet as of 2nd Month 28th shows total assets of roughly \$61,000.00, of which approximately \$56,500.00 is available. A Friend asked about the disposition of the \$1238 .01 held as "Carriage Shed Sale Funds." Joe explained that approximately \$800.00 of this money is designated for the First Day

School; the remaining \$400.00 is earmarked for improvements to the common room. The Meeting APPROVED the report with thanks to the treasurer.

John Hawkinson, clerk of the Communications committee, presented the committee's annual report. The committee's goal is to keep the meeting informed of future events, to provide a place for vital meeting information, and to record the current history of Third Haven. Committee members produce the newsletter in print and electronic forms, maintain the Third Haven website, [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org), and distribute weekly announcements by email. The committee has also recently produced an updated directory, available in print and electronically on the password-protected portion of the website. The committee is assembling a book of photographs of all members and attenders, and plans to link photos to the directory names on the website. Clerk Anne Rouse noted that the committee has a formidable job and does it well. A member of the committee rose to note that the annual report does an inadequate job of presenting the tremendous efforts of committee clerk John Hawkinson. A Friend commented on the remarkable evolution of our Meeting communications in recent years and thanked the committee for their inspired efforts. Friends APPROVED the report with thanks to the committee and the clerk. A copy of the annual report is attached to these minutes.

Doreen Getsinger reported for Overseers that the New Members and Attenders luncheon was well attended. Friends enjoyed a presentation on the history of the Arch Street Meetinghouse by Peggy Morsheck of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. Third Haven has received a letter of transfer for Katharine Johnson. The Meeting appointed a welcoming committee of Candace Shattuck, Meredith Watters, and Susan Leibman. The Clerk will send a letter of acknowledgement to Annapolis Friends Meeting. The welcoming committee was reminded of its duty to discuss the responsibilities of membership, including financial support of the Meeting. Worship & Ministry clerk Bob Marshall announced that the committee will host an adult discussion of the proposed "Advices Regarding the Meeting for Business" at the rise of meeting next First Day. He urged Friends to read the draft and anticipate potential controversies to aid us in our deliberations. For example, the Advices: encourage Friends to speak once to an issue; suggest that (barring extreme urgency) committee clerks not introduce topics that have not first been considered by their committees; encourage distribution of concise written summaries at the Meeting for Business; and advise the Clerk to direct new items to an appropriate committee, rather than debating as a committee of the whole. Are Friends easy with these suggestions? A Friend commended the committee for the thoughtful deliberation reflected in the document and expressed hope that the Advices will help address identified needs of shortening the Meeting for Business and increasing attendance.

Lorraine Claggett reported for Testimonies & Concerns committee that the lunch program has been expanded to the homeless shelter based out of the Neighborhood Service Center. An update on the Afghan Women's Fund will be published in the newsletter. Lorraine is seeking members interested in establishing ongoing visitation with Congressman Gilchrist. Finally, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is once again seeking our input into establishment of priorities for the upcoming year. Friends are encouraged to seek out the bulletin board display in the common room and express their opinions. Ann Williams noted that she is our representative to the Multicultural Festival committee; that Festival will be held in May. Lorraine reminded Friends that "Peace Week" will take place next week, including kite flying next First Day at 1:00 pm at Idlewild Park.

First Day School co-clerk Susan Claggett reported that ten to twenty children participate in First Day School (FDS) each week. The committee meets once a month, and is currently considering

“safe spaces for our children” under impetus from Yearly Meeting. The upper school children are hosting a bake sale next First Day to raise money for a clinic in Burundi. Parents are reminded that they need to sign children in for childcare during business meeting. Fourth Month 16th will be the traditional Easter egg dying and hunt, and 6th Month 4th will be “moving up” day, when we celebrate our young people completing eighth and twelfth grades. Susan is also accepting book donations for the New Orleans library. Norval Thompson announced that his son Norval leaves today for New Orleans. Friends are asked to hold him in the Light.

Southern Quarter Planning and Coordination Committee meets at Camden next First Day.

Anyone with announcements to be shared at that gathering may pass them to Susan Claggett.

Friends commented on the radio announcements currently airing on WSCL, which mention the four meetings of our Quarter and give website information. Susan was encouraged to share this feedback at the meeting, and to inquire what the Quarterly Meeting needs from us in support of this outreach.

