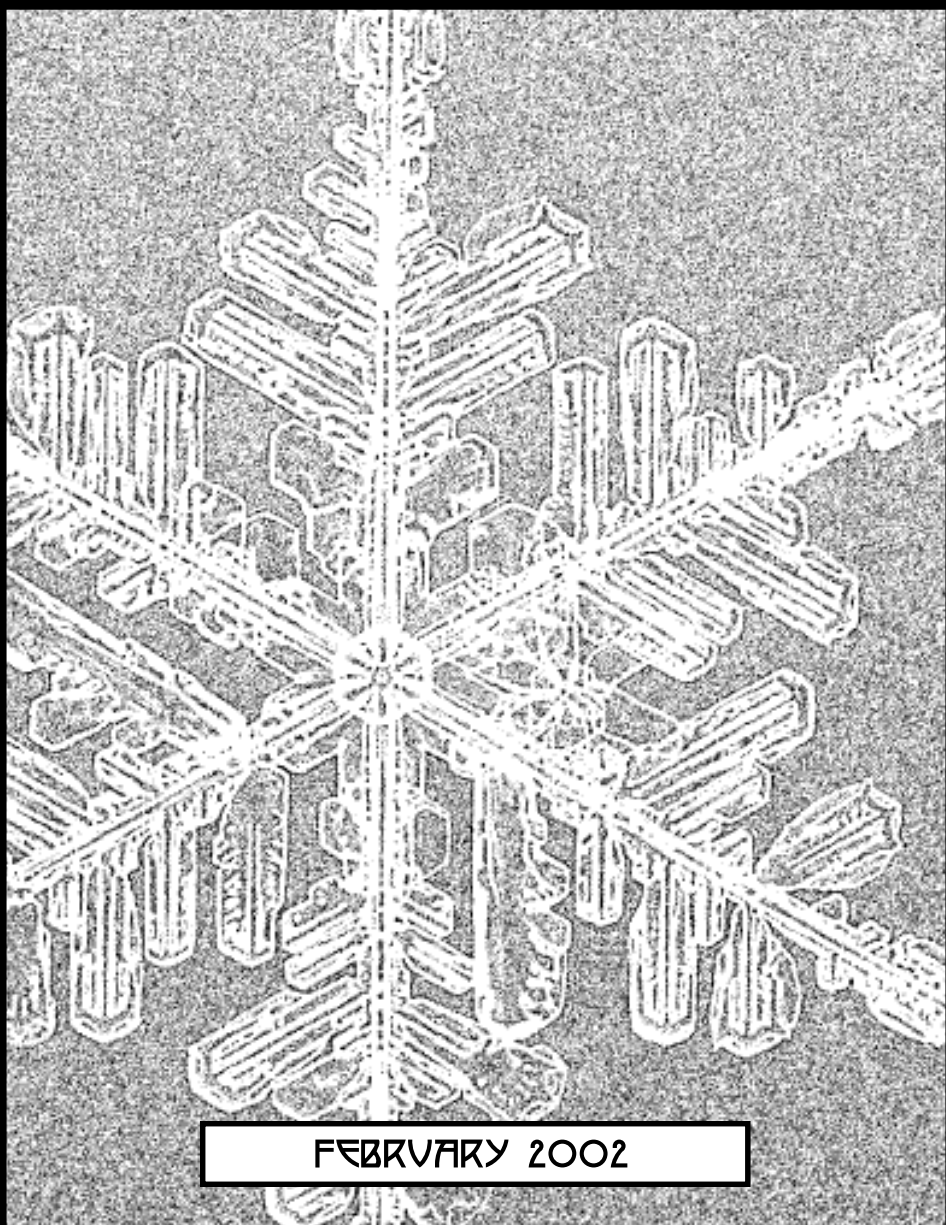


MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING



FEBRUARY 2002

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- Sunday, February 3 11 am Singing after the rise of Meeting.
- Sunday, February 3 5 pm Wake Robin Meeting for Worship.
Meet at Priscilla Baker's house at 4:15 to carpool.
- Monday, February 4 7 pm Men's Group gathering at Jerry McBride's
(388 0339)
- Sunday, February 10 8:30 am Ministry & Counsel Committee Meeting
- Sunday, February 17 11:30 am Meeting for Business: All Attenders and
Members are welcome to participate!
- Sunday, February 17 9 am Adult Discussion: The Peace Testimony
- Saturday, March 2 Quarterly Meeting
- Monday, March 12 7 pm Men's Group gathering at David Rosenberg's
(388 6453)

“The idea that there is one people in possession of the truth, one answer to the world’s ills or one solution to humanity’s needs, has done untold harm throughout history.”

