

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

October 2016



Atlanta Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers)
All are welcome

Meet the Fellows: Year Five of QVS Begins *Submitted by Liz Nicholson*

It feels like just yesterday that Atlanta Friends Meeting welcomed the first-ever group of QVS Fellows into the AFM community- that was four years ago this month, and we are incredibly excited to welcome our FIFTH class of QVS Fellows to Atlanta! AFM will always be the first Friends Meeting to support QVS Fellows as well as nurture the creation of the program. Let us continue to be an example of Quaker hospitality and support in the years to come for these incredible young folks who are dedicating a year of their life to service and community in the Quaker way.

Incoming ATLANTA QVS FELLOWS:

Athri Ranganathan is a recent graduate of Amherst College, where



he majored in Sociology. He has spent the past few years taking courses in social and cultural studies, political and environmental movements, and literature, and interning at college-access programs, nonprofits, and schools. During college, Athri was part of communities such as the Center for

Community Engagement, the Amherst Program in Critical Theory, the Chamber Music Ensemble, and Book and Plow Farm. These studies, experiences, and groups emphasized thoughtfulness, intentional living, and giving back. They, along with his parents and family, have encouraged Athri's participation in QVS. Athri looks forward to the silent worship of Quakerism, and hopes to use it for reflection and personal development! He will work with the American Friends Service Committee in Atlanta next year, community organizing around the issue of housing rights.

Claire Hannapel grew up in Durham, North Carolina where she attended Durham Friends Meeting. This past May she graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill having designed an Interdisciplinary Food Systems major. At Carolina, she was heavily involved with food justice and advocacy groups that campaigned for more fair, local, and sustainable food on campus. Off campus she found opportunity to volunteer with underserved communities and food pantries, as well as organize educational trips to local farms. This summer Claire will be



Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Ave.
Decatur, GA 30030

QUERY

Do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency (to avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources? Am I clear that I am the steward, not the owner, of property in my care? Do I make choices as a consumer that support the equitable distribution of income? How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the Meeting's work, its ministry, and the upkeep of its property?

– Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

leading a crew of high school student volunteers in Maine where they will be performing trail work and living in the back country. Claire is excited to move to Atlanta this fall to continue engaging in meaningful work in the southeast. This year she will be serving with Georgia Law Center for the Homeless.

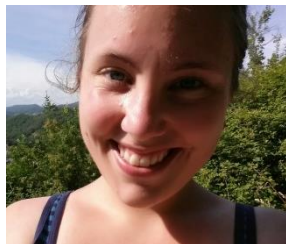
Elise Riley grew up in Philadelphia, PA. She is a life-long member of Germantown Monthly Meeting, and has attended many Quaker educational institutions in her past. She most recently graduated from Haverford College in May 2016. Her initial high school passion for Latin led Elise to pursue an undergraduate degree in Linguistics at Haverford. Her senior thesis explored the systems of language revitalization practices used by speakers of indigenous languages within the US. In college, she was also a member of the crew team and worked on several committees dedicated to planning an enriching first- year orientation program. During her junior year, Elise spent a semester in Rome, Italy staying with a host family and studying the living history of the city. In her free time, she enjoys expanding her personal knowledge base through a voracious reading habit and exploring museums. She also loves musicals, opera, and knitting. Elise is thrilled to be spending a year in Atlanta with new F/friends, and will be serving with the Frazer Center.



Detmer Kremer graduated from Bates College, in Lewiston, Maine, where he majored in Anthropology and minored in Religious Studies and Women and Gender Studies. Originally he is from Nij Beets, the Netherlands, and has attended a United World College in Bosnia and Herzegovina to finish his high school. At Bates he also studied abroad in Samoa and Vietnam, as well as conducting research in Maine, Grenada, Latvia, and Lithuania. He wrote a senior thesis focusing on the Baha’i Faith, and how Baha’is negotiate their religious and cultural identities. Detmer has been active in matters of gender, race, class, and citizenship status at Bates, and is excited to start as a Fellow with Atlanta Habitat for Humanity this year.



