

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

13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 @
The Sierra Friends Center, off Jones Bar Road,
Nevada City, CA 95959

Website: www.grassvalleyfriends.org
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First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House (in-person and zoom)
10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship (in-person and zoom)
To receive the zoom link, grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com.

Newsletter, 8th Month, 2023

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MEETING CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced.

Second Sunday

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

Third Sunday

- Program to be announced.

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life

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

- **Sunday, August 13, 2023**, 11:30a.m. Monthly Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
- **Sunday, August 20, 2023**, 11:30a.m. – **Rabbi David Azen on the biblical origins of male domination in the Eden Story.** See page 11 for details.
- **Saturday, August 23, 2023, 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. – GVFM Monthly Potluck** at the Hendrickson/Cowen home See page 11 for details.

HAPPENING LATER

- **September 29 – October 1, 2023**, Woolman Homecoming/60th Anniversary: . [Details.](#)
- **October 13-15, 2023** - College Park Quarterly Meeting - See page 11 for details
- **Saturday September 30, 2023**, 11a.m. – 2p.m. Orange Shirt/Every Child Matters Day on at Yuba River Charter School.

GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter.

SFC: Sierra Friends Center

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 Resource

UwN: Unity with Nature

Threshing Session: A meeting at a separate time 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, speak to a point just made, or ask a question of a previous speaker.

Query: The Friends practice of examining our souls and seeking clarity. These questions & exercises help to give time to seek truth about ourselves and our spiritual condition and to tap into Divine insight.

[Grass Valley Friends Meeting Facebook link](#)

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, and it helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).

Nisenan Land Acknowledgement



We acknowledge the Nisenan people are still here among us today, though they are nearly invisible, and their story continues to be excluded from history.

We understand we are on Nisenan land that was never ceded, and the original tribal families have yet to recover from the genocide of their people.

As a resident or visitor in Nisenan land, we support the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan tribe in efforts to stabilize their people as well as the campaign to restore tribal sovereignty through federal recognition.

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, August 13, 2023, 2023, Minutes and Record

We met in a hybrid meeting on Zoom and in person.

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Doug Hamm, Gordon Starr, Mary Starr, Jennifer Smith, Stuart Smith, Marilyn Guida, Fosten Wilson, Kathy McCreery, Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Sharon Davisson, Don McCormick.

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query:

Dorothy Henderson, clerk, introduced Amy Cooke and Jennifer Smith, recording clerks (outgoing and incoming), as well as Gordon Starr, who is serving as the elder to the clerk, as well as the community of GVFM.

Dorothy shared a memory of Stuart Smith, who was clerking GVFM when she arrived in 2000. Other clerks - Gordon Starr and Chamba Cooke (who spoke to seeking the will of God), as well as Don and Anita McCormick, and Dean Olson, who sought help when he needed it were mentioned. All of these prior clerks help to inform her as she steps into this role.

Dorothy referenced Nora Cooke's plenary keynote at Pacific Yearly Meeting's Annual Session this year. Nora used Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

When you come to Meeting for Worship for Business how do you discern the will of God? What contributes to the renewing of your mind?

Friends spoke out of worship.

- A Friend spoke to putting in the front of his mind that there is that of God in everyone, this helps him to see that he may hear other than what he expects or hopes for.
- Another Friend spoke that what opens up the clarification of mind is those times when he could put aside his opinions or a personal agenda.
- A Friend also spoke to how Meeting for Worship for Business supports him in practicing

to detect the will of God.

Action Items and Seasoning:

- There are no items carried over from previous Meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke, Stuart Smith, Reed Hamilton, Sharon Davisson, Dean Olson, Dorothy Henderson (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, elder to the clerk).

Amy Cooke gave the report, appended.

Welcome: Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cheryl Hendrickson, Cindy Bliss, Lo Hamm, CJ Patterson, Peter O'Rourke (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Hailey Wilson (ex-officio, tech support), Judy Hamilton (ex-officio, email coordinator).

Kathy McCreery gave the organization report for the month on Sierra Friends Center/Woolman (appended).

