

GRASS VALLEY
 FRIENDS MEETING
Of the Religious Society of Friends
College Park Quarterly Meeting,
Pacific Yearly Meeting

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First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House (zoom)
10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship (zoom)

Newsletter, Sixth Month, 2021

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MEETING CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced

Second Sunday

- Silent Meeting for Worship, Potluck, Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Third Sunday

- **As announced**

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life – To Be Announced

Fifth Sunday

- On Fifth Sundays we hold a Family Meeting for Worship. *Children and adults gather and spend 20 minutes in storytelling, 20 minutes in singing and 20 minutes in silent worship.*

- ✚ 1st First Day: Bible Story and Song
- ✚ 2nd First Day: A Story and a Craft or Activity
- ✚ 3rd First Day: A Story plus Time for Silent Worship
- ✚ 4th First Day: A Creative, Topical Curriculum
- ✚ 5th First Day: Family Worship (a story, singing and silent worship)
- ✚ **Online Worship**: every Wednesday evening, 7:00-7:30 pm

HAPPENING NOW

- June 20, 2021 - 2-5 pm PST - discussions about race in Friends Meetings in PYM
- June 27th - July 3rd, 2021 – Friends General Conference (See page _for details)
- June 30, 2021- Waking Up to Race book group begins reading *Healing Resistance* by Kazu Haga; all are welcome. (See page 7 for details)

HAPPENING LATER

- July 23 to 28, 2021 - Pacific Yearly Meeting zoom Annual Session
- September 11, 2021 - *Living with Fire: A Restoration Workshop*
- November 13, 2021 - *Living with Fire: A Restoration Workshop*
- Memorial Service for Bob Barns – To be announced.

GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter

M&O: Ministry and Oversight
PacYM: Pacific Yearly Meeting
PHP – Pendle Hill Pamphlet
FGC: Friends General Conference

QUNP: Quaker United Nations Project
FASE: Friends Association for Services to the Elderly
CPQM: College Park Quarterly Meeting
RSWR: Right Sharing of World Resources

Threshing Session: A meeting at a separate time that is specifically not for decision-making; normal practices of a Quaker meeting for business are relaxed so that Friends may speak more than once to an issue, may speak to a point just made, or may ask a question of a previous speaker.

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, June 13, 2021

We met on Zoom..

Present: Don McCormick (co-clerk), Anita McCormick (co-clerk), Amy Cooke (recording clerk), fosten wilson, Doug Hamm, Dorothy Henderson, Dianne Marshall, Judy Hamilton, Reed Hamilton, Chamba Cooke.

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

The Clerk invited a check-in as we acknowledged transitions and travels.

CLERK'S REMARKS

- The purpose of our meetings for business is to seek the Spirit's will for us as a community. We are here to worship and not to get through an agenda.
- If you want to suggest that we take some time for worship or take more time between speakers, please say, "Clerk, can we have some time for silence" or use the Time Out sign.
- Being a clerk is a role assigned to one or two people, but clerking is a bunch of behaviors that we all can engage in, and I hope we all will.
- We leave room for Spirit to come through, releasing our thoughts, judgements, opinions and becoming silent inside and out. We can hand our issues to Spirit/God/Jesus, and then settle into any sensations or messages coming through.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (see reports appended, committee clerk is noted in bold)

SPIRIT & WITNESS: Gordon Starr, **Judy Hamilton**, Gordon Bishop, Don McCormick, Anita McCormick, Amy Cooke, Dorothy Henderson

Judy Hamilton made the report, attached.

- Spiritual Life sessions are on hiatus for the summer. They will restart in the Fall:
 - September with Anita presenting Quaker Women.
 - In October, Amy will offer a program on the Nisenan.
 - November will be Dorothy on Walking
 - In December Gordon will present Birthing the Christ Within.
- The proposal to restructure the Representatives was presented. It will now season until the 7th month Meeting for Business.
- The Waking up to Race (WUTR) book group will begin a new book, *Healing Resistance* by Kazu Haga. The group is open to anyone from Meeting who would like to attend. The group meets Wednesday mornings from 9-11. Discussion on the new book starts June 30th.