Nicolina Hansen-Neff grew up in Keizer, Oregon where she attended Salem Friends Meeting. She is a recent graduate of Earlham College, where she studied math, music, and Spanish. When she returned from a semester abroad in Spain, she spent the summer before her final year of undergrad as an intern at Amigos Latino Center in Richmond, Indiana. In her free time, she likes to sing, dance, play music, go backpacking, read, and have Good Conversations (and wholly appreciates the power of Good Silences, as well). She enjoys working with children and is looking forward to serving with Kindezi West Lake this year.



John Madden grew up in Pennsauken, New Jersey with his loving mother, father, and sister. John graduated from Guilford College in May, '16 where he completed a bachelor of arts in Sociology & Anthropology and a bachelor of science in Community & Justice Studies. As a Bonner scholar John worked on many different efforts in the realm of food justice in the Southeast. These include a food bank, farmer’s market, food (re)packaging/delivery programs, and farm on Guilford’s campus, as well as internships with Student Action with Farmworkers where he worked with the South Carolina Migrant Education Program reaching out to farmworker families and supporting children in scholastic efforts. John believes that giving people more access, knowledge, and control of their food systems is the best way to out root systemic injustices embedded in modern food systems. John



understands injustices to be part of a network of interconnected oppression's embedded in society, so to truly work to end one injustice means to work towards broader liberation. John is ecstatic to be able to learn from and support 9to5 this coming year in their work for economic justice in Atlanta and beyond!

Olivia Frank recently graduated from Skidmore College in upstate New York, where she spent four years studying Sociology, Inter-Group Relations and Education; skiing; cultivating the courage to sing at open mic nights; leading an education activist club; researching Restorative Justice; facilitating racial dialogues through the Inter-Group Relations Program; exploring the campus woods; and examining the country/world/herself with amazing housemates on their kitchen floor. Outside of Skidmore, impactful experiences include a summer in Cambodia, a semester in Denmark, a camping community on the shores of the Dead Sea, every improv dance class she's ever taken, and every solo adventure she's embarked upon. She is passionate about racial justice, particularly in our country's school and criminal justice systems. Ultimately, she strives to imbue genuine meaning in buzzwords like Decolonization and Collectivism through everyday practices and ways of being. Therefore, she is very excited to be joining the Southern Center for Human Rights and living in intentional community with Atlanta QVS.



Visit www.quakervoluntaryservice.org to find out more about our incoming Fellows in all of our cities or our service sites. Please get in touch with Liz Nicholson, liz@quakervoluntaryservice.org or Julie Hliboki, juliehliboki@gmail.com if you would like to be involved. Get to know these wonderful individuals throughout the year by introducing yourself and welcoming them into our community!

Lives and Callings: The Spiritual Journey – October 2nd

If you are new to our meeting, considering membership or a long-time member who enjoys hearing a story, you are invited to the meeting library at 9 AM the first Sunday of each month. Upcoming journeys are Wendy Phillips in October, Cam McWhirter in November, and Tara Doyle in December. You are also invited to tell your story. Call Mary Ann Downey at 678-938-8030 to volunteer or get more information.

Atlanta Pride Parade – October 9th

Atlanta Friends Meeting will be marching in the Atlanta Pride Parade October 9. The parade steps off from Peachtree and Ralph McGill (Civic Center MARTA station) at noon. This is an hour earlier than recent years, but we will be in the second half of the parade and people should be able to leave right at the rise of meeting and still make it to the start of the parade route in plenty of time. Check the announcement sheet for further details or contact Nina Gooch for more details.

***Encounter with Silence: Reflections from the Quaker Tradition*, by John Punshon**

From October 9th-30th the adult education class will read and discuss *Encounter with Silence: Reflections from the Quaker Tradition*, by John Punshon. In this book, Punshon shares his struggles with the silence of Quaker worship, as well as his experience of learning to wait in the silence and find God. He describes the uniqueness of Quaker faith and practice while relating it to the tradition of Christian spirituality. Books are available from Bill Holland for \$15. The class meets in the library each Sunday from 9:00-9:50 and all are welcome.

