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OAK PARK FRIENDS
NEWS
February 2013



Clear Creek House, McNabb, Illinois
Photo taken by Pam Timme

Oak Park Friends Meeting – Religious Society of Friends
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.oakparkfriends.org

Meeting for Worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Clerk – Helen Dickinson
Recording Clerk – Judy Erickson
Treasurer – Valerie Lester
Newsletter Editors – Pamela Timme and Bob Southworth
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Submission deadline – 25th day of the month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Zimmerman is recuperating from surgery at Manor Care Health Services in Hinsdale. Her sister said Carol would appreciate cards and phone calls. Here is the contact information:

ManorCare Health Services
600 W. Ogden Ave.
Hinsdale, IL 60521
630-325-9630

Third Sunday Sing-alongs - Join Friends every third Sunday of the month at OPAL at 9:40 am for fellowship through song

The Ministry and Care Committee want you to be aware that there is a suffering fund for those that need. Contact a committee member for details.

Patricia Marton is looking for help with the items listed below. Please contact her at pmarton61701@yahoo.com.

- a place to stay occasionally on Saturday nights so she can attend the meeting. If she decides to move to the Chicago area, she might be looking for a room to stay in for a longer period of time, but might be going home for weekends. If you have any information for her, please contact her at pmarton61701@yahoo.com.
- help editing pictures and text in a booklet (c. 56 pages back to back, 8 by 12) in publisher. There have been some formatting problems. Any suggestions would be appreciated.
- someone with sewing skills who could help her put together a wardrobe out of some really attractive material she has, i.e. dress, skirt, vest, blouse primarily, a little at a time.

Paz is available for hire for jobs such as stenciling, signwork, yardwork, tuckpointing, brickwork, stonework, interior and exterior painting, and other odd jobs. Please contact him at 773-844-2977 for more information.

OPFM welcomes donations for the needs of the meeting which include the meeting space, activities and charitable giving. Donations can be mailed to Oak Park Friends Meeting, PO Box 3245, Oak Park, IL 60303.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the meeting website at www.oakparkfriends.org for further information.

Sun. 2/3, 11:30 am – Adult Education speaker, Joan Pine. Topic: Welcoming New Friends.

Sun. 2/10, noon - A Celebration of the life of Philip Wagreich at Nineteenth Century Club, 178 Forest Ave, Oak Park. (see article below)

2/15-18 - FLGBTQC Annual Gathering, Bryn Mawr Mountain Retreat and Conference Center in the Poconos of Pennsylvania.

Sun, 2/24 - 3pm - Field trip to Les Miserables performance at OPRFHS, Meet in lobby at 2:45, Reserve tickets with Co-Clerk-OPFM@hotmail.com

Thurs, 2/28 - Among Friends submission deadline.

IN MEMORY OF PHILIP WAGREICH



The Meeting was saddened to learn of the death of Philip Wagreich, long a part of our Meeting community, on New Year's Day. He served on the Finance Committee for many years, and we will miss his friendly face and helping hands at the PADS dinners. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, Lorraine Owles, his son, Alexander, and the rest of his family.

Please click on link below for more information provided in Sun-Times obituary.

<http://tinyurl.com/Wagreich-obit>

Wagreich, Philip Age 71, cherished husband of Lorraine Owles; loving and devoted father of Heidi, Ian (Laura), Amy and Alexander; proud and adoring grandfather of Mercedes and Felicia Koch and Hayley and Isaac Wagreich; beloved brother of Larry (Bette); dear brother-in-law of Jerry (Kate) Miliszkiewicz and Madeleine McDonald; caring uncle, nephew, cousin, colleague and friend. Preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Beatrice Wagreich. Phil was professor emeritus at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a nationally prominent figure in mathematics and math education. A memorial celebration of his life will take place in the near future. Memorials to West Suburban PADS, Sarah's Inn, the Greater Chicago Food Depository or the Children's Clinic of Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society would be appreciated.

Published in Chicago Sun-Times on January 6, 2013

A memorial service will be held On February 10 at noon at the Nineteenth Century Club, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park.

Oak Park Art League – the Benefits of Membership

Submitted by Kelly Maynard

Dear Friends,

For many years the Oak Park Friends Meeting has been renting space at the Oak Park Art League. This has been a wonderful arrangement for us many reasons. One is that it frees us from the cost and worry of maintaining a building on our own. Another is that it allows us to support another group in Oak Park thus strengthening our ties to the local community. Finally, it allows us to be easily found by newcomers. Also, I am sure most, if not all, of us have been inspired at times by the changing artwork around us.

At our January Business Meeting we discussed these many advantages when we learned that OPAL is experiencing financial difficulties this year. We decided we would like to encourage Friends to consider giving some financial support to OPAL by becoming members of the Oak Park Art League. A one year individual membership is only \$35. Material benefits that accompany the membership include discounts on their art classes. See their webpage for more information: <http://opal-art.com/>

EAGLE WATCH

Bob Cordova, Helen Dickinson and Valerie Lester travelled to Starved Rock State Park for the second annual Eagle Watch last weekend. Eagles are known to gather by the Illinois River dam to fish when smaller waterways freeze over in the winter. Bob, Helen and Valerie were rewarded with the sight of several of these magnificent birds. Afterwards, they stayed overnight at Clear Creek House, which is part of the Illinois Yearly Meeting property at McNabb Illinois (see picture on first page of the newsletter.)

If you would like to read a lovely spiritual poem with an eagle theme, you might want to click on the website below, to read, "Eagle Poem," by Joy Harjo. (I am not printing the poem in the newsletter due to copyright considerations.)

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/175881>

BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Please see the meeting website at www.oakparkfriends.org for further information, including reports from individual committees.

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Adult Religious Education Committee. Judy Erickson led a session on 1/6 called "Peace Work: Rebuilding a Wounded World Together" (based on the article entitled Frozen in Time: Escaping the Victim-Abuser-Rescuer Triangle by Laura Shipler Chico). February & March will be on welcoming attenders (to be led by Joan Pine) and on stewardship of the Meeting's resources.

Naming Committee. Cossy Ksander has agreed to be on the Nominating Committee. Bob Southworth & John Muhlenberg have agreed to stay on the Nominating Committee.

QUERY QUOTATIONS

Rooted in the history of Friends, queries reflect the Quaker way of life, reminding Friends of the ideals we seek to attain. We approach queries as a guide, using them not as an outward set of rules, but as a framework within which we assess our convictions and examine prayerfully the direction of our lives and the life of the community. Here are a few selections from Faith and Practice, published in 1997 by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends:

Meeting for Business

Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of a meeting for worship in which we seek divine guidance?

Are we careful to keep in the spirit of worship each of the concerns that emerge, whether of nurture, of Spirit, of social concerns, of property, or of finance?

Are Meeting decisions directed by prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and are difficult problems considered carefully with patient search for truth, unhurried by the pressures of time?

How do we respond if we notice the meeting has lost an understanding of the presence of God?

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

Do I regularly attend meeting for business and in a spirit of love and unity? If unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?

Do I consider prayerfully the many concerns that are lifted up on any issue, acknowledging that the search for truth in unity involves what God requires, being open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?

AND IN CONCLUSION...

Sing praises to the Lord,
O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

~ The New Oxford Annotated Bible, New Revised Standard Version