Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Quakers. All are welcome.

Meeting for Worship Each First Day (Sunday) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 701 W. Howard Ave. Decatur, GA 30030 404-377-2474

June 2009

Query: Do you give sufficient time to sharing with others in the Meeting, both newcomers and long-time members, your understanding of worship, of service, and of commitment to the Society's witness? Do you give a right proportion of your money to support Ouaker work?

LAB WORK

Mary Ann Downey

Ralph Waldo Emerson often asked friends, "What has become clear to you since we last met?" What a question! I try to imagine what I would say. I know that I'd be too stunned to speak even if the question weren't posed by someone of Emerson's fame. The question is, however, similar to traditional queries asked by Friends. "How is the spirit moving in your life" and "How does the truth prosper among you". While Emerson challenged friends to account for their intellectual life, Friends are challenged by the queries to examine their spiritual life.

One of the ways that Quakers have wrestled with such questions over the last 350 years is through journal writing, autobiographies that chronicle their struggles on the spiritual journey. We believe in the possibility of continuing revelation, and in the even more radical idea that God can use ordinary folk to speak about these revelations and deliver messages on living a Spirit-led life. This revolutionary discovery that any one of us can be a channel for the Spirit gives us the courage to listen and be guided by the Spirit in writing.

I began writing a diary when I was in fourth grade encouraged by a teacher who taught me to believe that what I thought was important and worth recording. At first, I kept detailed notes of everyday events but then, after the initial excitement wore off, I just wrote as the mood dictated. During the next forty years, this pattern continued with times of needing to write everyday, to describe observations, relationships, travel, grief and excitement, usually followed by periods where the journal notes were short and intermittent. Now I search for the presence of the Spirit as I record the big changes in life, and ordinary daily events. Sometimes there are notes about the weather and the beauty of bare trees in winter. Other

times, I contemplate a line from a poem, or write the whole poem as a way of absorbing the message. There are days when a few notes about how tired I am, or how bad the news is leads me to a deeper place of simply resting in the arms of a loving God. Journal writing continues to be the best way for me to take stock, and to respond to the query, "How is the Spirit moving in your life?" especially when I'm feeling lost or abandoned.

A wonderful Friend, Bill Kreidler said, "Just when you think you have God all figured out, life sends you some lab work", and I realize that the journal is my lab work and notes. Like lab notes documenting experiments, writing helps me take small steps toward a deeper understanding of everyday experience, to see connections among seemingly disparate events and opens me to new truths. I often only verify what others have already discovered, but the discovery becomes mine. I know the truth experimentally. Important new discoveries come from asking the right questions, learning how to frame or re-frame a question in such a way that I move beyond my own prejudices.

Reading the journals of others who wrestle with the Spirit convinces me that my lab notes record experience that is both unique and universal. In the book, *Journal of a Solitude*, I feel not only a sense of connection to the writer, May Sarton, but God speaks to me through her. "The big question", she writes, "...is how to hope and what to hope for. How to keep cool and get hold of the essential and, above all, how to recognize the essential". In reading the journals of others who struggle with these questions and in writing, I open myself to being teachable and to becoming a teacher. I write to nurture my spiritual self, to stay in touch with God, to do my lab work.

Announcements

CARPOOLING

To help lower our ecological impact, FGC has created an easy-to-use, online Ride Board (not the same system as in

2008)www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/this-year/using-the -ride-share-board. To use this Ride Board you will need this information: Username: rideshare Password: ride

Educational Scholarship Fund.

The Meeting has funds to distribute as scholarships to members and attenders of the Meeting who plan to attend an accredited post-secondary vocational or liberal arts school during the 2009-10 school term. Scholarships are not available for graduate study. The maximum amount awarded to one individual in one year is \$500 and the total amount awarded over several years is \$2000. Applications are due by June 14. Please contact Harry Lefever for an application form or more information. (404) 525-6916, hlefever@spelman.edu.

