

Around the Family

Hamilton Monthly Meeting

In December, 2004, Hamilton Friends celebrated Hanna Newcombe's work with Peace Research Institute – Dundas. Hanna will continue to be involved in peace work but the Institute is being closed down. It is expected the closure will be completed early in 2005. (Editor's note: the web site of PRI - D is found at: <<http://www.prid.on.ca/>>.)

Hamilton Quakers and six members of the Refugee Sponsorship Group continue their commitment to supporting the Wissa Afghan refugee family's application for immigration to Canada. The Wissas have been in Dutch camps for about seven years.

This winter, a small group of Hamilton Friends and Attenders studied the works of George Fox. The text we used was *Truth of the Heart, an Anthology of George Fox*, selected and annotated by Rex Ambler. It was a spiritually enriching experience.

New Brunswick Monthly Meeting

Maida Follini is one Friends who collects used postage stamps for Mattapoisett Friends Meeting in Massachusetts. Since 1999, Mattapoisett Friends have raised \$38,050 for Friends World Committee for Consultation, and Right Sharing of World Resources, from donated used stamps.

Ottawa Monthly Meeting

In February, Ottawa Meeting's annual retreat was facilitated by American Friend, John Calvi. The slow, gentle, and restful retreat had a theme of goodness — a sense of how your goodness comes from the experience of love, work towards common good, and divine contact. The retreat focused on how this sense of goodness can be grown for deeper spiritual life and how obstacles can be cleared. It helped Ottawa Friends to lay down the noise of the world and restore calm and strength.

As part of the Women's Inter-Church Council, Bea Chapman presented a report on the World Day of Prayer held in March at the Meeting House.

Saanich Peninsula and Victoria Monthly Meeting

Women from Saanich Peninsula and Victoria Meetings have been holding a monthly Women's Circle meeting.

Simcoe-Muskoka Monthly Meeting

In January, the CBC aired the "WWII in Colour" documentary in a three-part series that was created from home movies. A short segment of Gordon Keith's movie, taken in China while working with the Friends Ambulance Unit, was included.

Toronto Monthly Meeting

A working group has been appointed to consider a proposal to build seniors' housing on the TMM parking lot. Underground parking would be provided in a basement level.

The Religious Education Committee is holding a series of workshops on "Friends Ways," based on the CYM curriculum of "Quaker basics" that is supplemented by testimonies written by Canadian Friends.

Wolfville Monthly Meeting

Wolfville Meeting has been growing steadily. Formerly, we met in members' homes with an attendance of 3 to 8 people. We now have a public meeting place, and usual attendance is 12 to 15. Christmas Potluck Family Night attracted over 50 people.

Wooler Monthly Meeting

Friends of Rosemarie McMechan's rejoice that her hip replacement was a success. Free of pain, she can walk again.

Yonge Street Monthly Meeting

Yonge Street Half Yearly Meeting will be held 3–5 June at Camp NeeKauNis in Midland, Ontario.

On 11 June, Yonge St. Friends Meeting and Burial Grounds will participate as Newmarket celebrates Open Doors Ontario.

Britain Yearly Meeting

Quaker Faith & Practice is the core publication of Britain Yearly Meeting. The complete text of the third edition is found at: <<http://www.quaker.org.uk/qfp/>>.

Camp NeeKauNis Friends Youth Development Experience

The exciting, intensive program for youth aged 14–16, helps teens develop competence, confidence, and leadership skills in the enriched camping environment of Camp

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NeeKauNis. 9 July to 2 August 2005. Information at www.fyde.neekaunis.ca

Canadian Friends Historical Association

On 17 September 2005, the Canadian Friends Historical Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at Pickering College. This informative, lively meeting will celebrate the 100th anniversary of *The Canadian Friend*, and the 50th anniversary of the united Canadian Yearly Meeting. All are welcome. Reservations for lunch and dinner are required.

Contemplative Christian Conference 2005

An opportunity to explore our journey together in silence will be held at Friends House in Toronto, on 6 August 2005. Information Jacques Gendron: (905) 853-0953; <jacquesgendron@yahoo.ca>.

Friends General Conference Gathering

The Gathering of Friends General Conference will take place from 2–9 July 2005, in Blacksburg, VA, with the theme “Weaving the Blessed Tapestry.”

Friends United Meeting (FUM) Triennial

The 2005 FUM Triennial will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from 13–17 July 2005. Information: (765) 962-7573; <info@fum.org>.

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

Lower Great Lakes Regional Gathering 2005 will take place Oct. 1–2 2005 in Barnesville, Ohio. Theme: From Whence Cometh Our Joy? Contact: Rose Mae Harkness, <ei609@ncf.ca>.

Marriages

- DYLAN HORVATH and SUNSHINE DIXON (YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING) on 21 August 21 2004

Welcomed into Membership

We joyfully welcome the following people as new members in the Religious Society of Friends:

- PHILIPPA HAJDU (YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING)
- DON MUNROE (YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING)
- SHEILA RICHARDSON (WOLFFVILLE MONTHLY MEETING)

Deaths

We give thanks for the grace of God as witnessed in the lives of these Friends, and extend our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

- ROY HORNSTY (VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING, FORMERLY OF HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING) died on 7 April 2005.
- GORDON PETTER (VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING) passed away quietly on 9 March 2005, just shy of his 95th birthday.
- MARY RUTTY, NÉE VAN SICKLE (HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING) A Memorial Meeting was held on 13 January 2005.
- SUZETTE WOLLINGER, (CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING BOOKKEEPER) on 22 February 2005. Suzette touched the lives of many Canadian Friends, and she will be missed.



Important Notes on Canadian Yearly Meeting

Do plan to join us at Canadian Yearly Meeting sessions at Augustana University College in Camrose, Alberta from 13–20 August 2005. The theme, “Weaving Past and Present into Our Future,” is a fitting one, given this year’s two significant milestones: the 100-year anniversary of *The Canadian Friend*, and the fifty-year anniversary of Canadian Yearly Meeting as a united Yearly Meeting.

Please be mindful of the deadlines. Early registration is 24 June 2005, and the final date registrations can be accepted is 29 July 2005.

Registration forms are found in the centre of the March 2005 issue of *The Canadian Friend*.