

February 2018



Richland Friends Monthly Meeting  
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## Abington Quarterly Meeting at Richland

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### Welcome Abington Quarter Friends!

We have a wonderfully full agenda. We'll begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. We'll break at 10:30 a.m to join our Richland Friends in worship. We'll then reconvene at 11:30 a.m. and hope to close by 12:00 p.m.

Our thanks to Richland Friends for offering us a light lunch following the close of business.

Please note that the agenda includes the presentation of our Abington Meeting minute of unity regarding Benjamin Lay, and the support and attendance of AMM members would be appreciated.

Our proposed agenda:

- Welcoming Presentation by our Host Meeting
  - Minutes of Tenth Month, 2017
  - Newly Named AQ Recording Clerk
- Newly Named AQ Representative from Gwynedd MM
  - Newly Named AQ Representative from Unami MM
    - Minute in Recognition of Benjamin Lay
- Our Quaker Schools -Open Forum : including speakers from Quaker School at Horsham, United Friends School, Gwynedd Meeting School, Plymouth Meeting School

Join Meeting for Worship with Richland Friends

Reconvene Meeting for Business

- Inter-faith Peace Walk
- Worm Project Video Follow-up (See last page of this newsletter)

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## **Richland Monthly Meeting Emergency Relief Fund: Do you need help? Can you give help?**

Several generous members of Richland Meeting have donated money to the Emergency Relief Fund since it was founded in 2016. The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial aid to members or attenders in good standing who are in need due to emergencies such as health crises or loss of employment. The Fund is a relatively small pool of unendowed money. While the figure has changed since then, the December 31 Treasurer's Report listed the total at \$11,661. The Fund has been dipped into on several occasions so far to give necessary and welcome assistance to Richland Friends.

The RMM Emergency Relief Fund is administered by a committee of Friends from Care and Worship Committee, Finance Committee, and members at large (currently five members total) and is under the care of Care and Worship. Those applying fill out a form which is then considered by the committee. The committee acts with confidentiality and as quickly as possible.

**I am writing this article to inform Friends that assistance is available from this Fund and also to request donations to the Fund from those who are able.**

There is also financial aid available from other Quaker funds including Abington Quarterly Meeting (the applicant must be a member of Meeting for at least three years), The John Martin Trust, and various Philadelphia Yearly Meeting funds.

For information, please contact Barbara Zucker, clerk, Care and Worship Committee.  
[bjzfdz@aol.com](mailto:bjzfdz@aol.com) or 267-923-8141

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## **RFM Care Village**

The Care and Worship Committee has established an RFM Care Village, in order for each member or attender to have an opportunity to fulfill a need for another member or attender. C&W has created a form to offer help or ask for assistance. Forms are available from Beth McGlinchey and are on the information table in the Meetinghouse. Friends can check off the area/s that they feel they can be helpful in providing assistance to others. Caring for each other takes many paths, and this could be one of them. Please consider what you might be able to do for a Friend.

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## **The Second Query: Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Worship**

Rooted in the history of Friends, the Queries reflect the Quaker way of life, reminding Friends of the ideals we seek to attain. Many meetings read the Query aloud during a meeting for business each month and set aside time for corporate discernment and reflection. We at Richland read them at our Monthly Meetings for Business and publish them in our newsletter as well.

### **Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business**

Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?

How do we sustain prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and address difficult problems with a search for truth that is unhurried by the pressures of time?

Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?

*Do I regularly attend meeting for business? If unable to attend, how do I fulfill the responsibility to understand and embrace the decisions made?*

*How do I affirm and support God's presence in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?*

*Do I remain open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*

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## **United Friends School News**

### **Ally Week Speaker Event - Liliana Velasquez**

At the age of fourteen, Liliana fled horrific violence and poverty in Guatemala and headed out along for the United States. In her memoir, she tells of her trip through Mexico, across the U.S. border and her detention by U.S. Immigration in the Sonoran Desert.

Liliana will be speaking to students during the school day, but parents and community members are encouraged to come hear her story in person at this free Ally Week event.

Location: United Friends School - Big Room

Date: Monday, February 5

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: Free

Child Care Provided

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## Richland Meeting Calendar

**Light Group Guided Meditations**, open to the public at 7pm every Wednesday

**First Day Adult Discussion Group**, 9:45 AM every Sunday in the Schoolhouse

**First Day School for children and teens**, 10:30AM every Sunday in the Schoolhouse

We invite all the children of RFM and their friends to join us each First Day at 10:15 in the Schoolhouse. At about 11:15 after a snack we join the adults for the last bit of Meeting for Worship.

**RFM Meeting for Business** is held every Second Sunday at Rise.

## RICHLAND BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet next on Friday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Barbara Zucker's home, 1070 Bordeaux Lane, Pennsburg.

The book we've selected to discuss is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants* by Robin Wall. The author, as "a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation...embraces indigenous teachings that consider plants and animals to be our oldest teachers." She is "a mesmerizing storyteller with deep compassion and memorable prose."

Everyone is invited to join us. Please let Barbara know if you plan to attend: [bjzfdz@aol.com](mailto:bjzfdz@aol.com) or 267-923-8141. We generally bring a sweet or savory snack to share.

## Join The RFM Book Group For Dinner!!!

The book group is organizing a dinner for **everyone** on Saturday, February 24 at 5:30 at the Spinnerstown Hotel. The restaurant is located at 2195 Spinnerstown Road, off of Rt. 663, west of Quakertown. We will be able to pay by separate checks. For information about the menu you can go to [www.spinnerstownhotel.com](http://www.spinnerstownhotel.com). Please let Barbara Zucker know if you can attend: [bjzfdz@aol.com](mailto:bjzfdz@aol.com) or 267-923-8141.

## Food for Friends

**Food for Friends** is every 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays each month at 6pm in RFM Schoolhouse.

RFM cooks for our "Food for Friends" community dinner again on **FEBRUARY 28, 2018**. If someone would like to be in charge of cooking and the menu, please let Donna Berger know, otherwise she will cook again. Please let Donna know if you can help with set up, serving and/or clean up. Contact Donna Berger at [deeleee44@ptd.net](mailto:deeleee44@ptd.net) or 610-346-9708. Thanks so much.

Future dates RFM cooks for FFF are: Feb. 28, 2018, May 23, 2018, and Aug. 22, 2018

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### From our Treasurer

It is Tax time! If you need a statement letter of your financial donations to Richland Friends Monthly Meeting for 2017, please let our treasurer, Lori Flaherty, know as soon as possible. Contact her at: [lori.flaherty@yahoo.com](mailto:lori.flaherty@yahoo.com)

#### Quick Look Cash Flow for the Month of December 2017

Cash Inflows, (Donations, Investment Income)	\$12,528.93
Cash Outflows (Expenses) .....	\$1,228.21
Net Cash Flow.....	\$11,300.72

### Communicating with RFM Committees

Carol McCoy, clerk for the Communication Committee can be reached at [peacefulpaws@verizon.net](mailto:peacefulpaws@verizon.net) and at 215-622-1843 for any RFM communication inquiries or event items

For Meeting for Business reports or items for the agenda, please send to Clerk Jack Schick at [Rfmclerkofmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:Rfmclerkofmeeting@gmail.com) and copy to Amy Bryan, Recording Secretary at [rfmminutes@gmail.com](mailto:rfmminutes@gmail.com).

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