



# The Green Street Messenger

monthly calendar & newsletter of...

Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends  
45 West School House Lane  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

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*Join us for...*

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First Day Meeting for Worship	10:30 AM
First Day School	10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg.	1:30 PM
Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship	8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS
First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship	6:30–7:00 PM at Stapeley Hall

## June 2016

Sunday, 5th	9:30 AM	Breakfast with a Friend— <b>Volunteers needed</b>
	Rise of Meeting	Coffee Hour— <b>Volunteers needed</b>
	12:30	Care & Counsel Committee Meeting

Saturday 11th	7:00 PM	Documentary and Discussion Series: <i>Making A Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA.</i> (Please see the About F/friends section.)
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Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Second Sunday Forum: <i>Topic to be announced</i>
	Rise of Meeting	Coffee Hour— <b>Volunteers needed</b>

Sunday, 19th	Rise of Meeting	Lunch— <b>Volunteers needed</b>
	12:30	Meeting for business

Sunday, 26th	9:15 AM	Friendly Bible Study
	Rise of Meeting	Coffee hour— <b>Volunteers needed</b>



## ***Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Fifth Month 15, 2016***

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Fifth Month 15, 2016:

Business Meeting convened at 12:55 PM in prayerful silence.

16-05-01 The clerk reviewed the agenda and Friends approved.

### **16-05-02 Nominating Committee, Robin Mohr reporting.**

After a month of seasoning, Friends approved Marille Thomas to serve as our representative to Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, starting in June 2016 through May 2019. Anthony DiGiovanni asked to be released from Care and Counsel. Friends approved with tremendous gratitude.

In addition, Robin brought forward the following names:

Lucy Duncan and Joel Wilson for Worship and Ministry Committee.

Frank Perch for Assistant Treasurer.

Rebecca Grant for Children and Youth Religious Education committee.

All appointments will be from June 2016 through May 2019.

Robin reported that Nominating is also looking for a Clerk for the Hospitality Committee, additional members for Children and Youth Religious Education Committee, and Property Committee.

Next month the Meeting will appoint a Naming Committee to bring forward new names for the Nominating Committee.

The Committee asked the clerk to consider a process for the discernment of contributions to others for this year and whether or not we need a committee established for this purpose.

### **16-05-03 Care and Counsel**

Charlotte Anderson reported that the Meeting has received a letter of transfer for Peggy Worthington from Seaville Monthly Meeting. Friends rejoiced and appointed a welcoming committee of JoAnn Seaver and Cheryl McFadden.

William Van Stone reported on the passing of our member at a distance, Edward Rice, at the age of 99. Though living in Wilmington, DE, he felt very close to the Meeting, has been a regular contributor to the Meeting, and was very active up to the day that he died.

### **16-05-04 Theme for June Meeting for Business**

Clerk, JoAnn Seaver announced that at our June Meeting for Business we will be visited by Jaimie Unkefer, architect for Greene Street Friends School, who will introduce us to the current blue prints for the Multipurpose Building at the School.

### **16-05-05 Gratitude**

Friends expressed gratitude to Gabbriel James, Cheryl McFadden, and Kenyatta James for the barbeque lunch that they had prepared and which brought us together and so many of us to Meeting for Business today.

### **16-05-06 How Good Could It Be?**

Robin Mohr led us in three exercises that allowed us to explore our vision for Green Street Meeting as it might be. First she invited us to draw a picture that represented our personal vision for the Meeting. Next we were invited to tell a community story, each adding an element of the wonderful Meeting we could be in 2020. Then each was invited to write in response to three questions: What do I want for our Meeting? What do I need from our Meeting?, and What glimmer of things might I be led to do for this Meeting?

Friends gathered the various input of this work. It will be compiled by Robin Mohr and JoAnn Seaver. They would like one other person in the Meeting to join them. Chris Mohr and Cheryl McFadden volunteered. Friends expressed appreciation to Robin for challenging us to look deeply at these important questions and both our hopes and our fears related to them.

16-05-06 These minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned, agreeing to meet again at the appointed time on Sixth Month 19, 2016.