A Friend noted that PYM initiated the discussions on child safety in response to the need for a written policy for compliance with insurance requirements, and suggests that Monthly Meetings do the same. Other Friends confirmed that the impetus behind the discussion is safeguarding children from predatory behavior. The Meeting asked that the FDS committee consider how this discussion applies to our Meeting and return to us with recommendations. It was also noted that PYM has an underutilized outreach fund that may be a source of funds for the Quarter’s radio announcements.

Cathy Thompson distributed a report from Interim Meeting. PYM has convened a four-member committee to appoint an interim General Secretary. A ten-member “Transition Progress Group” will assess the effectiveness and challenges of the current staff administrative structure and formulate a new job description for the position of General Secretary. Disquiet continues within Interim Meeting. Third Haven Friends will have further opportunity to discuss the current status of the Yearly Meeting during the upcoming staff visit. Volunteers are needed for the children’s program at residential sessions in July.

Cathy Thompson presented the annual report of the Hospitality committee. Hospitality is a ministry that brings us together in joy and good fellowship. Provision of food and fellowship continues to be an important way for us to know one another. It has been suggested that the committees be assigned, in alphabetical order, a month to be responsible for providing one First Day’s hospitality. Hospitality committee members are also expected to host. The Meeting APPROVED the report, with thanks to the committee. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

In other business, Frank Zeigler reminded Friends that the renovation of the Neck Meetinghouse will be celebrated at the end of 5th Month. Library & Outreach committee is involved in planning the program.

No further business appearing, Friends concluded with a period of worship, purposing to meet next on 4th Month 9th, 2006. The annual report of the Common Room committee will be received at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Hersemann Leibman*

*Recording Clerk*

Third Haven Friends Meeting

**Annual Report of the Communications Committee** to the Third Haven Friends Meeting for Business third month twelfth day, 2006

Ralph Young is our chief photographer, mailer of newsletters, and enters new material on the Third Haven Website, [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org). Dee Rein provides the final editing to the assembled newsletter, in addition to writing specific articles, and provides the finished product to the printer and the e-mail version. Nancy Mullen has written several articles, and provides the initial editing of all submitted material. Peter Howell has written a number of articles and has been helping Ralph place new material on the website. Jacob Mullen has also been learning the art of website entry from Ralph. Susan Leibman, not formally a committee member, provides the latest minutes.

Our goal is to keep the meeting informed of future events, to provide a place for vital meeting information, and to record the current history of Third Haven. Weekly announcements go out most Tuesdays by e-mail. We have not yet evolved a method to get this information to those without computer. The newsletter is scheduled for publication well in advance of monthly meeting for business. The deadline for submission of articles is set at the 22 of each month. The website is renewed on a continuing basis. Members and attenders are encouraged to look at it, and the committee will be willing to assist anyone who experiences difficulty in retrieval of information. The directory was published in January this year, and managed to stay current for a full twenty minutes. The website has an equivalent directory in the password protected portion. The last project to mention is the photography of all members and attenders. Ralph Young has been recording as many of you as possible. We plan to prepare a book in order to help us recognize one another. Where possible, the photos will be linked to the directory names on the website. We are currently under budget. *John A. Hawkinson, Clerk*

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**Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee**

We have been blessed with many hospitality offerings throughout the year. Many among you have contributed to both structured and unstructured gatherings in the Common Room following worship.

We are running slightly ahead of our budget, but try to maintain adequate supplies of essentials. We project similar activities and a similar budget for the next year.

We sincerely thank all friends who have provided both food and generous effort on first days. Please don't be shy about signing up since this ministry brings us together in joy and good fellowship. We encourage you to sign up with a friend or as a family in order to lighten the task and to get better acquainted.

In fact, we recently made a proposal at the Clerks' Meeting that committees rotate alphabetically to host hospitality. As there are 12 committees, this would work out to hosting about once every three months. If this is approved, we would encourage those individuals and families not on a committee to feel free to sign up with any of the committees on a date of their choice.

Hospitality is a wonderful opportunity to share joy and good fellowship, and we greatly appreciate your participation.

