

Abington Quarter Newsletter

Religious Society of Friends

Winter 2018



Greetings Friends,

I received this note in time for the Holiday newsletter from Friend Susan Vorwerk, and felt that it was a timely message to share in the spirit of the Christmas season. Unfortunately, the newsletter didn't get sent out in time due to something called life, so I'd like to share this now.

THANK YOU for keeping Upper Dublin on your "Hold in the Light" list. It truly is making a difference! The (unofficial) Upper Dublin theme song is Andra Day's "Rise Up" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmHfo_3EGFA. While I love every version of this song, the version with this URL has an intro that so wonderfully explains where we are in the process: "We are all brothers and sisters, and we are all sort of a body working together. So "Rise Up" is really about saying one piece isn't better than another and when this part is struggling, I'm going to help you, I'm gonna lift you up". Collectively, "we can move mountains" - in spite of the ache that is being felt within our Monthly and Yearly, we can deal with the real issues of racism, when we work together - "All we need is hope, and for that we have each other".

Let's reflect as we remember Second Month as National Black History Month and raise collective voices of equality and peace. Please visit the PYM website and consider participating in:

ACT Now: Unite to End Racism!

<http://www.pym.org/act-now-unite-end-racism/>

AQ Happenings

Gwynedd Gwynedd Meeting is looking for someone, preferably a Quaker or someone who shares Quaker values, interested in a part time position to serve as its office manager. The work would require 8-10 hours per week at times suitable to the employee and at a rate of \$15-\$20 per hour, depending on the qualifications of the applicant. The following are some of the tasks required in the job.....

- Retrieving Phone messages using the Verizon voicemail system, returning or referring calls when appropriate, and answering the phone when in the office
- Distributing the postal mail
- Sending out mass emails using a program called EasyMail. Produce lists for mass emailing from a Microsoft Excel file of members and attenders.
- Posting bulletin board and table materials and notices
- Maintaining calendars for the meeting and its committees
- Doing a “walk around” of the building to see that everything is in order
- Gwynedd members write a monthly Newsletter. The manager is responsible for maintaining recipient lists, photocopying, and distribution by mail and email.
- Twice a year producing the meeting directory for members and attenders
- Names and location of important files
- Archiving records

Must be able to type, use a Windows 10 computer, and be familiar with the elementary functions of Microsoft WORD and EXCEL. Must have strong organizational and communication skills. The manager is the primary interface with meeting members and the outside world when in the office.

If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, contact Rolland Henderson at 1311 Foulkeways
 Gwynedd, PA 19436
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Richland Since Abington Quarterly Meeting will be held at Richland Friends Meeting on 2/4/18, it seems apropos to include a segment of the work done by one Friend, Kim Landon, that reveals a closer look into our Quaker past.

Richard Moore, Early Richland Meeting Friend

Kim Landon is working on an historical marker application for the Richard Moore House.

In Part 2 I wrote that the four escaped slaves who were sought by Edward Gorsuch made their way to Norristown from Christiana and that decoy wagons were used to throw pursuers off and get them safely from Norristown to Quakertown. That was incorrect: four men did make their way to Abolitionists in Norristown but they were not the fugitive slaves but the farmer William Parker, his brother-in-law "Pinckney" and Abraham Johnson, all of whom were involved in the insurgency, as well as a nameless man who helped get them to Norristown but did not accompany them farther.

Perhaps sometime I will be able to learn more about how Mr. Gorsuch's slaves got out of Christiana but because of the stand-off at his home and his continued involvement in the Abolitionist movement William Parker is the best-known fugitive to have been hidden at Richard Moore's and the easiest to trace. In 1866 his account of his life and escape was published in the Atlantic Monthly before most other narratives about the Underground Railroad:

At Norristown we rested a day. The friends gave us ten dollars, and sent us in a vehicle to Quakertown. Our driver, partly intoxicated, set us down at the wrong place, which obliged us to stay out all night. At eleven o'clock the next day we got to Quakertown. We had gone about six miles out of the way, and had to go directly across the country. We rested the 16th, and set out in the evening for Friendsville.

A friend piloted us some distance, and we travelled until we became very tired, when we went to bed under a haystack. On the 17th, we took breakfast at an inn. We passed a small village, and asked a man whom we met with a dearborn, what would be his charge to Windgap. "One dollar and fifty cents," was the ready answer. So in we got, and rode to that place.

As we wanted to make some inquiries when we struck the north and south road, I went into the post-office, and asked for a letter for John Thomas, which of course I did not get. The postmaster scrutinized us closely,--more so, indeed, than any one had done on the Blue Mountains,--but informed us that Friendsville was between forty and fifty miles away. After going about nine miles, we stopped in the evening of the 18th at an inn, got supper, were politely served, and had an excellent night's rest. On the next day we set out for Tannersville, hiring a conveyance for twenty-two miles of the way. We had no further difficulty on the entire road to Rochester,--more than five hundred miles by the route we travelled.

