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Quaker Men's Banquet - February 24th

Whether you are a St. Louis Cardinals fan or not, mark Saturday, February 24th, on your calendar! Everyone is invited to the Yearly Meeting's annual banquet to be held again this year at Vennard College. It will be at noon in the college cafeteria. The speaker and musician will be Kent Bottenfield. The cost is \$10 if you call in your reservations by Feb. 17. Youth ages 5 to 10 will be \$5. After Feb. 17 the cost goes up to \$12. Call Sam Barber at 641-672-1450 or College Ave. Friends Church at 641-673-8357.

For those non-Cardinal fans, Kent Bottenfield pitched for the Redbirds in the late 90's and was in the 1999 All Star game. He spent 16 years in professional ball. Often Kent would take his keyboard on the road and serenade team mates with his songs. He had to retire in 2001 after a career ending rotator cuff (shoulder) injury. Now he is giving his life to sharing the hope he has found in Jesus Christ. His CDs will be available for purchase at the banquet. He is married to his wife, Pamela, and has three children.

As part of the banquet, Iowa Friends Disaster Service will have a silent auction of bake and craft goods before and after the event. Plan to have your items at the cafeteria by 11:30 that day. Pray for good weather and make sure everyone knows about this event which is open to all ages and all our neighbors! Spread the word!

Kent Bottenfield

**Former St. Louis Cardinals
All-Star Pitcher**

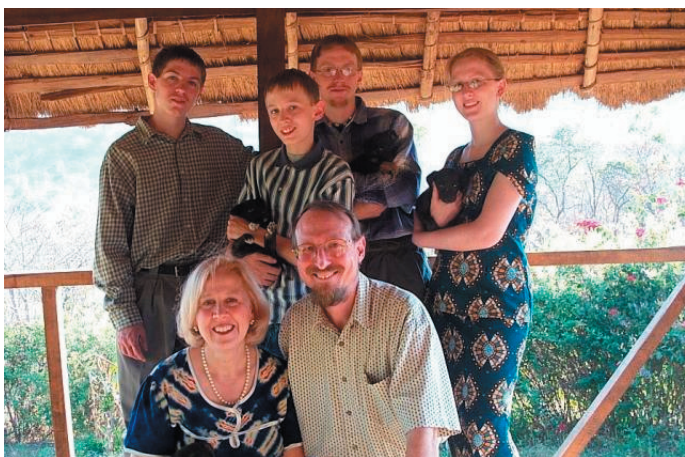


**Will be speaking and singing
Vennard College, University Park, IA
February 24, noon banquet**

**Tickets \$10 reserved before Feb. 17
\$12 after Feb. 17**

For reservations call 641-672-1450 or 641-673-8357

Sponsored by the Quaker Men of Iowa



Dr. Bob Carter to Visit Iowa in March

Dr. Bob and Hope Carter are Friends involved in missionary work in Africa for over 20 years. They began their missionary work serving FUM at Friends Lugulu Hospital in Kenya from 1985 to 1991 with a vision of utilizing health ministry as a vehicle to demonstrate in practical ways the grace and love of Jesus Christ so that others might also come to know Him and the blessings of His kingdom. Their experiences at Lugulu plus subsequent additional experiences have only served to further strengthen that vision, which has expanded to include the conviction of the transformational power of the gospel in the lives of not just individuals but also of communities and cultures. Bob will be available to speak within Iowa Yearly Meeting during the first three weeks of March.

A graduate of Earlham College, Bob is the son of retired Friends pastor Wayne Carter, who also served FUM in the past as both Presiding Clerk and later interim General Secretary. Bob is a family practice physician with a master's degree in public health, while Hope is a physician's assistant with a master's degree in community health education. Together, they both studied tropical medicine at Tulane University and completed a certificate program in Biblical Studies from Moody Bible Institute.