*Ann Williams & Cathy Thompson Co-Clerks*

Members: Codie and Dan Chaudoin, Lorraine T. Claggett, Martin Garcia-Bunuel, Beth Mufson, Marcie and Patrick Molloy, Janice Shreve.



**Meet a Member: Jean Elisabeth “Betty Jean” Wheeler** has been an eyewitness to more Third Haven history than anyone at our meeting. She has been worshipping at 405 South Washington Street for more than 80 years. Her family have been Third Haven Meeting members since 1875, and several are buried in our churchyard.

Although she is a lifelong Quaker, “I wasn’t a birthright [meeting member],” she says, “because Daddy didn’t join until after I was born. “Daddy” was Dr. William Hammond, who founded the Radiology Department at Memorial Hospital at Easton. Wheeler’s mother, Edna Speakman Hammond, was a birthright member.

“I’m glad I was born into” Quakerism, says Wheeler. It used to run in her family, but lately it has slowed to a crawl. All four of her children were raised in the church and educated at The George School. But today only one daughter, Adrienne Rudge, is a Quaker. Wheeler’s other two daughters, Lindsley and Susan, and her son Chip, like her husband of 66 years, Charlie, are not churchgoers.

“It’s a do-it-yourself religion,” she says. “Either it clicks for you or it doesn’t.”

Wheeler is a “retread,” recently reappointed to the Overseers Committee. It’s one of several committees on which she has served over the years. In 1945, after World War Two, she and Macqueen Gibbs Willis revived the dormant First Day School, partitioning and furnishing the second floor of the new meeting house. She once served as Third Haven’s treasurer. Her predecessor, George Olds, had to teach her the job so he could step down. On two different occasions, she was a member of Property and Grounds. And she served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees at a critical time. Unlike several of her fellow trustees, she foresaw the high cost — almost \$500,000 — of restoring the old meeting house, and devoted herself to raising the necessary funds.

“We just got dribbles,” she recalls. “It was scary.”

But she did not give up. She had a goal, and worked harder and longer to reach it.

And reach it she did. “We got there with the help of some organizations,” she recalls. “The fact that we did it, and didn’t have to go into debt, made me feel good.”

During her first stint on Overseers, “We had some struggles,” recalls Wheeler. Her top priority this time around will be “Keeping peace. Keeping people together. Avoiding schism.” What are the issues that might drive people apart? Although it has been settled and is no longer an open wound, she says, “The same-sex union is always hanging over us” and could become a bone of contention again. While she says she does not object to same-sex unions, Wheeler says, “I feel that we legally cannot oversee it.”

“I think it would be wonderful to see the meeting grow,” says Wheeler. “I’ve been there when it was pretty slim pickin’s. I just purr when I go in there and see the meeting filled with people.” The best way to fill the pews, she believes, is to “keep the First Day School healthy.” In addition to grooming tomorrow’s Quakers, it attracts young parents.

Retention of members could be improved, according to Wheeler, by improving outreach to people who are “going through a bad patch.”

“I think the personal touch, trying to keep in touch with people in need...letting people know that somebody cares,” she says. “I think that’s something we ought to concentrate on more.” What about outreach to parishioners who left the fold when the same-sex-union debate grew heated? Wheeler ponders the question, then says, “Next time we have an Overseers meeting, I’ll bring it up.”

Wheeler is a published author. Last year, “at the urging of our firstborn, Adrienne” she published *Small Town Girl*, a memoir of her childhood on the Eastern Shore. Adrienne “realized that [her mother had] a childhood very different from hers.” *Small Town Girl* is dedicated to Wheeler’s parents, who “gave of themselves unendingly to help people and place.”

Wheeler’s slender volume of “musings” is full of the kind of memories you’d expect a small-town girl to have: grades K-4 with just four other students, one of whom she would one day marry; watching the Bartlett’s grain mill burn just a block from her house (“Mother and I clung to one another on the upstairs sleeping porch”), and the candy factory fire from the cemetery; the “normal sized Buick” that took the place of the Hammond family’s “precious Peerless;” Mr. Boone, the garbage man who “looked like Ichabod Crane,” and whose wagon was pulled by “a patient, strong, brown workhorse;” and Prohibition (“Daddy did not welcome it.”).

