

Newsletter of the
Ithaca Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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John Calvi

Year End Letter 2006

Dear Friends,

I'm preparing for my last work trip of 2006. As you can see by my calendar (see page 7), it's been a very full year with lots of good opportunity for teaching and touching. The invitations are for many different kinds of work—to help others to heal from trauma, to help caregivers avoid burnout and stay strong for the long haul, and teaching massage and energy work as forms of reverence for individuals and communities. It's a gift to me that half of these invitations are return engagements and usually 1/3 of the participants have worked with me in previous settings. As I come into my 25th year of this work, these return invitations and returning seekers help me to know that I've been attending to all my work with a good balance of reverence and gratitude. This includes the founding of The Quaker Initiative to End Torture.

My 10 years as a Montessori teacher prepared me as a teacher for other purposes. I took my first lessons in massage in 1980. I remember approaching massage school wondering if I might get a job on a cruise ship. It was my entrance into Quakerism at

16 that showed me how to listen in the quiet for way to open. I just didn't know these modest preparations would be for such extreme experiences. I began working with rape survivors in 1982. In 1983 I began work in the AIDS epidemic and prisons in 1985. I began working with tortured refugees and ritual abuse survivors in 1988. As a Certified Massage Therapist specializing in trauma, I had a professional credential and experience. As a Quaker healer with the spiritual gift for the release of physical and emotional pain following trauma, I had a broad perspective on how I might be used. Now, at 54 1/2 years old, I am glad I never made it to the cruise ship.

One of the more interesting aspects has been to live primarily on gifts. Similar to return invitations and returning seekers, living on gifts is a measure of whether one has been moving gracefully in service. I hope you will support me with a gift now as I finish up my 2006 work and prepare for 2007. Trauma & torture are not decreasing. I am honored to be of use and your gifts will help this work continue for another 25 years.

In the Light,

—John Calvi

Please make a gift or donation to my address below—thank you. Tax law says a “donation” carries the expectation of work for which I am taxed. A “gift is given out of respect, affection, or charity, such as my birthday May 14, my wedding anniversary August 28, or a Christmas gift.

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Announcements

Do you have something for the March newsletter?

Please get all information you'd like to have included in the March newsletter to Bronwyn Mohlke, by the method of your choice, no later than Monday, February 26. (277-4183 / bjm9@cornell.edu / 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850). The March newsletter will be available on March 4.

A Journey through Quaker Business / Thursday evenings, starting February 1

You are invited to participate in an information and discussion series aimed at improving the quality of IMM's monthly business meetings.

Feb 1 – It All Starts with Meeting for Worship

Feb. 15 – Quaker Business: Why do we do it this way?

March 1 – Meeting For Business: Are we prepared?

Mar. 15 – Clerk Please! Conduct during Meeting for Business

Mar. 29 – Seeking Unity

Apr. 5 – It All Ends with Meeting for Worship

These Thursday evening sessions will be held at the Burt House beginning at 6:45 and ending at 8:45. This series is being organized by Tom Brown, Beth Jolles, Melanie Claire Mallison, Steve Mohlke, Ellie Rosenberg and Mary Beth Tierney. This group formed out of enthusiasm that followed a Clerking Workshop at Powell House last February. After our first couple group of meetings, our clerk implemented a few changes during Business Meeting that were noticed and favorably commented on by several people. Encouraged, the group decided to try this information and discussion series in an effort to create some shared experience about all of our hopes and desires for Meeting for Business.

Please note: child care can be arranged either at the Burt House, or child care in your home can be reimbursed by the Meeting. Please contact Steve Mohlke for further information.

Adult Discussion and Socializing/FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2007

It's an evening of Quakers and chocolate! The focus of this adult discussion will be viewing a documentary entitled *The Cadbury Family: The Sweet Smell Of Success*. We will discuss how the Cadbury family blended their Quaker beliefs into their candy business. This discussion will be intermixed with chocolate fondue. The event will be held on Friday February 2 at 7:30 pm at the home of Chris Dunham and Melissa Travis Dunham (105 Dunmore Place, Ithaca). If you need directions call Chris & Melissa at 277-9599.

In last year's Program Committee Survey, a majority of respondents indicated an interest in attending a social event geared for adults. While childcare is not available at this event, Meeting has approved funds to be available to F/friends to pay for childcare in their own homes so that parents can attend Meeting events. If you require use of these funds please speak with our Treasurer, Steve Mohlke.

