

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

June 4, 2009

The bulletin informs the Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting community of news and events as a supplement to the monthly newsletter. This interim communication focuses on time-sensitive information, usually semi-monthly.

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS COMMUNITY

QUAKERISM 101 will be offered at Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Six Sunday evenings 6:15-8:00pm continuing June 7, 14, 28

Topics still to be covered:

Nurturing the Inward Life

The Testimonies

The Facing Bench: Friends Ministry and Business

Each session will be led by a member of CHFM. To register for the class or for questions or suggestions, please email Jorge or Sue at Amigo.Jorge@aol.com or SusanBettsNJ@comcast.net. For the curriculum and reading list, please go to <http://www.austinquakers.org/q101/index.php?page=home>

From Adult RE Comm., Jorge Arauz, Sue Betts, helped by Ruth Pauley, Laura Melly and Jean Warrington.

CAPTITAL CAMPAIGN MESSAGE: Several documents related to the capital campaign have been uploaded for distribution, review, and revision. If you find instances where the material contains incorrect statements, please send an e-mail to the campaign manager [Diane Dunning](mailto:Diane.Dunning@philiphjones.com) with your corrections. We will have the materials professionally copy-edited, so this is not a request for copyediting! Please don't bother editing for grammar or style or otherwise word-smithing. We'll give the materials a final polish once we are assured of their accuracy. <http://www.philiphjones.com/CHFM/> gives you a list of the following documents, and you can download each from that page. Or, if you want to pick one of them from the list below, these are the direct addresses:

- http://www.philiphjones.com/CHFM/ADMINfactsheetFINAL-5_09.pdf
- http://www.philiphjones.com/CHFM/BUILDINGfactSHEET-5_09.pdf
- http://www.philiphjones.com/CHFM/CAMPfact_Sheet_FINAL-5-09.pdf
- http://www.philiphjones.com/CHFM/TURRELLFactSheetFINAL-5_09.pdf
- http://www.philiphjones.com/CHFM/USES&SRCSFactsFINAL-5_09.pdf
- <http://www.philiphjones.com/CHFM/ddCASEdraft-5-09.pdf>

Please peruse the documents and make *factual corrections if needed*. The fact sheets are primarily for internal use; i.e., for the edification of campaign committee members/solicitors so they can wisely and intelligently answer most questions that come their way. The fact sheets are written, however, so that if someone should ask for more details on a subject, the individual fact sheets can be handed out. They are not intended to be part of the eventual 'package' of materials used in the external campaign. The Case statement is for internal and external distribution. We acknowledge the many people who contributed to creating these documents. - Submitted by Diane Dunning and Phil Jones.

The **final Forum of the "academic year"**, on June 14, is the annual Book Forum. Bring a book or two that you've read in the last year and want to recommend to Friends. Or just come to get good suggestions for your summer reading. (To see what books people have recommended in the last few years, look [here](http://www.quaker.org/chestnuthill/bookforum.htm) [<http://www.quaker.org/chestnuthill/bookforum.htm>] on the Meeting's web site. As usual, child care is provided, and there are beverages.

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

Bonfire B-B-Q Join us for fun, food and flame at the Bonfire B-B-Q on June 20 at 6:30 at the lower lot. Please bring your flashlight, utensils and something to sit on. Also sign up to bring some food to the potluck. If you have any questions about what size marshmallow stick you need to bring contact Christine Oliger at C.Oliger@cavtel.net. See you there.

7-9th grade FDS

We will meet on the *1st 3 Sundays* (June 7, 14 and 21) of the month. We will be doing favorite activities for the last month of FDS. Stay tuned for announcements about the 8th grade graduation date.

Moo-vie Nights

You're invited to **Friday Nights at the Moo-vies** to support Heifer on the 2nd Friday of June, July and August. Friday, June 12 will be *Riding Giants* (PG-13, Documentary), a mesmerizing thrill ride about the origins of surfing, the colorful surf culture, and the mythology and lure of the big wave. "One of the coolest movies I've ever seen," says Sarah. Movies are 7:30pm at the meetinghouse; candy and popcorn included in the \$10 ticket fee. Save the dates of July 10 for *Pale Male*, and August 14 for *Steep*. See Sarah Whitman for more details. To reserve a ticket, sign up with Sarah or on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Heifer unwanted magazine/mail collection

By popular demand, we'll continue to collect unwanted magazines, catalogs and mail and get your off these mailing lists. We charge \$1 per item to raise money for Heifer. Put any items, along with \$1 per item, in the green Heifer bag in the gathering room. You win - less mail. Heifer wins - \$\$\$. The earth wins - less unwanted paper. See Sarah with questions.