Wheeler’s memoir ends in 1938, the year she graduated from the University of Delaware. But she’s been making more memories ever since, and continues to do so. Perhaps one day we’ll see a sequel to *Small Town Girl*.

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**Thank you, Peggy, Jim and Robert.** Peggy and Jim Paul donated a computer which is now in the after school Learning Center at the Neighborhood Service Center. They also donated a Fax/Copier which is now also in the Learning Center. Robert Wieland donated a computer for use by the Meeting.

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**New Members and Attender's Luncheon** Thanks to a healthy turnout of around 85 adults and children too active to count, this year's luncheon was a great success. The contribution of our guest speaker, Peggy Morsheck of PYM discussing the Arch Street Meeting House, added to our understanding of the importance of our treasured historic buildings.

## **Final Recommendations of the Making New Friends Working Group.**

This group arose from the concern of continually decreasing membership in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and has ended its activity, but makes the following statements.

1. Preserve the funds currently designated for membership development in the Membership Development Support Fund and insure they are used to implement our recommendations.
3. Establish a single Committee dedicated to Meeting Development with responsibilities at two levels: (a.) Monthly Meeting level & (b.) Yearly Meeting Level
4. Incorporate the materials and products created during the Making New Friends project into this new initiative and further develop materials and tools on a continuous basis.
5. Provide staffing to assist and coordinate the efforts of the Meeting Development Committee.
6. Develop a marketing plan for PYM - If Quakers exist in silence will anyone know they are there? A well-reasoned, articulate message which states that we exist and saying why, is vital and necessary of consideration by those seeking a spiritual home.
7. Involve Quarterly Meetings in the Meeting Development Process
8. Consider other growth opportunities and models. Look further and deeper into alternative methods of growing established Meetings and starting new ones. It is possible that some Meetings could be consolidated with others, some struggling Meetings could/should be temporarily or permanently closed, or there may be opportunities for new Meetings to thrive in growing communities where no Meeting exists. These are all situations requiring thoughtful discernment and the application of objective resources to foster it. From PYM

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## **Climate Action Network Report**

The Climate Action Network came about as the result of an epistle written at the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Called Session on Climate Change held June 4th, 2005 which states: “Friends at this session unite behind the desire that PYM incorporate this concern about the rise of global climate temperatures and its dangerous implications for life on our earth into the body of its work in the world. We feel ready, with divine assistance, to assume the challenges of being prophetic witnesses to protect our earth. We call upon the Yearly Meeting, in all its manifestations, to seek ways to hold our members lovingly accountable to live in God’s world in a more environmentally sustainable fashion and to join other like minded groups and organizations in supporting this concern.”

PYM’s Peace and Concerns Standing Committee approved the concept of developing a network, composed of individuals named by Monthly Meetings, who would plan regional action and coordinate for activity throughout Yearly Meeting. Interim Meeting approved the appointment by the Peace and Concerns Standing Committee of Ed Dreby as Project Leader and Isobel Cashman as Corresponding Clerk for this network.

To develop a prophetic witness about climate change through a rightly ordered process, three steps are essential: 1) Everyone in PYM needs to know about the Epistle from the Called Session. 2) Every monthly meeting should discern its own response to the Epistle and convey this response to the Yearly Meeting. 3) We all need an inclusive means of on-going communication and continuing discernment within the Yearly Meeting. The new Climate Action Network is intended to meet this need.



Each Monthly Meeting now has a Climate Action Network representative and Third Haven's representative is Cathy Thompson. Each monthly meeting has been asked to respond to the epistle using a three-phase process and to compose a minute to be presented at the 2006 Annual



Session of Yearly Meeting in July.

We, at Third Haven, held our 1st session on February 26th. Ed Dreby, Project Leader, came from Philadelphia to help Friends better understand what is scientifically known, projected, and uncertain about climate change, and what is occurring in regional, national, and international affairs. Two queries were considered during this 1st phase: "What more do we

need to understand about what is known, projected, and uncertain about global warming and its consequences to determine its importance for us?" And, "How does the climate issue relate to Friends testimonies on peace, equality, stewardship, simplicity, and integrity?" Four handouts, about the epistle, key points on climate change, international diplomacy and public policy (all of which were covered at this session) are available on the Common Room table.