Peace Potluck at Perry City Meetinghouse / Saturday, February 3 and March 3

The Perry City Friends (Quakers) invite you to a "peace potluck" on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to share thoughts, feelings, and actions in a safe haven as we explore paths to peace together. This month's topic is "A Call to Conscience". Conscientious objection is not just for draft aged men. It is a lifelong opportunity to promote peace. Join us as we explore the many forms it can take and consider creating your own statement of conscience. It will be on Saturday, February 3 at the Perry City Meeting House on Route 227 in Perry City. Dish to pass at 5:30; discussion at 7:00. For more information, call Mary Graham - 387-9046.

The March peace potluck will be held on Saturday, March 3. The topic will be war tax resistance, and will also include information on the peace escrow account that Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting is developing.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business / Sunday, February 11

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held after the rise of Meeting for Worship on February 11. All are encouraged to attend. Please come with an open mind and a listening heart, mindful of our Meeting as a loving community and business conducted under a spirit of worship.

Second Sunday Celebration Circle: Dancing with the Beloved / February 11

Romantic Love is one of the strongest forces that drives the human heart. What would it be like if we could take all that desire, passion, and fire in our hearts and turn it toward the Divine? What if we cultivated a relationship with Spirit as our Beloved, and truly lived our lives being "in Love" in the largest sense of the word?

Through devotional singing, poetry, silent reflection, and a creative art activity, we will explore together how it feels to have such an expanded experience of Love.

The Second Sunday Celebration Circle is held on the second Sunday of every month, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Henry St. John Building, 302 S. Geneva Street, Suite 103

Adults and teens welcome.

For more information visit www.commonheart.org or call 227-5683

Peace Witness Committee / Tuesday, February 13

Peace Witness Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Burt House at 7:30 PM. Help us find ways to live and share Friends' Peace Testimony. If you wish to share some thoughts and ideas with us, but cannot join the Committee on a long term basis, you are welcome. If you wish to be part of the Committee, you are welcome. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 PM at the Burt House.

Threshold Choir / Tuesday, February 13 and Monday, February 19

The Threshold Choir will meet at Melody Johnson's home (112 Mt Pleasant) on Tuesday, February 13 at 7-9 pm and sing at Lakeside the following Monday, February 19.

Carol Kimball will share her Quaker Journey / Sunday, February 25

Carol Kimball will share her Quaker Journey on Sunday, February 25, at 9:30 a.m. in Anabel Taylor room 314. If you would like child care for your child(ren), please contact Ginny Gartlein (272-3471).

Meeting for Healing / Tuesday, February 27

George Fox wrote, "Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one." Part of beginning to recognize that of God in others may be the word "answering". The 17th century meaning of answering is quite different from our modern understanding of the word. Some of the meanings include: to be responsible for, to fulfill the expectations of, to echo, to correspond or give back in kind. (I'm indebted to Paul Buckley, Earlham School of Religion adjunct faculty member, for introducing me to this idea.) I love the idea that George Fox was calling us to echo that of God in others. If God whispered us into being, then to echo back to another the image of God that they were created in, is to let that whisper grow louder, carry farther, and sing out longer. When I truly learn to answer that of God in every one, I will begin to help the song of God carry throughout the world.

—Priscilla Berggren-Thomas, *Friends Journal* 7/03

A Meeting for Healing is held at 7:15 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Melody Johnson and Dick Crepeau's house (112 Mount Pleasant Road, Ithaca). This month it will be on February 27. All are welcome to attend. If you have a concern but cannot attend, let Melody know, and you will be held in the Light. For directions, or more information, please call Melody at 272-8755.

Annual Talent Night / Saturday, March 3

Our annual Talent Night will be Saturday, March 3. All forms of talent are encouraged, whether it's visual art, performance art, or culinary art. A sign-up list for acts will be available at Meeting for Worship during February, or you can email Melissa Travis Dunham: mtravis823@yahoo.com.

Talent Night begins with a dish-to-pass supper at the Burt House at 5:30 pm. The performances begin about 7pm with intermission and dessert around 8pm.

Meetinghouse / Minute of Process

"We reminded ourselves of the traditional practice of minutes of exercise—which we also called 'process minutes'—to affirm where the meeting is at a given moment when there is as yet no clarity to act. These minutes simply state the various perceptions in the meeting on a given matter at that moment, and can be helpful in building a sense of the meeting. Often if we can clearly affirm where we are, it frees us to perceive new light . . ."

