

# Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting bulletin

September 25, 2008

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 MEETING

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GIHON JORDAN:** Sat September 27, 2008 2:30 Germantown Meeting 47 W Coulter Street (corner of Coulter and Germantown) Philadelphia. Two bike parades are planned. The main contingent will depart from Chester Avenue and 45th Street promptly at 12:30.

Map <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Gihon-s-Memorial-Bike-Ride>

Cue Sheet <http://www.bikely.com/cuesheet/route/Gihon-s-Memorial-Bike-Ride>

Another contingent will depart from the base of the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps at 1:00 PM

<http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Gihon-s-Memorial-Bike-Ride-Art-Museum-Option>

Cue Sheet <http://www.bikely.com/cuesheet/route/Gihon-s-Memorial-Bike-Ride-Art-Museum-Option>

**DISCERNMENT WORKSHOP:** October 4 offered by Worship and Ministry featuring CHMM's own Eileen Flanagan. 9am – Noon *"How do I know if what I want to do is what God would have me do?"*

*"How do I separate all the voices coming at me and recognize their sources? How do I stay faithful to the next step being asked of me even when it doesn't make worldly sense?"* These are a few of the concerns that will be lifted up at the Worship & Ministry-sponsored Discernment Workshop, led by Eileen Flanagan on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9-Noon, followed by a shared brown bag lunch at the Chestnut Hill meetinghouse.

**SCHODT- INGRAM WEDDING INVITATION:** All are warmly invited to the Meeting for Worship for the marriage of Caleb Schodt and Carolyn Ingram on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the Germantown Friends Meeting. The wedding is conducted under the care of the Meeting, with BJ Elder and David Elder as clerks. It is a family event! Reception follows in the Social Room.

We joyfully extend this invitation to Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting where our son Caleb has played several cameo roles: Pancake and omelette cook at the Holiday Breakfasts, hosting the NPIN guests, and more recently as a contractor for building repairs. Ed Seiz will be photographer and Milena Hynes with several Evergreen Worship Group Friends is making the wedding cake. We would love to have you share in our joy that day as witnesses. Just come. No need to RSVP. - Carolyn Schodt and Howard Lesnick

**PROGRAM BY PAULETTE MEIER:** Quotes from early Friends, have found their way into beautiful chant-like musical expression through a leading that has come to Paulette Meier, a dear new friend of mine. She is a life-long musician and peace activist, member of ClevelandCommunity Friends meeting. In recent years, she sought to bring some of these powerful words of early Quakers more fully into her own consciousness by setting them to music. As she began to share them, it became clear to those who heard that this was an emerging new and most wonderful ministry.

Paulette will be in Philadelphia on Sunday, October 5, and will be visiting us at meeting for worship. After our hospitality meal, she will go to the meeting room with any who wish to join her, and share several of these songs. We hope if you have an extra 15-20 minutes that day, you will join us. -- Ellen Deacon

## WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY

**RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES:** Exciting things are happening and Right Sharing of World Resources invites you into them! Several doors are available through which you and others may enter this joyous celebration, this jubilee creation. On October 16-19, 2008, RSWR board will meet in Philadelphia to do the work of long-range discernment for RSWR and semi-annual grant-making to our partners. Several ways you can share in this are:

- If you live nearby Chestnut Hill, might you offer home hospitality to one or more of the 20 board members for the nights of October 16-18?

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- Might you prepare and deliver a lunch, dinner, or snack for the board meeting on October 17 or 18? Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting has graciously offered the use of their meeting house at 100 East Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, where we will meet that Friday and Saturday.
- If your Meeting is nearby Philadelphia, might some members of the board worship with you on Sunday, October 19 and, optionally, share about RSWR's work with children's or adult audiences?
- Might you offer board members shuttle service to or from the airport or any of the above events? Or do you have a vehicle to loan?

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes!," contact Viv Hawkins at [friendviv@yahoo.com](mailto:friendviv@yahoo.com). We, also, hope to offer a public gathering with the board, current donors, and others. Please hold Thursday, October 16, 6-8pm open and stay tuned for more details in the next week or two.

**CUBAN FRIENDS:** This link is a good summary of the Cuba hurricane relief situation and a list of 7 reputable and licensed, US-based, organizations providing aid. I personally made a contribution via the Global Links program which Jorge Arauz also mentioned in his presentation.

[http://www.democracyinamericas.org/Hurricane\\_Ike/Gustav\\_Relief](http://www.democracyinamericas.org/Hurricane_Ike/Gustav_Relief)

As far as I can tell, there is no current legislative proposal to lift the embargo temporarily. Rep. Howard Berman of California has legislation still pending that would abolish the embargo and all the travel restrictions but this has not been voted on this year. Chaka Fattah (in whose district our Meeting sits) has supported this in the past but doesn't make this issue one of his initiatives. - Mary Day

## CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY

**YOGA CLASS FORMING will meet at Chestnut Hill Meetinghouse!** WELCOMING CHESTNUT HILL MEETING MEMBERS AND ATTENDERS! The class will meet on Wednesday mornings at 6 A. M. It will be one hour long. The first group of classes will meet for six weeks. After that, we will see what the interest is. The maximum class size is around 10.

**INSTRUCTOR:** The class will be taught by Tricia Sletten, a Kripalu trained Yoga instructor who also teaches prana yoga flow as offered by Shiva Rea.

**PHILOSOPHY:** In her statement about yoga, Tricia writes:

...for thousands of years the physical practice of yoga was applied as a means to strengthen the body for the demands of a rigorous spiritual practice....."yoga" [refers to] the union of mind, body, and spirit....Every class is "well-rounded" – following the mandala of the body – to create whole body transformation of strength and fluidity, circulation and centering.

**COST** depends on how many people are in the class. Here's the pricing structure Tricia originally suggested. It will likely be tweaked to allow for the rental of the meetinghouse (\$12.50 per hour.)

2 students @ \$20 for 6 weeks = \$120.00 per person ; 3 @ 15 x 6 = \$90.00; 4 @ 12 x 6 = \$72.00; 5 @ 11 x 6 = \$66.00 ; 6 + @ 10 x 6 = \$60.00

**DATES:** The class will begin as soon as possible.

If you are interested, please contact Martha Kemper by email or phone: [MLK11@PSU.EDU](mailto:MLK11@PSU.EDU) or 215 248 0728.

**FIRST SUBURBS FORUM:** Governor Rendell and more than a dozen elected Representatives and Senators will be attending the First Suburbs Forum on Sun, 9/28, 4 pm, at St Patrick's Catholic Church at 714 DeKalb Street in Norristown. The First Suburbs Project is a bi-partisan initiative of community leaders from older suburban boroughs and townships. They are building an important coalition to fight decline, slow suburban sprawl, and enhance the quality of their communities. You can learn more and register at <http://www.sepafsp.org/>. Mindy Lemoine is supporting the water infrastructure element of this project in her work with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. – Mindy Lemoine

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## STANDARD REMINDERS

**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.

**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](mailto:calendar@chestnuthillquakers.org)

Please submit announcements for the <b>bulletin</b> to <a href="mailto:secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org">secretary@chestnuthillquakers.org</a> or 215-247-3553
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