Nurturing Trust in our Community: Forum October 30

The forum on October 30th, 11:45-1:00 will consider the queries: *How can we make our meeting a community where we work together to create relationships of love and trust and address harmful actions of harassment? How do we take action in a loving spirit that prevents further harassment and restores trust?* Come engage in dialogue with other Friends on these important questions. Child care and snacks will be provided and all are welcome.

This forum builds on the minute presented by the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in September and October:

Our meeting is a community of people seeking to perfect their love of God and all living beings. We support each other in this quest through our silent worship together and in our relationships with each other. While we accept our human imperfections in interacting with each other, we are bound together by the trust that comes from our commitment to treat each other with love, compassion, and respect. Verbal, physical, and sexual harassment are actions, which destroy this trust and require vigorous counteraction. We recognize that as a community we have responsibility to work closely with the individuals involved, to take action in a loving and prayerful spirit, and to not look away. If anyone in our Meeting feels harassed by another member or attender, the Meeting needs to be informed, usually through Care and Counsel, in order to act to support all concerned, prevent further occurrence, and avoid the isolation of any person.

A Note from Ministry and Worship on Noise and Lateness at Meeting

As a committee, Ministry and Worship is tasked with minding the spiritual life of our meeting (as are we all). The committee has asked how we can make our Meeting for Worship, which begins when the first worshipper enters the Meeting Room, more conducive to meditation and communion with spirit. As such, M&W has been discussing two recurring themes –first, the large number of friends entering the Meeting Room after 10 a.m., and, also, the noise in and outside the Meeting Room during worship.

We appreciate that latecomers and noise are not a problem for everyone. Some worshippers enjoy seeing friends - and especially the children - enter during the first 15 minutes of Meeting. But recently we've felt the need to revisit how we can address lateness and noise. We brought our findings and thoughts before the community at Meeting for Business which offered several suggestions. Especially helpful was the idea of dialogue with Religious Education about expectations for children.

As we try to enhance the worship of friends, M&W will be implementing several changes. One will be modifications to our greeting practices. (See new Greeter Prompt sheets available in hard copy and electronically.) We'll ask greeters to continue their welcoming attitude but with quiet voices and encouraging quiet for all entering the greeting area.

At 9:30, we will close all but one of the main doors to the Meeting Room to cut down on noise, and we will experiment with closing all the main doors at 9:50 (at which time entry to the Meeting Room will be through the S door). Encouraging quiet beginning at 9:50 would give parents and first day school teachers a longer worship time. The greeters will flick the greeting room lights at 9:55 and remind latecomers to enter through the "S" door. Some new signs are being designed to remind us meeting begins when the first worshipper enters the Meeting Room and to be respectfully quiet.

Change is often difficult, but let us remember to be kind to one another, asking ourselves “Do we cherish a loving and forgiving spirit?”

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business – September 18th, 2016

Recorded pending approval

Attendance: Don Bender, Cheryl Cowherd, Jennifer Dickie, Mary Ann Downey, Julia Ewen, Sally Ferguson, Susan Firestone, Lewis Fuller, Clive Gordon, Nicolina Hansen-Neff, Gabby Hammons, Chris Kohler, Lynn Leuszler, Georgia Lord, Becky Lough, Emmy Mathis, Liz Nicholson, Ron Nuse, Kelly Singer, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Rebecca Sullivan, Myrna Trapp, Sarah Walton, Pat Williams, Betsy Eggers (Clerk), Bill Holland (Acting Recording Clerk) (27 Friends).

Query: David Foster presented the query for ninth month: Is the Meeting concerned that human interaction with nature be responsible, guided by a reverence for life and a sense of the splendor of God’s continuing creation? Are the decisions of the Meeting and its committees relating to the uses of property, goods, services, and energy made with sensitivity toward the environmental impact of those choices?

