



# WESTERN WORK



## Exercise Goodness

By John Connell  
Mooreville Friends Meeting

### Calendar of Events

- June 1—Brd of Finance, 10 am, Kelly Room
- 2—Orange Co. Fellowship of Frds, Beech Grove, 6 pm
- 4—FAH, 7 pm
- 5-8—Intern Retreat with Pat Byers
- 5-9—FUM Board Mtg, Jamaica
- 11—Property Trustees, 9:30 am
- 15—Executive Committee, Kelly Rm, 9:30am
- 19-23—ILYM, McNabe, IL
- 25—PME Sustainability, WYM Office, 9am
- 27—Office Advisory Com., 2-4 pm
- July 4-7—USFWI/QMI Triennial, Radisson Hotel
- 18-21—Western Yearly Mtg Sessions
- 16-18—"Marketing" Conference, ESR

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The 18<sup>th</sup> century Quaker John Woolman wrote in his journal: "God hath placed a principle in the human mind which incites to exercise goodness toward every living creature; and this being singly attended to, people become tender-hearted and sympathizing, but being frequently and totally rejected, the mind shuts itself up in a contrary disposition."

Notice here that Woolman doesn't leave any room for us to remain static in our spiritual development. He is saying that either we will heed the "inner light" of Christ and thus become more tender-hearted to our fellow human beings, or else we will not heed it, and thus grow more hard-hearted.

This speaks to the intentionality of our attitude,

and not just that of our conscious decisions. In other words, if we allow our minds to be consumed with thoughts regarding self, then we will become selfish. However if we intentionally set aside time to consider others, and consider what ways that we can choose to speak, or act out "good" in the lives of others, then we will become more disposed to considering others in the future.

There is no standing still on neutral ground Woolman says, we must choose which way we wish to move. And this doesn't just apply to our outreach efforts either. This applies equally, and perhaps even more so, to how we treat each other in our meetings. When we conduct our meetings for business, do we fail to be

sensitive to the positions of those friends with which we disagree? Are we too quick to attribute negative motives to them just because we don't happen to like their position? Might we not conduct our meetings in a more loving way by first recognizing that each one of us simply wishes to do what is best for the meeting?

Let us consider, both individually and corporately, how we may lay aside our own agendas, and take time to consider how we may contribute to the good of someone else. And let us also be more willing to listen to one another, "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15), so that we may be united in the light of Christ, and united in our attempts to help share our understanding of that light with a broken world.

## Monthly Meeting News



Doug Newnum, pastor, **Rush Creek Friends Church**, leads the service. The day was Pentecost Sunday, so the scripture came from Acts 2:1-4, where the Spirit of God rests on the disciples as tongues of fire. He started a series of sermons on "Fire: "F—faith, I—intimacy, R—rejoice with those around us, E—eliminate sin

**Chicago Friends School.** After much discerning and planning, **Chicago Friends Meeting** has opened a Friends School. Chicago Friends School is a coeducational elementary school in the Edgewater neighborhood. It offers kindergarten through second grade for the 2013-2014 school year, expanding one grade per year to grade eight. *Chicago Friends School* is guided by Quaker principles of peace, equality, simplicity, integrity, community, and service. It welcomes

Quaker and non-Quaker children. It provides an environment that meets children's intellectual, social and emotional needs, nurtures relationships, and that fosters a sense of belonging, social awareness, and personal responsibility.

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**Youth & Family Minister. Indianapolis First Friends** announces the call of a Youth and Family Ministry Director.—Beth Henricks. Since last October, the Meeting has taken time to

prayerfully consider the past, present, and future needs of Christian Education at First Friends Meeting. The position changed from a youth focus to one

of family ministry. We wish God's blessings on First Friends and Beth in this ministry.

### In-House Retreat.

#### **Hadley Friends Meeting,**

Coatesville, held an "in-house" retreat on Sunday, April 28 on the theme, "*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God.*" Adults were led by Dale and Sylvia Graves and children were led by Tina Murphy.

The event took place during the regular Sunday School and Worship hours and included an after-church fellowship dinner. Following the meal, a closing session was held.

Reaction from the congregation was very positive.

If your meeting members are very busy with work, school and other duties, this is a good way to have a "retreat-style" program without needing to leave the area and schedule special days. Since most of your attendees will be in Sunday meeting, it is good stewardship of time and talent.