The Editor recommends Herb Lape's article in the April issue of Friends Journal, "A Case for Eldering and Discipline." Lape, a former member of SAYMA and presently a clerk of Westbury Meeting, confronts issues of breaches of what Friends call "right order" in Meetings for Worship and those with Attention to Business familiar to Friends in many meetings of various sizes. He says, "The offenses were typical: chronic lateness to meeting and entering in a loud and noisy fashion, using meeting for worship to debate controversial matters, or to criticize the meeting for failing to do one thing or another, refusal to recognize the authority of the clerk to run an orderly business meeting, and the usual instances of tale bearing. detraction, and lack of care for the reputations of others, especially those with whom Friends are in conflict." The authority to elder and discipline vested in the Ministry and Worship Committee, and similar committees in other meetings, would reduce the disruptive instances listed above. The complete article at www.friendsjournal.org

Caroline Fry Morris and

Michael Richard Aland

invite you to share in the joy and celebration of our marriage Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Atlanta Friends Meeting 701 W. Howard Avenue Decatur, GA 30033

Potluck, Music and Dancing will follow RSVP to cfm888@bellsouth.net or 404-633-4054

Sofa Bed For Sale - Burnt orange in color. Sits three comfortably. Sofa gently used. Double bed section virtually new. Asking price \$200.00. Collect on June 10th. Valerie Barlow of Atlanta Friends Meeting Sofa Bed For Sale - Burnt orange in color. Sits three comfortably. Sofa gently used. Double bed section virtually new. Asking price \$200.00. Collect on June

Also: Pine wood table (41" diameter) and four chairs available for \$100.00. Table in prefect condition. Chairs very comfortable. Please call Valerie at 678-863-7535 or see me at Atlanta Friends

Friends' Book Club Selections for 2008-09 We meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Clerk of the Meeting Steve Collins

Finance Paul Mangelsdorf

Religious education Mary Jahntz Newsletter Editor

Social Concerns Julia Parker Ewen John Adams

Assistant Clerk of the Mtg Georgia Lord

Administration Georgia Lord Care & Counsel

Perry Treadwell Young Friends Coordinator Lora Norlin Office Coordinator Jonah McDonald

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Friend-in-Residence Valerie Barlow

June: Three Junes by Julia Glass Host - Nan Roark (404-659-7371 (nroark@bellsouth.net)

Adult Religious Education: June, 2009

On Sunday, June 7, we will hear Julia Ewen's spiritual journey. During the rest of June, the adult religious education class will read and discuss A **Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life by Parker Palmer**. In his latest work, Parker Palmer explores issues of maintaining integrity, a life based on inner truth, in the face of a world of fragmentation. Palmer provides vivid portraits of integrity, describes the consequences of sublimating our true self, offers a map for creating 'circles of trust' which would support our soul self, and explores how the principles and practices of the book can help the reader walk the path of nonviolence every day. Copies of the book are available from Bill Holland, and the class meets every Sunday in the meeting library from 9:00-9:50 am.

Search for Friend in Residence

Atlanta Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends has begun a search for a "Friend in Residence" for our Meetinghouse in Decatur, Georgia, which is located approximately six miles east of downtown Atlanta. This Friend will provide support for the spirit and activities of the Meeting and will consider the residency as a form of ministry. The Friend will enrich the life of the Meeting through engagement in a program supported by the Meeting and represent the meeting to visitors. More information, including a job description and an updated status of the search process, will be posted on our web site (http://atlanta.quaker.org).

New Newsletter Editor

Perry Treadwell is this month's editor trying to learn the art. His anchor group is Ellen McQueen, Bill Holland, Harry LeFever, and Sally MacEwen with Renda McCaughan's advice. AFM appreciates and thanks. Renda for taking on the interim editorship.

Please send announcements and articles as text (.txt) or in the body of the email and not as an attachment. He emplanes, "I have experienced hard times translating from other programs (.wps, .doc, etc.) particularly graphics. I apologize for the messiness of the announcements. I am still learning."

Upcoming Meeting for Worship and Potluck in Adair Park

When: Sunday, **June 7th** at 10:30 am (1/2 hour of worship followed by potluck)

Where: Adair Park (park in your usual spot and walk down the street towards Ponce de Leon. The park is on the right.) Parking is limited to nearby side streets, so if you need to unload, please move your car as soon as you have done so.

If you would prefer to stay at the meeting house, (or if it is raining) there will be the regular meeting for worship from 10:00-11:00am.

What to bring:~a blanket or folding chair, your potluck dish and serving utensil, your own plate, cloth napkin, cup and cutlery (let's be as green as possible this year!)

