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"Now is where we live, now is where the past must be overcome, now is where we meet others, now is where we must find the presence of God." *Carol Murphy, c 1993 Faith and Practice p.139*

Friend Afar

Thank you for the current issue of the Newsletter which I just received online. I'm writing from Cambridge, England where Jim and I will be for this academic year. (I wanted to mention that we were going when we were at meeting in August, but didn't find the right moment.) It is a nice co-incidence there is a Friends Meeting just a few blocks away from where we are living. As soon as we get settled we'll go over. *With best wishes. Sandra Herbert*

Meet a Friend James W. Rouse – our Jim Rouse – did not develop Columbia, Maryland's first planned community. He didn't even build Talbottown Shopping Center. But he did devote his working life – 30 years – to serving his country. And since retiring from the Internal Revenue Service and the Naval Reserve and moving to Oyster Cove in Queenstown, he has served Third Haven.



A birthright Quaker, Jim grew up in Glen Echo Heights, Md., a Washington suburb. After he graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, he followed the footsteps of his mother and four of his aunts to Strayer Business College, in Washington, D.C. His next stop was New Concord, Ohio, where he earned a B.A. in Sociology from Muskingum College in 1955.

A month after graduating, Jim was in uniform. He spent three years on active duty as an airborne combat information center officer in the U.S. Navy. His assignments included putting a reconnaissance airplane "directly above an underwater blast at the time of detonation, an unnerving situation for all concerned."

A man can only stand so much fun, so he hung up his uniform in 1958, but stayed on as a civilian employee, writing job descriptions for naval officers. Four years later, he transferred to the IRS, where he developed training programs. He remained

at the IRS until retiring in 1985. Along the way, he also spent 16 years moonlighting as an instructor at his alma mater, Strayer College. Even after retiring from the IRS, Jim kept his hand in, writing more training courses for Uncle Sam, and he stayed fit by playing tennis and racquetball “against people who are as much as 20 or 30 years younger...and winning a fair share of those games.”

Following his release from active military service in 1958, Jim remained in the United States Naval Reserve. As a weekend warrior, he spent a year and a half as Commanding Officer of a Naval Air Reserve Training Division at Andrews Air Force Base. He rose to the rank of captain, retiring in 1977.

Jim married Anne Chandler Lank at the Friends Meeting of Washington not long after becoming a naval officer. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9th, 2006. They have a lot to show for five decades of marriage: four daughters Ellen, Joanne, Betty and Carol; one son, James E.; 16 grandchildren; and even a grandson-in-law.

Other than teaching tennis and racquetball players to respect their elders, Jim says, “I really haven’t done a great deal” since retiring; “Life has gone pretty smoothly” without a job.

Despite his modest disclaimer, Jim has been an active member of Third Haven for the past 13 years. He has served on the Worship and Ministry Committee on and off for a decade. Although not currently on the committee, he routinely attends its meetings. He has served as recording clerk, and for a year or two, as assistant clerk during the Ken Carroll dynasty.

But perhaps his greatest contribution, and certainly his most unique, is Quaker Faith and Practice and the Bible. Simply described (always a risky undertaking), it is an attempt to blunt the perception of certain Quaker beliefs as “peculiar” by tracing their biblical origins.

“The Religious Society of Friends is and always has been a part of the Judeo-Christian community,” he writes in the introduction. “...our ‘peculiarities’ appear to be based, for the most part, upon a difference in emphasis or interpretation of the messages that are contained in the Old and New Testaments.”

That simply stands to reason, in Jim’s opinion. “My impression is that our Quaker forebears, many of whom were considered to be Biblical scholars, would have relied upon many of these Biblical references as the basis for the development of our Quaker faith and practice.”

In an 11-page manifesto, Jim uses a four-column chart to cite the biblical quote, along with its book, chapter and verse, behind each of 19 Quaker beliefs. He traces the notion of the Inner Light, for example, to no fewer than 10 different biblical passages, including John 8:12: “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

He finds the rationale for the very existence of the Society of Friends in John: 14-15: “You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

Jim even traces the biblical basis of the Quakers’ refusal to employ paid clergy. This quote from Jesus is found in Matthew 10: 5-8: “...preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay.”