Topic No. 7 Interest Group II, Friends Consultation of Worship, Richmond, Indiana, December 7-10, 1989 (Larrabee /

Clerking Workshop)

"More than a solution, what we need is a process that will lead to a solution."

-- Ithaca Monthly Meeting member

In preparation for drafting a Minute of Process, we (Steve Mohlke and Tonia Saxon) invite you to send us your thoughts and feelings regarding our search for a Meeting Home. Our intent in writing such a Minute is to express the range of emotions and opinions Friends hold about the process as we have experienced it so far. If we can accurately reflect the state of the meeting on this issue and perhaps explicitly name the tensions and differences that exist, we hope this will enable the Meeting to discern our next steps.

When we draft the Minute, we may choose to include quotations from material we receive in order to help illustrate a point. No contributions quoted in the final report will be attributed; all will remain anonymous. If you do not wish your words to be used, please mention that when writing to us.

—Steve Mohlke smohlke@lightlink.com

—Tonia Saxon tonia@iecc.com

CALM Announcement for Parents

CALM has learned that some parents and children occasionally stay home on First Days when we do not hold regular First Day Classes. CALM met on 1/21/07 and decided that there are several days in the calendar this Spring when IMM might not have offered First Day School because of school vacations and holidays. This Spring we will be offering First Day School every First Day except Easter Day, April 8, 2007. If there is not a sufficient number of children in any age group on a given day, we will combine two age groups, and we will offer regular a First Day School curricula. Easter Day we will provide child care for children under Kindergarten age, and some sort of activity for older children.

Members of CALM are also liaisons to each First Day School group as follows:

- Sparks (birth to age 3)--Elie Camp <eliejean@mac.com>
- Candles (3 - K)--Marcie Finlay <marciefinlay@hotmail.com>
- Sunbeams (K - 1st)--Ellie Rosenberg (also the coordinating teacher)--(c) 227-1403
- Flames (2nd - 4th)--Michael Trotti <mtrotti@ithaca.edu>
- Lasers (5th - 7th)--Kathy Beissner <beissner@ithaca.edu>
- Power Quakers (8th and over)--Marilyn Ray <MLR17@cornell.edu>, Melanie-Claire Mallison (CALM member and Power Quaker coordinator) mallison@cnf.cornell.edu

Please feel free to contact the liaison to the group in which your child(ren) are or contact another member of CALM with any questions, suggestions, or concerns that may come up.

Friendly Eights

In order to help IMM members and attenders--and especially newcomers--to get to know new people on a deeper level, Program Committee will be organizing several Friendly Eights groups starting this March. Friendly Eights are groups of about eight Friends who agree to meet for dinner about eight times over the course of the next year, with the host of the dinner rotating among the group members. The number 8 is actually pretty flexible: group size might be between six and ten members (including children)

and frequency of dinners might be anywhere from four to twelve times a year, depending on how ambitious the group feels.

As you can probably tell, details are very much left up to the members of each Friendly Eight group. Dinners are encouraged to be potluck, though variations are welcome. Couples and families with children are encouraged to sign up for the same Friendly Eight group, but are welcome to sign up separately if they prefer. Some Friendly Eights may want to establish a "theme" or discussion topic for each dinner, while others may prefer unstructured socializing. The details are very much up to interpretation -- the main goal is for people to get to know each other at a deeper level than is possible before and after Meetings for Worship.

Four Friendly Eight groups will be forming this March, with initial dinners hosted by members of Program Committee. Anyone interested in these initial groups will be encouraged to sign up for one after rise of meeting the last three Sundays of February, and if interest exceeds the number of "spots" we may form additional groups at that time. Since the purpose of these groups is to facilitate interaction with newcomers and other people you may not have had a chance to get to know, we ask that Friends not sign up for Friendly Eight groups with people they already feel well-acquainted with. Also, please list everyone in your family who will be attending the dinners (including children, though people with children may decide to form a "Friendly 10" or so).

If you have any questions about Friendly Eights, please feel free to contact James Camp at jpc67@cornell.edu.