PROPOSED MINUTE: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the new Representative structure as attached to this copy of the Minutes. Seasoning until 7th month.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Doug Hamm, Patricia Phillips, Karen Olson

From May: Amy Cooke's name is seasoning as a member of Spirit & Witness for 2021-22.

MINUTE_2021.06.12: Amy Cooke is approved as a member of Spirit and Witness for the 2021-22 year.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Dorothy Henderson, Gordon Bishop, Karen Olson, Judy Hamilton, Doug Hamm, Don McCormick

Dorothy Henderson gave the report, attached.

The committee is seeking a teacher who would be delighted to teach on 2nd Sundays for Children's Program. This person can partner with a current committee member. The program will continue to be on Zoom until it is not - the program will not be hybrid when we transition to that model.

STEWARDSHIP: Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, Reed Hamilton, Pat Phillips, Doug Hamm, Fosten Wilson (Treasurer, Ex-officio), Dianne Marshall (Librarian), Hailey Wilson

The committee is discerning the lease with Sierra Friends Center as well as the hybrid meeting proposals.

WELCOME: Amy Cooke, Don McCormick, Kathy McCreery

Amy Cooke gave the report, attached.

REPRESENTATIVE and OFFICER REPORTS

- **Sierra Friends Center:** The report was read and is attached

- **Interfaith Nevada County:** Dianne Marshall gave the report. The next meeting is next Tuesday, June 15. A presentation will be given by Paul Cummings, Director of the Office of Emergency Services (Nevada County). The conversation will be about how the Faith Community may support the OES during the event of a Paradise- scale fire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Waking Up to Race book group** is starting to read a new book, *Healing Resistance* by Kazu Haga. The group is open to anyone from Meeting who would like to attend. The group meets Wednesday mornings from 9-11. Discussion on the new book starts June 30th.
- The **Friends General Conference 2021** Gathering will be held virtually, from June 27 – July 3, 2021. Registration is open on a pay-as-you-are-led basis.
 - If you use Facebook, follow the **Grass Valley Friends Meeting** page, or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. If you share a post from the page, your friends will see it!. It helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).
 - It's easy to give to Grass Valley Friends Meeting! Go to gvfriends.org and click on the Give button. This takes you to a secure site for donations. Please consider making your contribution monthly. Your contribution covers our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues and ensures that our activities as a Meeting are sustained. Thank you.
 - The dates for **Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session 2021** have been set: **July 23-28, 2021**. See the Clerk's Call to Annual Session 2021 and the AS 2021 Information Page for more information.
 - **Online Worship:** every Wednesday evening, 7:00-7:30 pm sponsored by PYM Eldering subcommittee of the Ministry Committee. Consider also the many other opportunities for online Quaker worship listed at westernfriend.org.

FEEDBACK

- One of our co-clerks expressed a longing for more preparation prior to the Meeting for Business
- Appreciation was expressed for Friends in France being so present through Zoom technology
- Gratitude was given for Peggy Baldwin's memorial service

ACTION ITEMS & ITEMS SEASONING

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READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES

Note: The record and the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

If you are giving a report to GVFM, please send the actual report to the recording clerk at grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com **THE FRIDAY BEFORE MEETING FOR BUSINESS.**

GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Dianne Marshall by Tuesday at 10 am.

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully recorded by Amy Cooke, recording clerk.

ADVICES and QUERIES: Sixth Month - Social and Civic Responsibility

In the words of William Penn, “*True godliness doesn’t draw men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavors to mend it.*” Elsewhere he commented: “*It is a reproach to religion and government to suffer so much poverty and excess.*”

Poverty within a wealthy society is unjust, cruel, and often linked to skin color, gender, and language. We must examine our own privilege and role in the economic order that deepens this disparity.

We value our part in shaping the laws of our country. Our task is to see that laws serve God’s purposes and build a just social order.

If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law that is contrary to God’s law, we must proceed with care.

What am I doing to carry my share of responsibility for the government of our community, nation, and world? Am I persistent in my efforts to promote constructive change?