If you have a strong back and a truck, we could use help transporting three tables down to the park. Please let Carol Gray know if you can assist with that or set-up! chezgray@mindspring.com 404-309-3038

Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice by Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye, 2009

Please join Our Role as Individuals in America's Racial History (ORAIIARH) and the Committee on Undoing Racism in the Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) in reading and discussing this book at our June 17 & our June 28 meetings. We will discuss Chapter 4, "Friends and Freed People: 1700-1860," at 7:30 PM on June 17 and Chapter 5, "The Civil War and Its Failed Reconstruction" on June 28 at 11:45 AM. We will be hosting the authors here next fall, so we have bought 20 copies of the book to loan or sell between now and then. Look for the books at our table near the refreshments each Sunday. Hike Saturday, June 20 at 9 AM

Please plan to join East End Neighbors for a three-mile hike at Sweetwater Creek Park near Douglasville on Saturday, June 20 at 9 AM. Families with children welcome! We will meet to carpool at Bethel Baptist Church at 1890 Second Avenue Decatur 30032, next to the funeral home & near East Lake Commons. (Please park behind the church.) We should be back between noon and 1 PM. For more info please contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-378-5883.

Practical Hints for Clerks

Since nearly everyone will be a clerk at some time or need to understand the process of Quaker clerking, the editor offers this list.

The following list was derived from suggestions made at the FGC Ministry and Nurture consultation for yearly meeting clerks in 2005. It is offered here for monthly meetings in the spirit of viewing all clerking as ministry, whether for a monthly or yearly meeting committee.

- Ask one or two Friends to hold the meeting in prayer during meeting for worship to attend to business. If a committee is experiencing difficulty, a committee clerk may also request a prayerful presence during the committee meeting(s).
- If needed, invite Friends to return to Silence to help find the sense of meeting.
- Be aware of teachable moments.
- Have phrases you can use in needed moments some clerks bring meaningful phrases with them that they can turn to as needed.
- Be aware of where you are on any given concern brought before the meeting and stand aside if you are too involved to be able to clerk a particular piece. (This should not happen too often.) This includes moving physically away from the clerks' table for all discussion of the concern through the minuting of an action. The assistant or recording clerk usually serves as clerk during that time.
- Remember that clerks don't have the answers our work is to help discern the sense of the meeting.
- Remember that you don't have to call on everyone whose hand is raised. The person called on may have spoken to others' concerns as well. Calling on everyone can serve to encourage Friends to repeat themselves and carry on discussion well after the clerk has come to clarity of the sense of the meeting.
- If many have spoken the clerk may ask a person whose hand is up if this is something new or if he/she is affirming what has already been said. This helps Friends come to understand that they have reached a sense of the meeting and that it is time to form a minute.
- Things the assistant clerk can help with include: helping clerks find clarity; serving as clerk if the clerk needs to stand aside or be absent from a session; honing a difficult minute; helping the clerk keep tabs of physical energy in the meeting...stretch breaks etc.
- When facing a problem of too little time and too many agenda items, the meeting can help make the decision of what to leave out and how best to use their remaining time.
- Pray without ceasing we are servants of God.

The World Is Too Much With Us Would someone like to submit an essay centered on the 200-year-old poem below possibly centered on Ouaker Testimonies?

The world is too much with us; late and soon,

Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;

Little we see in Nature that is ours:

We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!

This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon.

The winds that will be howling at all hours,

And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers,

For this, for everything, we are out of tune;

It moves us not.--Great God! I'd rather be

A Pagan suckled in a creed outworn;

So might I, standing on this pleasant lea,

Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn;

Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea;

Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn.

William, Wordsworth, 1807

Atlanta Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fifth Month 17, 2009 As Recorded Pending Approval

Jonah McDonald presented the query: "How do we balance, in our lives and in the life of the meeting, our tendency to cultivate and deepen our current community while at the same time actively seeking new community members? How do we help newcomers feel personally welcomed and invited into the life of the meeting?"

In attendance were: Mike Aland, Mary Ann Downey, Julia Ewen, Erica French, Nina Gooch, Judith Greenberg, Roland Heath, Bill Holland, Kathy Johnson, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Georgia Lord, Alison Mawle, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Jonah McDonald, Steve McLaughlin, Caroline Morris, Karen terHorst Morris, Caroline Noyes, Ronald Nuse, Meredith Reynolds, Bert Skellie, Nancy Smith, Ellie Soler, Joan Thompson, Myrna Trapp, Perry Treadwell, Denny Webster, Pat Williams, Ceal Wutka, Mark Wutka, Steve Collins (Clerk), Elizabeth Tolmach (Recording Clerk). (34 friends)

1. Approval of Minutes of Third Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Minute 09-05-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Fourth Month 2009 with corrections.