In Rochester they received financial assistance from Frederick Douglass and continued on into Canada where other former slaves had settled. Mrs. Parker and their three children joined him after more difficulties than he experienced. They settled in Buxton, farmed and had more children. He learned to write and became a correspondent for Frederick Douglass' newspaper, The North Star.

A Black history website says that his date and place of death are unknown but a Wikipedia entry gives that information as April 14, 1891 in Kenton, OH. The Harden County (OH) Genealogy Society has confirmed that William Parker and his wife are buried in a cemetery there, she in a marked grave and he in an unmarked one. ~Kim Landon

Important Minute: Please read the attached minute from Multnomah Monthly Meeting in Portland, OR This concerns the new U.N. Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. The Multnomah Meeting is requesting that all Meetings in the U.S. review this minute and move forward as each is led.
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ui=2&ik=e157a4ef82&view=att&th=1600370190c1f455&attid=0.1&disp=inline&safe=1&zw> Click on Link to go to attachment.

Save the Date:

Mark **Saturday, March 3, 2018** on your calendars as a fun day to come and learn at the Hope and Help Rally at Willow Grove Baptist Church, 1872 Kimball Ave (entrance off of Moreland Ave.). The rally is a preparation for a day of workshops to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2018 from 10:00 to 2:30 about overcoming addictions, bereavement, improving your neighborhood and more.

The rally starts at Noon and ends at 3:00pm with light refreshments provided along with entertainment by the Langhorne Praise Band. The rally is free to all. For further information please contact 215-659-4505.

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Visit us at: www.sundaybreakfast.org

Save this date, too!

15th Annual Philadelphia Interfaith Peace Walk starting at 4th & Arch Meetinghouse, First Day Afternoon, April 29, 2018. The theme this year for the walk is "Recognizing the One in All of Us". Please visit: www.interfaithpeacewalk.org/2018-peace-walk



Of Thee and Thine

Please send announcements of births and passages to aqnewsletter@gmail.com for inclusion in the upcoming Newsletter.

Last AQ Newsletter Link: [Autumn 2017](#) Or contact Margaret Anderson for a copy, 215.669.4577

AQ Business Calendar 2018-19

2018

- Feb 4, 2018 Richland..... Quarterly Meeting
- March 4, 2018 Byberry..... Representative Meeting
- May 6, 2018 Plymouth..... Quarterly Meeting
- June 3, 2018 Unami..... Representative Meeting
- Aug 5, 2018 Abington..... Quarterly Meeting & Picnic

Aug 26, 2018 Upper Dublin..... Representative Meeting
 Oct 7, 2018 Horsham..... Quarterly Meeting
 Nov 4, 2018 Foulkeways Representative Meeting

2019

Feb 3, 2019Gwynedd..... Quarterly Meeting
 March 3, 2019Byberry..... Representative Meeting
 May 5, 2019Norristown..... Quarterly Meeting
 June 2, 2019Unami..... Representative Meeting
 Aug 4, 2019Abington..... Quarterly Meeting & Picnic
 Aug 25, 2019Richland Representative Meeting
 October 6, 2019Upper Dublin..... Quarterly Meeting
 Nov 3, 2019Foulkeways..... Representative Meeting

AQ Events *Weekly Happenings*

<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>What</i>
Mondays		
Tuesdays	Gwynedd MM	Meditation Group 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sharing 8:30-9 p.m. Guidance for interested beginners offered. Contact: Beth Roberts luobaifeng3@yahoo.com for questions.
Wednesdays	Plymouth MM	Mid-week worship 7:00 p.m. Contact: Dave Miller d.j.miller@verizon.net
	Richland MM	“Light Group” 7:00 p.m. Explore a type of meditation used by early Quakers to “find the Truth in the Light”, centering. Contact: Susan Abbott, naisma@aol.com, 610-346-1937 OR Jack Schick, sjckschc@aol.com.
	Upper Dublin	Unplug and Recharge, 2nd Wednesday. 6:30 p.m.
	Gwynedd MM	Yoga 6pm
Saturdays	Gwynedd MM	First Saturdays 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. AFSC Sale. Community room

*Above times and dates subject to change and weather cancellations. Please contact host meeting for current calendar.

Monthly Meetings for Business Days and Times

Abington: First day may vary; generally 9 a.m. on 1st day; check calendar

Unami: 2nd First Day, 9 a.m.

Richland: 2nd First day, 12 noon

Plymouth: 3rd First Day, 9 a.m.

Gwynedd: 3rd First day, 10:45 a.m.

Byberry: Last First day, 10 a.m. unless otherwise arranged

Horsham: Last First day, 11 a.m. unless otherwise arranged; Soup Sunday follows

To all the contributors to this newsletter, please know that your time and interest is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to submit photos, articles, essays or the like to this Newsletter, please send to aqnewsletter@gmail.com and if possible, we will include your submission as received. Thank you!

Margaret Anderson, Editor