

# Middlebury Friends Meeting



July  
2010

# JULY 2010

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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every Saturday 10:30 AM Vigil for Peace on the Triangle Green, downtown Middlebury. Until 11 AM.
- Mon. July 5 7 PM Women's group at Karen Nawn-Fahey's
- Wed. July 7 7 PM Men's Group at Jake Jacob's
- Sun. July 11 8:30 AM Worship & Study Committee meeting at Havurah
- Sun. July 18 12 NOON Picnic at Kingsland Bay State Park. Rain date: Aug. 1
- Mon. July 19 4 PM Outreach & Social Action Comm. at Tom Dickinson's
- Sun.-Sat. July 18-24 New York Yearly Meeting, Silver Bay, NY
- Sun. July 25 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business (July-Aug. meeting)
- Mon. Aug. 2 7 PM Women's Group at Shulamith's
- Sat.-Thurs. Aug. 7-12 New England Yearly Meeting
- Sat/Sun, Sept. 11 & 12 Northwest Quarterly Meeting, location TBA
- Sat/Sun, Sept. 11 & 12 Traveling Friend Deb Humphries to visit Middlebury
- Sun. Sept. 19 11:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri. Sept. 24 5:00 PM Community Supper hosted by MFM
- Sat/Sun, Dec. 4/5 Quarterly Meeting hosted by Bennington and Middlebury meetings, location in Middlebury TBA

*“Then followed that beautiful season...  
Summer....  
Filled was the air with a dreamy  
and magical light;  
and the landscape  
Lay as if new created in all  
the freshness of childhood.”*

—HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

## Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

20 June, 2010

Clerk: Becky Stratton

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present: Laura Asermily, Barbara Clearbridge (Shulamith), Ted Colwell, Win Colwell, Tom Dickinson, Mary Kay Glazer, Stewart Kirkaldy, Grace McGrath, Cheryl Mitchell, Mark Moss, Karen Nawn-Fahey, and Jean Rosenberg.

10.06.01 Minutes for 5/16/10 approved as printed in the newsletter.

10.06.02 Treasurer’s Report (Laura Asermily) “During the month of May the Meeting had income of \$1,548.00. Total income for the fiscal year so far is \$10,132.00, leaving us with \$802.00 to raise in the remaining month of the fiscal year. The income for the comparable period last year was \$9,805.35. Expenditures during May totaled \$1,632.75: \$500.00 for rent, \$500.00 for New England Yearly Meeting, \$125.00 for Northwest Quarter, \$180.00 for the children’s program, \$100.00 for gifts to young Friends, \$51.00 for newsletter printing, and \$178.75 for the Community Supper (Outreach line item). The bank balance at the end of May was \$4,982.97, which includes \$1,200.00 in the carry-over surplus fund. The bank balance as of June 20 was \$5,444.67.”

NOTE: We strive to have a balance of a few thousand dollars on June 30, to enable a few large payments at the beginning of the next fiscal year, including rent, yearly meeting and quarterly meeting.

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FOLLOW-UP: 1) The \$100 budgeted for Summer Lunch Program may not be needed, in which case, this amount will go to the Community Lunch Program.

2) To date, the \$250 for Quaker conferences and camps has not been requested. Friends are encouraged to consider attending New England Yearly Meeting in Smithfield, RI, from August 7-12. NEYM will also fully fund someone from a monthly meeting that has not had a representative in recent years. To learn more about this opportunity speak to one of the co-clerks.

**10.06.03 2010-11 Proposed Budget** The budget, as published in the last newsletter, was approved with one addition. It was approved to add \$200 for the financial support of the Ticonderoga Worship Group, to help with advertising and phone service. The worship group is asked to consult with the Finance Committee next winter about the next fiscal year budget. If Friends have any questions about the worship group or suggestions for more efficient financial management, they are encouraged to talk directly with Mark Moss and Mary Kay Glazer.

**10.06.04 Friends United Meeting financial support:** Prompted by a participant's desire to contribute to MFM but, led by conscience, does not wish her funds to benefit Friends United Meeting (FUM), it was decided that Tom Dickinson and the Finance Committee will look into how NEYM handles donations/allocations earmarked to not go to FUM. It is noted that MFM is in the process of threshing out our stand vis a vis NEYM's financial support of FUM, with the intention of reaching a sense of the meeting.

**10.06.05 Worship and Study Committee** (presented by Win Colwell; recorded by Becky Holmes & edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

1. *Welcome:* The group welcomed Marg Collins as a new member of the committee.
2. *Recommendations for Business Meeting:* Our discussion centered on the inherent conflict between patient process and modern efficiency; suggestions for better efficiency will be presented at monthly meeting.
3. *Friendly Forums and threshing session:* It is suggested that a threshing session be dedicated for exploring what relationship the Meeting is to have with FUM, perhaps combined with a potluck similar to the State of the Meeting meeting. This may be coordinated with the Fellowship and Outreach committees since those groups would be directly involved as well.
4. *Traveling Friend:* Deb Humphries, a Traveling Friend from Connecticut, will be visiting MFM for two days, September 11-12. Her particular interest is on spirituality in Meetings. Consideration will be given to how to welcome her to MFM.
5. *Ticonderoga Worship Group:* Mary Kay Glazer and Mark Moss encourage members of Worship and Study Committee and Meeting in general to visit the Worship Group which meets at 4:00 on Sundays at the Glazer-Moss home.