2. Administration.

Georgia Lord reported that Valerie Barlow, our current Friend in Residence, will be moving to Savannah, Georgia, to start a new job. The meeting approved a minute of appreciation for Valerie.

Minute 09-05-02: During her service as the Friend in Residence, Valerie Barlow's welcoming presence in the Meeting House has been such a gift to us as a community. She conveyed a sense that the Meeting House was not only her home, but our home. She brought her extensive knowledge of the Meeting and her energetic support to many meeting efforts, including the Family Fun Retreat. We are sorry to lose her presence in the Meeting House but happy that she is going on to other important work.

The Administration Committee suggested that the meeting would benefit from having a Personnel Liaison position. Among other things, this would help the meeting direct feedback to and from employees. Administration has drafted a description of the duties of this volunteer position and requests feedback. This liaison would ideally become an inhouse expert on Meeting hiring policies, etc. and a resource for committees.

Georgia reminded the meeting that we will need to resume the search process to find a new Friend in Residence. Friends had various ideas how best to form a search committee, and eventually the meeting agreed that the old search committee would be revived and that spots would be filled where people were no longer able to serve on the committee.

Minute 09-05-03: The meeting approves current members of the Friend in Residence Search Committee moving ahead to publicize the open Friend in Residence position. Meanwhile, the Nominating Committee will confirm current members of the Search Committee and bring forth names to Meeting for Business to fill any open positions on the committee.

3. Ministry & Worship.

Suzan Kenworthy requested final approval for Heather Barbour's membership.

Minute 09-05-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Heather Barbour's request to become a member. Suzan presented a first request for membership for Harry Lefever, and read the corresponding letter he wrote requesting membership. He has met with a clearness committee. Approval will be sought in Sixth Month. Suzan asked the meeting's approval for a traveling minute to be issued to Ceal and Mark Wutka supporting their travels to North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative.

Minute 09-05-05: On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the following traveling minute: The Atlanta Monthly Meeting is glad to provide Ceal and Mark Wutka this travel minute in support of their plans to again participate in the annual gathering of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. They are active members of our meeting and have found significant inspiration from your annual gathering.

The clerk will issue the travel minute on behalf of the meeting.

4. Naming.

Perry Treadwell brought forth Wendy Phillips' name to serve on Nominating Committee. Approval will be sought in Sixth Month.

5. Nominating.

Roland Heath reported that Caroline Noyes is nominated to serve as Recording Clerk, and Carolyn Coburn Allen is nominated to serve as Administration Committee Clerk. Approval will be sought in Sixth Month.

Roland reported that a volunteer teacher is needed for the Nursery to look after the 3-5 year olds.

The Meeting approved Perry Treadwell to be newsletter editor:

Minute 09-05-06: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Perry Treadwell to be the Newsletter Editor. Perry is satisfied with his support committee, and hopes that we will revisit this topic so that the next newsletter editor knows what to expect regarding a formal, ongoing support structure.

7. Treasurer.

Meredith Reynolds reported that Fundraising has raised \$316 from the Plant and Yard Sale for the meeting. She expressed a special thanks to Myrna Trapp who donated \$200 from this sale. There has been \$35,358 raised through April 30. There is a \$9,806 deficit so far this year, which is better than usual, compared to the last few years.

8. Ferguson Cabin Committee

Kathy Johnson reported we received a \$5,000 check this morning, which brings the total amount of funds for the cabin renovations to \$15,000. She was concerned that the minute that the Meeting approved for cabin renovations last month did not mention any preparations for a new cabin and washhouse. Before approving a cabin and washhouse, the Meeting has asked for a formal report from the Ferguson Cabin Committee detailing the phases, the funds and time involved in each phase so that we can all have a clear understanding of what is planned for the cabin.

9. Social Concerns.

Among other topics, Julia Ewen reported that Sue May is actively lobbying to decrease the use of Cluster Bombs by the armed forces. Social Concerns approved Sue's request that the Clerk of Meeting sign a letter to our two U.S Senators, asking them to support pending legislation to limit and control use of these type munitions. The Clerk will sign the letter on behalf of the meeting.

