

Adelphi Friends Meeting 4/29/07

Websites: <http://www.adelphifriends.org> & <http://adelphi.quaker.org>

Contributions: Please place in box in the foyer, or give to Melanie Gifford, 4216 Sheridan St., University Park, MD 20783

Silent Announcements: Contact: Beth Anderson, 301-474-0559 or afm-silent-ann@earthlink.net, Deadline: Thursday evening. **Newsletter:** Contact: Ann Marlowe, afm-newsletter@earthlink.net. Deadline: Last Sunday of the month.

To Schedule an event at Adelphi: Contact: John Wolfrum, Resident, (cell phone: 571-220-5115 or email: rumwolf@gmail.com) with date, time, expected attendance & contact person & telephone number. **To Schedule a Second Hour:** Contact: Carole Hoage, 301 890 4159.

Pastoral Care Committee: Please feel free to call any member of the committee: Robalee Chapin at 301.565.4636 & Karen O'Brien at 301.588.3287 (co-clerks); Maggie Cahalan at 301.441.8973; Chase Clement at 301.270.3862; Rob Duncan at 301.277. 2426; Somers Knight at 301.585.3420; Rob Oerter at 301.982.5610; Wendy Oliver at 301.270.0850; Joy Newheart at 301.614.3912

Silent Announcements

Sunday April 29, at rise of Meeting: Games Day! Junior Meeting (grades K – 5th) is sponsoring their annual Games Day at the rise of meeting on April 29th. This intergenerational event involving games, arts and crafts, and refreshments raises money for an organization of our children's choosing. Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday, May 6: Second Hour on Quakers and Civil Rights. It's a civil rights story set in Virginia's Prince Edward County, and Adult Religious Education (ARE) is proud to invite two prominent civil rights activists of the time, John Stokes and Ed Peeples to tell us about their experiences. We will also have with us a representative from the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) detailing the active role of Quakers in these stories. (More detail below.)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ADELPHI FRIENDS

Sunday, May 6: Second Hour on Quakers and Civil Rights. Were you aware that a small school district in rural Virginia was one of the cases included in the famous landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision: Brown v. Board of Education that outlawed school segregation in the US? Or that Quakers were instrumental in efforts to send black high school children to schools in other states to complete their education when their own public schools were ordered to close in a desperate effort to stave off public school integration? It's a civil rights story set in Virginia's Prince Edward County, and Adult Religious Education (ARE) is proud to invite two prominent civil rights activists of the time, John Stokes and Ed Peeples - to tell it. Mr Stokes, 19 at the time, was one of the principal organizers behind the 1951 student walkout at RR Moton High School to protest deplorable conditions there that set the stage for the 1954 US Supreme Court school

desegregation ruling. Mr. Peeples became involved as a member of the Richmond Committee of Volunteers who would help organize recreational activities on weekends for the black children in 1959 when the Prince Edward County School Board ordered all public schools closed rather than comply with Federal court orders on school integration. Peeples also chronicled the situation and events of that time in his Master's thesis: "A Perspective of the Prince Edward County School Issue". The AFSC responded to the closing of the Prince Edward County schools (1959 – 1964) by arranging to place 70 children in families and schools in 8 states, including Scattergood Friends School in Iowa and Moorestown Friends School in New Jersey. Most of the "Quaker" children went on to graduate from high school, go on to college, and have successful careers. This case – and in particular the active role of Quakers – has gone largely unreported. We are fortunate, however, to have Joyce Miller, Assistant General Secretary for Justice and Human Rights at AFSC join us to talk about the Quaker involvement in Prince Edward County. In the second part of our session, we would like to invite Adelphi members who choose to do so, to tell us their civil rights stories. Deborah James and Jolee Robinson have volunteered so far. If you would like to add your story of Friends involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, or know someone who does, please contact Grant Schmick, grant.schmick@gmail.com, 301-890-8480.

May 26-28 Catoctin Weekend

Saturday June 2- Strawberry Festival! It's not too early to begin sorting and tossing and thinking about what you might donate to the White Elephant Sale or to.... (shark attack) Silent Auction at the Strawberry Festival! Think beautiful things your simple lifestyle no longer needs (silver platter; crystal set; stunning jewelry). Think services you can offer (garden help; organizing; cooking). It will soon be time for the shark to announce Silent Auction, and we need your goods and services!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Adelphi Committee Information: There is a new summary of Adelphi committees and other groups, when they meet, current members and contact information. This will be on the website in the near future, and is posted on the bulletin board. Copies will also be sent out with the next Adelphi newsletter. If you are interested in committee service, feel free to contact the committee clerk or Nominating Committee._

Handy person available - Seeking basement living space (or upper rooms). I am a 62 year old responsible male with a guaranteed income. I am looking for an arrangement where I can work around the yard and home in exchange for a reasonable rent. I am saving money to buy my own home in one year, so I would like to keep my rent payments as low as possible. I have references available from the CLC Church in Riverdale where I have been for the last three years since leaving Safe Haven. And I have a reference from Carol Nezzo from your Meeting. Please contact Carol (301) 864-5267. Thank you._

Looking for a few good ad-hoc committee members to help formulate Adelphi's camping and conference aid policy. If you're willing to take on this short-term assignment, or would like more information, please contact Karen Cunyngham, 410-798-0503, kcunyngham@verizon.net or Martha Gay, 301-474-3305, marty_lou@comcast.net.

