

# Newsletter

**NOVEMBER, 2004**

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## **Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run**

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### **MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2004, 1:00 p.m., in the Double Classroom**

#### **AGENDA (tentative)**

Opening Worship.  
Consideration of Query 11 - Education.  
Continuing to Worship, we consider:  
Review of Minutes of October 5, 2004 Monthly Meeting.  
Overseers Report.  
FORMAL REPORTS:

Report from Friends School Board Liaison.

How do Friends School and Stony Run Meeting support each other?

Finance Committee, First Reading of the 2005 Budget.

What advice do we have on reducing the anticipated \$37,000 deficit?

Ad Hoc Committee on Aging Services – INTERIM REPORT.

This committee has been active, and will update us on their deliberations.

INFORMAL REPORTS:

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Interim Meeting.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camping Program.

Stony Run Camping Weekend.

Announcements.

Worship Sharing and Silent Worship

#### **From the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting**

**QUERY 11 - Education:** Do you provide religious education, including study of the Bible and of Friends' history and practices, in your Meeting? Do you ensure that schools under the care of Friends exemplify Friends' principles? Do you support and strive to improve the public schools?

**From the Advices of Faith and Practice:** Education has long been important to Quakers. Friends feel that education is a lifetime effort to develop an open and informed mind and a seeking and sensitive spirit. It became apparent to early Friends that some form of education would be necessary for leadership and ministry if the Society were to be effective in promoting Truth. In 1668 George Fox urged that schools be established for girls as well as boys. John Woolman, in 1758, cautioned Friends to "watch the spirit of children" and "nurture them in Gospel Love." And, in 1831, Joseph John Gurney exhorted, "We shall never thrive upon ignorance." Friends are concerned to educate for individual growth, community responsibility, a knowledge of God's

**Religious Education:** Friends hold that specific instruction in religious topics is vital in the preparation of the human spirit for living a whole life. The goal of our religious education is to

strengthen the awareness of the presence of God and so build Quaker spiritual values and conduct. We learn these through experience and study. Religious education begins early in the home as the child participates in family silence, prayer, readings from the Bible and other religious works, and in family discussions. We set an example in our own lives and seek actively to guide our children's development of sensitivity to God and the world. Thus children can learn to know how God works through and among all of us as exemplified in the life and ministry of Jesus. As children grow, they broaden their religious experience through participation in meetings for worship and for business. In First Day School classes conducted by the Meeting, the Bible, religious history and ideals, the world of nature, and the history, principles, and testimonies of Friends are more formally taught. As children are guided to an understanding of history and science, they are enabled better to understand religious Truth. A secure awareness of our role in God's world frees us for more sensitive responses to the leadings of the Inner Light.

**Adult Education:** Adult First Day School classes began among English Friends in the late 19th century and are continued by many Meetings all over the world. The main purpose of Friends' educational activities for adults is the development of spiritual depth in the meeting for worship. Meetings should foster activities that bring all age groups together. Conferences, workshops and retreats, organized by Monthly, Quarterly or Yearly Meetings or other Friends' bodies provide contacts with a variety of Friends' viewpoints. We should encourage adult members to follow their leadings in seeking education of all kinds and should be sensitive in offering the financial assistance sometimes needed to take advantage of such opportunities.

**Friends' Educational Institutions:** Friends' schools traditionally offer opportunities to put ideals into practice. They nurture students spiritually and intellectually. They seek to create an environment where pupils can grow together toward Truth through a wide range of experiences. They promote a way of life compatible with the Quaker interpretation of Christianity and are a means of Friends' outreach. While each Friends' school is unique, each is a caring community based on belief in that of God in each human being. Respect for the individual and a spirit of give and take among pupils and teachers characterize Friends' schools. For many years Friends have been concerned about the problem of exclusivity in private schools, especially in those carrying the name of Friends. Those concerned with any Quaker-related school would agree that each institution has a continuing responsibility to discourage snobbishness and feelings of false superiority, to encourage economy and simplicity and to cultivate a realization that with special opportunities go special obligations. A Meeting that has direct responsibility for a Friends' school, or that has any Friends' school in its community, should assist the school to maintain its Quaker character.

**Public Education:** Friends have supported public education from its inception, recognizing that Truth prospers best among a populace that is "led out" from illiteracy and ignorance. In local Meetings we share responsibility with our communities for public education. Through involvement as teachers, school administrators, parents or interested citizens, Meeting members can work to improve the programs of public schools. Opposition, for example, to overemphasis on competition, to military exercises in schools, or to overly lax or overly severe discipline can be a prelude to positive suggestions of alternatives. We should continue to use our influence as citizens to elevate the standards of the public schools, recognizing that the crux of education is how the school system treats the individual. The Quaker ideal is to develop each child's spiritual strength as well as intellectual and practical skills.

MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS  
**MINUTES**

*Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run*  
October 5, 2004

**Oct. 04 – 1 - Consideration of Query 10.** The Meeting began at 7:30 pm in silent worship, with 23 people present (four arrived later), during which Query 10, The Peace Testimony, was read, as well as segments from the advices of the BYM Faith and Practice on Peace and Non-violence.

**Oct. 04 – 2 – Opening Announcements.**

A television was set up in the library for Friends who want to watch the 9 pm debate between the vice presidential candidates. The Clerk conveyed an apology from Friends School for the short notice given on the closing of the parking lot and a commitment to maintain timely communication in the future. He reminded Friends to come to the November monthly meeting prepared to offer advice as to what to do about the deficit in the budget—and also that November starts the winter schedule of holding monthly meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 12:45 pm. Suzanne O’Hatnick announced a session on committee work scheduled for Thursday evening, October 21. It will cover the roles of both committee clerks and committee members.

**Oct. 04 – 3 – Review of Minutes of September 7, 2004.** The minutes were approved.

**Oct. 04 – 4 – Overseers Report.** Diane Proctor reported that the membership request by Bill and Sandi Morton has been approved by Overseers. This is the first reading. Bernie Zeitler has requested transfer of his membership to City View Friends Church in Asheville, NC. The Meeting extends its good wishes to him.

The marriage of our member, Julia Clare Barss to Ashley Gordon McColgan took place on September 11, 2004, in Port Carling, Ontario. Deborah Feaster was married in December 2003.

Paul Phillips will have outpatient surgery tomorrow for a herniated disc and asks that Friends hold him in the Light.

John Stewart, uncle of Carey Cezar, died last week. The brother of David Treasure, Jonathan Treasure, died recently after a massive stroke. Barbara Conley’s mother is quite ill. Paris Kern’s mother is feeling better and is able to be back in her apartment part of the time. Beth Copeland is awaiting resolution of some health problems.

The camping weekend drew 30-40 participants. Thanks to Michael Boardman for continuing the photo album project and to Cynthia Sanders, who did a wonderful job of coordinating the camping weekend.

Marjorie Scott announced the recent birth of a new great grandson in Iowa, Dylan Matthew Scott.

**Oct. 04 – 5 – Formal Report: Indian Affairs Committee.** Bill Miles highlighted a few items from this report of the joint Stony Run-Homewood committee. He emphasized the

importance of mutuality in any exchanges, in part to avoid cycles of dependency that can result from unilateral gift-giving. In the Indian language, the word relevant to this mutuality means “let us journey together.” He also noted a correction to the written report: the phrases “and the maritime provinces of Canada” and “and New England Yearly Meetings” should be deleted, as these groups were not involved. A Friend asked Bill how the Meeting could best support his ongoing work with the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, as well as thanking him for keeping the Meeting informed of that work, and another Friend expressed appreciation for the overall work of this committee. Bill replied that two things are paramount in the committee’s efforts: 1) that they be based on personal relationships and 2) time. This creates a difficulty for the standard rotation of committee membership and is one reason why the committee has not sought regular committee status. Arthur Boyd then showed the double-sided signs that FCNL created for use at the opening day of the National Museum of the American Indian and at the next day’s protests: “Honor the Promises” and “Quakers support native rights.” Many American Indians present expressed appreciation, saying, “We know who our friends are.” Bill said that multiple copies of the signs would be welcome for use by the committee.

**Oct. 04 – 6 Nominating.** Blaine Keener reported that Laura Kinsey will be on the Peace and Social Order Committee, her term being October 2004 – May 2007. **Friends approved**

**Oct. 04 – 7 - Informal Report: Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting (QM),** held September 12 at Gunpowder Meeting. Michael Boardman reported on the day’s events and displayed a board of photographs that he had prepared. Stony Run is proposed as host for March 2006; for QM, Ministry and Counsel takes the lead and Religious Education plans the program for young people. **The Meeting approved this date and referred planning to these committees.** Friends raised a concern about having to choose between being present at start of First Day School and at Quarterly Meeting. Friends were then reminded that there is an existing policy not to schedule committee meetings and special events on QM day, precisely so that Friends can attend quarterly meetings. QM works hard to prepare youth activities and have families attend, because one of the purposes of Quarterly Meeting is to nurture the “larger Quaker family.”