Friends have asked, "What can we do?" There would seem to be three levels of Climate Action suggested by the minute approved at the Called Session last June: 1) Living in a more environmentally sustainable fashion. 2) Supporting the corporate witness of YM projects and other Friends organizations. 3) New leadings of conscience, by individuals and/or groups, to draw public attention to climate change in a way that has not yet occurred.

Our next session is scheduled for April 2nd at 11:30am in the brick Meeting House. Four queries will be considered in the form of worship sharing. A third session will be scheduled sometime in May in which two queries will be considered as the basis for a minute which will then be brought to our Meeting for Business for approval. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. *Cathy Thompson*

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## **Bake Sale for Kamenge Clinic in Burundi**

Thanks to the efforts of the First Day Upper School kids, Third Haven Friends Meeting First Day School will be sending \$188.00 to the Kamenge Clinic in Burundi.

Some weeks ago, the First Day Class was looking at Quaker Action and efforts outside of their community to better understand how Quakers impact world events. A timely letter from a friend in the community outlined an effort that was in progress to raise money for the Kamenge Clinic in Burundi. The fledgling Clinic put out a request for funds to purchase two bicycles and a small refrigerator to bring the supplies from a nearby town to the Clinic and to keep the

pharmaceuticals refrigerated. The Burundi area has been hard hit by war, genocide and disease as it struggles to restore health and order to the area with the Kamenge CLinic. The Friends Peace Team is currently involved with this effort.

The THF First Day Class read about the project and brainstormed ways they could help. They decided to host a Bake Sale at the Rise of Meeting on March 19th. The kids made posters, baked and provided items for sale, set the prices and conducted the sale. The mothers were largely in charge of the clean up.

On March 19th, at the rise of Meeting, those in attendance found cakes, cookies, brownies, famous cobbler, zucchini bread, soup, lemonade, sodas, and cabbage rolls. A beautiful pound cake sent by Joyce Zeigler was raffled and awarded to Meredith Watters. The sale was especially welcome as the Worship and Ministry Committee had planned a meeting to review the Advice regarding Meeting for Business and they enjoyed the refreshment prior to their discussion.

The THF First Day raised \$188.00 from the sale which will be forwarded, with other donations, to the Burundi Clinic. We all felt a sense of satisfaction to be able to contribute to this worthy project. *Paige Bethke*

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An introductory session to the **Alternatives to Violence Project** was held on March 16 in the common room. Two certified AVP trainers, Mary Lou Beatman and John Shuford reviewed the history of this project, that it was founded by Quakers in 1975, working with a



group of youths in a New York prison. It is based on the Quaker belief that an inborn power for peace is in everyone. It is hoped that out of this session will come volunteers who are willing to be trained to take the AVP program into the Talbot County Detention Center. Background information on the AVP program may be found at <http://www.avpusa.org/> Contact is Ralph Young. Some of the basic precepts of AVP are as follows:

#### ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT Guide to Transforming Power

1. Seek to resolve conflicts by reaching common understandings.
2. Reach for that something good in others.
3. Listen before making judgments.
- 4 Base your position on truth.
5. Be ready to revise your position, if it is wrong.

6. Expect to experience great inward power to act.
7. Risk being creative rather than violent.
8. Use surprise and humor.
9. Learn to trust your inner sense of when to act.
10. Be willing to suffer for what is important.
11. Be patient and persistent.
12. Build community based on honesty, respect and caring.



**HELP ALONG THE WAY**

Build your own self-respect.  
 Respect and care about others.  
 Expect the best.  
 Ask yourself for a nonviolent way. There may be one inside you.  
 Wait a minute before reacting.  
 It may open you to Transforming Power  
 Trust your inner sense of what's needed.  
 Don't rely on weapons, drugs or alcohol. They weaken you.  
 Admit it when you are wrong, make amends if you can, forgive yourself, and then let it go.  
 Do not threaten or put down.  
 Make friends who will support you. Support the best in them.  
 Risk changing yourself.