*~ United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan,
in his speech on receiving the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize*

ALSO OF INTEREST:

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| Wed., February 6 | 7 pm | Discussion and organization of advocacy of the Earth Charter for Town Meeting Day votes, which will take place in Middlebury, Cornwall, New Haven, Weybridge, Panton, Ripton, and Lincoln in Addison County. All welcome from all towns; help is needed now! St. Stephen's Church in Middlebury, upstairs meeting room. |
| Friday, February 15 | 4:30 pm | Finishing Unfinished Business? Iraq, A Decade After Desert Storm: A presentation by Denis Halliday former United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq and Assistant Secretary-General. Dana Auditorium, Middlebury College. For more information please contact: Charlotte Tate, 443-2300 |

MINUTES, MEETING FOR BUSINESS

JANUARY 20, 2002

Co-clerk: Priscilla Baker

Recording Clerk: Laura Asermily

The meeting began at 11:30 AM with a moment of silence during which Co-Clerk Priscilla Baker quoted John Woolman regarding meeting for business: “ Know where of you speak and speak from the center rather than from preconceived notions.” Eight people attended including Priscilla Baker, Laura Asermily, Ted and Olive Colwell, Win and Joanna Colwell, Jerry McBride, and Marshall Hoagland.

02.01.01- Minutes: There were a few minor corrections to the November 2001 MFB notes. In Item #4, it should be noted that the Quarterly Meeting was held in December and not November. In Item #10, Priscilla Clark should be changed to read Priscilla Baker.

02.01.02- Treasurer’s Report: Olive Colwell reported that we are right on target financially. During November and December contributions totaled \$1,782 plus \$100 from Northwest Quarterly Meeting to cover our expenses hosting the December 2001 Meeting. Our expenses for the two months were \$1,548.30. Included were costs of printing the newsletter, child care, and the NWQ Meeting plus \$1,400 in payments for benevolences. For the first four months of our fiscal year we received \$4,042 and our expenditures were \$4,198.35. Our cash balance as of December 31, 2001 was \$1,715.63. So far in January 2002 we have received \$612 in contributions. We spent \$1,075 to cover rent of the Parent/Child Center and quarterly payments to New England Yearly Meeting and Northwest Quarterly Meeting. Our cash balance as of January 20th is \$1,252.63.

02.01.03- Ministry & Counsel: Jerry McBride read a report of the January 13, 2002 Ministry & Counsel Meeting. All items discussed in this meeting are addressed below. In addition, it was noted that Grace McGrath would facilitate and the Putnams will scribe the State of the Meeting, that the Passage with Care Form is finished and with Win Colwell for final formatting, and that a First Day School teacher is still needed to teach after John Benson completes in mid-March. The next meeting will be 2/10.

02.01.04- Midweek Meeting: Priscilla Baker agreed to check with Sam Fogel regarding status of his intention to create an interfaith midweek meeting.

02.01.05- Directory: The new directory is almost ready. Final address changes are being gathered.

02.01.06- Outreach: It was noted that more effort is still needed.

02.01.07- Growth Committee: There was nothing to report now. A meeting is scheduled for 9 AM on Feb 3, 2002 before Meeting for Worship.

02.01.08- Released Friends Statement: After much discussion, it was agreed to revise wording such that the two submitted versions could be merged into a single holistic piece. Jerry McBride agreed to work on this.

02.01.09- Wake Robin Meeting: Ruth, Cheryl, and Priscilla attended their meeting in December. More volunteers are needed and encouraged. The next meeting which Middlebury Friends will attend is February 3 at 5 PM. Our attendance is greatly appreciated by Wake Robin Friends.

02.01.10- Practices Flyer: A draft of the Practices Flyer was issued by Priscilla Baker for Friends to review. Feedback was requested by February 10 so that a final draft could be presented to next Meeting for Business.

02.01.11- Peace & Social Concerns Committee: The committee is active in supporting Peace Vigils on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11 AM at the Middlebury Green. More volunteers are encouraged and always welcome at vigils. Our concerns will be taken to upcoming state-wide meeting. Future meeting times of the Peace & Social Concerns Committee will be taken under consideration and reported at next Meeting for Business. The committee has been meeting informally after the vigils.