Because there is an existing policy, a minute was not required, but **Friends are to be mindful of the existing policy not to schedule a monthly meeting activity, start-up of First Day School, or committees on quarterly meeting day.**

**Oct. 04 – 8 – Informal Report: Peace and Social Order Committee.** Elaine Yamada reported. At the committee’s September meeting it considered this query: How does one hold to one’s spiritual center in these politically challenging times. She reported that the question of the reinstatement of a military draft seems to change with every update about it. The committee is considering organizing an essay-writing program in regard to conscientious objection. Veterans for Peace has projects in regard to military access to the schools and recruitment of youth. One person (soon to become a member of the Meeting) is looking into this. A Friend clarified that Friends School does not have recruiters on campus. Margaret Allen reported that the Senior Hi-Qs will discuss the Peace Testimony query, conscientious objection and the related issues.

The Meeting’s minute in March 2004 on educating ourselves about the lead-up to the Iraq war has led to the following: the committee sent to 192 Meetings in swing states a

letter with the minute and a background description of the film “Uncovered” and the subsequent film series. She read one response, from Madison (Wis.) Meeting, from several received. A Friend asked that the Meeting write a letter of thanks to the School for their sponsorship and the use of the building for this series. (Bill Miles noted that Friends School made a gift in-kind by using the school’s bus to transport from BWI to DC the Wabanake youth arriving from Maine.)

**Oct. 04 – 9 - Announcements.**

There are \$1000 grants available from FWCC for the study of Christian mysticism. Thank you’s came in from AFSC (financial contribution and Elaine Yamada’s work) and FCNL.

Diane offered to continue to lend out the the Meeting’s eight copies of “Uncovered.”

AFSC is planning to hold the “Eyes Wide Open Exhibit” on Nov. 21-23 in Baltimore. People are sought as volunteers to help set up, vigil, and take down the boots that represent those US soldiers who have died in Iraq. Any volunteers should contact Elaine Yamada.

Following closing worship, the Meeting closed at 8:50 with 20 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth DuVerlie, Recording Clerk and Arthur Boyd, Clerk

Friends who signed in: Arthur Boyd, Elizabeth DuVerlie, Suzanne O’Hatnick, Cathie Felter, Bruce Manger, Bob Breyer, Maria Brown, Bill Miles, Margaret Allen, Harry S. Scott, Marjorie F. Scott, John C. Merrill, Robert Goren, Nancy Moore, Elaine Yamada, John Michener, Ann Michener, Mike Boardman, Sue Carnell, Diane Proctor, G. M. Elliott, Blaine Keener, Lamar Matthew, Sandi Morton, Bill Morton

**MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS SCHEDULE**

**November, December, January, February, March**

Monthly Meeting is held the first First Day (Sunday) of the month at 1:00 p.m.

**April, May, June, September, October**

Monthly Meeting is held the first Third Day (Tuesday) of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**July, August**

Monthly Meeting is held at 11:15 a.m. on a First Day as arranged.

## **Friends School Board Liaison Report Fall, 2004**

This being the first of an occasional report by the Friends School Board liaison to Stony Run Friends Meeting. The liaison is a Board-appointed position.

As Board liaison, I have been aware of both the generosity of spirit shared between these two institutions as well as the tensions that arise from different functions and styles of doing business. Strides have been made lately that have had positive results. I hope that persons will be careful to operate from current understandings and let past problems remain in the past as we stay open to the movement of the spirit in all that transpires among us.

### **My activities have included:**

- attending meetings between Stony Run property and Friends School maintenance and grounds to discuss playground construction;
- meetings with the head of school, Board chair, and members of ministry and counsel on improving communications;
- attending Monthly Meeting for business particularly when there's a Friends School issue on the agenda;
- with Diane Proctor speaking to a fifth grade Friends School class about their displaying the American flag;
- organizing dessert get-together for current and new Friends School parents who are Quakers;
- organizing the Friends School bulletin board in the front hall at the Meeting house.

Lamar Matthew, Charles Cluxton, and Tad Jacks have provided information about what each institution does for the other. This information serves as a good way to see ways in which the institutions interface and work together. This report does not include projected use of the building which will increase with the daycare center and with the use of classrooms while construction is underway on the school campus.

### **From Stony Run to Friends School:**

A few years ago, the Friends School Staff Nurture Fund was created. At the end of 2003, there was a balance on hand of \$6,077. In 2003, \$163 was used, and in 2002 \$1,860 was used. While no funds have been spent in 2004, many middle school teachers participated in Friends Council events during the 2003-2004 school year.