JoAnn Seaver, Clerk

Walter Hjelt Sullivan, Recording Clerk

Members present: Charlotte Anderson, Anthony DiGiovanni, Gabbreell James, David La Fontaine, Cheryl McFadden, Chris Mohr, Robin Mohr, JoAnn Seaver, Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Walter Hjelt Sullivan, William Van Stone, Margaret Walters, Peggy Worthington

Attendees present: Mary Joy Benson, W. Francis Elling, Kenyatta James, Marille Thomas, Young Friends, and younger, present: Zaire Berry, Mozelle James Sow, Silas Mohr, Joaquin Thomas, Aidan Thomas

Staff: Gail Woodbury, Secretary

### ***About our F/friends***

(News and announcements of concern to the Meeting)

#### ***The First Sunday Meeting for Worship at Stapeley on the first Sunday of the month.***

Stapeley residents will happily welcome anyone who wants to join them in their meeting for worship at 6:30.

#### ***Extended Meeting for Worship, June 4, 9:15 AM - 3:15 PM, Medford Friends Meeting***

Would you like to deepen your experience of Worship? Have you wished that Worship didn't end when the clock struck the hour? The Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry invite you to experience Extended Worship. Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch. If you will need childcare, email by Monday, May 23. Information: [www.pym.org/event/2016-extended-meeting-for-worship-at-medford-meeting](http://www.pym.org/event/2016-extended-meeting-for-worship-at-medford-meeting) or Lola Georg, [lolageorg@gmail.com](mailto:lolageorg@gmail.com)

#### ***Saturday, June 11, Documentary and Discussion Series: Making A Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA. 7:00 PM at Germantown Life Enrichment Center, 5722 Greene St.***

Americans' lives are threatened by gun violence everywhere – in schools, houses of worship, theaters, offices, homes, and public spaces. There is nowhere left that is immune to this out-of-control epidemic. That's why we're committed to telling the stories of how guns — and the billions made off of them by the NRA and gun companies — affect the safety of everyday Americans and what can be done to put an end to this profit-driven crisis.

Through films and campaigns, we are working to educate and mobilize parents, students, teachers, doctors, activists, and organizations across the country to take action and fight back against this senseless and preventable epidemic tearing our country apart.

Free admission and refreshments and childcare are provided.

#### ***Our member Edward F.T. Rice passed away at the age of 99 years, on 4 May 2016.***

He was born in Philadelphia, PA, on 2 January 1917.

He graduated from Friends Central High School (Philadelphia) in 1935 and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY), from which he received degrees in Chemical Engineering (B.S.

1938, M.S. 1939), and election to the Sigma Xi honor society. He was a lifelong member of the Green Street Meeting of the Society of Friends in Philadelphia. On Christmas Day 1939 he married the love of his life Greta Jackson Rice, who passed away in March 2010, a few months after their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. His son John died at age 15, (a loss he never fully recovered from.)

A member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, his initial career was as a specialist in synthetic dyestuffs and rubber at the General Aniline Company (now GAF) in Albany, NY, before his deployment in government service with the National Production Authority in Washington, DC, during the Korean War. He remained a member of the National Defense Executive Reserve from 1953. In this same year he began work at the Dupont Chemical Company, and shortly after he was appointed editor of "The Elastomers Notebook." He also served as the Advanced Defensive Driving Instructor for all Dupont traveling salesmen for 29 years, until his retirement in 1989.

Chief among his hobbies were playing handball as a member of the YMCA since 1943 and maintaining detailed statistical records for his two passions: distance running and endurance driving. These records tell us he ran the equivalent of the earth's circumference, over 25,000 miles, since age 56, and that he had accumulated running mileage in all 50 states (and the District of Columbia), in over 40 different countries, and on all 7 continents including Antarctica. He completed his first marathon at age 61 in 3 hours and 47 minutes. Among his driving records (he continued to drive daily until his death), his greatest accomplishment was an endurance trip through all 48 contiguous states in 12 ½ days (9,273.7 miles), in 1949, which became a feature item in "Ripley's Believe it or Not." Among his other interests were proper English usage, word games and trivia, completing crossword puzzles and double-crostics, competing with the nightly contestants on "Jeopardy," watching NFL football—especially his beloved Eagles—travel, and wide reading.