Discernment:

Suchitoto Fund Committee: Bert Skellie reported that the committee recommended a revision to duty 2 of the committee’s job description as approved eighth month (**Minute 08-21-2016-01**).

- **09-18-2016-01:** *Atlanta Meeting approves amending duty 2 in the current committee description to read as follows:
2. Approves expenditures associated with establishing the entity described in duty #1 above. Checks from the Meeting will be written only to organizations or to individuals who have no interest under the Last Will and Testament of Frank Cummings. Such organizations may include Cummings family members but must be governed by a majority non-family board.*

Nominating: Ron Nuse presented names brought forward in August and asked for the meeting’s discernment:

- **09-18-2016-02:** *Atlanta Meeting approves Sally Ferguson as Religious Education Classroom Teacher for 2016-2017.*
- **09-18-2016-03:** *Atlanta Meeting approves Mary Jahntz as Religious Education Classroom Teacher for 2016-2017.*
- **09-18-2016-04:** *Atlanta Meeting approves Pat Williams as Religious Education Classroom Teach for 2016-2017.*
- **09-18-2016-05:** *Atlanta Meeting approves Mike Aland as Appointed member of Ferguson Cabin Stewards for 2017-2019.*
- **09-18-2016-06:** *Atlanta Meeting approves John Carpentier as Appointed member of Ferguson Cabin Stewards for 2017-2019.*
- **09-18-2016-07:** *Atlanta Meeting approves Sallie Mikel Carpentier as Appointed member of Ferguson Cabin Stewards for 2017-2019.*
- **09-18-2016-08:** *Atlanta Meeting approves Carolyn Morris as Appointed member of Ferguson Cabin Stewards for 2017-2019.*
- **09-18-2016-09:** *Atlanta Meeting approves Fred Stevens as Appointed member of Ferguson Cabin Stewards for 2017-2019.*

- **09-18-2016-10:** Atlanta Meeting approves Joan Thompson as Appointed member of Ferguson Cabin Stewards for 2017-2019.
- **09-18-2016-11:** Atlanta Meeting approves Mark Smith as Appointed member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards for 2017-2019.
- **09-18-2016-12:** Atlanta Meeting approves Bert Skellie as Clerk of the Suchitoto Fund Committee.

Reports:

PE&ACE Project: Emmy Mathis reported on the Policing Education and Action Through Civic Engagement (PE&ACE) project that will provide organizational form for the ministry being led by Sarah Walton. She described the mission of the organization and resources that will be provided. Emmy reported on progress towards creating an organizational structure including the establishment of a web site, email contact. A name has been reserved and corporate by-laws have been drafted. The goal is to establish the organization by September 30, 2016. Once this has been completed they will begin the process of applying for non-profit status.

Social Concerns: Chris Kohler reported on the committee’s meeting with those involved in the PE&ACE project and recommended that \$4500 from the Social Concerns Fund be provided as seed money for the organization once a bank account and corporate status has been established.

- **09-18-2016-13:** On the recommendation of the Social Concerns Committee, Atlanta Meeting approves transferring \$4500 from the Social Concerns Fund to PE&ACE once the corporation has been created and a bank account established.

Suchitoto Fund Committee: Bert Skellie reported that \$10,000 from the Fund has been paid to the INSU, the National (Public) High School in Suchitoto.

Nominating: Ron Nuse presented the following nominations for consideration by meeting.

Religious Education	Lisa Kruse	Class Teacher (2016-2017)
	Rebecca Burley	Nursery Liaison
Ferguson Cabin Stewards	Emmitt Fuller	Appointed Member (2017-2019)
	Melanie Fuller	Appointed Member (2017-2019)
	Kathy Johnson	Appointed Member (2017-2019)
Committee on Undoing Racism At Atlanta Friends Meeting/Quakers for Racial Equality	Susan Firestone	Clerk (2017-2019)
Ministry and Worship	Paul Baker	Appointed Member (2017-2019)
	Myrna Trapp	Appointed Member (2017-2019)
	Ashley Wilcox	Appointed Member (2017-2019)
Web Manager	Aaron Ruscetta	(2017)

Ron announced Nominating will host a Committee Fair after Meeting for Worship on Sunday, September 25. Representatives of Meeting Committees and other positions of responsibility are encouraged to be present to describe the work of their respective committees and encourage deeper engagement in the life of the meeting.