The Meeting makes an annual contribution to the SWOP program (summer reading) in the amount of \$1,000.

When Stony Run is the beneficiary of an estate, occasionally a portion of those funds will be used to support the school, such as was done with accessibility upgrades. This is usually done when the school has made a request to FRAUC for a special contribution, and then is approved by the Meeting for Business.

There are funds held by Stony Run that benefit Friends School through scholarships: Gross Memorial; Sharp and Jewett; Friends Helping Friends. Annual available use for scholarships is about \$60,000.

### **From Friends School to Stony Run**

Friends School has traditionally given children who are members of Stony Run priority consideration in admission to the school. Meeting members are often invited to speak to classes or convocations in areas of their expertise and/or passion. If a Meeting event is expected to over-run the space in the Meeting house, the School will make space available.

Friends School covers several expenses having to do with the house and grounds of the Meeting. These include snow removal, minor maintenance items, outside grounds, leaves,

debris, tree care, and parking signs. Rent is paid for the summertime use of the Roberts Room. Furthermore, the School pays a portion of the Meeting's property and casualty insurance for all of the property including the cemetery. From 9/1/2000-8/31/2004, general liability, property, and umbrella coverage was \$1,632.00.

Stony Run Meetinghouse usage by Friends School  
Sept. 2003 - June 2004

Meetings for Worship	ALL DIVISIONS	142 HOURS
Use of Kitchen & Dining Room		19
Senior Activities	Graduation, etc	56
Board committee meetings		17
Clubs	Upper division	13
Classes	Includes Community Outreach	82
Beginning of school events		11
Middle School use		47
Upper School		11
Admissions	Includes Assessments	182
Miscellaneous	Includes Parent's Assoc. strategic planning sessions	27
		607 hours

It takes SRFM staff time to schedule meetings, to keep the space clean and organized for the School's use, and to be sure that the building is secured after school groups leave.

Initiatives that are happening now that ease my job:

- March minute re: signed agreements before work proceeds
- SINC invitations to the school community for "Speaker and Seekers Series"
- Stony Run participation in Faculty/Staff orientation and follow-up meetings
- Regular conversations between administration at Friends School and Stony Run.

Advice to both:

1. Try not to refer to "the School" or "the Meeting" as having a particular opinion or stance.
2. Respect Quaker process and be sure to go through the correct channels; use right order.
3. Don't see the other as out to get us or use us.
4. Have a sense of humor.
5. Expect the way to open.

Marilyn Clark  
Friends School Board Liaison to Stony Run Friends Meeting  
September 30, 2004

Friends, the proposed budget for 2005 follows. You will immediately notice that our projected expenses exceed our projected income by \$37,906. Income is down and expenses are up.

Our income from contributions is expected to be \$7,404 less than this year and our income from the endowments is projected to be \$10,184 less. Contributions are probably less because there is a recession in the economy. Income from endowments is less because we keep our money in stock mutual funds and the stock market as a whole lost a lot of money two years ago. We allocate 5% of the prior three years average endowment balances to current income.

Our non-discretionary expenses have increased \$6,248 largely due to the addition of an \$8,000 reserve for Property and small reductions elsewhere. Support for members is expected to increase \$2,220. With a small saving from committees of \$125, the total increase in expenses is therefore \$8,343.

For 2004 we projected a \$12,575 loss which has grown by \$25,331 to \$37,906 for 2005. It is important that the Meeting come to a sense of how to balance the budget during the November Monthly Meeting. For the Finance Committee, Margaret Allen, Clerk

Pages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 are the budget.

These pages are being sent separately as an (Microsoft excel) attachment.

## FAITH INTO ACTION

**Marilyn Clark** is a pastoral counselor located at the Maryland Center for Integrative Medicine. She has three grown children who went to Friends School, where she is currently serving on the Board of Trustees. Marilyn would be glad to talk to anyone about Friends School or her specialty in music therapy. But the main peace project Marilyn wants others to know about at the moment is the **COMFORT QUILT**. Have you seen this beautiful quilt? A Comfort Quilt, which could be passed around to anyone in Meeting who is in need of “comfort”, is a quilt made by a loving community – carrying its prayers along with its warmth. Working on the quilt provides a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know others in a relaxed social atmosphere. Please ask Marilyn, or Jan York, Dorothy Brown, Rosemary Epperson about it. No quilting experience needed.