Addendum to the Trustees' Convenor's annual report

In January, in a Called Meeting, Ithaca Meeting reviewed our attorney's work on the possibility of acquiring a parcel which would provide an alternative access to our Route 79 property via connection to Penny Lane. The full attorney's report is available from Trustees, and is summarized in the minutes of the January 15 Called Meeting. No decision has been made on pursuing the Penny Lane option, although the attorney's report noted possible obstacles that Meeting might encounter should it decide to proceed with acquiring this access.

Burt House Vacancy

We have a room available for rent at the Burt House at \$320 per month. The room has a partial bath with it. Renters have shared kitchen space, access to other shared space upstairs, and are welcome to use other areas of the house when they are not being used by Meeting or occasional outside groups. Laundry facilities are also provided. Renters need to be responsible and comfortable with Friends ways and communal living. For further information contact Mary Balfour, the Burt House caretaker, at 273-5421 or 342-6657 (cell).

Thank you for making anyone you know who may be looking for a room aware of this vacancy.

—Tom Brown

Do You Like to Write? Join Our Quaker Writing Circle

We are beginning a monthly group so let us know when you are regularly available. We'll try to accommodate as many schedules as possible. At our first meeting, we'll share ideas about a possible format.

All writers are welcome. Friends who are interested in joining our writing circle should contact Melody Johnson rcrepeal@twcny.rr.com 272-8755 or Melissa Hamilton mabu@juno.com 3874094.

File Cabinet Space at the Burt House

As announced at our Annual Meeting, some file cabinet space is available at the Burt House if IMM committees wish a place to keep their records. Please speak to Mary Balfour (273-5421; MBalfour123@gmail.com) if you wish space for files.

Directory Changes

Please send any corrections or additions to the 2007 directory to Steve and Bronwyn Mohlke, 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 / 277-4183 / bjm9@cornell.edu

Corrections:

Jamie Rhoads: phone number (919) 619-3883 (his address is correct in the directory)

Additions:

Alexa Yesukevich is back in town! 89 1/2 West Main Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886 / (703) 297-9848 / apy3@cornell.edu

Gathering of Young Adult Friends / February 16-18

A BIG gathering of Young Adult Friends from across the country Young Adult Friends (ages 18 to 35) are invited to Burlington, New Jersey for a weekend gathering February 16 to 18. We will build connections, share information about supportive communities that already exist, and create programs for on-going nurture and support for Young Adult Friends' communities within the Society of Friends. This gathering is organized by youth workers from Friends General Conference (Emily Stewart), Pendle Hill (Blake Lipsett) and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Lauren Baumann). For more information, visit www.quakeryouth.org or contact Blake by email at blipsett@pendlehill.org or 800-742-3150 ext. 160. Spread the word!

Powell House / Upcoming Events

Powell House is the conference and retreat center of New York Yearly Meeting - Religious Society of Friends. Their mission is to foster the spiritual growth of Friends and others and to strengthen the application of Friends' testimonies in the world.

It is a quiet, peaceful place conducive to reflection and spiritual growth. Programs and facilities are structured to foster community development and strengthen group identity.

Please contact Powell House at 518-794-8811 or go on the web at <http://www.powellhouse.org> for more information or to register for any conference. Child care is available with three weeks advance notice.

Descriptions of the February weekends can be found in January's newsletter.

Youth Weekends

February 2-4 / ACT ON IT / 7th – 9th grades

February 9-11 / SPINNING CIRCLES / Sr. High

March 9-11 / SLIP SLIDING AWAY / 4th to 6th grades

Sometimes sliding is exhilarating. Sometimes it is terrifying. If the weather cooperates we will have a blast zooming downhill on sleds and gliding on Lee Pond. We'll also share times when

sliding isn't quite so much fun. We'll look at times for holding on tight and times for letting go. Plus there will be lots of games, great food and awesome friends. Fee. \$100.

March 16-18 / DON'T BOX ME IN / 7th – 9th grades

We label. We get labeled. When that happens, we lose and others do too. We'll talk about why we label, what labels we use and how to unlabel ourselves and others. We'll also spend time really letting go – sledding downhill or sliding on the ice or running like wild people through the muddy maze.

Fee \$100.