Amy Cooke reported on the website. The new website has a new URL - www.grassvalleyfriends.org. It should be up in the next week or so. Please contact Peter O'Rourke and Amy Cooke with any questions. The site is being rebuilt, so we may have a bug or two to work out as we get it back to full operational status.

It was noted that the difficulties that Sierra Friends Center is facing are different than the past. There is a strong board that is facing issues that all similar business models are facing. He encouraged Friends to be concerned, but not panicked.

Stewardship: Mary Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Gordon Starr, Doug Hamm, David Bowman. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Fosten Wilson (ex-officio, Treasurer), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian),

Mary Starr gave the report, appended.

A Friend noted that the Pacific Yearly Meeting annual charges will return to pre-Covid levels next year.

A question was asked about the posters in the meetinghouse. Eric Sableman, clerk of CPQM has been contacted about the posters for College Park Quarterly Meeting (CPQM) in October and has approved displaying the posters. The aesthetic of plainness in the meetinghouse is something we remain committed to.

It was noted that Hailey Wilson is currently on the slate as ex officio on Welcome Committee as the tech support person.

Proposed Minute: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves having the Tech Support person be transferred from ex officio on the Welcome Committee to ex officio on the Stewardship Committee.

This minute will now season for a month and come back to the Meeting for Business in September.

A Friend asked if it was possible to get a redirect from GVFriends.org to Grassvalleyfriends.org. This will be explored, and it seems likely.

Children's Program: Dorothy Henderson, Gordon Bishop, **Doug Hamm**, Judy Hamilton, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, Keely McDonald, David Cowan, Lo Hamm.

No report. Doug Hamm is the acting clerk.

Nominating Committee: (*terms as noted*) Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024, Gordon Starr: 2022-2024, two positions vacant (see Naming Committee, following).

No report.

Naming Committee: Mary Starr, Dorothy Henderson, Amy Cooke, Kathy McCreery

Kathy McCreery gave the report. The Naming Committee brings forward the names of Dean Olson and Sharon Davisson for Nominating Committee terms 2023-2025.

These names will now season until the September Meeting for Worship on the Occasion for Business.

Proposed Minute: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves Sharon Davisson and Dean Olson for terms on the Nominating Committee for 2023-2025.

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Treasurer:** Fosten Wilson

Fosten Wilson, Treasurer, gave the report, attached.

Fosten presented paper copies of the spreadsheets illustrating the fund activity for the Meeting.

A Friend asked for clarification on the unexpected expenditures. The primary unexpected expenditure was for the OWL and the computer replacement. We had set aside a technology fund and bolstered that with fundraising for the OWL, however, there were additional expenses incurred. It was noted that these expenses will not be incurred in the future. However, our Pacific Yearly Meeting membership dues are going up, so that will need to be addressed.

There were also computer replacement costs and a Friend asked what fund those costs drew from. Fosten noted that there can be confusion between the General Fund (the miscellaneous unbudgeted fund was used for computer expenses as well as the OWL additional expenses) and identified funds for specific needs (like the Tech restricted fund that received donations for the OWL).

Also, our contributions for the year are slightly diminished. It is not terribly out of line, and Fosten reported that there are additional contributions that have just come in. The community is therefore helping us to meet this current situation.

Gratitude was expressed for our treasurer!!

- **Interfaith Nevada County:** Dianne Marshall ~ no report
- **Sierra Friends Center:** Gordon Starr ~ no report
- **Pacific Yearly Meeting:** Doug Hamm ~ no report

- **College Park Quarterly Meeting:** Doug Hamm ~ no report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 20: Rabbi David Azen: Male domination reflected in the Eden Story
- Our website is temporarily disabled. We are working on it!
- 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, and it helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).
 - There is a [new PacYM directory online](#). See Dorothy for the password.
 - Woolman Homecoming: September 29 – October 1, 2023. Whether you were a John Woolman School student, a Woolman Semester School student, a camper at Camp Woolman, a visitor, or a Friend, please join Woolman in celebrating this milestone and sharing your memories of Woolman.
 - September's Orange Shirt/Every Child Matters Day on Saturday September 30th, 11-2 at Yuba River Charter School. Email Jeree at jeree@careandprayer.com or text/call her at (530) 320-0817 for information on how to volunteer. They also need potluck dishes early this year.
 - The College Park quarterly meeting will gather October 13-15 here at Sierra Friends Center in Nevada City, CA (and online for some activities). Please see their website for more details: <https://collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org>
 - Nevada County Fair: There were Quakers represented in the Peace Poster contest and the expository writing contest.