10. SAYMA.

Ceal Wutka shared her report from the SAYMA Representatives Meeting with Meeting for Business. Please see attached minutes for full report. The next FWCC regional meeting will be held in Fall of 2010. SAYMA will sponsor the regional meeting, and is looking for a monthly meeting to host FWCC. Ceal suggested that Atlanta Friends Meeting consider hosting. This will require providing beds for 30 people, a significant commitment. So as not to overburden certain friends and the Hospitality Committee, friends expressed a desire to know that the Meeting was supportive of this project before agreeing to host. Ceal will talk to Hospitality Committee and put a brief note in the newsletter and announcement sheet. She will also bring it up with Care and Counsel. The written report is attached to the file copy of the minutes

11. Other Business.

The Meeting approved a minute of thanks to Elizabeth Tolmach for her service as Recording Clerk in 2009.

Minute 09-05-06: Atlanta Friends Meeting thanks Elizabeth Tolmach for her patience and discerning ear as she served the meeting as Recording Clerk from January through May 2009. The meeting wishes her a spiritually rich and fulfilling experience in Chicago.

The meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Collins (Clerk)

Elizabeth Tolmach (Recording Clerk)

Calendar for Sixth Month, 2009

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day, 10:00 a.m.— In the Meeting Room and a small meeting in the Library.

Every First Day, 3 p.m. — Carrollton Friends Worship Group, St. Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, lessell.bray@gmail.com or 770-830-8705.

Every 2nd and 4th First Day, 10:00 a.m. — Canton Friends Worship Group, 360 E. Marietta St, Canton, 770-720-4669 or wrldpeas@mindspring.com.

Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 92 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 30303,

Every other Thursday at East Lake Commons, 404-378-5883 or bertskellie@gmail.com.

Every Sixth Day, 8:45 a.m.— Friends School of Atlanta, 862 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030, 404-373-8746.

Mon-Fri Morning Worship, 8:30 – 9:00: In the library at Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse. Contact Jonah McDonald,

404-377-2474, afmquakers@hotmail.com

Weekly Events

Every First Day (Sunday)

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing, Classroom A/B

10:00 Meetings for Worship

Every Week Day (Monday – Friday)

8:30-9:00 Morning Silent Worship, Library

Every Second-Fifth Day (Monday-Thursday)

8:30-12:30 Smart Toddlers,

Nursery/playground

Every Third Day (Tuesday)

7:30pm Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:30pm Bible Study, Library

Other Events

06/3, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee,

Library

06/4, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30-8:30 Meeting for Peace, Library

06/7, First Day (Sunday)

10:30-11:00 Worship followed by Potluck

In the Park

11:15-1:30 Green Friends, A/B

12:00 Presentation on El Sitio Libary

06/10, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-9:30 ORAIIARH, Library & Nursery

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

06/13, Seventh Day (Saturday)

Morris-Aland Celebration of Marriage

06/14, First Day (Sunday)

11:30-12:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:30-1:30 Ministry and Worship, A/B

11:30-2:00 Care and Counsel, Jr. Teen

Room

11:45-2:00 Finance Library

6:15 Spiritual Nurture Group # 2 Library

06/18, ~6:00 Newcomer's Welcome dinner Mina Rhee (404-513-1543) will host the June Newcomers' Dinner at her home, less than 2 miles from the Meeting House. Call her for details.

06/21 First Day (Sunday)

11:45 Meeting for Worship with Attention to

Business, Meeting Room (childcare available)

7:00 pm Friends Book Club,

06/22 Second Day (Monday)

7:30-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg

Rm.

06/24 Newsletter Deadline –To Perry Treadwell

06/28 First Day (Sunday)

9:15 Singing

9:30 Kirundi Worship

11:15 Kirundi-English Singing

11:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45 CUR-AFM Jr. High Rm

6:30-8:30 Spiritual Nurture Group #2,

Library

06/29 Second Day (Monday)

6:15 Spiritual Nurture Group #2, Library

06/30 Third Day (Tuesday)

7:00 Bible Study, Library

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

Please confirm unique events by checking the

announcements sheets and or contacting the Meeting

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Contributions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting can 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!

DEADLINE FOR 7TH Month newsletter: 5th Month 24

Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, poetry, calendar notices and anything else of interest to Friends. Items should be sent directly to: Perry Treadwell perryt@bellsouth.net 404-325-1504

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