“I felt very good,” said Jim in a recent interview, “about finding different elements within the Bible that supported the Quaker viewpoint.”

As long as he’s a member, it seems certain that Jim Rouse’s service to Third Haven will continue. But his days as a member seem to be numbered. Next May, if all goes according to

plan, he and Anne will move from their townhouse in Queenstown to an apartment in a Quaker-run retirement community in Delaware, Cadbury in Lewes.

“Lewes is a very nice little community, from what we can tell,” says Jim, although he is quick to add that Anne is the lead dog on the relocation sled. In addition to independent living, Cadbury in Lewes offers assisted living and skilled nursing. “This is sort of acting before it becomes essential,” says Jim, who believes that he and Anne still have several years of good health left. Jim says he and Anne have yet to find a Quaker Meeting close to Cadbury in Lewes. But even if they do, they’ll still be in the pews at Third Haven from time to time.

By Peter Howell

Contemplating Conflict: Rule 1

An important task when raising children is helping them constructively resolve conflicts. This is a learned skill. In the schools our peer mediators learned to use four ground rules that translate well into adult life. We begin with Rule 1: Do Not Interrupt. While children might impulsively interrupt each other, as adults at Meeting for Worship for Conduct of Business we benefit from the Quaker custom of moments of silence between comments. However, we must go one step better and silence our internal dialogue to listen carefully to speaking Friends, avoiding the impulse to form disputations while awaiting our turn to speak, in effect interrupting others within our own minds. Rule 1: Do Not Interrupt is a commitment to hear others with an open mind. We benefit as we create space to understand each other clearly and to hear that still voice within. As we learn to negotiate conflicts peacefully, we are raising the children within us all! *submitted by Dee Rein*

History Trip

Pinney Claggett and Mary Cotton visited the Friends Historical Library on October 9th and obtained copies of some old photographs of our meetinghouses, including some that Pinney had never seen (quite a feat!). We plan to include some of these pictures in the newsletter from time to time.

THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING Minutes of the 10th Month 8th, 2006, Meeting for Business

Attending: Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, Winslow Womack, Ken Carroll, Norval Thompson, Cathy Thompson, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, Sumner Parker, Bob Marshall, Peggy Walbert, Tania Harrison, Nancy Mullen, Marsie Hawkinson, Larny Claggett, Ann Williams, Irene Williams, Lorraine Claggett, Helen Womack

Clerk of the Meeting Anne Rouse clerked the Meeting for Business. The meeting opened at 11:25 a.m. with a period of worship.

Query for Tenth Month – The tenth query, “Stewardship of the Environment,” had been read during Meeting for Worship. No further reflections were offered.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the 9th Month, 2006, Meeting for Business were APPROVED with no corrections.

Anne Rouse imparted the Clerk's Correspondence, beginning with regards from the Unitarian Universalist congregation, which has been sharing our space on First Days. Their note confirmed their continued intention to use the space weekly and their intention to donate approximately \$400 per month for such use. Marsie Hawkinson reported that the congregation carries insurance that follows them to wherever they worship. Anne announced the annual fall meeting of the Friends Historical Association on November 11, 2006.

The Treasurer's Report was delivered by Winslow Womack, who noted a shortfall of \$5,773.08 due to the fact that no contributions have come in for the month, and that Property and Grounds had expenses of \$2,008.90. Also, our Meeting's quarterly payment to PYM has been made. Winslow noted that the paint for the Meetinghouse was paid for with money from the contingency fund. Our net income is (\$7,660.13). Winslow reiterated this was due to the low contribution rate which he said was typical for this time of year.