**Diane Proctor** is a retired teacher. In addition to becoming the clerk of the overseers committee, this year, Diane directs the **RIISING STARS**, an organization she helped to start. The Rising Stars is a specialized acting troupe which gives middle school age children the opportunity to get together to discuss issues that concern them and to create a dramatic presentation (a play) which also engages the audience. The overall goal of the process and the production is for the audience and the actors to learn about making good decisions. Several children from the Meeting have participated over the years. Although there is not an adult volunteer opportunity here, you can talk to Diane about children who may be right for the Rising Stars or perhaps you know of a venue where their play would be welcome. In a slightly different direction, Diane would also like for people to know about an opportunity to be trained as a reading tutor for elementary age students. During the day, **Brown Memorial Tutoring Program** in Bolton Hill brings elementary age children from nearby schools for help with reading.

**Elizabeth DuVerlie** is the administrative coordinator at Homewood Friends Meeting. She is our Recording Clerk and serves on the Committee on Ministry and Counsel and the BYM program Committee. She is involved with the promotion of peace and social justice in many Quaker and non-Quaker venues. There are three community organizations that she works with that she would like folks to know more about. Volunteers are welcome and needed in all three programs and training is provided. All these activities nurture her “passion” of introducing ways by which people can enhance their own ability to recognize their inner strengths and to build on them.

Restorative Justice: **THE COMMUNITY CONFERENCING CENTER** (CCC) is “a unique conflict transformation program that helps communities and individuals recognize that they can safely and effectively resolve conflicts themselves.” Elizabeth facilitates cases referred by the Department of Juvenile Services and by the schools. It is “restorative justice” work, based on the belief that the offenders(s), the person(s) harmed and those affected by an incident need to come together to repair the damage that the incident has caused. She notes that the CCC’s cases have a 95% success rate for resolution and that the recidivism rate among youth who have used this process is 9% compared with about 27% for those who go through the court system.

Mediation: **THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS** offers mediation as an option (to a lawsuit) to resolve complaints of discrimination. Elizabeth co-mediate cases (with other volunteer mediators), using both “facilitative” and “transformative” mediation approaches. She says that the process often leads to a

resolution of the complaint, but that the true success of mediation occurs when all parties at the table have “heard” each other, often for the first time, and recognized everyone’s point of view and role in the harm that occurred and in the resolution they reach.

**AVP: THE ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROGRAM (AVP)** was created for use in prisons in 1975, by Quakers, and continues to be used in prisons, but also beyond, and many non-Quakers participate. Like AFSC’s *Help Increase the Peace Program (HIPP)* for young people, a spin-off of AVP, it teaches non-violent approaches to conflict transformation and social change and participants gain skills in communication and community building. Elizabeth has, to date, been an AVP facilitator at a medium security prison at Jessup and is hopeful about doing the same facilitation/training, at a community-based center in Baltimore, with released felons. It is based on three, three-day workshops (Basic, Advanced and Training of Facilitators). There are two, and often more, co-facilitators—a combination of outside volunteers and inmate facilitators. Each training becomes a building block for the next. Inmates, in particular, gain an increased ability to take responsibility for their behaviors, to feel stronger and better about themselves, and to be better able to take responsibility for changing their behavior. They feel less helpless and more in control, even in the prison where they have so little control over their day-to-day lives. For the “outside facilitator”, it is equally rewarding to participate in this transformative experience.

**BARN SALE AT BROADMEAD:** Plan to attend this semi -annual event at Broadmead. The two-day sale will take **place Thursday, November 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** There are always great bargains in the huge selection and wide variety of merchandise to choose from (including furniture, house wares, clothing, and much more). Proceeds from the sale benefit the Broadmead Residents Association.

**PROPERTY WORK DAY:** The Property Committee has scheduled a work and clean-up day at the Meetinghouse, **Saturday, November 13, from about 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Come for all or part of the day and enjoy a time of productive fellowship.

**MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR QUAKER LUNCH:** Quaker Lunch will be held **Thursday, November 18, at 12:00 noon**, at Holly House on the Broadmead campus. This will be the last Quaker Lunch of the year, resuming again in February 2005. Please call Marjorie Scott at 410.785.6148 by Tuesday, November 16, to reserve a place at the table. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with Friends at Broadmead.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MEETING FOR WORSHIP** will be held at Stony Run Meetinghouse, **Thursday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m.**

**HELP NEEDED!** Help Needed! AFSC is bringing its "Eyes Wide Open" exhibit to Baltimore in November. It is a moving display of combat boots representing the American servicemen and women who have been killed in Iraq to date. Beginning with 504 boots in January of this year, the number now is 1100. (See the People Magazine article posted on the entrance bulletin board.) There is a tight three day schedule as the display is in great demand across the country. It will be set up on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and taken down on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Volunteers who would like to help with some portion of this should contact Mark Lancaster, 410 323 7200 ext 29, [MLancaster@afsc.org](mailto:MLancaster@afsc.org).