March 23-25 / THE ULTIMATE FUN AND GAMES / Sr. High

A sense of play is a part of who we are. Too often we fold it up and tuck it neatly away as we become adults. This is a weekend for unpacking it, shaking it out and having a blast. There'll be Ultimate of course, old favorites (like Squirrels and Trees) and new games too. Plus we'll look at ways to help the adults we know rekindle their sense of play and ways to keep ours from getting all boxed up. Fee: \$100

BLOOMING 4TH - 6TH GRADE 4/27/2007-4/29/2007

The sun is shining and so are you. We will go on a search for the tiny seeds tucked deep inside us and call them out to flower. We'll create a collage, sculpture, song or picture that shows us at our best. Plus we'll get the gardens and grounds looking their best. Fee: \$100.

EARTHSONG 7TH - 12TH (82 youth!!) 5/25/2007-5/27/2007

Spring will be bursting out and so will our seniors. Join us for this two-houses-full farewell to our graduating seniors. Celebrate friendships and Spirit in workshops, Ultimate Frisbee games, a dress-up (or down) dinner and the ever exciting Saturday Night Cabaret.

Fee: \$100

Adult Weekends

February 2-4, 2007 / Quilting From The Center

February 9-11, 2007 / Couple Enrichment

February 15-19, 2007 (Thursday dinner through Monday lunch) / Conflict Transformation 5-Day Intensive

February 23-25, 2007 / Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy & Confidence with Arthur Larrabee

February 23-25, 2007 / Conscientious Objection to Military Taxation: A Group Legal Action Conference

3/16/2007-3/18/2007 / Coming Down from the Mountaintop: Sustaining, Supporting, Maturing the Call to Ministry

Bob Schmidt

Drawing Out Gifts VI

Participants will explore the long term relationships of minister, elder, and the meeting community.

Possible topics for exploration include:

- nurturing ministries within the meeting including vocal ministry
- discerning appropriate measures of support and care

- planting and growing elders in a meeting weekend leadership:

Bob Schmitt is a practicing Quaker and member of Twin Cities Friends Meeting in Northern Yearly Meeting. He has traveled among Friends under concerns for faith and practice, same-gender marriage, reclaiming the roles of minister and elder, and the disciplines required to nurture a monthly meeting community. He seeks a rekindling of the fire that distinguished early Friends, for meetings that are known more for their light than for their silence.

Elaine Emily (Strawberry Creek Meeting, Berkeley, CA) will be serving as Bob's elder for the weekend.

3/23/2007-3/25/2007 / Core Beliefs of Quakerism

Steven Davison, Regina Haag, Kenn Harper, & Joanna Hoyt

When people ask us, what do Quakers believe, what can we say? What are the core beliefs of NYYM Friends? The Nurture Coordinating Committee invites you to join us in trying to answer these questions during this first weekend in the Nurture series.

We will start with our own personal beliefs and with the religious experiences that give our personal beliefs substance. We will explore what beliefs we hold in common and ways to express these beliefs that could work for us all. We will explore the role that beliefs should play in our corporate religious life, given that we do not have a creed. Finally, we will discuss what the things we've shared might mean for the Yearly Meeting as a whole.

We will make the conference a safe place in which to freely share our truth. And we will seek our corporate truth with energy, integrity and tenderness.

Cost: \$180 adults, \$90 for ages 13-22, \$45 infants-12, & \$90 commuters

Childcare with 3 weeks notice

Alternatives to Violence Project Training of Facilitators Level 3 3/30/2007-4/1/2007

Open to all who have taken the Basic and the second level (Advanced) workshops, participants will learn the skills and practices for becoming an AVP facilitator. This workshop both continues to deepen the AVP experience of overcoming violence in our lives and looks at how we can share the AVP workshop approach to non-violence training with others.

On occasion called the quintessential Quaker mission/out-reach program, the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) has touched hearts, souls and minds around the world leading to effective and positive personal change. The program has been used with impressive results in prisons, war zones and locations where violence too often is taken for granted at the way of life. Based on the recognition that there exists a Transforming Power which we have all experienced and to which we all have access, AVP incorporates values of respect, seeing that of God in everyone, and self-worth, as well as the teaching of important interpersonal skills into a fun yet challenging workshop experience. Training for Facilitators workshops focus on learning to be part of a team of facilitators, gaining knowledge of logistics, skills, techniques necessary for facilitation of experiential workshops, and understanding the critical importance of trusting the process.

Cost: \$ 90 adults, \$45 for ages 13-22, \$25 infants-12, & \$45 commuters

Minutes of the January 2007 Annual Meeting for Business and Corporate Annual Meeting of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Incorporated.