They are now looking forward to tackling a new assignment but in familiar territory. In August they will move to Nairobi to coordinate SIM Kenya's new "HOPE for AIDS" program. "HOPE" stands for Home-based care, Orphans and vulnerable children, Prevention, and Equipping the Church. While in Nairobi the Carters are looking forward to interacting with Kenyan Friends.

If your meeting, Quaker Men's group or USFW is interested in having Bob share their vision and ministry with you, you can contact him or Hope by phone at home (317-839-2284), by cell phone (317-225-0874) or by e-mail (bob.carter@sim.org). Or you can write him at: 1420 Miami Ct. S., Plainfield, IN 46168. His time in Iowa is limited, so you may also want to consider combined meetings or midweek meetings.

Iowa Yearly Meeting's Missions Emphasis Friends Theological College Kaimosi, Kenya

FTC is an undergraduate college that trains Friends' ministers for leadership in East Africa. It is a ministry of Friends United Meeting. Patrick Nugent serves there as principal, and his wife Mary Kay Rehard teaches on the faculty and helps with administration, planning, and communications. Their daughters, Emma (15) and Eliza (12) are in school in Kenya. Patrick and Mary Kay have served at FTC since January, 2003.

Please pray for us as we continue the work of educating spiritual leadership for Friends in East Africa. The new meeting-house is very nearly completed—just a few finishing touches remain—and we look forward to a very joyous dedication service on Sunday morning, February 11, 2007. The members of the General Board, from the US and East Africa, who are meeting in Kakamega, Kenya, the preceding week, will be present. We are also delighted that our new academic dean, Angeline Savala, has begun serving on our staff and is making crucial contributions toward better organization and curriculum management.

Several faculty members are continuing to pursue their master's degrees, a requirement for upgrading to a degree program. Please keep them in your prayers.

Finally, we are in the planning stages for introducing the first phase of our bachelor's degree program—a two-year degree completion program for those who already have their Diploma of Theology. This will mark a major milestone in the life of FTC. Please continue to pray for us as we design and implement new programs for pastoral training, and please continue to pray for our family.

After a year of hard work, good friendships, but plenty of frustration, Mary Kay has concluded that her medical school experiment should be deferred for the moment, partly because of our ministry finances—her tuition has been well-supported, but our children's tuition is in serious deficit, and our account is still in a weak position, even after Patrick's 5-month deputation. We are immensely grateful to our long-time supporters as well as our new friends, and we remember you daily in our work and prayers. We are your eyes, ears, and hands here in Kenya, doing the work for which you have commissioned us. May God bless you richly.



MEETING MOMENTS & VITAL SIGNS

Bloomington-Muscatine Friends shares the story of the Prayer Jar...

"Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

Who are they? When did they stop coming? One by one people have stopped attending. Where did they go? Why did they leave? We at Bloomington-Muscatine Friends have been trying to find a way to bring back people who have disappeared from our meeting.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

In November we put a prayer (cookie) jar at the front of the sanctuary along with paper and a pencil, and 3 simple instructions; 1) write the names of people who either don't know Jesus or who have fallen away from their relationship to Him on a piece of paper and drop it in the jar, 2) nobody looks at the names in the jar, if you put in a name you are the only one who knows that name is in there, and 3) we all pray for the "people in the jar" in our personal prayer life and also as a church every time we have a meeting or church service.

We all have family and friends that because of where they live can't come to our church, and our job as Christians isn't to bring people to our church, it is to bring people to Jesus. So therefore, we pray that God will bring them to Him wherever they are. We don't know if God will someday make us a big church or keep us a small church who does big things, but either way we are grateful for the work He calls us to do.

The jar was only supposed to be until Christmas, but it has been suggested that because it is working, to continue the project. Many people have seen God at work in the lives of the people they have put into the jar and this is causing a lot of excitement for the people putting the names in.

On the last Sunday morning service on 2006 we had 10 people from 4 different families in our church that haven't been here, some for many years and some for only a few years, and some never. But they were in the jar and now they are here, and we are thankful for God's answers to our prayers.