**NEWS OF FRIENDS ACTIVITIES IN RAMALLAH:** Reconstruction and renovations of the Ramallah Meetinghouse, its annex and grounds are nearly completed. A group of Friends has been meeting at Friends Center, Philadelphia to discern the direction for the International Center that will be housed in the Meetinghouse Annex. John Salzburg, Frank Massey and Lamar Matthew are Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends who serve on the committee. Jean Zaru, clerk of Ramallah MM, has attended these committee meetings while she was in the U.S. The Friends International Steering Committee was created and endorsed by a minute of Ramallah Monthly Meeting. The Committee was asked to come together to make decisions for the programs and activities of the Friends International Center that is situated on the Ramallah Meetinghouse property. The Committee is in the service of Ramallah Monthly Meeting and does not wish to be drawn up into the particulars of any larger Friends group or organization. A conscious effort is made to have a balance of Quaker voices on the Committee.

The Steering Committee is united in a desire to have a temporary Consulting Friend in place before the convening of a regional Consultation in Ramallah. The Consultation will take place in Ramallah, in early 2005. It will be a time to listen to local participants and gain knowledge of needs, hopes and dreams. Some expected findings from these conversations may be: Who is laboring with similar concerns; The role of peace-building and nonviolence activities in the area; What positive initiatives are taking place that we might support, augment or give shelter to; The ways in which Friends can partner with kindred spirits through sharing knowledge/information, inspiration, and energies.

After the latest meeting of the Steering Committee Jean wrote:

Dear Friends, It has given me great joy to be with some of you yesterday evening. I cannot find the right words to express to each and every one of you my great gratitude and admiration for your commitments to Friends service locally and globally. Often, I get those moments of feeling alone, in a hard struggle, to continue to affirm life, beauty, and community, in the midst of so much uncertainty and hardships. Your friendship and example energizes me. I felt I really have to share with you what I feel before I go back home. With all my love and warm best wishes, Jean Zaru.

Upon Jean's return home to Ramallah she wrote:

Dear Friends, I was so happy to arrive in Ramallah on the 21st of September after a long trip. I stayed in Amman for few days to attend to some medical needs. Yesterday I went to Meeting for worship .It gave me great joy to welcome five Quakers working in the area. One from Cambridge Meeting USA teaching at Beir ziet University, and the others were from England and South Africa. They are with the WCC program in Israel \Palestine. After meeting we continued the fellowship in my home by breaking bread together and reflecting together on many issues. I am very saddened that my youngest son who gave it a try to live in Ramallah after graduation from Earlham College in 1992 until this day is leaving with his family to the USA. There is a brain drain from Palestine. It is sad on the personal and collective level. Friends, I just want to thank you all for your friendship and continued support for us in these difficult times. Jean Zaru

**PARKING:** The upper school parking lot is temporarily shut down to facilitate the installation of geothermal wells. The lot will be closed and fenced off approximately through the School's winter break. (School reopens January 3) There will be no disturbance to the 3 parking spaces reserved for the meeting or the two spaces west of those spaces, which are reserved for Little Friends drop off and pick up. Parking for Stony Run evening committee meetings and Sunday worship is available just south of the Meetinghouse on the parking lots in front of the Lower and Middle Schools.

**POETS FOR PEACE TO READ AT STONY RUN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28:** Ten fine Maryland's poets will read their poetry on peace and social justice in the library at Stony Run Meeting **Sunday, November 28, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** The 8th annual *Margaret Diorio Poetry for Peace* poetry reading will also include a give and take dialogue with the audience in this critical time of international crisis. The reading is free, though contributions will be accepted for *The American Friends Service Committee's project with BRIDGE* (The Baltimore Regional Initiative Developing Genuine Equality): a coalition of religious congregations in central MD seeking regional solutions to regional problems — affordable housing, quality education, and healthy neighborhoods. Conversation over coffee and refreshments will follow in the dining room. Past attenders have found *Poets for Peace* readings deeply moving. Nancy Moore said of last year's reading, "Who would have imagined a poetry reading / fund raiser could be such a deeply spiritual experience?" Elaine Yamada called it, with some enthusiasm, "The most wonderful event in the world." Come experience for yourself the power of spoken poetry on peace and social issues. The reading is sponsored by the Stony Run Peace Committee.