(submitted by Chris Wynn. Chris would be glad to talk with you (wcb). For contact info, see WYM Minute Book.)

Beginning May 29, **Plainfield Friends** are hosting the **Plainfield Chamber of Commerce Farmers' Market** again this year. The Market operates every Wednesday from 4-7 pm, through October 2. To reserve a space, please contact the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce or Bill Clendineng. If you want to buy, watch for the banner over Highway 40.

Plainfield Friends Meeting invites you to a **giant yard sale** on Saturday, June 1. Spaces are provided on the lawn for people to sell their collectibles, crafts, and cast-offs. Plainfield Friends will serve lunch in the church basement, and will set up a booth with bake sale items. The money raised goes to local and global missions.



**Earl Smith** from **Chicago Friends Meeting** is retiring to Barnesville, OH Walton Retirement Home. Earl has been active in his monthly meeting, Northwest Area, WYM, ILYM, IL Conf. of Churches, and numerous Quaker organizations. We will miss him in Western YM. However, it is suspected that we will see him visiting us from time to time, and that he will not be found in many rocking chairs.

From **Indianapolis First Friends**: **Sarah Edgerton** will be recognized as one of Manchester University's 2013 Distinguished Honor Award recipients. Sara is the Co-Founder of Community Cancer Care, a pioneer in providing community based cancer services in IN, and a member of the Manchester University Board of Trustees.



Wanda in Chicago visiting the Jack Dempsey Cow.

**Chicagoland Gathering of Friends** met April 20 with the theme "Dancing on the Edge of Time, Maturing in the Spirit." The speaker addressed the question: What does it mean to be old? We don't want old people to get

young. So what can we hope for? A sociologist, Yang Yang, said that happiness increases with every 10 yrs of life. Why is this? 1) decrease in stress, more acceptance of problems; 2) we make every day count; 3) we

know how to have gratitude; 4) we make more of the moment, have the ability to regulate our emotions, and don't worry about pleasing others.

One of the books mentioned was *What are Old People For*, by Bill Thomas.



## Passages

It is with sorrow that we list the persons who have passed away recently.

**Frances Kinsey**, former pastor in Wilmington, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings, passed away after a long illness on May 14. Recently, Frances retired from Ministry at Hortonville Friends Meeting. She was active on yearly meeting committees and as head usher.

**Jeanette McKee**, daughter of the late **Blain and Ardith Sands**, died the second full week in May. Her funeral was Sunday, May 19. Blain and Ardith were pastors in Western Yearly Meeting for several years.

**Marilynn Bell's daughter, Diane Bell Siewert**, age 52, passed away unexpectedly Monday (May 20). Diane's family includes husband, Mark, and daughters, Shanna and Tanis. Diane's home was in Buchanan, Michigan.

**Rev. Howard Baach Yow**, 100, of Greensboro, NC went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Howard and Lalah served the Society of Friends for 47 years at NC Quaker churches. Additionally he served in Noblesville, IN and 5 years a Education Administrator of the Friends School in Kenya,



West Africa. Published in the Greensboro, NC *News Record* on May 23, 2013

Arthur Larabee, Field Secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting led a workshop on Clerking at Quaker Hill, sponsored by No. Am. Ministries of FUM.



## Youth News

The Sundesmos Task Force is still seeking a few more Meetings that will be willing to support Interns this year. This involves prayer support, sending cards, care packages, electronic correspondence, and having the Intern come one time during the year to report how they are doing. If your Meeting would be interested, please contact Pat

Byers or Della Stanley-Green. Our Interns this year are: Sarah Medlin (Noblesville), Taylor Carpenter (Carmel) and Andrew Heald (Plainfield).



Lyon Girls helping with the 1st Sap Run at Quaker Haven.



Youth Cabinet at Coloma

Please sign your kids up for camp at **Quaker Haven Camp** and for **Yearly Meeting Sessions**. Both will have excellent and challenging programs.

## Come to Camp!

June 9-14 – Jr. High Camp

June 14-16 – Beginner Camp

June 16-21 – Sr. High Camp I



June 23-28 – Adventure Camp

July 7-12 – Sr. High Camp II

July 21-24 – Little Friends Camp

Come along, the fishing is fine.

Bring a pole and some worms for a real good time!