ITEMS SEASONING

- The Meeting for Business recommends that the Tech Support person be ex officio on the Stewardship Committee rather than the Welcome Committee.
- The Naming Committee brings forward the names of Dean Olson and Sharon Davisson for Nominating Committee terms 2023-2025.

There were no action items carried forward.

READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES

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

[APPENDICES:](#)

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| 1. Spirit and Witness Committee Report | 3. Stewardship Committee report |
| 2. Welcome Committee: Organization Report | 4. Treasurer's Report |

Advices & Queries: EIGHTH Month ~ SIMPLICITY

Life is meant to be lived from a Center, a divine Center... a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time.

thomas r. kelly, *testament of devotion*, 1941

A life centered in God will be directed toward keeping communication with God open and unencumbered. Simplicity is best achieved through a right-ordering of priorities, maintaining humility of spirit, avoiding self-indulgence, resisting the accumulation of unnecessary possessions, and avoiding over-busy lives.

Elise Boulding writes in *My Part in the Quaker Adventure*: “*Simplicity, beauty, and happiness go together if they are a byproduct of a concern for something more important than ourselves.*”

- Do I center my life in an awareness of God’s presence so that all things take their rightful place?
- Do I live simply, and promote the right sharing of the world’s bounty?
- Do I keep my life uncluttered with things and activities, avoiding commitments beyond my strength and light?
- How do I maintain simplicity, moderation, and honesty in my speech, my manner of living, and my daily work?
- Do I recognize when I have enough?
- *Is the life of our Meeting so ordered that it helps us to simplify our lives?*

No religious dictator will save the world; no giant figure of heroic size will stalk across the stage of history today, as a new Messiah. But in simple, humble imperfect people like you and me wells up the springs of hope.

--Thomas Kelly, *The Eternal Promise*, "Where Are the Springs of Hope?" 1939

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- It’s easy to give to Grass Valley Friends Meeting! Click on the Give button above or go to gvfriends.org and click on the “GIVE” button. This takes you to a secure site for donations. Your monthly contribution covers our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues and ensures that our activities as a Meeting are sustained. *Tithely* now allows the user to change the dollar of their gift without making a new donation request. **Thank you.**
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FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

The Library Needs Bookends

The library is running low on bookends. If you have some extras you no longer need, please give them to Don or put them in the Library donations box.

Thank you!



Do You Want the Library to Keep Any of These Books?

There are a lot of books in the library that are over 40 years old and have never been checked out. We are in the process of giving away some of these. Two lists of these books are below. One list is of Biography and Autobiography. The other is a list of books about Peace and Nonviolence. The actual books will be on a separate bookshelf in the library. Later we will add books about other topics. You may see a book on this list that you think we should keep.

If you are familiar with the book, tell Don that you'd like it to remain in the library. If you are *not* familiar with the book, please take a look at the book. It's hard to tell what a book is about just by its title. And then, if you think we should keep the book, let Don know and we will keep it. Let Don know by:

1. Writing your name by the name of the book on this list. The list will be on the bookshelf in the library that has all the books we are thinking of giving away.
2. Sending an email donmccormick2@gmail.com, or
3. Telling Don when you see him in meeting.

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A-frame drawing by Sophie Wood Brinker



**Woolman 60th Celebration
Sept. 29th – Oct. 1st**

Registration is LIVE!

As of August 15, 2023, registration for this reunion is live and ready for you to purchase tickets and book your stay. Detailed program information will be sent out in the weeks leading up to the event. Please reach out to Shannon (shannonb@woolman.org) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you next month!