The Clerk challenged the meeting to consider how we are actively working to fold those new to meeting and our younger members into the life of the meeting’s committees.

Ministry and Worship: Sally Ferguson reported that the committee has revised the guidelines/prompt sheet to assist those closing meeting. The prompt sheet has been posted on the AFM website for easy

reference. The committee welcomes individuals led to close meeting, to contact the committee to schedule a time.

Sally reported Ministry and Worship has been discerning how best to encourage a worshipful space during the time reserved for Meeting for Worship. She reminded Friends that meeting begins when the first person enters and reported that some Friends find the large number of Friends arriving after the start of worship to disrupt the depth and centering, other Friends are untroubled by this pattern. Sally presented a statistical report compiled over the last month of the number of Friends entering during periods after worship has begun.

Ministry and Worship will be working to modify the greeter's prompt sheet to encourage Friends entering the meetinghouse to speak quietly and respect those for whom worship has begun. Some signage changes are being developed. Those arriving after the main doors have been closed will be encouraged to enter through the S-doors. She invited additional suggestions. Suggestions included: a newsletter article on the topic, encouraging sitting away from the doors to make space for those arriving later, to sit closer to the middle of the room, to find ways to help those with difficulty settling for a full hour, a threshing sessions for members to share their experience of worship, placing chairs in the greeting area for those arriving after the doors have closed and involve Religious Education in the discussion about the needs of children and families. Sally encouraged Friends to be mindful and to share concerns with the committee.

Steve Collins reported that our Burundian Friends have, with our support, worked diligently to establish a programmed meeting affiliated with Evangelical Friends Church. He reported the Stone Mountain Evangelical Friends Church will hold its first official service on Sunday, October 9 from 1:30-3:30 pm and meeting is invited to participate. The fellowship will be held in rented space at the Rock of Ages Lutheran Church on Memorial Drive. Dieudonne Ntibayazi will serve as the pastor. The church will be under the care of the Winona Friends Church and Steve read a letter from Rusty Savage:

Dear Friends,

We send warm greetings from Ohio. Thank you for all that you have done to welcome the Burundian families into your Meeting, minister to their needs, and now connect them with Evangelical Friends Church — Eastern Region. It has been a real joy to work with them over these past several months. We are very excited to let you know that Stone Mountain Evangelical Friends Church will hold its first official service on Sunday, October 9, 2016. The new fellowship will be renting space from the Rock of Ages Lutheran Church on Memorial Drive in Stone Mountain and will operate as an extension church of Winona Friends Church. Dieudonne Ntibayazi will be serving as the pastor of the new church. We have great confidence in him as a wise and trusted leader among the Burundian families. Brian and Jessica Danner—a couple from Winona Friends Church who recently moved to Georgia will be traveling to Stone Mountain twice a month to lead a Children's Ministry on Sunday afternoons. We are truly grateful for your hospitality, help, and encouragement as we have worked to get this new church off the ground. Thank you Friends. - Sincerely, Pastor Rusty Savage, Winona Friends Church

We discussed how best to continue our loving support for these Friends who have been so much a part of our meeting for many years. Some Friends are concerned about financially supporting a different faith tradition. We will continue to discuss both financial and in-kind donations. Direct donations from individuals to the new fellowship are also possible.