Lawn Mowing Sign-Up

Please help keep our meeting looking nice by taking a spin or two around the grounds with our shiny new rechargeable electric lawn mower. Picking up sticks, trash, and mowing takes about 1.5 hours. Sign up on the gathering room bulletin board. Contact Bob Reynolds for more information: bobreynolds@comcast.net -or- 215-880-3166

OUR MEMBERS

Come help **honor CHF's Dion Lerman** as a "bridge builder" at NIM's 20th Annual Assembly (and dessert buffet) on June 4. We have eight CHF Friends going in support of Dion, but others are welcome to join the table or we'll start a new one! Please let Eric Wilden (or Hollister Knowlton at h.knowlton@comcast.net) know if you would like to join us.

Helping Hands Week for Christine Oliger, June 15 – 21, 2009

-- by Chris Robinson, 215-843-4256 and chrisrecon@netzero.net.

The Friends of Christine Oliger will hold a fundraiser at the Trolley Car Diner, www.trolleycardiner.com, from Monday, June 15, through Sunday, June 21. Christine, a well-known peace activist, has been diagnosed with ALS (also called "Lou Gehrig's Disease"). You can help with Christine's medical expenses by participating in this Helping Hands Week at Mount Airy's Trolley Car Diner, 7619 Germantown Avenue, from Monday, June 15, through Friday, June 19 (7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21, (3:00 until 9:00 p.m.). In order to participate, you will need a special coupon, which is available at www.friendsofchristine.com.

As part of its Helping Hands Week, the Trolley Car Diner will donate 15% of your spending on food, drinks and desert to the Christine Oliger Trust, if you show the coupon at time of payment. Show your

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

support for Christine by bringing your friends and family for a delicious and fun dining experience at Trolley Car Diner, a child-friendly restaurant.

If you are not able to join in this Helping Hands Week, you may send a contribution to the "Christine Olinger Trust," c/o Chestnut Hill Friends Meetinghouse, 100 East Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19118. For more information, please contact info@friendsofchristine.com and 215-843-4256.

WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY

Friends Hospice fundraiser. Eat at the Trolley Car Diner June 8-14 and 15% of food bill will be donated to Friends' Hospice. Please bring a copy of the coupon at the end of this bulletin (no coupon – no donation) and distribute it far and wide. Does not include weekend brunch.

Quaker Quest - Meetings Schedule Presentations. Quaker Quest, the new and exciting Inreach/Outreach program developed in England, has captured the attention of monthly and quarterly meetings throughout PYM.

Two monthly meetings hosted Quaker Quest presentations in January; one quarter and three other monthly meetings have scheduled presentations before May 1st; and one meeting has already decided to begin planning its own Quaker Quest.

Contact: Lois and Harry Forrest, Co-clerks (Quaker Quest Working Group) at callighrf@medleas.com or 609-654-3673, to learn more about this new "spiritual path for our time" and its potential for your own meeting and for the Religious Society of Friends in general!

The Gathering Garden at Gwynedd Meeting. Gwynedd Meeting (PA) announces the following programs for spring 2009.

- Tuesdays (7:30-9:00 p.m.) - **Silent Meditation.** Come join the Meditation Group at Gwynedd Friends Meeting as we connect with the divine of the inner self through stillness and silence. Help and guidance is available for interested beginners. Contact: Ranvir Bakshi 215-699-325

AFSC CHINA SUMMER WORKCAMP

The AFSC China Summer Workcamp will be held July 27 to August 22, 2009. Details listed below. For more information go to: <http://www.afsc.org//ht/d/sp/i/70154/pid/70154/TPL/China/displaytype/raw> or e-mail: chinasummer@afsc.org Download China Summer application (PDF). Deadline for applications is March 15th.

Peterson Toscano's newest one-person show "**Transfigurations: Transgressing Gender in the Bible**" -- **Thursday, June 11, 2009** Reception: 7pm; Performance: 8pm [Arch St. United Methodist Church](#), 55 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 At the corner of Arch St and Broad St;

A free-will offering will be accepted in appreciation of Peterson's work (i.e. we will pass the plate).