Spiritual Life Program for August 2023

- **Sunday, August 20, 2023, 11:30a.m. – Rabbi David Azen on the biblical origins of male domination in the Eden Story.**

What better person could there be than Rabbi David Azen to explore how male domination has been enshrined in the Eden story. Using careful text study of the original Hebrew and the art of a biblical interpretation from a progressive lens, Rabbi Azen uses humor and great story-telling skills to unlock what might have happened to lead to this story being told the way it appears in Scriptures. The roots of female oppression and how men are bound by certain expectations receive sharp and compelling focus. He offers thought-provoking information and an explanation of the Eden story that needs to be considered.

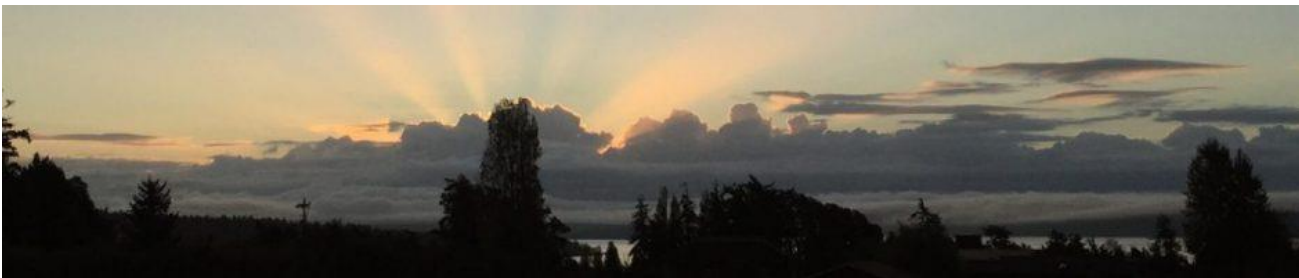
Monthly Potluck: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Time: 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Place: The home of Cheryl Hendrickson & David Cowen & Olivia Cowen

Address: 10510 Dolores Dr, Grass Valley, CA 95945

RSVP requested: Cheryl Hendrickson cheryl.l.hendrickson@gmail.com



College Park Quarterly Meeting

- <https://collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org>

College Park Quarterly Meeting (CPQM) is a quarterly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in northern California and northern Nevada ([list](#)).

The quarterly meeting will gather October 13-15 at Sierra Friends Center in Nevada City, CA (and online for some activities). The quarterly meeting gathers on a regular [schedule](#). We encourage all Friends to join us for the business of the quarterly meeting.

Useful forms:

- [CPQM Tuition Assistance](#)
- [CPQM Teen Program Handbook](#)
- [Teen Program Packing List](#)
- [Medical Information Form](#)
- [Parental Consent Form](#)



The Urgent Call Steering Committee continues to hold our country's challenging political environment in prayer. As we anticipate the 2024 election season, we have just issued an Updated Call To Action to the Religious Society of Friends. You can find it and download it [here](#). The [original Urgent Call](#) continues to be a vital message. Please consider our updated pleas for action and distribute this email and Updated Call to Action widely for discernment by meetings and individual Friends.

We are committed to continuing our work for truth and democracy through the 2024 elections. We will be organizing periodic National Zoom Calls for Friends to come together for encouragement, learning, and support.

The first such call will be held on September 28, 2023, 7-9 pm EDT. We are thrilled that Parker Palmer will open this National Call with a message: "The Better Angels of Our Nature: Love, Truth, Justice & the Work of We the People." We will be sending you a flyer with more details soon. You can register for the September 28 National Zoom Call, as well as future calls and training sessions, on our [website](#).

Even though the polarization, promulgation of lies, and threats of violence that permeate our country's public discourse are disheartening, and even frightening at times, let us continue to hold to our deep faith in the Light and to notice and affirm the Light wherever and whenever we see it. As Friends we nurture hope, trust, and joy through our worship and work together.

Yours in faith,

The Urgent Call Steering Committee

Marian Beane, Bruce Birchard, Sam Caldwell, Gretchen Castle, Mary Ellen McNish, Diane Randall, Jim Waddington, and Michael Wajda, clerk.