Long before Google, he was a primary source of knowledge and information for all that knew him. Among his remaining significant interests was an enthusiasm for climbing things: In later life he climbed Mt. Katahdin in Maine (3 times), Ayers Rock in Australia, and Mt. Santis in the Swiss Alps. He scaled the towers of the Delaware Memorial, George Washington, and other high bridges for professional reasons, as well as the still unopened Empire State Building for personal reasons, unobserved by security, when he was 14-years old. Other notable structures he was proud of having mounted are the Washington Monument, the Tower of Pisa, the dome of St. Peter's Cathedral, and the spire of the Ulm Cathedral. His secret nutritional supplement was chocolate chip cookies. In lieu of flowers the family suggests and would appreciate contributions to the Polycystic Kidney Foundation (PKD), 8330 Ward Parkway, Suite 510, Kansas City, MO, 64114

*From the editor: I have edited this obituary. If you would like to read the original, I can provide it.*

### ***PYM Annual Sessions, July 27- 31, at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.***

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but Be Transformed so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

Save the Dates: **Registration is open.**

Friends of all ages will gather from throughout our yearly meeting for worship, Spirit-led discernment and sharing of our work and witness, fellowship, creativity, and community. Join us for the whole event, or just a day or two. Friends pay only for the cost of food and dorm housing, and financial aid is available so that anyone can attend.

*Information: [www.pym.org/annual-sessions](http://www.pym.org/annual-sessions) or [Tricia Coscia, sessions@pym.org](mailto:Tricia_Coscia@pym.org), 215 241-7238.*



### ***The Sixth Query on Equality***

How does our Meeting help to create and maintain a society whose institutions recognize and do away with the inequities rooted in patterns of prejudice and economic convenience?

Is our Meeting open to all regardless of race, ability, sexual orientation, or class?

What steps are we taking as a Meeting to assure that our Meeting and the committees and institutions under our care reflect our respect for all and are free from practices rooted in prejudice?

*Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried, including beliefs that seem to justify biases based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, class, and feelings of inferiority or superiority?*

*What am I doing to help overcome the contemporary effects of past and present oppression?*

*Am I teaching my children, and do I show through my way of living, that love of God includes affirming the equality of people, treating others with dignity and respect, and seeking to recognize and address that of God within every person?*



### ***News and Announcements***

#### ***Workshops and/or Short Courses at Pendle Hill***

*The Pendle Hill website now lists one day events, weekends and weeklong events. Please call Pendle Hill at (610) 566-4507 or (800) 742-3150, ext. 3, or visit [wk longww.pendlehill.org](http://wklongww.pendlehill.org). Matching scholarships are available; please call. For more information, please go to their website, [pendlehill.org](http://pendlehill.org), or call.*

#### ***Anthony Benezet Marker to be Dedicated on Saturday, June 4***

A historical marker describing Quaker reformer Anthony Benezet will be dedicated on Saturday, June 4, at 11 AM, at 325 Chestnut Street, in Philadelphia. The ceremony is likely to be held in the park across the street. Anthony Benezet was a key figure in organizing local, national, and international antislavery movements in the 1700s, and he was a pioneer in education for girls and blacks in the colonies. From 1753 until his death in 1784, he lived in a building that was located at what is now 325 Chestnut Street. The Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia (Arch Street) is sponsoring this dedication ceremony. Free and open to the public.

***Humor Corner:*** What do they call pastors in Germany? **A:** German shepherds.

*From the editor: Sorry Friends, I couldn't resist this one.*

#### ***Quote Corner: Silence***

A day of Silence

Can be a pilgrimage in itself.

A day of Silence

Can help you listen

To the Soul play

Its marvelous lute and drum.

Is not most talking

A crazed defense of a crumbling fort?

I thought we came here

To surrender in Silence,

To yield to Light and Happiness,

To Dance within In celebration of Love's victory!

*Shams-ud-din Muhammed Hafiz (c. 1320-1389) From I Heard God Laughing Trans.: Daniel Ladinsky*

The **submission deadline** for the July/August newsletter is **9:30 am on Friday, June 17.**