Tom Brown, Clerk

Nancy Gabriel, Assistant Clerk

Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk

Steve Mohlke, Treasurer

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting.)

200701.1 Gathering

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting (IMM) of the Religious Society of Friends met on January 14, 2007, at the Cul de Snack, Annabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University, for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. At 12:45 p.m., 38 F/friends settled into worship.

Our new clerk, Tom Brown, read from The Religious Philosophy of Quakers.

200701.2 The Corporate Annual Meeting of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Incorporated, was called to order. @

Present:

Katherine Beissner, Bruce Berggren-Thomas, Tom Brown, Wilma Brown, Rini Clarkberg, Richard Crepeau, Marion DaGrossa, Esther Darlington, Christopher Dunham, Nancy Gabriel, Anthony Gaenslen, Ginny Gartlein, Paul Han, Melody Johnson, Martin Jolles, Janis Kelly, Mac Larsen, John Lewis, Melanie-Claire Mallison, Lee-Ellen Marvin, Margaret McCasland, Chuck Mohler, Bronwyn Mohlke, Steve Mohlke, Marilyn Ray, Ellie Rosenberg, Heather Ruff, Sue Ruff, Jean Senegas, Michael Simkin, Joanne Sturgeon, Garry Thomas, Mary Beth Tierney, Melissa Travis Dunham, Bonnie Tyler

200701.3 Corporate Annual Meeting, Secretary's Annual Report:

Nancy Gabriel, secretary of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Corporation, reported for the Board of Trustees. She read an addendum to the Trustee's report:

In January, in a Called Meeting, Meeting reviewed our attorney's work on the possibility of acquiring a parcel which would provide an alternative access to our Route 79 property via connection to Penny Lane. The full attorney's report is available from Trustees, and is summarized in the minutes of the January 15, 2006, Called Meeting. @

Friends received the Trustees Report.

200701.4 Corporate Annual Meeting, Treasurer's Report:

Steve Mohlke reported that we did not spend as much as we budgeted for, and we contributed more than we budgeted for, so

we have ended the year of 2006 with a positive balance of \$8,769. These funds will for now be placed in the General Fund Reserve. He summarized the year-end report.

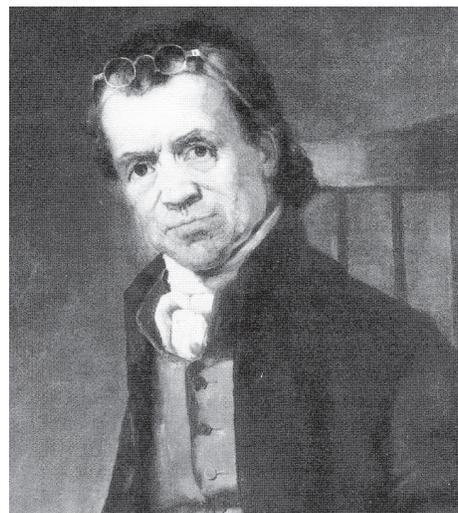
Steve talked about what do with regarding the positive year-end balance. He reminded us that in the past, the Budget Committee has been asked to make such recommendations with regard to the levels of our many funds. He does bring one recommendation now. He suggests that \$500 be added to the Child Care Fund to assist parents in attending the six-week series on "A Journey through Quaker Business" and other Meeting-related events. The Meeting approves this transfer of funds. @

200701.5 The minutes of the Corporate Annual Meeting were read and approved, and the meeting was concluded.

200701.6 The Ithaca Monthly Meeting continued with the Annual Meeting for Business.

200701.7 Farmington-Scipio Spring Gathering, June 8-10:

Rini Clarkberg reported for the Spring Gathering Planning Committee, reminding Friends that Ithaca Monthly Meeting is responsible for Spring Gathering this year, which will be again held at Long Point Camp. The planning committee met in preparation for Farmington-Scipio Winter Gathering (Rochester, January 27th, 2007) where they will propose the theme and general schedule for Spring Gathering. The theme will be following on Fall Gathering, our personal relationship to money. Rini asked for any suggestions for the plenary speaker or a specific title for Spring Gathering, noting Friends may speak to any member of the Planning Committee, who are; Rini Clarkberg, Ginny Gartlein, Melanie-Claire Mallison, Bronwyn Mohlke, and Marilyn Ray. @



Name That Quaker!