Sunday, June 14th 7:30 pm Pendle Hill, The Barn, 338 Plush Mill, Wallingford, PA

Free and open to the public (that means you and your friends).

for more information about the show at Pendle Hill see:

http://www.pendlehill.org/news/highlight_peterson_toscano.php

Theatrical performance activist, Peterson Toscano, unearths transgender Bible characters--those people who do not fit in the gender binary, and who in transgressing and transcending gender, find themselves at the center of some the Bible's most important stories.

Drawing on inspiration from one-on-one interviews with transgender and genderqueer individuals, Peterson weaves their experiences with the stories and lives of transgender, genderqueer and gender-variant people right on the pages of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Hilarious and moving, Toscano's one-person play deepens well-known (and lesser-known) Bible stories as he presents an array of characters with an array of genders.

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

Peterson will be available for Q&A after the performance. You may also consider attending his workshop on Friday afternoon of the Conference.

To learn more about Transfigurations, please visit www.petersontoscano.com/transfigurations.

To learn more about this performance and the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference, please visit http://www.transfaithonline.org/transhealth/peterson_toscanos_transfigurations/

You are also invited to a reception sponsored by the Philadelphia YES! Coalition at 7pm, in advance of the performance. Light refreshments will be available.

Boasting a 250 affirming congregations membership, The YES! Coalition's nourishes the spiritual expression of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender constituencies in partnership with affirming faith communities. www.yescoalitionphilly.org

Peterson Toscano

After 17 years of struggling to accept his gay orientation and gender differences, Peterson Toscano finally came to his senses. He then tumbled out of the closet onto the stage where he shared his story internationally through his one-person comedy *Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House--How I Survived the Ex-Gay Movement!* In unpacking his own story, he began to explore gender in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures and those individuals who have transgressed and transcended gender. He now shares these insights through his new production, *Transfigurations--Transgender Bible Stories*.

To learn more about Peterson Toscano, please visit www.petersontoscano.com.

For more information about the show, see what Peterson himself has to say:

<http://www.petersontoscano.com/transfigurations>

To hear what Peterson has to say with your own two ears:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4FHNP06m1w>

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Bring in your **food donations** for the food cupboard at Germantown Crisis Ministry on third First Days
June 21, July 19, August 16

2nd Annual Philly Bike Ride for Pain Relief

Sarah Whitman is organizing a charity bike ride on Sept 12 to raise money for a pain education and research charity. If anyone has a business or organization which would like to be a sponsor, please contact her by June 21. Great publicity; bottom-line-friendly options! Registration forms for riders will be available starting in July, as well as donation opportunities.

PERSONAL

College student for hire! Babysitting services available starting June 15th with Maureen Pauly-Hubbard.

Experience as a Quaker camp counselor with first aid background. References available. 215-313-0209" [Maureen is my daughter, currently attending Cornell College in Iowa, with a double major in religious studies and psychology. She'll be spending the summer in Philadelphia and is interested in doing childcare. Ruth Pauly]

Summer Tutoring Available:

TUTORING Sarah O'Doherty M.Ed has 20+ years of experience as a classroom teacher and Reading Specialist. She also uses cutting-edge techniques such as Brian Gym and Emotional Freedom Techniques to:

- Improve Reading effectiveness and study skills
- Lessen homework resistance and school anxiety
- Improve test taking abilities

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

- Empower students in their own learning styles
-

Contact Sarah: 215-280-6468 www.tutoringthatworks.net lovelylearning@mac.com

- Reading Improvement
- Reading in the Content Areas (Social Studies, Science etc.)
- Study Skills and organization

Also working with :

- Test Anxiety
- Basic Math Skills

For free consult:

appointments in Mt Airy/Chestnut Hill & Ambler

www.tutoringthatworks.net

lovelylearning@mac.com

215-280-6468

Your Highly Sensitive Child: A Workshop for Parents

June 6 @ The Resiliency Center: A Healing Arts Collaborative

602 S. Bethlehem Pike Ambler PA 19002

2-4 p.m. \$30 register at:

<http://www.meetup.com/PhillyAreaHighlySensitivePersons/calendar/10314425/>

Is your child sensitive to almost everything...scratchy clothes, funny tastes, loud noises, a change of routine? A vivid dreamer, distressed by scary movies or fearful of new situations? Prone to hurt feelings, upset by criticism, and eager to do things just right?