How do we attend to the suffering of others in our local community, in our state and nation, and in the world community? Do we try to understand the causes of suffering, and do we address them as a Meeting? How do we, individually and as a Meeting, support the organizations that work to bring the testimonies of Friends into reality in our society?

Reminder from the Nominating Committee

The new terms for committees, officers and representatives starts July 1st. The first name on the Committee list is the convener and it would be good to call a meeting soon to pick a clerk. Please let the Nominating committee know who the clerk is. Thank you



PEGGY BALDWIN

December 10, 1936 – May 26, 2021

By her husband, Don Baldwin



In 1963, Peggy and I met on a blind date in front of her Greenwich Village apartment. My best friends had recently met her in a youth hostel in Florence, where Peggy had ventured alone at age 26! Following a wonderful courtship, I excitedly proposed marriage in May of '64 – simultaneously Peggy being offered a permanent TV role as one of Patty Duke's "sidekicks!" She chose me! Returning to our native CA, we were married in San Rafael on July 18 by my

father and grandfather, both Methodist ministers! A short honeymoon in Carmel followed later at Salmon Creek (near Bodega Bay), a favorite ocean destination for years to come.

Peggy was born Dec. 10, 1936, to Howard and Roxie Lang (always proud she was born in SFO!) Peggy attended Oakland's Glenview Grammar School and Oakland High, excelling in student drama productions. Her love of acting continued for 2 summers, joining College of the Pacific actors performing at the Fallon House Theater in Columbia, CA. A yearning to be on Broadway, all alone – at age 19 – she moved to NY City, graduating from the American Theater Wing. Broadway roles eluded her, but she delighted ushering at dozens of Broadway shows. Success came with summer stock theater in New England, and landing a role in Archibald MacLeish's play, "J.B."

Following our marriage, I was appointed pastor of the El Portal Community Church (outside Yosemite). In 1965, an unexpected offer came to be the park's Resident Minister, which we eagerly accepted, the next 4 years allowing us to live beneath the granite cliffs of Yosemite Valley. While I served the Chapel's congregation and visitors, Peggy continued her love of theater through the Yosemite Arts Council, Both of our beautiful daughters, Eve & Joy, were born in the valley's clinic. Following an evening Chapel service on 'silence,' Peggy exclaimed, "I always knew in my heart that I was a Quaker!"

1969 saw a major change: a move to Lawrence, KS, where I accepted the position of Methodist campus minister at Kansas University. Peggy's passion for theater arts blossomed, becoming the first Director of a residence hall dedicated entirely to artistic expressions. She directed the first-ever production of the musical, "Free to Be You and Me" – commissioned by Marlo Thomas, who attended the first live performance! Our 7 years at KU were challenging and exciting, with Peggy's passion for peace encouraged by her on-campus Quaker meeting. Together, countless times, we marched and stood in anti-war candle-light vigils for peace. A year's sabbatical at the Wallingford PA Quaker Center for contemplation, Pendle Hill, deepened her commitment to prayer and peace.

A major move back to CA occurred in 1977, with Methodist churches at Kings Beach & Truckee. The North Tahoe Fine Arts Guild allowed for Peggy's continued acting, while her work at Robert's Hardware store in Truckee provided a wonderful experience of community. 1984 saw us move to Sacramento, where Peggy studied television communications at Cosumnes River College, graduating Cum Laude and the featured graduation speaker!

In 1986, when I accepted an appointment to the Aptos Community United Methodist Church, Peggy continued on for 3 years working in Sacramento television, joining me in Aptos in 1989. A beloved participant in the congregation, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, diligently supporting PeaceBuilders, and always ready to serve as host to our homeless guests. Her delight was being a bookseller at the local Bookworks. In

1999, my retirement took us to Santa Rosa, where Peggy became active in the local Quaker meeting, again engaging in many actions for peace and justice.