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer..." 1 Peter 3:12

From College Avenue Friends

Our meeting is sending nine people to Jamaica this summer with Christian Service International, July 7-16. They will help with Bible School and music/evangelism and some with construction. There are still a few spots left if you know of anyone who would like to go. Also, pray for our team that they could raise the necessary funds. It is quite a step of faith to send that many! Pray for their preparation and their ministry.

Fairfield Friends had a mortgage burning service on January 14, 2007. It was a service giving thanks to God for providing and to the people for being faithful to serve and give. The loan was taken out to build a gym and new kitchen back on January 24, 2003 for \$100,000.00. It was original set to be paid off by January 24, 2008. Through making double payments every month and several months make lump sum payments in addition to that we were able to make the last payment in December 2006. The new addition has allowed us to expand many of our ministries but most notable our youth and children's ministry.

EVA WEITZELL, 86, of LeGrand, died January 16, 2007 while at Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (her home since 1999) and under the care of Iowa River Hospice. Services were held January 23 at Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown. She was a former member of Strand Lutheran Church in Dunbar as well as their Ladies Aid, a member of LeGrand Friends Church, and also part of LeGrand Senior Citizens. Eva is survived by her three children, Denny Weitzell, Janette Ostroski, and Jolene Drury, 20 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and a brother.

From Camp Quaker Heights:

By now, each church should have received a packet from the Camp Office with registrations for an upcoming women's retreat as well as "I Love CQH" information. Call 641-939-5977 or email campqhi@adiis.net if you need additional materials.

Please schedule the date your church/meeting will gather an "I Love CQH" offering, and consider hosting the CQH staff for an opportunity to learn more about the ministry opportunities at Camp Quaker Heights, as well as enjoy an opportunity to share a worship experience.

Linda Garrison, CQH Director, will be out of the office Feb. 25-March 14 for the FUM Work Team trip to Cuba.

2007 Blizzard Blast
Sponsored by the Young Friends
Board
of Iowa Yearly Meeting
For Middle School/Jr. High Youth
February 23-24

Activities included: Worship, swimming, volleyball, basketball, movie room, board games, snacks, pizza party

Worship and registration will be at Marshalltown First Friends, 2409 South Sixth St., at 9 pm Friday evening. From there the youth go to the Marshalltown YMCA for a lock-in and activities (listed above).

Breakfast will be served at Marshalltown First Friends Saturday morning (optional - please RSVP)

For more information call the church at 641-753-7367 or email iaym@mahaska.org to receive a copy of the registration form.



WANTED:

Iowa Yearly Meeting Christian Ed is looking for a volunteer to lead Children's Yearly Meeting in August of 2007. Successful candidate must be willing to lead and worship with youth (K - 5), have fun, get dirty and play carpet ball!

If you think you might be interested, please contact Nina Easley at easley71@msn.com or by calling (515) 758-2067.

Camp Dates 2007

Iowa Yearly Meeting
Youth Ministries

Camp	Grades	Dates
Little Fry	K-2	June 1-3
Fry Camp	3-4	June 8-10
Fox Camp	5-6	June 29-July 1
Jr. High Weekender	7-8	June 15-17
Jr. High Camp	7-8	June 17-22
High School Weekender	9-12	June 22-24
High School Camp	9-12	June 24-29

More information will be coming soon to your church!!

Christian Education Training Workshop

Plan now to attend one of the two workshops being offered by IaYM CE. Both will cover the same topics so choose the date and location that works best for you.

Feb. 10 – Oskaloosa Friends Church
March 17 – Marshalltown Friends Church
9:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Topics: "You are a gift" based on Eph. 4:8,10-12; Adult Ministries, Children's Ministries, Behavior Management and Round Table Discussions. Please bring examples of adult and children's curriculum that you use in your church to share with others.

Registration Fee: \$5.00/ person includes lunch

To Register: Contact Charlotte Stangeland at 641-676-1532, kindra@mahaska.org or 414 N. 2nd St., Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

CQH



Women's Retreat

Join us at Quaker Heights for a short weekend of encouragement designed to help you get better acquainted with God, with other ladies, and with yourself. (Please note: This is NOT a USFW event; invitations and information are going out far and wide.)