**Father and Son Fishing**, May 31-June 1, Quaker Haven Camp, 574-834-4193; [info@quakerhaven.com](mailto:info@quakerhaven.com)



Matt Hamm and friends at Youth concert at Carmel Friends

## Yearly Meeting News

### Devotions and Worship at WYM Sessions

In the quiet of the morning, at 8:15am, Friends can meet for un-programmed worship in the "Earth Room" at the top of the foyer stairs in Plainfield Meetinghouse.

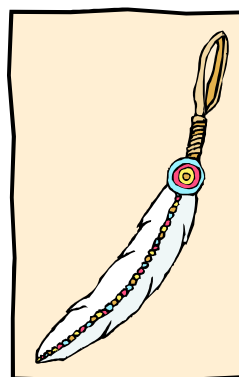
The **Indian Table** has been at Yearly Meeting for many years and will be present again this year. Please make plans to contribute something: a hand-made item, baked goods, garden produce, etc. And be sure to check out all the items that have been donated for sale. This year two

### Outreach Board Update

The 2013 WYM Special Project is for support for FUM Field Staff. As of 4/30/2012, a total of \$1772.06 has been raised. This is 14.7% of the \$12000 goal. Please continue to support this project by

dolls have been donated by Phyllis Paulsen to be sold. One is an Indian doll with a lot of beadwork and the other is a handmade Belizean doll. These are of collector quality. Phyllis had purchased the Indian doll several years ago at the Indian Table. You will want to check these out.

sending checks to the **WYM Benevolence Treasurer** to the yearly meeting office. Be sure and make a notation on the check for 2013 Special Project.



### Speakers Available

With the USFW/QMI Triennial this summer in Indianapolis, **there will be field staff available** to meet with your church or group. We recommend you consider giving them a minimum of \$50 for traveling expenses.

## Yearly Meeting News , continued

Many of you have been contributing the **cancelled stamps, box tops for education, soup labels, pop tabs and used pill bottles** and have blessed other organizations with funds because of it. As you have noticed, pop tabs now come on cans other than pop. Those can also be recycled. It takes 1,000 tabs to make a pound and a pound brings approximately 80 cents per pound. The Ronald McDonald House in

Indianapolis has received as much as \$80,000 in a year for the pop tabs that were donated. The funds help pay expenses for running the House for the parents of sick, hospitalized children. Families are asked to pay \$15 per night while staying there, but many are not able to afford that. No family is turned down and may stay as long as their child is in the hospital. By col-

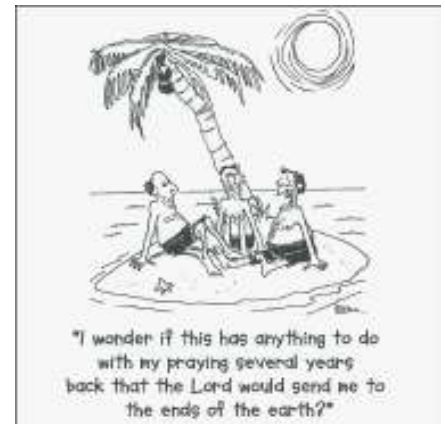
lecting pop tabs, you are helping a family be close to their child during a difficult time in their life.

**WYM Board on Christian Outreach** reminds you that we have an ongoing collection of **pop tabs for Riley Hospital, canceled stamps for Right Sharing of World Resources, Campbell's soup**

**labels and Box Tops for Education for Choctaw Friends Center, and we are recycling medicine bottles.** (Please note that the Campbell's soup labels need to include the front label and UPC part. You can trim off the rest of the label.)



Earl Carpenter spreading the "real" dirt about (around) the YM grounds.



## Friends Around the World

**Quaker Scout?!** Absolutely. Friends Committee on Scouting finds that Quakers have many things in common with Scout organizations, despite some points of disagreement. Our faith directs our activities and the awards are indicative of this.

There are three awards

for American Scouts: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders may earn the "That of God" award. 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru age 21 may earn the "Spirit of Truth" award. Adults may be awarded the "Friends" award on individual nomination. For more info, go to [quakerscouting.org](http://quakerscouting.org) or talk with Luann Hagee (Mooresville Frds) or

Ruth and David Hadley (Plainfield Friends).



### Double Your Gift, Double Your Fun!

For a short time, you can double your gift and your impact on

Friends United Meeting work around the world—East Africa, Belize, Jamaica, Palestine, Cuba, and here in the US. Matching gifts have been received for \$45,000 for FUM's general fund. All gifts received by June 30 will be matched. For more info and contact information, see flyer attached.