Can you identify the Quaker in this painting? And who painted the painting? Send your answers to Larry Clarkberg (larry@twcny.rr.com or 277-9364)

200701.8 Annual Reports of the Committees of Ithaca Monthly Meeting:

Annual reports were received from and summarized by Budget, Burt House, Children and the Life of Meeting, Directory, Hector Meeting House, Hospitality, Library, Meetinghouse Design, Ministry and Oversight, Newsletter, Peace Witness, Program, Publicity, Social Justice, and Young Friends. The Meeting is grateful for the timely distribution of these reports, and recognizes the work and energy of our committees and their membership reflected in these reports. @

At 2:40 p.m., F/friends gathered back into worship before adjourning. We will meet again for Worship with Attention to Business on February 11th, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk

(Please note that if you would like a copy of any report mentioned above, you can receive one from the reporting committee or the Recording Clerk. These minutes are also available as an attachment if you prefer. Just reply to Melanie-Claire with a request.)

John Calvi's Completed Calendar 2006

(see page one for John Calvi's year-end letter)

February 22-24 Guilford College. Sexuality & the Sacred QLSP Greensboro, NC

February 24-26 QUIT planning June Conference Guilford College Greensboro, NC

March 5 Kendal Monthly Meeting- QUIT conference update Kennett Square, PA

March 6-9 Pendle Hill. Restoration 800/742-3150 www.pendlehill.org Wallingford, PA

March 14 Hanover Friends Meeting QUIT Update 43 Lebanon ST Hanover. NH

April 2 Morningside Friends Meeting QUIT Update Riverside Church 120th ST New York, NY

April 4 San Francisco Friends Meeting QUIT Update 65 Ninth ST San Francisco. CA

April 13-16 University Meeting- workshops/meetings www.scn.org/friends/ Seattle. WA

April 28-30 Olney Friends School- Quaker Spirituality Barnesville, OH

May 19-21 Farmington/Scipio Friends Retreat Long Point Camp Watkins Glenn. NY

June 2-4 QUAKER INITIATIVE TO END TORTURE 1st conference, 126 attendees of 18 yearly meetings from 4 nations QUIT- Guilford College www.quit-torturenw.org Greensboro, NC

June II Contact at The School for International Training QUIT <www.sit.edu> Brattleboro VT

July 1-7 Friends General Conference fgcquaker.org Puget Sound, WA

July 13-16 VT People with AIDS Coalition retreat moderator vtp-wac.org Stowe, VT

July 26 New York Yearly Meeting QUIT Update Silver Bay, New York

August 2-6 Baltimore Yearly Meeting- meetings for healing grief Harrisonburg VA

August 7-10 New England Yearly Meeting workshop, QUIT NEYM.org Smithfield, RI

September 8-10 Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting Fall Gathering Friends Camp. S. China ME

September 23 Peter & Suzanne's Wedding, officiating, Solar Hill Brattleboro. VT

September 26-28 QUIT meetings to create teaching curriculum to teach torture history Wallingford, PA

October 13-IS ST Louis Friends Meeting, meeting retreat POSTPONED ST Louis, MO

November 3-5 Powell House Deep Relaxation & Spirit Powellhouse.org Old Chatham. NY

November 12 School for International Training Peace Education and Healing Touch Brattleboro, VT

November 17-19 Quaker Center, Goodness, www.quakercenter.org Ben Lomond, CA

John Calvi's 2007/8 Partial Incomplete Calendar (as of Nov 2006)

January 14 2007 Putney Friends Meeting The Quaker Initiative to End Torture Putney VT

February 2-3 2007 Eugene Friends Meeting Annual Winter Retreat Eugene OR

March 5-9 2007 Pendle Hill Restoration 800/742-3150 www.pendlehill.org Wallingford, PA

March 30- April 1 2007 ST Louis Friends Meeting — Bringing Light to Pain ST Louis MO

April 20-22 2007 Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends Retreat State College. PA

April 28 2007 Ottawa Friends Meeting QUIT Update Ottawa, ONT

May 25-28 2007 Pendle Hill Open House - Heal Trauma, Avoid Burnout, End Torture Wallingford, PA

June 1-3 2007 The Quaker Initiative to End Torture 2nd Conference www.quit-torturenw.org Guilford College NC

June 30- July 7 2007 Friends General Conference, Abandon All Weariness. River Falls, WI

July 12-15 2007 VT People with AIDS Annual Retreat- workshops & moderator Stowe VT