**FOLLOW-UP:** After suggestions were heard, to make monthly meetings more efficient, concern was expressed about shortening the time allotted for monthly meetings; however, there is interest in sending out committee reports ahead of time as well as committees reporting to monthly meeting only those items that are pertinent to the conduct of MFM business. It is hoped that by sending out committee reports via the google group, a few days before MM Sunday, Friends will be prepared for items that will come up for discussion at MM.

**10.06.06 Committee on Outreach and Social Action** (Tom Dickinson, edited for these minutes by the recording clerk)

1. *The relationship between MFM and Friends United Meeting (FUM):* There have been two well-attended Friendly Forums on the issue of FUM personnel policies and their decision-making and governance practices. It is clear the time is ripe for this discussion and that we are not close to consensus on the collective position of our Meeting. We will work with the Worship and Study and Fellowship Committees to develop the idea of an evening dessert potluck followed by a threshing session.

2. *MFM relationship with New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM):* Many of us are not familiar with the activities and function of our Yearly Meeting and few MFM members have attended NEYM in recent years. We will encourage attendance and using our budgeted funds to assist this.

**10.06.07 Pastoral Care Committee:** (Grace McGrath) A memorial minute for Burton Knopp was drafted and presented. After reading the minute, Friends sat in collective silence for several minutes. The minute was approved and will be sent on to quarterly and yearly meetings. It will be sent to Burt's family along with an offer to read it at his memorial service on June 26. (Please see Minute on pg. 6)

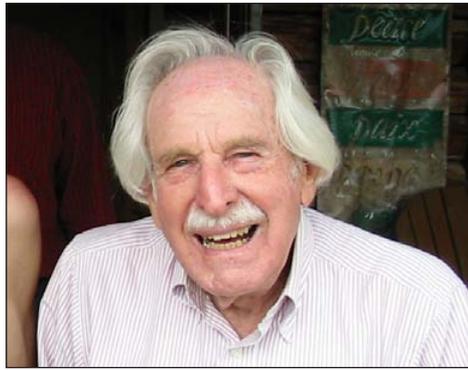
**10.06.08 Oversight Committee for Mary Kay Glazer:** Jean Rosenberg reported for the oversight committee (Jean, Tom Baskett, Priscilla Baker & Mark Moss) that meets periodically with Mary Kay to witness her calling as a spiritual guide, elder and workshop facilitator. The report was accepted and will be published in the newsletter.

**10.06.09 Oversight committee for Laurel and Aaron Coburn's Recommitment Meeting for Marriage:** Karen Nawn-Fahey reported for the oversight committee (Karen, Becky Stratton and Chris Stackhouse) that they met several times with Laurel and Aaron Coburn to address many practical and logistical details in preparation for their meeting for recommitment on June 19. All who attended agreed that the day was a successful gathering of Friends and family due, in large part, to the organizing before and on the actual day.

**10.06.10 Nominating Committee** (Cheryl Mitchell)

The final report of committee members and other tasks for the following fiscal year was considered and approved. It will be published in the newsletter.

Monthly meeting closed with a moment of silence.



## MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR BURTON KNOPP DECEMBER 7, 1916 – MARCH 31, 2010

Burt Knopp: “Never better!” No matter what, this is how he would always answer the question, “How are you, Burt?”

He strongly believed in living in the moment, and he managed to live that way. He knew how to take the energy of the world and pass it back through his life.

Burt was born in Waterbury, CT. in 1916. He graduated from Temple University after working his way through college.

In 1941, he married Fay Honey Irving, and they were married just five days short of 55 years until her death in 1995. Burt loved his wife, a social activist and prison reformer, and helped her in her many endeavors. He loved his children, Sari Knopp Biklen of Syracuse, NY and Alex Knopp of Norwalk, CT. Twenty-five years ago, the four of them built Honey and Burt’s log house together.

Burt loved to cook. He loved his garden and his bees. He loved to go to farmers markets with his honey. He took a hive to Addison County elementary schools for many years to demonstrate how bees were active as they made honey.

He loved music of all kinds, and loved making music with banjos, guitars and a wash-tub base. In the 60s and 70s, Burt played with many folksong groups.

He volunteered his time in many useful ways, at Porter Hospital, where he logged over 1,500 hours as a volunteer x-ray developer, in the Shoreham Historical Society, the Co-op and in numerous Peace and Protest groups. He was also a Mason.

Burt took great pleasure in his children and four grandchildren: Molly, Noah, Jesse and Andrew. He loved to talk about them, and delighted in what they were doing in the world. For instance, he proudly told us his grand-daughter was married by Justice Sotomayor, whose clerk she had been.