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**PYM Interim General Secretary** Mark Myers of London Grove Meeting has been appointed Interim General Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and will begin his service on March 27. Mark Myers brings a life long Quaker experience to this service, starting in Indiana, then New York and now Pennsylvania. He has served as Board Chair of Earlham College, as Chair of Kendal Corporation, and as Clerk of London Grove Monthly Meeting. He serves on the Finance Committee of the AFSC and on the Worship and Care Standing Committee of PYM.

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## **Third Haven Bags Lunches for Shelter Residents**

The Neighborhood Service Center of Easton runs a small shelter called the Ridgeway House. The shelter provides, for up to six adults, ninety days to get their lives together and to acquire the resources to be on their own after leaving the shelter. During the week, the residents are provided with a morning meal and then must leave the shelter during the day and then return for the evening meal. This month, five Third Haven (and related) families committed themselves to providing the residents of the shelter with lunches on each Wednesday. Simple lunches are brought to the shelter each Tuesday evening. They are refrigerated overnight and the residents take them the following morning when they leave the shelter. Other Churches within Easton have assumed the responsibility of providing lunches on other days of the week. At this time, the following is the schedule of Third Haven volunteers.

1st Tuesday of the month - Cynthia Browne family

2nd Tuesday of the month - Valerie Sypula family

3rd Tuesday of the month - Ann Womack family

4th Tuesday of the month - Ralph Young family

5th Tuesday of the month (when it occurs) - Marilyn Downing (Valerie Sypula's mother)

The shelter is also in need of toiletries and food products to be used in the preparation of morning and evening meals. Donations may be brought to the Neighborhood Service Center on Port Street or may be left in the container provided by Ann Williams and located in the Common Room. *Ralph Young*

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## **Announcements for Third Haven Monthly Meeting**

March 29 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

April 1 (seventh day) 9am to 3pm A Quick Introduction To Quakerism at Chester River Friends Meeting contact Trudy Rogers, 410-810-2814 or jtrogers@dmv.com

April 1 (seventh day) 9:45am Worship and Ministry committee meets in the common room

April 2 (first day) 10am meeting for worship. Session #2 of the Climate Action Network will be held at 11:30am in the brick Meeting House. We will be addressing four queries in the form of a worship sharing group. A potluck luncheon will be served afterwards in the Common Room.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend, even if you did not attend Session #1. Contact Cathy Thompson 410-745-6837

April 3 (second day) 6:30 to 8:30pm Interfaith Seder Dinner at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Join us in this special interfaith evening - this event is free. Volunteers needed for setup and food preparation.. Contact is Rev. Cindy Burkert at 410-476-3384.

April 5 (fourth day) 11 am First day school committee meeting

April 5 (fourth day) 4:30 PM Budget & finance committee meets in the common room.

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

April 7 (Friday evening) and Saturday, April 8. Annapolis Friends Meeting will conduct a workshop. We will be learning from a "well-seasoned Friend" and leader among Quakers: Margery Larrabee. Through "Spirit-led Eldering", we can assist one another, from a centered place, to be true and faithful Friends and to stay connected and nurtured by our faith community.

We are requesting a suggested donation of \$25 to cover expenses but in no way do we wish this suggestion to obstruct anyone interested in attending. Please contact Phil Favero (410-268-4716) email pfavero@umd.edu to register by April 1st, as we must plan for lunch on Saturday, April 8th.

April 9 (first day) 10am meeting for worship and meeting for business. Annual Report of Common Room Committee. If you wish to be on the agenda, please let Anne Rouse know by Wednesday, April 5. Please submit lengthy agenda items in writing – these may be inserted into announcements if desired.

April 12 (fourth day) 5pm property & grounds committee meets in common room

April 12 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

April 16 (first day) 10am meeting for worship on Easter

First day school egg dyeing and hunt (Please bring 1/2 dozen hard boiled eggs for dyeing)

April 19 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

April 23 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

Reminders

- Send a contribution payable to: Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

Articles for the newsletter need to be submitted by the 22 day of the month to get published.

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

New email address - Buddy and Susan McNaught bmcnaught@atlanticbb.net

New material on the website: please look under Testimonies and Concerns for a Report from the Ingeel District of Afghanistan.

The organizers of the Friends General Conference Gathering for this year report that online registration for the 2006 Gathering has been closed because their quota was reached.