Sustainability Minute: Adelphi Earthcare Witness has begun a process of developing a Sustainability Minute that recognizes our relationship with Creation as a spiritual issue and witnesses our commitment to living more sustainably. We hope to bring it to Business Meeting for further seasoning and possible approval in the coming months. We welcome feedback from members and attenders and committees. Copies of the minute are in the lobby. A second hour will be scheduled - date to be announced soon. For more information and to give feedback, contact any Earthcare Witness member: Cathy and Esther Webb, Joe Robinson, Kate Prager, Mary Leonard, Jade Eaton, Dave Diller, Carole Hoage, Joan Clement or Maggie Cahalan.

Saturday, May 5th from 6:30–9:00 pm: Thornton Friends School, one of our community Quaker Schools, warmly invites all the members and attenders of Adelphi Meeting to our “*Spring Into The Future*” celebration on Saturday, May 5th from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church in Adelphi. There will be food, fellowship, music and a live and silent auction in support of music programs for our students. For information and invitations, please call Barbara Wille at Thornton Friends School at 301-384-6672, e-mail us at Barbara@thorntonfriends.org and visit our website at www.thorntonfriends.org. We look forward to a wonderful evening and hope you will join us!

Sunday, May 6th, from 5:30-7:30 pm Quaker Hymnal Sing-Along and Potluck Dinner All are welcome at the Hoekmans (Sally, Scott, Jenny and Gabe) on Sunday, May 6th, from 5:30-7:30 pm for a potluck dinner and a Quaker Hymnal Sing-Along. Friends Judy Brown and Cheryl Morden will be joining us and sharing their piano-playing talents. Children are especially welcome. If you can, please RSVP by email to scottsally@aol.com, so that we have a general count. Please bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Refreshments will be provided. **8021 Barron Street, Takoma Park**, Directions from AFM: Take Metzert Road west to New Hampshire Ave. Turn left on New Hampshire. Get into right lane quickly, and make a right at the next light at Piney Branch. Make the next left at the light at Carroll. Cross University Blvd., pass the Adventist schools, pass Chester Street, and turn right on Barron Street. 8021 is the last house on the right. Phone: 301-445-5313.

Sunday, May 6, 5:00-8:30 pm: Cheers Arts Fest will be held at the New Deal Cafe in Greenbelt. Program includes dinner, arts performances, silent auction on exhibited art created along the theme "Healing the Chesapeake Watershed". Tickets for dinner and program are \$15 ahead of time and \$17 at the door. Artist reception from 7:00-8:30 is free. For further information, contact Joan Clement or Maggie Cahalan, or go to <http://cheers.org>.

Sunday May 13: Wendy Oliver and Christine Lucas invite other women, particularly those who have had breast cancer, to accompany them on this fundraising walk to be held on Mothers' Day, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville, Va. You can register online at www.y-me.org or call them at 877.YME.7223. This is a 3-mile walk and participants are encouraged to raise \$100 to support Y-ME's programs and services benefiting women who have or have had breast cancer. There are two other sponsoring walks/runs which give their proceeds to research. One is a 3-day event, the other coincides with Strawberry Festival.

SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS at Joanna Axtmann's Studio starting June 7th. Four classes exploring sources for images in June and three to draw the figure in late July & August. Sign up for one session or both. Look for the Red flyer in the foyer of the Meeting House. Call for info:(202)723-4428 or e-mail jaxart@infionline.net Reserve space by 5/1/07.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27- 28: The 22nd annual Maryland United for Peace and Justice conference will be held at Paint Branch UU Church. After the Keynote address by Leslie Cagan, Co-chair of United for Peace and Justice there will be 3 workshop sessions. Attendees will be able to choose from over twenty workshops. Adelphi is a co-sponsor of this event. Details can be found at <http://www.mupj.org/>

Opening for Director of Quaker Affairs at the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA. Summary of Responsibilities: An essential position at AFSC to build enhanced initiatives to connect with and engage Quakers to join in and support AFSC's work. Work with directors and program staff across AFSC's regions and units and in close collaboration with the General Secretary's Office, in particular the Assistant General Secretary of Quaker Affairs. Any person interested in applying should send a letter and resume to **Willa Streater** in the Human Resources Department by **June 15, 2007**, or email WStreater@afsc.org for the full announcement.

May 19, 2007, Save the Date: Friends Wilderness Center near Harpers Ferry, WV holds its annual Open House that Saturday. Free. Come for tours, hikes, yummy lunch, kids' activities and meet people as interesting as you! Bring a group or bring a sleeping bag and stay the night if you like in treehouse, yurt or your tent. www.friendswilderness.org.

April 28 – 29, 2007, Opequon Quaker Camp Work weekend: Work weekends are held on both **Saturday** and **Sunday**; you may come just **for the day** or you may **spend the night** on Saturday night. We will provide simple breakfasts and lunches on Saturday and Sunday as well as the evening meal on Saturday night. **Bring bedding** . Please visit the Website, to make sure everything is on schedule: <http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/WorkWeekends/work.html> and send an e-mail to davidhunter@bym-rsf.org if you plan to attend.