

# Around the Family

## Halifax Monthly Meeting

With great joy, Halifax Monthly Meeting welcomed Ruth Main and Heather Brown as members.

Halifax Monthly Meeting celebrated its fortieth anniversary in grand style this past June. Old and new Friends were welcomed, including Friends from New Brunswick and Wolfville Meetings.

Muriel Duckworth, of Halifax MM, was one of a thousand women from around the world who were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. These women have worked for years for peace and social justice in their own communities and countries as well as internationally. If they were honoured as they should be, our understanding of war and peace issues would change dramatically.

## Hamilton Monthly Meeting

A Memorial Meeting was held at the Meeting House on 25 June 2005 to celebrate the life of long-time Attender, Maria Kawerau.

Hamilton MM has taken under its care the film project of Chanda Chevannes, a filmmaker and attender at Toronto MM. Hamilton MM will provide for the financial stewardship of the \$5000 being donated by the Samuel Rogers Trust Fund to complete Chanda's documentary on Quakers in Canada.

On 6 July 2005, Martha Stephens gave birth to Maeve Roselin, a sister for Grace, who attends Hamilton First Day School. We warmly welcome Maeve.

On 6 August 2005 Diana Corinne Shepard, a Member of Hamilton MM, and Sean Peter Stephens were married.

On 10 October 2004 in New York City, Dan Cross, son of Peter Cross and Betty Preston, both Members of Hamilton MM, married Heather Klein.

## Kitchener Area Monthly Meeting

We send prayers and blessings to Gianne Broughton (long-time sojourner in Ottawa Monthly Meeting), who has gone to Bujumbura, Burundi, to help rebuild the American Friends Service Committee' peace programme

in the Great Lakes Region of central Africa.

## Ottawa Monthly Meeting

We welcome Dylan Conrad Purkis, son of long-time Attender Anna Van Der Kamp, and John Purkis. Dylan was born on 10 May 2005.

Eric Schiller is going with a Christian Peacemakers Team exploratory mission to Burundi, Congo and Uganda in October and November. Our prayers will be with Eric.

## Prairie Monthly Meeting

Prairie Monthly Meeting joyfully welcomed into membership:

- Carolyn Crippen (Winnipeg Allowed Meeting)
- Al Crippen (Winnipeg Allowed Meeting)
- Keith Barber (Winnipeg Allowed Meeting)
- Laurel Beyer (Saskatoon Allowed Meeting)
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- Cate Friesen, Samuel and Chester Beardsell-Friesen

As well, the following Friends have transferred their membership to Prairie Monthly Meeting:

- Tamara Fleming
- Rick McCutcheon
- Margaret Stewart

On 10 July 2005, the Thunder Bay Worship Group celebrated the marriage of Mary Louise Hill and Andrew Cheatle.

## Toronto Monthly Meeting

For Friends interested in interfaith activities, news and resources in southern Ontario, here is a free on-line newsletter with links to longer articles and reports on the web. The publisher and editor is Leslie Gabriel Mezei, (416) 226-2869. To register for free subscription, click <[info@interfaithunity.ca](mailto:info@interfaithunity.ca)>. Anyone can send information on events, resources, book reviews, and reports on events you attended.

Joy Morris and her husband Dave, who live in Lethbridge, Alberta, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Harmony Ruth Morris, on 6 August 2005.

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## Vernon Monthly Meeting

Peter Stevenson and Jesse Thompson undertook a very long bicycle trip this summer. They visited as many Young Friends as possible in British Columbia and Alberta to discuss Yearly Meeting and Friends in general. For a journal, map, and photos of their travels, visit: <<http://www.drawandtell.com/jtrip/jptripmain.html>>.

## Victoria Monthly Meeting

On 9 May 2005, Karel Rehak, of Mid-Island Meeting of Victoria MM, died at the age of 95.

Victoria Friends will miss Joe Awmack, who has moved to England with the intention of marrying Doreen Stein. Joe has been a longtime Friend and wonderful helper in so many ways.

On 9 July 2005 the Island Gathering of Friends, held every year in a different location, was hosted by Fern Street Monthly Meeting in Victoria, with the theme "Celebrating Diversity and Common Threads." About 28 Friends enjoyed fellowship and stimulating Special Interest Groups, worship, and meals in our lovely Meeting House garden.

## 2006 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

For the Midwestern United States, 14 July – August 10 2006, the Section of the Americas is seeking 14 young Friends who will be ages 16-18 at the time of the pilgrimage, and two adult facilitators. For information contact Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, (215)241-7250, <[QYP@fwccamericas.org](mailto:QYP@fwccamericas.org)>. Deadlines for applications: adult leaders: 15 December 2005; pilgrim applicants: 15 January 2006.

## The Quaker Initiative to End Torture

The Quaker Initiative to End Torture Conference on Torture will take place June 2006 at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Further information is found at <<http://home.ix.netcom.com/~quit/>>.

## Revised Schedule of Final Visits for Travelling Friend, Margaret Slavin

Margaret Slavin, of Peterborough Allowed Meeting, announces her final visits for her travels in the ministry

- Oct. 8-10: Western Half Yearly Meeting, Sask.
- Oct. 11-22: Saskatoon Allowed Meeting
- Oct. 23-29: South Kootenay Worship Group, Nelson
- Oct. 30-Nov.5: Fern St. Allowed Meeting, Victoria
- Nov. 6-12: Duncan Worship Group
- Nov. 13-19: Bowen Island Worship Group
- Nov. 20-26: Fraser Valley Worship Group, Mission
- Nov. 27-Dec. 3: Whitehorse in the snow
- Dec. 3-4: Fly home
- Feb. 2006: Ottawa MM and Killaloe WG

## Correction from the Last Issue

Sharon MacDonald recieved the Dorothy and Douglas Steere, not the Cadbury, scholarship at Pendle Hill.

## Found after Canadian Yearly Meeting

- a black GAP down vest, size large, (inside grey/yellow)
  - a navy blue MEC raincoat, size 14.
- Claim them: (905) 685-1022, <[cf-editor@quaker.ca](mailto:cf-editor@quaker.ca)>.

Monteverde Friends School, Costa Rica, seeks a director beginning July 2006 or earlier. See <[www.mfschool.org](http://www.mfschool.org)>.



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