# 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

#### JANUARY 2011

**Query:** "Are you sensitive to the spiritual and temporal needs of those making up the meeting community? Do you respond to needs of older, distant, or lonely members and attenders with love and mutual care? (SAYMA Queries)

#### **Sweetwater Creek Hike** from John Roberts

On a beautiful Saturday morning November 20th, Bert Skellie led a handful of friends on a delightful



three-mile hike through Sweetwater Creek State Park. Sweetwater Creek is a peaceful tract of wilderness not far from downtown Atlanta. A trail follows the free-flowing stream to the ruins of the New Manchester Manufacturing Company, a textile mill burned by Sherman's troops during the Civil War. Beyond the mill, the trail climbs rocky bluffs to provide views of the beautiful mile-long stretch of white-water rapids below. Hikes are planned about once a month to different locations and all ages are welcome. Come join us! For information contact Bert Skellie.

# The Friends School of Atlanta To Host Mayor Kasim Reed, Juanita Abernathy and others for a Panel Discussion on Human Rights

On Saturday, January 29, 2011, The Friends School of Atlanta (FSA) will convene a panel discussion on human rights designed to take an honest look at where we as a society stand today regarding diversity and full inclusion in the privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Confirmed panelists include: Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed; Juanita Abernathy, widow of Ralph David Abernathy; her son Kwame Abernathy; Dr. Roosevelt Thomas, renowned in the field of diversity management; Bill Nigut, Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League; Jerry Gonzalez, Executive Director of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials; and Cathy Woolard, the first woman and first openly gay person to serve as president of Atlanta City Council in 2002.

The panel will examine how leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and all those who advocate for human rights have long been trying to transform our society to the Beloved Community Martin Luther King, Jr., so eloquently described, a community where "our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation . . ." Rather than just re-tell the story of the Civil Rights Movement, this event is designed to focus on an array of groups advocating for human rights today. Through an intergenerational dialogue that pulls no punches, the panel will take a hard look at where we have been, where we are and where we still need to go to achieve the lofty ideal of Beloved Community.

The panel discussion will be held at the FSA campus at 862 Columbia Drive in Decatur and is open to the public. General admission is \$10 per ticket. Premium tickets are \$100 each and include invitation to a reception with the esteemed panelists. The invitation-only reception begins at 5:30 pm, and the panel discussion will take place from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. (Continued on page 3)

## **Announcements**

**Whoops!** Daphne Clement's email and address got cut off of the announcement in the December Newsletter. <a href="mailto:clement.daphne@gmail.com">clement.daphne@gmail.com</a>

Address: 848 Pinkham Brook Rd, Durham, Main, 04222

#### New Books in the Library

Men of Peace, Consciences Objectors During the Second World War edited by Mary Hopkins. This is not a book you want to read at one setting. Each chapter is a reflection on coming to the decision to be a CO and the consequences. The narration is diverse enough to be interesting. I was disappointed that Courtney Siceloff was not included. Mary said they tried to get an interview. Judy Lumb publisher

Seeking God's Will on Same-Sex Relationships The Experience of Cleveland Friends Meeting edited by Marty Grundy. A fine documentation of Cleveland Meeting being disowned by Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative).

#### **Support from across the Country**

The editor wishes to acknowledge the contribution designated for the newsletter from an anonymous donor in Colorado.

Movie January 23, 11:45 a.m. Please come to the showing of "Traces of the Trade: A Story form the Deep North", a moving documentary about a New England family that discovers their family was the largest slave-trading family in history. Ten family members retrace the Triangle Trade through Rhode Island, Ghana, Cuba, and back, considering what it means today and gaining powerful new perspectives. A facilitated discussion will follow the film. All are welcome. Contact Karen Morris or Susan Firestone (404-377-0875) or sfirestone@gsu.edu for moreinformation.

#### AFM Movie Night! January 21st at 7:00

Join us at the Meeting House for "Invictus" (starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon), and see how rugby, leadership and the power of forgiveness influenced Nelson Mandela's Presidency of South Africa. A discussion will follow.