Helen Womack reported for Overseers, bringing to the Meeting Tania Harrison's application for membership. Helen reported that there had been a clearness committee comprised of Helen, Norval Thompson, and Nancy Mullen. The committee and Overseers heartily recommended that Tania's application be accepted. It was, with enthusiasm, and a welcoming committee was formed consisting of Marsie Hawkinson, Cathy Thompson, and Anne Rouse.

Worship and Ministry -- Bob Marshall reported that the first in a series of Worship Sharings had been held last First Day, that it had been attended by seven people, and had been conducted under the topic "Speaking and Listening with Love in the Manner of Friends." Having met yesterday, the committee discussed how to inform the Meeting of the outcome of the Worship Sharings, determining that the time of 9:15 and the Worship Sharing format had been impedimentary. The committee concluded it might be best to call these sessions Adult Discussions and to change the meeting time to post-Meeting-for-Worship. The question remained, however, as to how often the sessions should be held and what topics should be covered, under the overall theme of Listening and Speaking in the Manner of Friends. Responses to Bob's query included a matter of clarification between what is meant by "Worship Sharing" and by "Adult Discussion," the latter of which has more exchange and discussion between participants. Child care was addressed and Bob said it would be made available, especially if the sessions were more frequent. A Friend mentioned her thought that Worship Sharing is valuable in times of strife; discussions when more clarification is necessary and an opportunity to talk back and forth seems helpful. It was echoed that a more suitable time for more people might lead to larger participation. The clerk asked for a sense of the Meeting, to which a Friend responded that Worship and Ministry might take the issue back and look at ways to continue. Another Friend commented that Friends consider any meeting together as a form of worship, so that a discussion can indeed be considered worshipful. Bob said there is meant to be another discussion next First Day, and said that he took to heart the idea that the committee take the issue back and further explore the matters of scheduling and format. He mentioned that either way a facilitator would be present. He suggested that next First Day the session would be

after Meeting for Worship and the topic would be Communicating With Love and Trust. This was APPROVED by the Meeting.

Library and Outreach – Frank Zeigler reported that the Meeting had bought 5,000 Third Haven Meeting brochures three years ago, which are now depleted. He also reported that Third Haven has no more copies of “PYM’s Faith and Practice” and the expense to order more would be beyond the reach of the committee’s budget. Anne mentioned that she will check with Joe Davis regarding the expenditure. Winslow remarked that the Library and Outreach budget was for replenishment of the lending library for the Meeting. Frank then reported on the Tuckahoe Neck Meetinghouse. There was a celebration of its restoration on September 24 at 3pm, attended by several of our members, at which several presentations were given about its history and relevance. Frank voiced his hope that Third Haven would periodically use the Neck Meetinghouse and indicated the fact that we did raise most of the funds for its restoration and have various family and religious ties to it.

Testimonies and Concerns – Lorraine Claggett had left printed information for the Meeting to peruse. Ralph Young reported that the Talbot Interfaith Social Action Committee is sponsoring a project to winterize housing for low-income people. Non-skilled labor is needed for this endeavor and training will be provided. Ralph asked for volunteers from Third Haven. He also reported that Marilla’s Lunches now has a new partner in the Jewish Temple, so that Third Haven’s obligation will be reduced to every third month, although the need for this service has increased locally.

Cathy Thompson delivered the report for Interim Meeting (see attached). Some clarifications were given regarding restricted donations and identifying names of donors. A Friend discussed donating anonymously. Marsie Hawkinson also presented the possibility of cheaper insurance now available through PYM which might be used, in particular, for the Websters.

In other concerns, a Friend noted his receipt of a strange, he thought, letter from AFSC requesting money for a “secret program,” about which no details could be given. The question was how would Third Haven respond to the existence of secret programs. A Friend mentioned his ability to pursue the question through connections to AFSC, and that he would pursue such.

Anne mentioned a call from Dana Kester-McCabe asking for nominations to the position of PYM General Secretary. Norval Thompson offered to post the interim Meeting report regularly in the Common Room.

