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## Levels of Support:

- **PATRON LEVEL (\$75)**  
Join us for our gala membership dinner on Saturday, September 12, 2015 and receive a Friends of Burlington Meeting House "Friendly Mug" for your morning coffee.
- **CONTRIBUTOR LEVEL (\$200)**  
Join us for our gala membership dinner on Saturday, September 12, and also receive an autographed, hardback copy of *William and Sarah Biddle, 1633-1711: Planting a Seed of Democracy in America* written by Moorestown author Dr. C. Miller Biddle.
- **SUSTAINING LEVEL (\$500)** Join us for our gala membership dinner on Saturday, September 12, 2015 followed by a sunset champagne cruise of the Delaware River on board the A.J. Meerwald at 7:00 p.m. The cruise will be followed by a guest speaker Bill Moore, coffee, dessert and tours of the facility at the Meeting House. (See brochure included in this mailing.)

Members at ANY level of giving are asked to join us on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at our location at 340 High Street, Burlington, NJ for our membership gala dinner. This dinner is our way of saying "THANK YOU" to our Friends of Burlington Meeting House.

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## YOU'RE INVITED

Dear Friend, friend and community supporter of historic Burlington City, NJ...Please join us in this unique opportunity to become a "Friend of Burlington Quaker Meeting House"



## WHY JOIN US?

Why Burlington Meeting House? Please take a moment to read our history and become updated on all that our facility continues to contribute to our historic community today.

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### History of Burlington Meeting House

Friends came from England on the ship KENT and up the Delaware River to the present site of Burlington in 1677. They held their first meeting according to their manner of worship, under sail taken from the ship which had brought them safely to the new world.

Burlington Monthly Meeting was established in 1678.

### History Cont.d

When homes were built at Burlington, Friends met for worship in them until a meetinghouse could be erected. This was started in 1683, hexagonal in design and constructed of brick, by Francis Collins, who was also building the courthouse. The Meeting House was not ready for use until 1687. The hexagonal meetinghouse was the only place in Burlington for public worship for nearly twenty years. With the years the membership increased until it was necessary to provide a larger house and the present one was built in front of the site of the hexagonal house in 1783.

The seating capacity of the Meeting House was 500 persons or more. The house was divided by partitions of paneled cedar on ropes and pulleys, capable of being raised and lowered, used formerly for separate sessions for men and women. When raised these shutters allowed open meetings for worship; during business meetings the shutters were lowered.

Behind the Meeting House, under the old Sycamore tree, is a boulder with a commemorative tablet bearing the inscription -"Near this spot lies the body of Indian Chief Ockanlckon. Friend of the White Man, whose last words were 'Be Plain and Fair to all both Indian and Christian, as I have been'. 1681."

Farther back are headstones with names of notable Quaker leaders: Stephen Grellet, Frenchman and Quaker apostle; Joseph W. Taylor founder of Bryn Mawr College for women; John Griscom, gifted scholar and teacher; Isaac Collins. Printer to the King; Nathaniel Coleman, colonial silversmith; Samuel R. and John Gummere, educators; James Kinsey, Chief Justice of New Jersey; Eliza Paul Gurney, Quaker minister; Margaret Hill Morris, journalist; and others. The oldest dated marker appears to be "D.B. 1726.

### The Meeting House and Conference Center today...

The Burlington Quaker Meeting House and Center for Conference is a focal point of community events, spiritual growth, and educational experiences for young and old alike.

- 19,000-square-foot gathering place in an enviable location for tourism and for hosting conferences, corporate meetings, workshops, weddings, reunions, retreats, school events and day or evening overnight events.
- Easy commuting distance to Philadelphia and New York City by car or public transportation as well as the New Jersey Pine Barrens, Wharton State Forest, and New Jersey shore points.
- Entire facility is fully ADA handicapped