August 4-9 2007 New England Yearly Meeting workshops, QUIT update NEYM.org Bryant Univ. Smithfield, RI

September 28-30 2007 Missouri Valley Friends Conference Healing Among Friends Camp Chihowa Lawrence KS

February 20-25 2008 School of the Spirit Healing Pain in Spiritual Life Durham NC

April 7-11 2008 Pendle Hill, Restoration www.pendlehill.org Wallingford PA

February 2007 Calendar

Weekly Events:

Every Tuesday 9-9:20pm Worship in your own home

Every Wednesday 7:15 pm Midweek meeting for worship at the Burt House

Every Thursday 4:30 pm Peace vigil from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the bottom of East State Street

Events This Month:

Feb 1 Thurs 6:45 pm The beginning of the "Journey Through Quaker Business" Series: It All Starts with Meeting for Worship / held at the Burt House

Feb 2 Fri 7:30 pm Documentary The Cadbury Family: The Sweet Smell Of Success / at the home of Chris and Melissa ***

Feb 3 Sat 5:30 pm Peace potluck at the Perry City Meetinghouse, followed by a discussion. This month's topic is "A Call to Conscience". Conscientious objection is not just for draft aged men. It is a lifelong opportunity to promote peace. You are invited to explore the many forms it can take and consider creating your own statement of conscience. ***

Feb 4 Sun 10:30 am Intergenerational Meeting for Worship

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room, and go to First Day School classes: Infants - 3 year olds in Café, Pre-K 3-4 year olds in G3, Suzanne Guthrie's room, the Episcopal Chaplain's room, Kindergarten and first grade in Café, 2nd - 4th grade in Room 314. 5th - 7th grades in Hillel Library, ground floor. Power Quakers study group (ages 11 - 18) meet in the Church of the Latter Day Saints room on the third floor on the first and third first days of each month. For more information about the Power Quakers, call Melanie-Claire Mallison (272-1108).

Rise of Mtg Social Justice Committee meeting in the café. All interested are encouraged to attend.

Feb 7 Wed 1:15 - 3pm Kitchen Cupboard. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-3471). Please remember - Kitchen Cupboard desperately needs brown paper bags.

Feb 11 Sun 10:30 am Singing in the Edwards Room

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room - see note on February 4

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE KITCHEN CUPBOARD

12:30 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Bring a sandwich and a half, if you're so inclined, to share with those who may have forgotten. Child care provided on request (see above.)

7:00 pm Second Sunday Celebration Circle: Dancing with the Beloved / An interfaith worship service led by Jody Kessler ***

Feb 13 Tues 7:30 pm Peace Witness Committee meeting at the Burt House. All interested are encouraged to attend.

Feb 15 Thurs 6:45 pm The second of the "Journey Through Quaker Business" Series: Quaker Business: Why do we do it this way? / held at the Burt House

Feb 18 Sun 9:30 am Children and the Life of the Meeting (CALM) committee meeting, Hillel Library, Anabel Taylor Hall.

10:30 am Singing in the Edwards Room

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room (including Power Quakers) - see note on February 4

Feb 22 Thurs 8:30 pm As part of the Ministry and Oversight committee meeting, Friends will be held in the Light at 8:30. Those not on the committee are welcome to hold Friends in the light at that time as well.

Feb 25 Sun 9:30 am Carol Kimball will share her Quaker Journey / Anabel Taylor, Room 314

10:30 am Singing in the Edwards Room

11:00 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Edwards Room

11:15 am Children meet First Day School teachers outside the Edwards room (including Power Quakers) - see note on February 4

Rise of Mtg Light brunch. Please bring finger foods to share.

Feb 26 Mon March newsletter due date. Please contact Bronwyn Mohlke if you have anything to be included in the March newsletter (see contact information listed below).

Feb 27 Tues 7:15 pm Meeting for Healing - 112 Mt. Pleasant Road ***

Mar 1 Thurs 6:45 pm The third of the "Journey Through Quaker Business" Series: Meeting For Business: Are we prepared? / held at the Burt House

Mar 3 Sat 5:30 pm Peace potluck at the Perry City Meetinghouse, followed by a discussion on war tax resistance

5:30 pm Dish-to-pass supper at the Burt House, followed by:

7:00 pm Annual Talent Show! ***

*** = more details will be found in the announcement section of the newsletter