The Meeting for Business closed with a period of worship at 12:15, intending to meet again 11th Month 12th, 2006, at which time annual reports will be received from Testimonies and Concerns and Building and Grounds, and a Preliminary Report from the Nomination Committee. In the interim, Southern Quarterly Meeting will be held 10th Month 15th, 2006.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Mullen, Assistant Recording Clerk

Third Haven Monthly Meeting Announcements

The Social Action Coalition is participating in a winterization project with the Neighborhood Services Center and Easton Utilities to help people to minimize their utility costs. Volunteers are needed from member congregations to provide (unskilled) labor; Lowe's will provide training and Easton Utilities, most of the cost of materials. Kelley Malone of Trinity Episcopal has agreed to coordinate this project. Volunteers who are willing to work one or two Saturdays are encouraged to contact Mary Young at ramayoung@verizon.net.

November 1 (fourth day) 5:30pm Alternatives to violence AVP meets in common room

November 1 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

November 4 (seventh day) 10:30am Clerks of all committees meet in common room. Please send all agenda items to Anne Rouse no later than Monday morning, October 30.

November 5 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

November 8 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

November 11 (seventh day) all day Peacemaking Through a day of presentations and interactive workshops, participants will seek ways to create a culture of nonviolence. Featuring Colman McCarthy, Center for Teaching Peace, David J. Smith, United States Institute of Peace & Elie Nahimana, African Great Lakes Initiative Workshops for educators: conflict management and resolution in the classroom - developing a peace curriculum - case studies in war prevention. For parents and concerned citizens: creative responses to bullying - environmental issues affecting world peace - community mediation - and more topics. The conference will take place on the campus of Friends School of Baltimore - Space is limited, so please register early - For more information, contact www.stonyrunfriends.org or 443-703-2590 Stony Run Friends Meeting, 5116 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210

November 11 (seventh day) 10am to 3 pm - Waterfowl Festival Weekend – Library and Outreach will again host an open house of our meetinghouses and grounds from with “soup and cider”. All who would like to spend an hour or two welcoming visitors, please sign up in the common room for what we hope will be a beautiful autumn weekend.

November 12 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Reports due are Testimonies and Concerns, AFSC, TACL and the preliminary report of the Nominating Committee.

November 15 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

November 18 (seventh day) Special Session of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to be held at the Arch Street Meeting House, 4th and Arch Streets, in Philadelphia. The Session is intended primarily as an experience of worship focusing on Peace and how it's been a central concern of the Society of Friends. We will seek new Life for our Peace Testimony as the expression of that concern and of its grounding in our spiritual life. We hope every Friend who is able will join in humility and love on November 18. Although we will not have a formal program for Middle Schoolers or Young Friends, we invite young people who have an interest to join us, to participate as fully as they would like. Registration for lunch and/or childcare up to age 5 will be necessary. Registration and further information will be available on the PYM website at www.pym.org.

November 19 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

November 22 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

November 26 (first day) 10am meeting for worship

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

December 3 (first day) 10am meeting for worship
December 6 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

KidsQuake is a website dedicated to children everywhere who are learning about Quakerism.
www.friendsmedia.org/kidsquake/

Reminders

- Send a contribution payable to: Third Haven Monthly Meeting
Mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601
- Send a contribution payable to PYM Annual Fund (mention Third Haven)
Mail to PYM Development Office, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.
- Please submit all newsletter articles to hawkjm@goeaston.net. Notices of committee meetings, e-mail and other address changes should also come to this address.

More Computers Needed - The after school learning program in the White Marsh Elementary School is in need of computer equipment. When asked what they needed, the response was "whatever you've got". If you have any computer equipment lying around not being used or if you know of someone who has, please call Ralph Young (819-0050).

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.

INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2006

GENERAL (undated)

New Insurance Policies for Meetings
Quaker Worship Group Forming near Pottstown
PYM Annual Fund goal is \$475,000
Yearly Meeting Takes Action on Climate Change
Washington Quaker Workcamps
Invitation to Quarterly Meeting Study Project
New Clerk of Interim Meeting is Arthur Larrabee
Working Group on Homelessness Proposed
Concerned about the War on Drugs?
WWII CO's Sought for Book Project
Using PYM Library materials
Join the PYM Library Services Group
Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series
Friends Counseling Service

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November 3-5 Inquirers' Weekend on Basic Quakerism
November 4 Helen Thomas Speaking at AFSC Gathering
November 4 Worship and Ministry Gathering
November 4 Bible Association Meeting

November 8-12 William Penn Welcome Week
November 9 Opportunity for Young Adult Friends (FCNL)
November 11 Historical Lecture on Benjamin Franklin in November
November 11 & 18 Free Workshops on Retirement Planning in November
November 18 PYM Special Session on Peace
November 30 "Ten Thousand Villages" Crafts Sale
FEBRUARY 2007
February 17 Workshop on Burial Grounds Scheduled

Friends Employment Opportunities

Friends World Committee for Consultation Data Entry person
FGC Associate Secretary for Programs and Outreach
General Secretary, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
Director of Quaker Affairs, American Friends Service Committee (?)
Friends General Conference Major Gifts and Planned Giving Manager (Full Time)
Friends Journal seeks Development Officer
Call for Licensed Mental Health Professionals

350th YEAR OF QUAKERS IN AMERICA



Dr. Kenneth L. Carroll gave a lecture celebrating the 350th Year of Quakers in America, and focusing on early Quaker history on the Chesapeake Bay, on October 27 at Historic London Town, Maryland. In his talk, "American Quakerism's 350th Birthday: A look At Its Maryland Birth Pangs", Dr. Carroll advocates that America's earliest Quaker Roots are here, dating from the arrival of Elizabeth Harris, who reached the Chesapeake Bay in early 1656. Also on the program, musician Jon Watts performed his original work, "A Few Songs Occasioned by the

Spirit". This piece combines music, spoken word, and song to reflect on formative mid-seventeenth century events of Quaker history in England. Watts is a 2006 graduate of Guilford College, where he participated in the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program; this work was his final year project. Jon is currently the Kenneth L. Carroll Scholar at Pendle Hill, a Quaker studies center located outside of Philadelphia. Ralph Young writes, "the ride over to Annapolis and back with Ken, listening to Ken's wonderful talk, and meeting some Friends from the Western Shore made for a delightful evening."



Neck Meeting House Revived

There was a strong sense of fellowship and history Sept. 24 in Denton, as Friends and those interested in history gathered to celebrate recent work completed on one of the most important buildings in Caroline County.



The Neck Meeting House, circa 1802, was the site of the celebration which educated and delighted the large gathering on a pleasant early-fall afternoon.

Speakers from Third Haven Friends Meeting, the Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland, Caroline County Historical Society and Choptank Electric Cooperative talked of the importance of the building and the role it played in bringing education to all people.

Built as a meeting house for Caroline County Quakers so they would not have to make the arduous journey to

Third Haven in Talbot or other meeting houses in Caroline, Neck served Caroline Quakers well during the 19th century. Though most of the first half of the century was a quiet time there, things changed when Quakers at Neck began to take an active part in improving the lives of blacks in the county.

During the 1850's, as the abolition movement took hold in America, the Friends at Neck were no exception. A school was established there to teach free blacks, with Rebecca Tylor (an ancestor of Dr. Laurence "Pinney" Claggett) receiving much derision for teaching them. Though threatened, she remained steadfast and continued to give knowledge to those others would deny it to.

The next decade was relatively quiet on the Eastern Shore compared to the rest of the South, as it was spared the brutality experienced during the Civil War. But in 1863, the war came to Caroline County.

Union troops marched into Denton that year looking for Confederate sympathizers. As they marched down Meeting House Road toward Denton, they were welcomed by those at Neck, with Tylor making an American flag to display as a sign of support. While the Union troops looked for those who would aid the Confederacy, they camped on Neck's grounds and played concerts for the school and the community.