## USFWI/QMI Triennial

As you know, Western Yearly Meeting is hosting the United Society of Friends Women International/Quaker Men International Triennial on July 4th-7th at the Radisson Hotel at the airport. **The registration deadline of June 3rd is fast approaching.** After that date there will be a higher registration fee and a higher hotel room rate. We would like for you to seriously consider taking part in this wonderful international Quaker experience. There will be interesting workshops, panel discussions, evening speakers, and tours that you won't want to miss.

During your experience you will get to meet field staff, learn about our mission work around the world, and meet some new (f) Friends. And, don't forget about the craft sale. The Kenyans will have their beautiful jewelry, baskets,

and clothing to sell. If your meeting is selling a cookbook or other items you can sell those at the craft sale as well. (Let Dinah Geiger know if you plan to do this so we will have enough table space.)

If you can't come and stay the entire time at the hotel, you might consider attending each day or even just coming for a day and enjoying the fellowship and programs. Friday you can choose a tour to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (hopefully including a bus ride around the track), Conner Prairie, or a Local Quaker History Tour. Sat. are the workshops and the banquet that night. Sunday morning Sylvia Graves will be our worship leader. For more information please refer to the scratch copy of the program that WYM office

sent out.

Currently our registration numbers are lower than normal. There are now 140 registrations with only 30 from WYM. Most of these are the WYM Host Committee. Over 100 Kenyans hope to attend, but their visas won't be approved until the middle of June. We really hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in this wonderful experience and help us welcome these Friends to our state. If you have any questions, please contact Dinah Geiger at 317-752-5306 or [dinageiger@att.net](mailto:dinageiger@att.net).

Thanks so much!  
WYM Host Committee Clerks,  
Dinah Geiger, Susan Felix,  
and Pam Sims



**Gladys Kang'ahi**, outgoing USFWI Christian Service Sec. and **Dorothy Selebwa**, President of USFWK (Kenya) will be in Indiana before and after the USFWI/QMI triennial in July. They would like to meet with USFW groups, Friends meetings, or just visit with any of you who would like to host them. Their home base will be with Dinah Geiger (317-752-5306). Please let Dinah know if you would like for them to speak at your meeting or if you would like to host them for a night or 2.

**Sam Barber** from **Belize Friends School** will also be in WYM the week of Yearly Meeting, July 16-21. Anyone wishing to host Sam, please contact Wanda Coffin Baker at the YM office.

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**Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you.”**

**2 Tim. 1:6 (NIV)**

**Western Yearly Meeting**

**July 18-21, 2013**

***WYM Sessions***  
***Schedule***

***Thursday, July 18***

8:15am: Unprogrammed  
Worship

9:00: Minutes, Roll Call,  
Minutes, Reports,  
Executive Committee

10:45: Devotions, followed by  
small groups

1pm: Memorial

2-4 Board and Committee re  
ports and business

7:00: Music

7:30: Quaker Lecture with John  
Carter

15 min. after close of lecture:  
Fellowship/Jam sessions

***Friday, July 19***

8:15am: Unprogrammed worship

9:00: Statistical and Financial reports  
and business

1pm-4: Affiliate reports and business

7:00: Multi-Generational Service

15 min. after close of service:  
Fellowship/Jam sessions

***Saturday, July 20***

8:15am: Unprogrammed worship

8:45-9:45: Devotions and large group  
discussion

10:00-10:45: Affiliate Workshops

11:00-11:45: Affiliate Workshops

1:00pm-2:25: Workshops

2:35-4: Repeat Workshops

5:00: USFW Tea/Quaker Men  
Banquet

7:00 Music for Worship

7:30: Missions Service with Judith  
Ngoya, Office of African  
Missions

***Sunday, July 21***

8:15am: Unprogrammed Worship

9:30: Concert of Gifts and Talents

10:30: Meeting for Worship with  
Jan Wood

12 noon: Lunch by Youth Cabinet  
(Any unfinished business will be  
considered after lunch.)

Schedules with more specific details  
will be in your packet and at the  
registration table.

**Online Registration is available  
at [westernym.net](http://westernym.net). Paper regis-  
tration forms are attached to this  
newsletter. Registration & meal  
fees can be sent to the WYM  
office or paid at the registration  
table.**