What Will Admission Price Be? Attenders will be asked to donate whatever admission price they can afford and feel to be appropriate.

Are You Interested In Helping With Movie Nights? If so, please contact Georgia Lord, H 770/934-7523.

Dear Friends, **Thank you** for your help making this year's AFM Holiday Bazaar a success. For the second year in a row, the middle schoolers sponsored a holiday bazaar to showcase Fiend's art and craft talents and to encourage Friends to buy gifts locally. The cost to participate in the sale was to make a donation to the Young Friend's charity of choice. This year the Young Friends chose AFSC from among many Friend's organizations after looking at their website and deciding that they wanted to support the work they were doing in the world around issues of peace. As a result of the collective efforts of the Middle School Young Friends First Day School Class and the larger Meeting we were able to send nearly \$500 to the American Friends Service Committee. Thank you from all of us, Jennifer Dickie (teacher)Jane Lay Flannery and Ruby Williams Kofi Adams Guthrie Armstrong Asa Kramer-Dickie Katie Richardson Merrick Owan

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Friend in Residence John Roberts 917-902-3719 (Continued from page one) While The Friends School of Atlanta may seem like a small school taking on an enormous topic, FSA provides a highly appropriate forum for such an important conversation because of its relationship with and roots in the Atlanta Friends Meeting, especially as it relates to the Meeting's significant efforts to help desegregate Atlanta public schools. On the eve of desegregation of Atlanta's public schools, the Quakers brought together the African-American children selected to go into the white schools and some of the white children who would also be in attendance to prepare them for what was sure to be tumultuous transition. Dr. King came to the Meetinghouse to work with these students as well. A group of members of the Meeting decided by the late 1980s that founding The Friends School of Atlanta as a model of diversity would help further the difficult work of educating children to move beyond differences of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexuality and socio-economic status. Recognizing this commitment to diversity, Archbishop Desmond Tutu's daughter and grandson were a founding family of the school and the Roberto C. Goizeuta Business School at Emory University recognized The Friends School of Atlanta "for significantly promoting diversity in Community Development during a Martin Luther King, Jr., observance. To this day, FSA is as diverse as any independent school in metro Atlanta and all aspects of the FSA community and culture are shaped by the desire to attain Beloved Community by providing our students a values-driven education that promotes the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship.

The human rights panel discussion is the final of a Speaker Series entitled: *Building Beloved Community*, *Celebrating 20 Years of Quaker Education in Atlanta*, which has been commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Friends School of Atlanta throughout the 2010-11 school year. The Friends School of Atlanta offers a pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade program and remains the only Quaker school in Georgia. The school's mission is to provide challenging academics in a diverse environment, drawing on the Quaker values of a simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship to empower students to go out into the world with conscience, conviction and compassion.

For more information about the event and purchasing tickets, please visit the FSA website at <a href="www.friendsschoolatlanta.org">www.friendsschoolatlanta.org</a> or contact Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement: 404-373-8746 x8135; nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

# Save the Dates - March 4-6, 2011

## **GATHERED MEETING RETREAT**

Each year, the Atlanta Friends Gathered Meeting Retreat is held to support spiritual growth and deepen our sense of community. This is a time for gathering in silence and other forms of sharing, relaxing, spending quality time together as spiritual seekers and friends, and for having fun. All are encouraged to attend, whether you are new or seasoned in our Meeting, and whether you are a member or an attender. This time can be especially beneficial for new attenders to connect with others in the Meeting. Partial scholarships are available—please don't let funding keep you from being part of this wonderful experience.

**This year we will focus on** "Listening for the Movement of the Spirit" with facilitation by Pat Loring of Friendship Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina. She is the author of two highly-acclaimed volumes on Quaker spiritual listening - <u>Listening Spirituality: Personal Spiritual Practices Among Friends</u>, and <u>Listening Spirituality: Corporate Spiritual Practice Among Friends</u>. Recently, she was one of the featured speakers at Pendle Hill's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Pat also served as co-facilitator of an AFM retreat in the mid-90's.