2004 found us moving to Nevada City into our beloved “story-book” home on Gayle Lane, which she loved and diligently cared for. She delighted in feeding ‘her birds’ – and all the varied wildlife: deer, raccoons, fox, skunks, squirrels, and occasional bears! Her special heart for trees led her to lobby with PG&E not to cut any trees without her consent! Her ‘totem’ creature was the beaver: she identified with their determination, drive, industriousness, and dam-building execution. Every river we ever passed, if there were any twigs or broken branches blocking the water, she would exclaim, “That must have been a beaver dam!”

Peggy was passionate; she felt life. She cried over human injury, fires, poverty and injustice. The Quaker Peace & Justice Committee supported her passion for action, as well as did Climate Action Now. Her art love took us to museums, concerts, theater, films and ballet. We shared such beauty in nature, camping at Sierra Buttes, beachside vacations at Golden Sands, kayaking on many lakes, and memorable walks through the Giant Sequoias. How she loved our trips through the San Juan Islands and the colorful SW. “Happiness is being married to your best friend,” and she was that to me for sure- always supportive, even in my darkest hours. I called her, “Peggy Good-Heart” – for that she was!

She delighted in the marriage of our daughter Joy to Troy Simonick – it was a thrilling day. When Eve became very ill in 2019, it took a big toll on her health and happiness. A friend noted a “weariness in her eyes,” and that weariness manifested in a sudden and unexpected heart attack. Joy and I were at her bedside, with Eve on FaceTime, expressing our deepest thanksgiving for her beautiful life and to say our tearful goodbyes. Her last breath and good heart stopped on January 26, 2021. Several years ago, a friend had written, “What love, what benevolent friendship left its pollen in this town? Ah, so Peggy lived here.”

Peggy’s ashes will be scattered at her beloved Hope Valley, on July 18th. Peggy’s parents preceded her in death. Besides myself, her surviving relatives include her daughters, Eve and Joy, her sister Linda Bishop (Floyd), their daughters Lisa and Rebecca Potter, and cousins Joan Verlinden (John), Greg Lang (Ruth) and Bob Wright (Judy). A memorial celebration of her life will be held this Sunday, June 6th, 4pm, at the Sierra Friends Center, 13075 Woolman Ln., Nevada City, CA 95959. Memorial gifts may be sent to Utah’s Place (Hospitality House) or to the National Audubon Society. Feel free to email me if you’d like more information::dbmediaarts@comcast.net

El Salvador Project

Palo Alto Friends Meeting

Greetings from Hulda Muaka, Committee Clerk:

Once again, we bring you news of current political and social developments in El Salvador, where a new party has taken the presidency and a commanding majority of seats in the national legislature, as well as most municipal governments. We all hope for the best as we see some light at the end of the tunnel, as the whole world fights the pandemic.

The clear message is that we are interconnected, and we have to take care of each other. We are grateful for the works of those who came before us, whose foresight has led to better lives for the students who in turn are improving conditions in their families and their communities at large. Our column *The Wind Beneath Our Wings* features Frank Cummings, who dedicated his time and money to better lives in El Salvador through education. Frank shared the vision of the founder of the El Salvador Projects, Carmen Broz: Education is the key to a better future.

The Director's report highlights the successes and struggles of students we assist, with outcomes that are very encouraging despite the odds. This is made possible by your donations. Our appreciation is well expressed in the appeal by Jamie Newton that you'll find in this newsletter.

I am thankful to the El Salvador working group that coordinates the program. Special thanks go to Bill Bauriedel, who has been the treasurer for over 20 years. He recently resigned as treasurer but remains a committee member and serves as assistant treasurer to assist Committee member David Hinson, who stepped up to become our new treasurer.

Please keep donating, and remember that no amount is too small. Altogether, each doing what we can, we provide support that transforms lives and communities. Be blessed!

[Read more.](#)

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Invitation to join as Waking Up to Race begins a new book

A Grass Valley Friends Meeting book group, Waking Up to Race, WUTR, has been meeting since January of 2020, responding to the call from our Pacific Yearly Meeting clerk, Sandy Kewman and the PYM Racial Justice Sub-committee to address issues of white supremacy and racism in our midst. Over the past year we first read Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility*, followed by Resmaa Menakem's *My Grandmother's Hands*, and then Ibram X. Kendi's *How to be an Antiracist*. For the past seventeen months we have been meeting for two hours weekly to respond to the reading in a worship sharing format. This has been a deeply sobering experience of self and community discovery about the grave inequities in our society, and the historical roots to those inequities in ourselves, our body politic as well as in our Quaker religion. Our sharing with each other has led many of us to explore other avenues for confronting racism within ourselves and in our larger community.