This workshop is an opportunity to meet other parents of Highly Sensitive children and to hear more about the trait of High Sensitivity. In her book "Highly Sensitive Child" Elaine Aron helps readers to understand that this trait is normal (15-20% of the population). With understanding and care, highly sensitive children can be happy, healthy adults and bring their gifts forward to the world. The world needs the gifts of these wonderful kids!

Focusing on the knowledge in Elaine Aron's book, we will explore how to help HSC's thrive in a not-so-sensitive world; how to make school and friendships enjoyable.

Facilitator: Sarah O'Doherty M.Ed. a highly sensitive person herself who has worked with children extensively in education settings. Sarah also is a practitioner at The Resiliency Center: A Healing Arts Collaborative where she coaches individuals and groups to balance their energy, body, mind and spirit. www.portalofgrace.com



INK AND TONER A former colleague of Terry Foss' at AFSC is now a brother at a community of monks in Wisconsin. One of their financial ventures is selling ink and toner, including soy-based products. Check out www.lasermonks.com and www.lasermonksgreen.com

STANDARD REMINDERS

Please help center Meeting for Worship: Friends are invited to arrive early for meeting for worship to help the meeting settle and provide a more meaningful worship experience for our children and adults alike.

On-line calendar for Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting can be viewed at

<http://www.quaker.org/chestnuthill/e-calendar.htm> Please submit updates to calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN

Bulletin announcements Please submit copy-ready announcements to secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org or 215-247-3553 by Noon on Thursdays

Leaving the Meetinghouse.

Whenever you are the last one to leave the meetinghouse, you must turn off lights and lock doors. You can lock the meetinghouse and leave even if you not have a key. If you find yourself being the last to leave the meetinghouse but do not have a key, lock the other doors from the inside. Then, leave the building through the door beside the "office." This door can be opened from the inside but is always locked from the outside. Please check the door from the outside as you leave to be sure that the door is tightly closed.

Please leave the meetinghouse at least as orderly as you found it. The meetinghouse is used by several groups throughout the week. In order to respect their needs as well as ours, please move furniture back to the way it was when you moved it for your use and put all trash to the large can in the kitchen. If the large can is full, please take the trash to the dumpster across the driveway.

If you or your children remove things from the RE closet or the bookcases, please return them. If you use dishes in the kitchen, please wash, dry and put them away.

Stuff Left Around the Meetinghouse

"Stuff" has begun to appear in the meetinghouse. The property committee is charged with keeping the meetinghouse orderly and uses the tag sale to dispose of things (coats, furniture, dishes) that have no purpose. Please talk to someone from the property committee if you need to leave something in the meetinghouse and please label it (including a date when it will be removed) so that we won't think it was intended for the tag sale.

Tables and Chairs in the Social Room

Please return chairs and tables to the closets after an event in the social room. Please leave out four large tables and about 10 chairs in the social room. Read the instructions inside the table closet and chair closets. The instructions tell you what to do with the four tables that are to be left out.

If you or your committee is having a meeting or hosting an event or pot luck, please be sure that someone is responsible for returning the tables and chairs to the correct configuration.

Assistive listening devices: A "hearing helper" system amplifies spoken messages in meeting. These devices can also be used for people in the gathering room who wish to hear spoken messages in the worship room. Contact a member of Worship and Ministry if you want to learn more.

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING BULLETIN



You are invited to a **Helping Hands Week Fundraiser** for
Friends Hospice
at Trolley Car Diner!

Please present this coupon to the cashier &
Trolley Car Diner will donate
15% of your purchase to
Friends Hospice

Valid Monday, June 8th to Sunday, June 14th
7am to 9pm Monday – Friday
3pm to 9pm Saturday & Sunday

Name _____

E-mail _____

7618 Chestnut Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119
(215) 731-1180
www.trolleyanddiner.com

Not valid for alcohol with other promotions or special offers

The more you eat and drink,
the more you help our organization obtain our fundraising goals.
Spread the word and have a great time!

♦♦♦

If you know an organization that would like to schedule a
Helping Hands Week Fundraiser,
contact Po-Hong Yu at po-hong.yu@gmail.com or 215-848-1133 x208