Administration: Steve Collins reported on that most of the exterior work on the building has been completed. New gutters will be installed soon. Tree trimming and new exterior lights are being planned. The committee is working with other committees to develop new signage for the meeting house. Our

growing first day school population has raised issues of space and the committee is discussing the creation of an ad hoc long range planning committee to explore our space needs.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment: Mary Ann Downey began by reading a query from Britain Yearly Meeting: “How can we make the meeting a community in which each person is accepted and nurtured, and strangers are welcomed?” Over the last month the committee has been looking at the ways other monthly meeting and yearly meetings and FGC have tried to live up to the challenge. The committee asks meeting to approve a minute giving a vision of what we hope for and, at the end of October, to participate in a forum exploring how we nurture trust and right relations in meeting. Finally, the committee will work to identify a process for handling incidents when they happen.

Mary Ann presented the proposed minute and asked for the meeting’s reflection over the next month.

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SAYMA: Rebecca Sullivan announced that Friends gathered at yearly meeting in June approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase the assessment for monthly meeting and worship groups of SAYMA. For FY 2017 assessments will increase \$5 and FY 2018 \$10 per member and active attender from the present \$60. SAYMA has not increased the assessment in some time, even as costs have increased. This has resulted in shrinking reserves and reducing contributions to Wider Quaker Organizations. Many Atlanta Friends are active in SAYMA, particularly through the Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) program and as representatives to Wider Quaker Organizations. Atlanta is the largest meeting in SAYMA and there is some feeling that Atlanta is underpaying. We will address this in the 2017 budget.

Minutes of August 21, 2016.

- **09-18-2016-14:** *We approve the minutes of the August 21, 2016 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business with the change to Mark Smith from Mark Bryans.*

Announcements

Jennifer Dickie reported that at the 2017 yearly meeting sessions care for young Friends will be provided for children two years and above. Volunteer baby-sitters will be available for infants. Between two and four new paid positions will provide this care.

The Clerk announced that she will be asking for a small group to help develop 2016 State of the Meeting Report. Those who feel led to this service are invited to contact the clerk.

Respectfully submitted by:
Bill Holland, Acting Recording Clerk
Betsy Eggers, Clerk



Please Hold in The Light:

Margie Rece, now living at Brookdale Assisted Living in Stone Mountain. Her son, Will, says she would welcome visitors.

Those wishing to have requests for Holding included in this monthly newsletter may give the names to a member of Care & Counsel.



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Calendar for Tenth Month (October) 2016

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse, with a smaller group in the Library.
Every Third First Day	12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group. St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, judson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .
Every Second First Day	10:30 a.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group. Contact Diana Day, 478-227-8892; maconquakers.org
Every Fifth Day (Thursday)	12:10 p.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799.
Sixth Day (Friday)	(Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Regular Events at the Meetinghouse

Every First Day (Sunday)	9:00 - Adult Religious Ed, Library 9:30 - Singing, Classroom A/B 10:00 - Meeting for Worship 5:00 - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room
Second Day (Monday)	Every other Monday at 6:30 - Spiritual Nurture Group, Library (contact Lewis Fuller for info on how to join)
Third Day (Tuesday)	6:00 - Alex Zinnes Yoga, Nursery Second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 - Deep Waters Center for Prayer & Exploration, Meeting Room
Fourth Day (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Library First and third Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Worship at David & Freer Jarvis' home
Fifth Day (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Bible Discussion, Library
Sixth Day (Friday)	Every third Friday, Meeting for Business, Meeting Room
18 th of Each Month	Newcomers Welcome Dinner, rotating location

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If you would like to have a permanent nametag made, leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

If you would like to be included in the AFM database and receive the Newsletter by mail and/or appear in future AFM Directories, please send your name and contact information to Emily Lawson at elawson7@gmail.com or 404-200-8479. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both. Emily Lawson is also the contact to request mailing list removal.

Contributions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting may be placed in the slot marked "Contributions" in the greeting area of the Meetinghouse or mailed to the Treasurer at the above address. Thank you!

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Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, notices and anything else of interest to Friends. Items should be sent directly to atlquakerltr@gmail.com in plain text (Word, not PDF). Pictures should be in .jpg format. Submissions may be edited for length and format.

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