When the war ended in 1865, a large celebration turned into disaster for Denton, as homemade fireworks started a fire which destroyed much of the town. Situated across the Choptank, Neck would have offered an excellent view of the devastation and was spared destruction.

The remainder of the decade saw Neck fall back into silence, as many Friends either left the area or began attending Third Haven. During the remainder of the century,





it served as a school for a short time, and was then rented out as a place of worship for Dunkards, who used it until early in the 20th century. After they left, it sat largely unused.

During the early 20th century, those recognizing its importance attempted to stabilize the old building. But while well-intentioned, much of the work actually weakened it. It sat, slowly rotting away, until Choptank Electric Cooperative purchased it in 1949. Since then, in spurts, work has been done to secure the meeting house.

In 2002, celebrating its bicentennial, the historical society began work stabilizing the building, with Friends from Third Haven holding a meeting there. The Sept. 24 celebration was in honor of the renovation work continuing at Neck. Now in its third century of existence, the Neck Meeting House is in good shape to welcome the 21st century and remind visitors of the important role it played in Caroline County history. *By Clay Owens*

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Interim Meeting of September 27, 2006

Interim General Secretary: Mark Myers reported on Residential Yearly Meeting held July 25-30 at DeSales University, stating that of the 530 Friends who attended, 1 in 5, or 90 people, were first-timers. Next year's agenda was considered and approved. The next RYM session will be held at Arch St. Meeting House March 23-25, 2007. A summer site needs to be located. All suggestions may be directed to Sue Makler/Abington. (smakler@mindspring.com) (Report available in the common room)

Peace & Concerns Standing Committee: Centre Monthly Meeting in Delaware submitted a minute concerning our Peace Testimony. They see "the possibility of a new spirit of gathering in the worldwide Quaker community around Peace as a Testimony of Being and Doing, and a heightened sense of our calling as a People, to create a new measure of living witness for Peace in the 20th century." Interim Meeting approved their minute and request for a Special Called Session to re-vision the Peace testimony in the form of a White Paper. This is to be convened by the YM Clerk. Dates yet to be determined.

Delegation to Lebanon: The Middle East Council of Churches has invited the National Council of Churches to a summit in Lebanon, Oct.9-15, to show solidarity with suffering victims of the Middle East. Five members of the Peace & Concerns Standing Committee, including Pat Finley, Clerk of the committee, and Thomas Swain, YM Clerk, will be traveling there as a Quaker delegation from the Yearly Meeting. This was approved.

Minutes of Appreciation for Arthur Clark: Two minutes were approved for Arthur Clark, who at 90 years old, continues to dedicate his life to the pursuit of justice for those incarcerated in the Pa. Dept. of Corrections.

Transition Project Group: presented a proposed job description for the in coming General Secretary of PYM, it was approved by Interim Meeting. The Transition Project Group was then laid down.

Worship & Care Standing Committee: The new Monthly Meeting Services Specialist, Evan Draper, was introduced. Evan is the new link between MMs and YM and may be contacted for information regarding the resources of the Yearly Meeting. A handout with his coordinates is posted in the Common Room.

PYM participation in Friends Mutual Health Insurance Group: The Yearly Meeting could enter a self insured health insurance program through the Mennonite Mutual Aid. This would provide health insurance coverage to PYM employees at a lower rate. It requires a \$1000 capital investment per employee or \$35,000. The Personnel Services Group has submitted the necessary documents to the PYM lawyers for review. Funding this will be a matter of redirecting already designated capital. The start date for coverage would be January 2007. PYM is hoping that in the future coverage could eventually, be extended to MMs' employees, as well as to members.

Approval of Bequests: The Yearly Meeting's policy is that, gifts of \$10,000 or more needs approval from Interim Meeting. Three such bequests were received in July and August from the estate of Paul Cobb, \$25,000, a donation from T. Sidney Cadwallader of \$20,491.14, and a distribution of \$96,211.96 from Lydia Wright Scherer. All were approved

Report submitted 10/08/2006 by Interim Meeting Representatives: Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Norval and Cathy Thompson.