The retreat is being held at the **Charlie Elliott Center in Mansfield, GA**, about one hour east of the perimeter. Cost, **including meals**: single room (\$220); two people per room (\$140/person); three per room (\$133/person); four per room (\$130/person [if this configuration can be arranged]). The cost per person **includes all meals** from Friday night dinner through Sunday lunch.

Registration will begin in mid-January. Forms (on salmon colored paper) will be on the information table

near the front door. It will also be available by mid-January in the 'Members and Attenders' section of the AFM website. The deadline for registration is February 16<sup>th</sup>. Requests for scholarship assistance must be submitted by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Questions? Contact: David Foster (404-941-7337) dfoster45@gmail.com, or Lissa Place (404-627-5875) lissaplace@yahoo.com

On Thursday evening, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7 to 9, there will be a special program with Pat Loring. Everyone is invited, particularly those who are unable to participate in the retreat. Please save the date. More information will be provided in the February newsletter.

#### **Spoken Before November Election**

George Lakey told this story at this summer's Gathering published in the November *Friends Journal* A Canadian woman challenged, "George, why have your people abandoned your President?" He admits, "I had nothing to say, because we had, in fact, abandoned him. We had elected Obama and then headed for the door, refusing to create movements that would 'force' him to do what he wants to do. We went into dependency mode like six-year-olds who say, 'Please. Daddy, do this and that for us', instead of being the young adults and the teenagers and the full adults who can *demand* things through nonviolent struggle. What a big price we pay for conflict aversion, that we will even abandon a president whom we put in office."

#### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NATION'S CHECKBOOK - FCNL

One of the most exciting things I learned while at the recent annual meeting of FCNL, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, was that cutting the military budget is finally on the table.

The Deficit Commission, for ex., recommended closing 1/3 of all our military bases and cutting personnel by 10%. Rep. Barney Frank (MA), who wants more affordable housing for his state, had his staff look into it and identified \$970 billion that could be cut over ten years, there is so much bureaucratic waste in the military. (There are 50 people on the payroll to translate the daily Al Jazeera paper, for ex., because they don't share.)

The Libertarian Cato Institute agreed. The "Top Secret America" report by the Washington Post this summer shook the city deeply, with its expose on the huge number of contracts to firms to conduct intelligence, resulting in massive redundancies and very little communication within the Pentagon. And a huge price tag.

President Obama appointed a top CPA to audit the services, but he found the books in such disorder they are not auditable. There are many different accounting systems used, on different computers. Purchasing orders and receipts can't be found. The Pentagon has never been audited!

Is there hope that savings in the military budget could be used for other issues of concern to Quakers? You can stay current on this issue by getting on the email list for Our Nation's Checkbook. Email Rachel Cash, at Rachel@fcnl.org . (Sue May, FCNL volunteer.)

"Advocating efficiency involves virtually no political risk—unlike measures that do call for sacrifice, such as capping emissions or putting a price on carbon or increasing energy taxes or investing heavily in utility-scale renewable-energy facilities or confronting the deeply divisive issue of global energy equity. Improving efficiency is easy to endorse: we've been doing it, globally, for centuries. It's how we created the problems we're now trying to solve." The Efficiency Dilemma" by David Owen in the *New Yorker*, Dec 20

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 12th Month 19, 2010 Recorded Pending Approval

Georgia Lord presented the query: "Do you foster reverence for life, finding ways to understand and remove the causes of misery and suffering? Do you in loving concern, stand with the abused and persecuted without fanning the flames of hatred and division? Do you offer support, refuge, and comfort to the oppressed and ostracized while extending a loving hand to those who engage in oppression, calling them into loving unity?" (SAYMA Faith and Practice)

In attendance were: Mike Aland, Micheal Allison, Steve Collins, Lili Crymes, Betsy Eggers, Julia Ewen, Judith Greenberg, Kathy Johnson, Elizabeth Lamb, Lynn Leuszler, Paul Mangelsdorf, Beth Martinson, Susan May, Steve McLaughlin, Caroline Morris, Karen terHorst Morris, Ronald Nuse, David Payne, Meredith Reynolds, John Roberts, Marthajane Robinson, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Eleanor Soler, Joan Thompson, Perry Treadwell, Denny Webster, Caroline Noyes (Recording Clerk), Georgia Lord (Clerk) (30 Friends)

**Listserv Ad Hoc Committee**: Nina Gooch has recruited volunteers to serve on the ad hoc committee and to help her design the guidelines for the discussion list. In addition to Nina, Muireann Brennan, Judith Greenberg, and Sheena Carter will comprise the ad hoc committee.