**BYM YOUTH WORKER TRAINING POSTPONED:** The deadline for the BYM Youth Worker Training (YWT) has been extended. With this extra time we are better able to create a more meaningful program and valuable experience. Therefore, the following YWT days have been postponed until Spring of 2005: October 23, November 6, and November 13, 2004. Early in the new year, Frank Massey, Hope Braveheart, Jane Megginson and Brooke Carroll will host an information meeting with a focus on Ensuring Safe Meeting Communities. This date will be posted soon. We have invited Jeff Hanna, a representative from our Insurance Company, Guide One, to help us better understand why the new policies and procedures need to be implemented and how to fulfill expectations from Guide One. We look forward to your participation and support during this process. For further information contact Hope Braveheart, Youth Secretary, Baltimore Yearly Meeting at 301-774-7663

**WARM HATS AND GLOVES NEEDED FOR WOMEN'S HOUSING COALITION (WHC) HOLIDAY PROJECT:** Stony Run will again sponsor the Women's Housing Coalition holiday project. As in past years, we will provide the women residents of WHC with gift bags filled with necessary toiletries, warm hats, and gloves. Friends School second and third graders and their families, will be decorating 40-50 gift bags and filling them with toiletries. Stony Run's Senior Hi-Q's will be decorating 60 gift bags and filling them with toiletries as well. Stony Run Meeting families are being asked for donations of women's warm hats and gloves. The need and our goal is greater this year than in the past. We would like to provide a hat and glove set for each of 110 gift bags. Please be generous. We are told that bright colors and lively patterns would be particularly enjoyed. While hats and gloves are our main goal, other items such as lip balm, combs, brushes, socks, and knee high stockings would also be welcome. Boxes will be in the Library to collect donations of hats, gloves, and other items. Monetary donations will also be accepted and may be placed in the collection box in the Library. The **final date for collecting items is December 5th.** For more details, contact Denise Wible at 410-661-8671. Thanks you, as always, for your continuing generosity.

**2005 SCULL CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE** for purchase on the hallway Book Table.

**CARES PANTRY ALERT:** CARES, a project of Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO) is currently in need of canned soup (not microwave variety), cereal, Oodles of Noodles, and as always, peanut butter and jelly. CARES serves our neighbors (individuals and families) living in the City of Baltimore in meeting emergency food and financial needs. Place your food items in the upper or lower hallways at the designated areas and pick up a brochure to learn more about the work done by this interfaith partnership.

**HEALING PRAYER:** The Stony Run Healing Prayer group will be meeting on the **second Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** in the Library. While there is a core group who will meet each month, anyone is welcome to "drop in" for a session or more. Please send your requests for prayer to Suzanne O'Hatnick at [shohatnick@aol.com](mailto:shohatnick@aol.com) or call her at 410.362.2604.

**STONY RUN FRIEND BREAKS THE SOUND BARRIER:** Baltimore, 2 October 2004: In spite of a late start and taking a wrong turn Bill Read, age 74, finished the 7<sup>th</sup> TurnAround Inc.\* 5K [3.1 miles] distance this morning in the respectable time (*for his age*) of 32:54. He told us this is his first foot race since the St. Patrick's Day 5K of 2002, in which he brought home the gold (*that is, in the 70 & over category*).

Bill has been a regular roadrunner for more than 23 years, and lately has been averaging about 30 minutes every other day. He states, "Running gives me more energy, not less! A steady routine is what keeps me going. Without my workout energy slacks off, in winter my feet soon turn to ice, and my resistance to flu evaporates." He runs outdoors straight through the winter: "Running in a soft, fresh blanket of snow after dark by yourself, can be a spiritual experience like none other!" Five years ago he started practicing Iyengar Yoga once a week, and says the inversions (handstands, headstands) are invaluable in shuffling the guts around and maintaining the digestive tract.

At 5'10" his weight is 150 lb, cholesterol is 130 - a bit low - and resting heart rate is 40 bpm, not unusual for a long-time runner. He caught hepatitis "A" back in 1970, which continues to be a blessing in disguise since it forces him to follow a low-fat diet. He still dreams of running a marathon. Has your time come to get busy and get out there too?