02.01.12- Blankets for Afghan Relief: The meeting acknowledges Ruth Barenbaum and all the people that helped her collect, clean, mend, and transport 779 blankets for Afghan relief.

02.01.13- Louise Diamond: Priscilla Baker will arrange to invite Louise Diamond to meet with us in March or April to talk about her peace work and publication.

02.01.14- Food Shelf: Win and Joanna Colwell agreed to support Ruth Barenbaum in the delivery of donations to ACCAG and other food shelves. Friends are encouraged to bring their donations of nonperishable food to Meeting for Worship each Sunday.

02.01.15- Hospitality: We agreed to try to use recyclable cups and minimize waste during hospitality after Meeting for Worship in keeping with our spirit of sustainability. Joanna, Ted, and Olive Colwell agreed to address this.

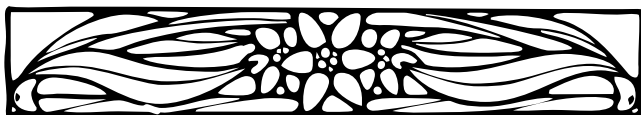
02.01.16- Newsletter: Friends are encouraged to submit favorite quotes and articles of interest to Win Colwell for inclusion in our newsletter.

02.01.17- Volunteers for Peace: It was reported that ACCAG could no longer sponsor Volunteers for Peace. We discussed ways that Middlebury Friends Meeting could work with others to bring the Volunteers back for another year. Those present were interested in trying to help, but there is a need for much more information on the scope of the tasks to be handled and any financial expensed involved. Ruth Barenbaum will talk more with Jeanne Montrose of ACCAG and report to us. This will be discussed in more depth at next Meeting for Business.

Dates were set before the meeting ended at 1:15 PM with a moment of silence.

A PASSIONATE PLEA!

At the rise of a recent Meeting for Worship, Ted Colwell made a plea that Friends and friends, when speaking during Meeting talk in a loud enough voice that all present may understand the message. Our meeting has a number of very soft-spoken individuals and their speech just does not carry through the meeting room. Since everyone has a great respect for the vitality and importance of each message, it is hoped that in the future we will all make a determined effort to project our voice at the proper volume. Holding one's head up and keeping the eyes open so that any signs of failure to hear may be noted are two easy steps to insure clarity. It was suggested that if a person is not getting the message audibly, he or she should request that someone state "I would like to hear your message" or some other phrase that gently lets the speaker know there is a problem.



NEWS OF THE EARTH CHARTER CAMPAIGN

The most recent activity to promote The Earth Charter is the movement to have the approval of the Charter being voted on by as many Vermont Town Meetings as possible. The effort has been quite successful. As of the latest count, the issue will be voted on in at least 30 towns and others may bring the matter up as Other Business.

Included in the firm towns are the following from Addison County: Middlebury, Cornwall, Weybridge, Lincoln, Panton, New Haven, and Ripton.

On Wednesday, February 6th at 7 PM there will be a meeting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Middlebury – in the upstairs meeting room. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for the presentation of the issue at the various Town Meetings. It will be important to have people present at each such meeting to explain what The Earth Charter is, and to make sure brochures are available for voters.

In Middlebury, the vote will take place on Monday, March 4 at the Municipal Building. It is hoped that there will be a substantial turnout to insure that the Charter is approved.

AN IRAQ UPDATE

One of the four chlorinators sent to Iraq by the Campaign for Conscious (without a license from the US Treasury Dept) is fully functioning and servicing the Ibn Al-Khatib (HIV) and Ibn Zuhur (TB) hospitals just outside Baghdad. Together, more than 1,000 patients now receive pure water. The remaining chlorinators will be servicing the following hospitals: Rashad Psychiatric Ward in Baghdad, Karbala Hospital, Al-Nassariya Pediatric Hospital, and Naassiriya governate in the south.

And please note the event below. This will be a very informative talk, and a good turnout will help the community to understand the seriousness of the issue!

FINISHING UNFINISHED BUSINESS? IRAQ, A DECADE AFTER DESERT STORM

A PRESENTATION BY DENIS HALLIDAY

**FORMER UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR
IN IRAQ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**Friday, February 15, 2002
4:30 PM**

**Dana Auditorium
Middlebury College**

The events of September 11 and since have led to new questions about the eleven-year conflict between Iraq, the US, and other states in the international community. Are economic sanctions the answer? What are the implications of "finishing unfinished business?" How do U.S. policies toward Iraq relate to its policies toward Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Israel, Palestine and other Middle Eastern states?

