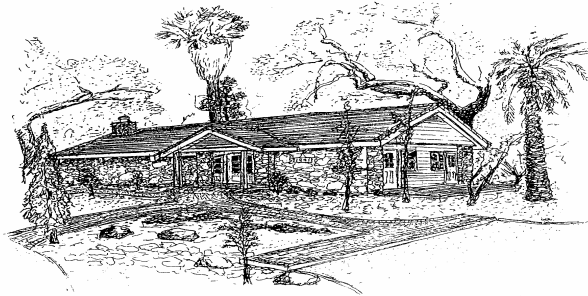


## Visalia Friends Meeting

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# Newsletter

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Visalia Friends Meetinghouse

## Reaching Out

Friends fellowship begins and is nurtured within the home and Meeting. It reaches greater fulfillment as we carry our beliefs into the wider community.

Share your Quaker faith. Take time to learn about other people's experiences of the Light and, as you learn, give freely from what you have gained. Respect the experiences and opinions of others, but do not be afraid to say what you value. Welcome the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in your Monthly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting, and the world community of Friends. Encourage discourse with Friends of pastoral and programmed traditions, and with members of other faiths.

Friends have a long history of involvement in public and private education, sharing our values with the world and nurturing future generations. Be mindful of the needs of children in your community and of avenues for deepening understanding between peoples.

- How does my life reflect Friends beliefs and thus encourage others to be interested in the Religious Society of Friends?
- Do I respond openly to inquiries about Quaker experience and belief?
  
- *What does our Meeting do to make others aware of Friends principles and practices?*
  
- *What are we doing to help people of various races, cultures, and backgrounds feel at home among us and we among them?*
  
- *How do we encourage newcomers to return and participate in activities of the Meeting?*
  
- *In what ways do we participate in the life of the interfaith community and in the wider fellowship of Friends?*

## **Meeting for Business**

Present: David & Klara East, David Chandler, Bob & Joy Marshall, Joanne & David Dudley, Olga McCallister, John and Shirley Dackawich, Trudy Wischemann, Patti & Heather Howard, Greg Seastrom, Graciela Martinez

### **Meeting began in silent worship**

**Mail & News:** David announced a variety of organizational mailings and offered them to any that were interested.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Olga asked about the Lovett's farm and involvement of the meeting in developing plans for the future of Quaker Oaks Farm. M&O will be addressing this issue next month. Klara has been communicating via email with Trudy Wischemann and Chuck Orr from the Point Loma Meeting regarding possible activities at the farm. Trudy mentioned that there would be a process where all could be involved in communicating their thoughts on the farm's future use.

College Park Quarterly meeting is looking for child care at \$15.00 per hour for any one interested in working.

Bob Marshall mentioned that the dinner groups lists for interested people will be available next week.

Reminder: Sunday 10/22 at 1:30 there will be the memorial for Everett Krakov.

### **Kaweah Friends Association News:**

Klara announced that Gary and Pat Wolfe were interested in selling their property. Klara asked if there were any interested Friends in the property and to communicate that news to other Friends that might like to become involved in that community. Interested people should contact Klara East or Mark Koenig regarding information.

**Retreat News:** Klara mentioned that we would like to bring as much locally grown food to the retreat as possible. If you could assist in bringing locally grown food or know of local sources please let Mark or Klara know.

**Nominating Committee:** David solicited for members of the Nominating Committee. Patti Howard, Klara East, Trudy Wischemann, Olga McCallister, Graciela Martinez were selected to form this committee. Patti will convene the meeting.

### **Meeting ended in silence**

Respectfully submitted,  
David East  
Recording Clerk