Who: Any woman or girl interested in a low-key, upbeat time of fellowship and friendship

What to bring: Toiletries, *sheets, *towels, wrapped white elephant gift (the more bizarre and tacky, the better!), a snack to share Friday evening

When: March 23-24 Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.; supper at 6:30 p.m.

Where : Camp Quaker Heights

How much will it cost? (Prices are per participant)

\$25 - no overnight accommodations

\$30 - cabin (cabin and central bathhouse are heated)

\$42.50 *Tall Oaks with 3 roommates

\$45.00 *Tall Oaks with 2 roommates

\$47.50 *Tall Oaks with 1 roommate

\$60.00 *Tall Oaks Single Occupancy

*Sheets and towels provided in Tall Oaks

Each Tall Oaks room has a bunk bed with an upper and lower single bed, as well as a queenbed.

Rooms available on a first come, first served basis.

Mail registrations and fees to:

Camp Quaker Heights

22605 V. Ave.

Eldora, IA 50627

Make checks payable to Camp Quaker Heights

**Questions? 641-939-5977 or email Linda
lindakgar@yahoo.com**

USFW Spring Fling “A Child- Like Faith”

April 14th at Bangor-Liberty Friends

“Get all excited, go tell everybody”...Yes, that Jesus Christ is King, but also that they need to plan to attend the Spring Fling!! I am very excited about our guest speaker this year - Mary Porter and Suzi Q!! If you haven't seen or heard them, Suzi Q is a “huggable, loveable puppet who wins the hearts of children and adults alike with her quick wit and bubbly personality.” She is accompanied by gospel ventriloquist, Mary Porter, who is married to Pastor Dean Porter of the Stuart Friends Church.

Mary and Suzi Q have appeared at many places: The Iowa State Fair, Iowa's 150th Year Celebration, Senior citizens' activities, schools, libraries, camps, town celebrations, Lion's International Club Meetings, National and International Church conventions, International Missions Conferences, and a variety of church functions throughout the Midwest (approximately 300 programs a year), Canada, and Hawaii and recently in Greece! Now, I could get excited about going to Hawaii and Greece and I imagine you could too!

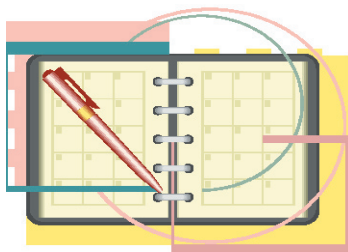
In her press release, Mary tells us that she learned Ventriloquism 33 years ago from a record album. Suzi Q was made by Mary, 25 years ago on Valentine's Day - and she is still a Sweetheart!

Scripture tells us that we are to have a “child-like” faith, but when problems come our way, we often forget this and try to be “adult” about them when perhaps the best answer would be to put our trust fully in God just as our children put their trust in us. When I heard the theme of our Spring Fling, Suzi Q and Mary immediately came to mind. So, I hope you will “Get all excited”, tell all your friends, bring them along, and join us in Bangor Liberty on April 14th!!!

Spring Fling Committee:

Ethel Watson Dorothy Taylor Karen Dorrell





Mark Your Calendar

Spring Body of Representatives

March 31st

9 am - 3 pm

hosted by LeGrand Friends

Lunch to be served by the church

“The Kingdom of God is at Hand”

Yearly Meeting 2007 is set for

August 1-4

at Camp Quaker Heights

LINDI FRIENDS SCHOOL Mission's Update

Praise the Lord! The churches of IAYM raised \$4,238.94 for the Lindi Friends School in Nairobi, Kenya. Many churches took up White offerings or Thanksgiving offerings for this project. As the body of Christ, we truly worked together and accomplished much more. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping to provide needed supplies and furniture for the school!

God Bless You!

Diane Martin

IAYM Mission's Board

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