On Wednesday June 30 we will be starting a new book and we are eager to have you join us. The book is **Healing Resistance: A Radically Different Response to Harm**, by Kazu Haga. The founder of the East Point Peace Academy in Oakland California, Kazu Haga teaches nonviolence, conflict reconciliation, restorative justice, organizing and mindfulness in prisons and jails, high schools and youth groups, and with activist communities around the country. The website for the academy is <https://www.eastpointpeace.org>

To inspire you to join with us in reading this book and strengthening our work of nonviolence and antiracism, two of the numerous recommendations on the flyleaf of *Healing Resistance*:

From Joanna Macy: *“To resist today’s violence exploding everywhere in ways that can actually heal our world seems a pipe dream—until Kazu Haga makes it real. In his wry, funny and utterly grounded fashion, he helps me believe we can do it and begin to become the Beloved Community. We need this book like oxygen.”*

And from David Hartsough: *“An inspiring book about the power of nonviolence—living it in our lives and using it in our work for social transformation. Kazu Haga brings to life Martin Luther King Jr.’s six principles of nonviolence and his six steps for building powerful nonviolent campaigns. Read this book, feel empowered and help build the Beloved Community.”*

Our group will meet from 9 to 11 am on Wednesday mornings, with our first meeting to take place on June 30th. We hope you will find a way to join us and we look forward to building the Beloved Community together!

To sign up or have questions, send an email to Dorothy Henderson at dorothyjohenderson@gmail.com. For questions you can also contact Dorothy at 530 575-5988 for text and calls

Ready Set Go Movie Time from the Office of Emergency Services – featuring our own
Susan Hopkins

Do take the time to watch this!



Living with Fire: A Restoration Workshop

Dates: 9 am-5 pm on June 5, September 11, November 13th (Or after the first rain)



3-DAY WORKSHOP ABOUT HOW TO LIVE IN A FIRE-PRONE LANDSCAPE

We live in a fire-prone and fire-dependent landscape in the West. How can we learn to live with fire, which is necessary for the land to be healthy? Northern California Native Americans look upon fire as a way to help generate health and rejuvenate the land.

After the devastating Jones Fire of August, 2020 many supporters of Woolman have expressed a desire to help with land restoration. This Workshop teaches about fire impacts and the measures that can be taken to assist nature as it recovers — including tree planting! **We have 4,000 seedlings in a nursery right now, that will be ready to go in the ground after the first rains.**

Living with Fire: A Restoration Workshop **will start with a plenary talk from Shelly Covert, from the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe, about Tribal Ecological Knowledge.** Next, expert guides will introduce participants to the science behind fire on our landscape by hiking through the various fire severity areas. With that knowledge, as a community we will develop planning priorities for restoration and long-term land stewardship. Participants will be trained as “zone” leaders for a community tree-planting and restoration day just after the first fall rains.

Participants: Young adults (16 yrs) and older. Must be able to walk on trails, sit at a round table with a small group for 4 hours, and perform some restoration tasks (e.g. digging, planting, cutting brush, making piles, etc.). Size limit is 35 participants.

Cost: \$300 for three days. Optional 8 am Yoga class on the lawn or in the Meeting House is an additional \$15 per session. Lunches are optional at \$15 per session or “bring your own.”

Optional Accommodations: for attendees who desire to spend the night, the A-Frames will be available for booking at \$60 per night plus a \$40 cleaning fee.

To register click below or contact us at info@woolman.org

REGISTER NOW



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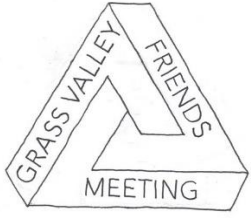
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