Friends Committee on National Legislation: Sue May provided a report on the Annual Meeting of the FCNL held in November. Diane Randall, from Hartford Friends Meeting, was selected as the fourth Executive Secretary of FCNL. Those attending the annual meeting also approved a priority statement for the 112th congress. The document can be found on the FCNL website (http://www.fcnl.org/priorities/priority\_112th.htm). Major issues to be worked on include reducing the military budget, the peaceful prevention of war and genocide, curbing undue influence of money and corporate power in the political system, immigration reform, climate change, nuclear disarmament, and the promotion of a living wage.

**Nominating**: Steve Collins brought forth for initial consideration Paul Baker and Chris Lahowitch as new nominees for Care & Council and Bill Holland to serve as Clerk of Ministry & Worship. Final approval will be sought in First Month.

Steve Collins also brought forth for final approval members of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee, Ministry & Worship, and the Social Concerns Committee.

Minute 12-19-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Mike Aland as a member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-02: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves John Carpentier as Clerk of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-03: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Sally Carpentier as a member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Emmitt Fuller as a member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-05: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Melanie Fuller as a member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-06: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Kathy Johnson as a member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-07: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Caroline Morris as a member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-08: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Fred Stevens as a member of the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-09: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Joan Thompson as a member and Scheduler for the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Minute 12-19-10 Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Steve Collins as a member of Ministry and Worship.

Minute 12-19-11: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Jenny Foster as a member of Ministry and Worship.

Minute 12-19-12: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Ron Nuse as a member of Ministry and Worship.

Minute 12-19-13: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Marthajane Robinson as a member of Ministry & Worship.

Minute 12-19-14: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves John Roberts as Co-Clerk of the Social Concerns Committee.

Minute 12-19-15: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Al Natanagara as Co-Clerk of the Social Concerns Committee.

**Finance Committee**: Paul Mangelsdorf presented the 2011 Atlanta Friends Meeting Budget for approval. He explained that there are no notable changes from prior years' budgets. There is a proposed 2.25% raise for employees. A new line for Quaker Quest/Outreach will be added, with funding of \$200.00.

Minute 12-19-16: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the 2011 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee, with the

addition of a new line for Quaker Quest/Outreach with funding of \$200.

Should there be a surplus in 2010, the Finance Committee will request an increase in the maintenance budget for 2011. Concerning Quaker Quest, Bert Skellie explained that if Atlanta Friends Meeting invites FGC representatives down to discuss QuakerQuest, FGC asks the Meeting to contribute \$1000 to cover travel expenses. A down payment of \$500 will be sent to FGC in 12th Month and this money will come from ORAIIARH. Should Atlanta Friends Meeting decide not to pursue QuakerQuest, the down payment will be returned by FGC. Should the Meeting decide to pursue QuakerQuest, the additional funds will come from the QuakerQuest/Outreach line item in the budget (\$200) and from contributions (\$300).

**Ferguson Cabin Committee**: Joan Thompson reported that the cabin was used on 30 different occasions for about 75 individual days, and this reflected usage by 70 different individuals. Seven additional reservations had to be canceled. A more detailed report will be offered in early 2011. Joan also reported that the foundation for the new cabin has been laid, and work on the new cabin will begin in spring 2011. If you are interested in using the cabin, Joan Thompson is the scheduler. When you call her, she will tell you if the cabin is occupied at the time you are requesting, and will provide you with the keys to the cabin. Information about the cabin is available in a blue brochure on the greeting table.