He was never too busy to talk with all kinds of people. He knew how to make himself available, and when we spoke with Burt, he made us feel that we had his complete attention, and appreciation.



## FRIENDLY BOOKS OF INTEREST

### *Pendle Hill Pamphlets*

by Paul Woodruff

Oxford University Press, New York, 2001, 248 pgs.

This is a reminder and an encouragement for MFM people to take advantage of the large number of Pendle Hill pamphlets our library contains. These are short booklets covering a wide range of topics all related to Quakerism, written by a large number of men and women who have widely ranging views of what it means to be a Friend.

With our library purchasing a number of these pamphlets recently, I have been checking one or two out every few weeks and have found them very worthy reading, adding to my understanding of the varieties of thought amongst us.

One was “The Mindful Quaker: A Brief Introduction to Buddhist Wisdom for Friends” by Valarie Brown. In a few pages it gives the salient points of Buddhist beliefs and practices, and points out the numerous areas of agreement with Friends’ concepts.

Another was “The Character of Henry Cadbury” that traces the life of this modern times Quaker, one who played a key role in many of the new areas of action and principles. It was Cadbury who went to Oslo to accept the Nobel Prize for Peace, wearing formal tails borrowed from a used clothing shop!

Elizabeth Gray Vining was a Quaker who became famous when she was asked by the Emperor of Japan following the surrender of his country after WW II to come to Tokyo to help in the education of the Crown Prince. She wrote “A Quest There Is,” a series of short meditations on various poems and sayings that she felt were important guides for all of us.

I urge you to check out one or more of these pamphlets from our collection and have a treat. They are almost always on display at every Meeting For Worship.

— Ted Colwell

## *An Invitation from the Ticonderoga Worship Group*

Please consider joining the Ticonderoga Worship Group for Sunday afternoon worship. Come early for a walk or a hike with Mark Moss and/ or Mary Kay Glazer and/or Martin Glazer. And, you are welcome to also stay for a simple dinner after worship. We heartily welcome visitors!

TICONDEROGA WORSHIP GROUP

Under the care of Middlebury Meeting

4:00 Sunday afternoons

In the chapel of St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fr. Jogues Place

Ticonderoga, NY

### **News of Quakerly Interest**

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*"If you don't like the news, go out and make some of your own!"* — Scoop Nisker

KEVIN LEHMAN had a fun and challenging week-and-a-half working as a photographer for the *Addison Independent*. (He covered for Trent Campbell during his vacation.)

There was a big story on WOODY TRAVERS (member of MFM and son of CONNIE COLMAN and TRAV TRAVERS) and his remarkable marriage proposal in both the *Burlington Free Press* and *7 Days*. Woody works for Circus Smirkus, and he recruited quite a few of his circus friends to help him pop the question. You can watch it here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQVoAWSP7k4>

ELI, KARA, and ASA ROSENBERG are back in Vermont after an exciting year in Tbilisi, Georgia. They can be contacted by cell phone [802-377-2494] or at DAVID and JEAN ROSENBERG'S house [388-6453] where they will be staying most of the time until August 12 when they return to Tbilisi for another year.

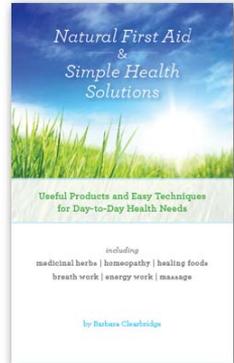
A note from TOM BASKETT in praise of and thanksgiving for grandparenthood!: "Di and I spent a wonderful week in Montana where we have two sons, their wives, and six grandchildren, the newest being eight weeks old and the oldest twelve. Then we brought our nine year-old grand-daughter, DANA, back to Vermont with us for a week which was absolutely delicious. We ended each day on our king sized bed with dog, cat and Dana playing cards and reading until

one by one we fell asleep (Dana being the last one to sleep, and the last up in the morning).”

COLE PUTNAM'S new sibling is due later this month - July 27! Don't know whether it's a boy or a girl, but BENJ and ERIN are happy to take bets.

JOANNA COLWELL has been working on organizing the Marble Works Challenge- it's like a scavenger hunt, only participants hunt for information, visiting various locations in the Marble Works to find the answers to a list of questions. The Challenge kicks off at the July Arts Walk (Friday, July 9), and lasts all month. Read all about it in the *Addison Independent!*

BARBARA CLEARBRIDGE announces publication of a small yet mighty booklet, *Natural First Aid and Simple Health Solutions*. Discover natural, simple, holistic methods to help you cope with daily health needs and emergencies, including colds and flu, broken bones, stomach upsets, overtaxed muscles, stress, headaches, constipation, minor depression, insomnia, and trauma. Barbara thanks these Friends for proofreading: PRISCILLA BAKER, DON PEABODY, WENDY GOODWIN, and BRENNAN MICHAELS. This book is now available at Vites & Herbs in Middlebury, Flying Pig Bookstore in Shelburne, and Natural Provisions and Sano in South Burlington. Congratulations, SHULAMITH!



— Joanna Colwell

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Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting. Call any member of Pastoral Care to share a concern or need.

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