

Around the Family

Halifax Monthly Meeting

Halifax MM is celebrating its 40th anniversary. A recent celebration included planting of a Tree for Peace, and talks by Betty Peterson on the archives of the Meeting and by Maida Follini on the history of the first Quaker meeting in Dartmouth.

On May 24th weekend, many Friends attended Atlantic Friends' Gathering. The theme this year was Rebuilding Community Across All Boundaries.

Hamilton Monthly Meeting

In February, Conscience Canada (CC) organised a lobbying trip to Ottawa. Don Woodside attended as one of the five board members. Two others were from "Nos Impôts pour la paix" the Québec equivalent of CC. Joined by a Mennonite member of Christian Peacemaker Teams, and Murray Thomson, they met with over twenty MPs, senators and representatives of all four political parties as well as officials from the Department of Finance and an advisor for the Minister of Defence. CC would like to acknowledge the generous financial support of Canadian Friends Service Committee and Hamilton Monthly Meeting.

Ottawa Monthly Meeting

St. Lawrence Regional Gathering was held at Waupoos Farm. Friends considered the video "Escape from Affluenza," revisiting the Lord's Prayer, and simplicity.

On April 27, OMM and eight other peace and justice organisations hosted a Newsmakers' Breakfast with Douglas Roche on "The Future of Nuclear Weapons," which took place at the National Press Club.

Toronto Monthly Meeting

In May, a festive "lunch launch" was held for the Peace Nook, formerly the Sun Room, in Friends House.

Victoria Monthly Meeting

Fern Street, Duncan and Nanaimo Meetings have moved to a relationship that is sometimes described as 'geographically adventurous' or 'somewhat like a Preparative Meeting' in that Victoria Monthly Meetings are held sequentially in each of the three communities.

Wolfville Monthly Meeting

Please bless Katie Aven with your best wishes upon her graduation from Atlantic School of Theology in April 2005.

Births

We rejoice in the births of these children who have come to bless our lives, and pray for their well-being:

- ANNIE REBECCA CLARKE-WARD (OTTAWA MONTHLY MEETING) was born April 21 to Jesse Clarke and Beth Ward.
- CAROLINE ADA HITCHCOCK MARTINDALE (VANCOUVER MONTHLY MEETING) was born 16 December 2004 to Chris Hitchcock and Dave Martindale.
- CAMILLE CELESTINE DIXON MURDOCK (VANCOUVER MONTHLY MEETING) was born 15 May 2004 to Mavis Dixon and Jeffrey Murdock.

Welcomed into Membership

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

- HELEN MARTIN (MID-ISLAND ALLOWED MEETING, VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING)
- JOHN SCULL (DUNCAN WORSHIP GROUP, VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING)
- LINDA HILL (DUNCAN WORSHIP GROUP, VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING)
- CATHERINE SCHULMAN (FROM VERNON MM)
- BERNARD SCHULMAN (FROM VERNON MM)
- DANIEL, BENJAMIN AND STEPHEN SCHULMAN (FROM VERNON MM) to be recorded in the children's membership category.

Marriage

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

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.

- SALLY PRIESTMAN SHANNON (VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING) died on 25 January 2005.

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• **WILLIAM (BILL) PICKETT TABER JR.** of Barnesville, Ohio, known and loved by many Canadian Friends as a contemporary bridge to the best traditions of Conservative Friends' spirituality, died on 15 April 2005. Bill was a teacher and administrator at Olney Friends School for 20 years, and a teacher at Pendle Hill from 1981 to 1994 and a guest teacher there until this year.

• **NEIL DAVIS (TORONTO MONTHLY MEETING)** died on 18 April 2005.

Canadian Friends Historical Association

On 17 September 2005, the Canadian Friends Historical Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at Pickering College. They 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. Contact Jane Zavitz-Bond: <janezb@allstream.net>.

FriendsWorldCommittee for Consultation (FWCC)

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

Halcyonia Friends Meeting, an independent Conservative meeting near Borden, Saskatchewan, holds Meeting for Worship at 11 am on Sundays. Contact Al Penner, RR 1, Borden, SK, S0K 0N0 for details.

Pre-Canadian Yearly Meeting Silent Retreat

Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel is pleased to announce that Deborah Fisch will facilitate the Pre-Canadian Yearly Meeting silent retreat. Deborah is the coordinator of the Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Program. She has served as clerk of Iowa Yearly

Meeting (Conservative) since 1998. A biographical sketch is available at: <<http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/summer04/fisch.html>>.

World Gathering of Young Friends In August Alan Tatro (Victoria MM), Amy Jean Singleton-Polster (Vancouver MM), Galen Fick (Ottawa MM), Katie Aven, (Wolfville MM), Katrina McQuail (Kitchener Area MM), and Rebecca Ivanoff (Yonge Street MM) will attend the World Gathering of Young Friends in Lancaster, England, which is being held for the first time in 20 years. Young Friends' fund-raising efforts seek to raise enough money to send Canadian representatives and two Young Friends from the two-thirds world.



Three Canadian Friends at Pendle Hill

Left to right: Rose Marie Cipryk (Pelham MM), Mona Callin (Hamilton MM), Sharon MacDonald (Halifax MM)
In April, on scholarships from Home Mission and Advancement Committee, Mona and Rose Marie attended the week-long course "Making Time, Taking Time." It was led by Barbarajene Williams who also led the 2004 Pre-CYM silent retreat. Sharon is the 2004 - 2005 Pendle Hill Cadbury Scholar.



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