\* This race was organized by TurnAround, a non-profit based in Baltimore County and City, to benefit victims of rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence of all ages. Bill asks that for those wishing to sponsor him *post facto*, information about making donations may be found at [www.turnaroundinc.org](http://www.turnaroundinc.org) or by contacting him at [wwd\\_read@yahoo.com](mailto:wwd_read@yahoo.com) or 410 337 2032.

**SANDI MORTON REVIEWS** Stan Banker's **Quaker Lite 2 ½ The Lite Within**. (The Lite Company, 2002). A satirical and humorous look at The Religious Society of Friends, Banker addresses a wide variety of topics from advertising to forecasting. Some of the more memorable subjects are "Quakers on the Internet Then and Now" ([eliashicks@splitville.net](mailto:eliashicks@splitville.net) and [lizfry@newgate.prison.GB.gov](mailto:lizfry@newgate.prison.GB.gov)); "Fish Symbols of Contemporary Quaker Groups"; "New Soup for the Soul Titles"; and "Quaker Crossword for Unprogrammed Friends and Programmed Friends". The author is encouraging the reader to embrace humor as humor "...clears our heads and opens our lives to the light..." If you perhaps take yourself too seriously at times or just want a giggle, this book could be just for you.

**QUAKER READERS GROUP** will begin its third season on Tuesday, November 9 and continue meeting on the second Tuesday of the month through March. The evening begins with a light supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by discussion of selected readings. This season the simple supper fare will come from the Quaker Woman's Cookbook by Elizabeth Ellicott Lea (the longest continually published cookbook in the U.S.A.). The readings will be drawn from memoirs, diaries and writings of Quaker women who have impacted our Society and the surrounding culture. Copies of November's reading are available in the Library.

**IT'S A QUAKER TRADITION! GET OUT AND VOTE!** LOUISA GARDNER SWAIN was born on Nantucket Island in 1794. She was the daughter of sea captain, Grindal Gardner who was lost at sea when Louisa was an infant. She was taken by her widowed mother to live in Charleston, South Carolina. Louisa was orphaned while still a young child. At the age of eighteen she found her way to Baltimore and lived in the household of her uncle, Ephraim Gardner. While in Baltimore, she met and married Stephen Swain, a chair manufacturer. They moved west with their four young children, first stopping in Zanesville, Ohio for a winter, then continuing westward in the spring, to Laramie, Wyoming Territory. In 1869, at the age of seventy-five, Louisa Gardner Swain walked to the polls and became the first woman in America to vote. In their late seventies, the Swains returned to Baltimore to live with their daughter Francis Corkran, at Lutherville. Louisa died in April of 1880 and was buried at Friends Burial Ground, Harford Road.

**A QUAKER RESPONSE TO CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISM** course is being offered by Homewood Friends. The course is based on curriculum from BYM. Stony Run members and attenders, especially newcomers to Friends, are encouraged to attend. Participants are encouraged to attend as many of the courses as possible, but it is not a requirement. This is a great way to learn about Liberal Quakerism! This is open to all Friends and those curious about the Religious Society of Friends. Each session will contain a presentation followed by discussion and a short period of worship. The course will take place at Homewood Friends Meeting House, 3107 North Charles Street beginning at 7:00 p.m. with juice and cookies, and session from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. See the flyer on the hallway table for scheduled dates. For more information, contact Kevin-Douglas Olive at 410-523-7990 or email at kdolive@hotmail.com.

**ORGANIC, VEGETARIAN COOKING:** Vegetarian Cooking Club will meet Saturday, November 20, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Stony Run kitchen to cook, share recipes and enjoy a meal made with organic, vegetarian and locally-grown ingredients. All are welcome to join in the fun and feasting. Please RSVP to Polly Heninger (410-366-8360, [peh616@msn.com](mailto:peh616@msn.com)) or Liz Entwisle (410-527-0891, [lizent@aol.com](mailto:lizent@aol.com)) so we know how much food to buy. The Vegetarian Cooking Club meets more or less monthly and is sponsored by the joint Stony Run-Homewood Unity With Nature Committee.

**PHOTOS OF MEMBERS & ATTENDERS:** The Committee of Oversight is starting the process of renewing the PHOTO DIRECTORY. Michael Boardman has graciously agreed to be our Meeting photographer and he will be taking photos after simple lunch, on First Days. Please, please help us bring the Meeting photo directory up to date, find Michael and have your picture taken. Attenders and members, singles, families, couples, all are invited

**The Property Committee invites you to a  
WORK AND CLEAN-UP DAY AT THE MEETINGHOUSE,  
Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Come for all or part of the day and enjoy a time of fun and community.**