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One of our Rochester Friends, BRION MCFARLIN, recently had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his throat. Currently he is recovering at home in Rochester. After all tests have been completed a course of radiation and chemotherapy treatment will be put into place. LADYBELLE FISKE states that the family is optimistic about his recovery and asks that we hold Brion and his family in the Light. PRISCILLA BAKER may have a new career as an actress. A few weeks ago she served at the UVM Medical School as a supposed victim of a serious disease and was interviewed by a large number of the students, mainly in their senior year, who were endeavoring to diagnose the problem. She claims her role got a bit boring, but she certainly had a chance to learn her lines with a long series of interviews. It turns out that DEVIN ZARKOWSKY, a Quaker student at Middlebury College, is headed for a career in journalism. He had a two-page spread in the Addison Independent on the Middlebury Snow Bowl and its history. It was a well-written story. Devin is serving as a January Intern at the paper. There was a holiday greeting from New Mexico; BARBARA DARLING sent news of life in Albuquerque. Despite a bout of flu, she and JIM ELLISON had a busy holiday. Barbara misses Vermont and Middlebury Friends Meeting, and hopes to get back for a visit before too long. She is working with the local Home Health Group, doing social work, and the job is going well. She mentions that they see Sandhill Cranes feeding in a field near their home. Another long time member of MFM wrote from Norwich, VT. LEE HUNTINGTON described the recent wedding of her son, Andrew Lovell and Amy, his Canadian betrothed, which took place on December 22nd in the Congregational Church in Norwich. It was a most happy occasion for all. Lee sent her love to all at MFM, with a wish for a New Year that will bring peace and joy to the world. For many years, Lee and her late husband, Bill, lived outside of Rochester, VT in a lovely hill top farmhouse. The Huntingtons were most gracious in inviting the whole Meeting to hold an overnight retreat at their home, which was enjoyed by all for a number of years. ANNE CORRIGAN, who teaches at Mary Hogan School, has received a mini-grant from ACEEF/Title VI to partially fund a trip to Montreal for her Third Grade class. The group will do some sightseeing and pick up some French culture. In other news of Meeting teachers, FRAN PUTNAM has been appointed to the Interfaith Housing Board. RUTH BARENBAUM has been most active lately. She did a fabulous job of managing the collecting and shipping of 779 blankets to the victims of the war in Afghanistan. She also spent time with her daughter and family in Tarrytown, New York. And most recently, she was in Philadelphia attending a meeting of people concerned with the Campaign of Conscience for the People of Iraq, which among other things has sent to that country a number of water purification devices, helping to provide pure water to that still devastated nation. Proud owners of a new home are JOANNA and WIN COLWELL. Over the holidays, between Christmas and New

Years, they moved from Washington Street in Middlebury to a log cabin in Ripton. They received substantial help in the move from members of the Meeting and other friends. JOHN ELDER, a former Clerk of the Meeting and a distinguished professor at the college has published a new book, *The Frog Run*. It is a series of essays about living in Vermont, starting a maple sugar operation, and a fascinating description of his growth as a reader, beginning with Psalm 23. In addition, the book contains a long appreciation and biography of John by a former student, along with a bibliography of his extensive writing. It is a lovely volume, and there is mention of his Quaker activities. PATTY HEATHER-LEA reported at the end of meeting recently that her son, BRENDAN LEA, was taking his last tests at Mt. Abraham High School and graduating. Brendan was a part of the Meeting for many years, and we all wish him well for the future. He is hoping to do some travelling. FAITH LOWELL is a very successful breeder of Tibetan Terriers, and told us she had recently had a number of new puppies born, which are no doubt keeping her busy day and night. Our world travelers, JEAN and DAVID ROSENBERG, are home again after a journey to Cairo, Egypt to visit their daughter, ELIZABETH. She later joined them in a visit to Sicily, a spot much warmer than Vermont.

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FRIENDS MEETING

PO Box 203
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Meeting for Worship

10:00 am every First Day

Parent/Child Center, 126 Monroe Street, Middlebury

During February we also oversee Meeting for Worship at Wake Robin

First Days, 5-6 pm

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