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Action Center OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVOCATE

- [Lobby for SB 253 - the Climate Corporate Leadership and Accountability Act](#)
[Sign up for Training Sessions](#)
- [Work and Family Coalition Virtual Advocacy Week - August 21-25: Sign up for 2 hours of lobbying](#) on important legislation for 7 paid sick days, paid family leave for chosen family, no discrimination against caregivers and more.
- Get involved in the campaign for ACA 10 - the California Constitutional Right to Housing. [Read more here.](#)
- Call Gov. Newsom and tell him to support the Safety Net for All Working Group proposal in the California State Budget! Use the following link to make your call: <https://workers.fyi/call>
- [Take Action on these important environmental bills!](#)
- [Support Five Gun Violence Prevention Bills](#)
- [Take Action in support of SB 616: Paid Sick and Safe Days for all Working Californians](#)
- [Email your Assemblymember to support the Climate Corporate Leadership and Accountability Act, SB 253](#)
- [Tell your legislators to act to prevent a hunger strike](#)
- [Protect family caregivers from discrimination in employment](#)
- [Tell CA legislators: YES on paid leave for chosen family](#)
- [Read how the legislative process works - the lifecycle of a bill](#)
- [Find your legislators](#)
- [Look up bills](#)

El Salvador Projects

We come to you with an annual update of our work in El Salvador. Thank you very much for your contributions. They go towards changing the lives of youth from under-privileged families in El Salvador.

The founder of the Palo Alto Friends El Salvador Projects, Carmen Broz, envisioned education as a tool for changing lives and rebuilding her country of origin, then suffering from civil war. As we carry on this vision, we see firsthand the results of positive changes in individuals, families, communities, and the country at large. We bring you firsthand information from the Director, Robert Broz, son of the founder, resident of El Salvador who works one-on-one with the students. Read his report and see how far we have come!

Collectively, we can make the changes that the world needs. The story of The Wind Beneath our Wings illustrates how interwoven our lives can be, with each chipping in what skills they have. The Teen Service trips that we had in the past and hope to resume in the near future are eye openers to the youth and young-at-heart adults from both America the El Salvador youth who got to know each other in El Salvador. Lives were changed by this experience.

Finally, our letter of appeal notes that the political situation that we operate in can hamper our progress, but the struggle continues. Please donate to this program. With its focus on education and overall wellbeing, together we will continue to change lives making this world a better place.

Thank You! Hulda Muaka, Clerk, El Salvador Projects, PAFM

Director's Report



Robert Broz,
Program Director

Robert Broz shares his unique insights from leading this project and explaining it to visitors from around the world.

[Read More](#)

Where They Are Today



News of former student: Learn about the achievements and contributions of enthusiastic teacher/administrator Wilson Olmedo.

[Read More](#)

The Wind Beneath our Wings



Barbara Babin has made significant contributions to the ongoing work of this project including leading several of the youth trips to El Salvador. Read about her background and work with the project.

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Grass Valley Friends Meeting Contact Information (8-13-23)

COMMITTEES: (convener or clerk in bold)

Stewardship: Mary Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Gordon Starr, Doug Hamm, David Bowman. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Fosten Wilson (ex-officio, Treasurer), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian), (ex-officio Tech Support).

Welcome: Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cheryl Hendrickson, Cindy Bliss, Lo Hamm, CJ Patterson, Peter O'Rourke (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Judy Hamilton (ex-officio, email coordinator).

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke, Stuart Smith, Reed Hamilton, Sharon Davisson, Dean Olson, Dorothy Henderson (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, elder to the clerk).

Children's Program: Dorothy Henderson, Gordon Bishop, Doug Hamm, Judy Hamilton, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, Keely McDonald, David Cowan, Lo Hamm.

Nominating Committee: (*terms as noted*)

- Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024
- Gordon Starr: 2022-2024

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Representatives: one-year terms

Please note: Most organizations no longer have representatives from GVFM. They are held in two committees, Welcome and Spirit and Witness. The following organizations are the exceptions:

- **Interfaith Nevada County:** Dianne Marshall
- **Sierra Friends Center:** Gordon Starr
- **Pacific Yearly Meeting:** Doug Hamm
- **College Park Quarterly Meeting:** Doug Hamm



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