Hospitality Committee has proposed that each of our 12 committees rotate hosting hospitality on First day on an alphabetical basis and encouraging those individuals or families who are not on committees to sign up with a committee on a date of their choice. We are asking that clerks of committees consult with their members to see if this is agreeable. Ann Williams or Cathy Thompson welcome any feedback you may have about this.

Millington Burial grounds needs a volunteer from Third Haven. Contact Susan Claggett 410-822-5964

New Orleans Public Library requests book donations. Contact: Susan Claggett 410-822-5964

Quaker Pilgrimage to England in July Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Education Standing Committee is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Lake District in England from July 6 to July 20 this summer. British Friends call the Lake District the 1652 Country because it was there that Quakerism began. British Friends will guide the PYM pilgrims to see the places where George Fox, Margaret Fell, and early Friends gathered, suffered, and were inspired. They will visit Pendle Hill, Swarthmore Hall, Lancaster jail, and other important sites of the earliest Friends Meetings. The cost of \$2450 includes airfare, lodging, meals and transport for the first week. The second week will be open for people to travel on their own. The group will fly in and out of Manchester Airport. For information and registration, contact Chris and Jack Mahon at [cjmahon@msn.com](mailto:cjmahon@msn.com) or 856-358-3528. Register by March 15.

May 26 to 29, 2006 'Walls to Bridges' 2006 AVP-USA National Conference for Alternatives to Violence facilitators. The 2006 AVP National Conference will be held in Massachusetts. <http://www.avpboston2006.org/default.aspx>

The following is an index of coming events listed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other major Quaker organizations. Details of these events may be found on the Third Haven Website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> by clicking on Complete Text Material on the home page.

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### GENERAL (undated)

Volunteers Needed for Annual Fund Phonothon  
0% Interest College Loan Program for Quaker Students  
Jeanes Foundation Awards First Nursing Scholarship  
WWII CO's Sought for Book Project  
Meeting On Worship & Ministry Activities  
Using PYM Library materials  
Putting faith to action: the Peace Tax Fund Bill  
Teachers Workshop on Bullying  
Join the PYM Library Services Group  
Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series  
Friends Counseling Service

### MARCH 2006

March 25 Special Session on Celebrating Our Meetings' Vitality  
March 25 Called PYM Session "Cultivating Our Roots, Creating Our Future"  
March 31 (sixth day) Conference for Racial Justice and Equality

### APRIL 2006

April 1 Gathering on Conscience and Militarism  
April 8 Showcase of Work on Quaker Concerns  
April 15 Final "Sacred Texts" Program  
April 17 Lecture on William Penn at Swarthmore College  
April 28, through Sunday, April 30 Arts Festival at Haverford Meeting

### MAY 2006

May 12-14 Family Camping Weekend in New Jersey  
May 19-20 Board Governance Workshop Offered  
May 20 Joanna Macy to Headline Ecology Program

### JUNE 2006

June 23 African Summer Workcamps 2006

### SEPTEMBER 2006

Project to Strengthen Meeting Community  
September 16 Quaker Arts Conference

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**THE MINDFULNESS PRACTICE GROUP OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ANNAPOLIS PRESENTS A DAY OF MINDFULNESS AND CELEBRATION OF VESAK** Saturday, May 6, 2006 9:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. At The Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, Maryland. On this day we will mindfully and reverently celebrate the birth, enlightenment and passing of the Buddha. There will be chanting,

sitting meditation, walking meditation and a Dharma talk. Our ceremony will include practices from both Mahayana and Theravada Buddhist traditions and an opportunity to receive the Five Precepts for the day. Dress comfortably and bring a vegetarian dish to share at lunch. Bring your cushion if you prefer to sit on the floor. For registration and questions, please e-mail [MPG@uuca-md.org](mailto:MPG@uuca-md.org). Bhante Rahula, an American who was ordained as a Buddhist monk in Sri Lanka in 1975, will lead the day. He spent many years meditating and teaching Dharma in Asia and has been with the Bhavana Society since 1987, and is the vice abbot. The Bhavana Society is a Forest Monastery and Retreat Center in the Theravada Buddhist Tradition, located near High View in rural West Virginia.

A suggested contribution of \$30 - \$50 will be shared by the Bhavana Society and the Mindfulness Practice Group of Annapolis.