**Clerk's Items**: Georgia Lord read a note from the Young Adult Friends' Consultation on Cross-Branch Inter-visitation thanking Atlanta Friends Meeting for supporting Laura Norlin's involvement with the Consultation. Georgia is also still working on a transfer letter for Anthony Smith. Atlanta Friends Meeting's first movie night will be held on January 21, 2011 at 7pm in the Meetinghouse. The movie will be Invictus. Fliers are available on the greeting table.

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

Minute 12-19-17: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Eleventh Month with corrections.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted, Georgia Lord (Clerk) Caroline Noyes (Recording Clerk)

#### A Gentle Reminder from the Meeting's Librarian

If you've decided to greet the new year with an especially thorough house-cleaning and/or possessions-purge, please remember to be on the lookout for any items you've borrowed from the Meeting's library and forgot to return.

As you might expect, several dozen of the library's unreturned items were borrowed in 2010, but the great bulk of "the missing" were borrowed in previous years.

In fact, an average of two dozen items - mostly books (many for adults, some for children), but also plenty of videos, and quite a few Pendle Hill pamphlets - go missing every year. (For example, 26 items borrowed in 1996 were never returned.) All together, we're currently missing 374 titles.

One of the advantages of borrowing something from the Meeting's library is that there's no formal limit to the amount of time you can keep it. But each unreturned item - and some of the missing titles are copies of Quaker classics - represents a potential disappointment for a fellow Meeting member, attendee, or newcomer who'd like to borrow something from the Meeting's library.

Also, if you have returned to the Meeting's library everything you may have borrowed from it, you might consider donating any personal copies of suitable titles - especially those Quaker classics - to help fill the gaps in the library's collection. Donations help minimize the portion of the library's expenditures on replacement titles, and leaves more dollars from the library's modest annual allocation to purchase newly-published items. Please put any donations in the basket on the library desk that's designated for returns.

In next month's newsletter: a list of the half-dozen titles purchased for the Meeting's library in 2010

#### Calender for 1st Month 2011

#### **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, 10:00 a.m. — In the Meeting Room and a small meeting in the Library.

Every First Day, 12:30 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, 12:00 p.m. Contact Marty Bray for more information: 770-830-8705 or lessell.bray@ gmail.com Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 60 Walton ST. NW, Atlanta, 10303 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. Beginning again August 13.

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

Every Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:00-8:30 Mid-Week Semi-Programmed Worship Mt. Rm

#### **Other Events**

1/2, First Day, (Sunday) Potluck

11:30-2:00 Green Friends, A&B

1/5, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

6:45-9:40 Administration, Library

1/9, First Day, (Sunday)

11:45-2:00 Finance, Library

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

11:45-2:00 Ministry & Worship, A&B

11:45–2:00 Religious Ed, Nursery

11:30-12:30 Holiday Bazaar, Greeting Rm

SAFE Retreat:Fri, January 14, 2011, 4:00pm – Sun, January 16, 2011, 9:30am

1/16, First Fay (Sunday)

11:45 11:45 Meeting for Worship with attention to business

1/18, Newcomers Dinner, place to be announced

1/21, Fifth Day, Friday

6:00-10:30 Movie Night: Invictus

1/23, First Day, (Sunday)

11:45-1:45"Trace of the Trade" Showing

(CUR-AFM) Library

1/24, Deadline for 1st Month newsletter

1/30, First Day (Sunday)

11:45-1:30 M&W Vocal Ministry Forum

Please confirm unique events by checking the announcements sheets and or contacting the

"It is the hideous rawness of the world of men, the horrible, desolating harshness of the advance of the industrial world upon the world of nature, that is so painful. It looks as though the industrial spread of mankind were a sort of dry disintegration advancing and advancing, a process of disintegration. If only we could learn to take thought for the whole world instead of for merely tiny bits of it." D.H. Lawrence, *D,H, Lawrence and Italy* 1916

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NAMETAGS: 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, address phone, e-mail address, etc to Nina Gooch by e-mail at ninagooch@gmail.com or by phone 404-371-9873. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both. This also applies to any change in existing database information, e.g. change of address.

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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 2<sup>ND</sup> Month newsletter: 1st 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 preferably in plain text in the body of the email.

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