

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER



August 2014

Quaker Voluntary Service Announces Five New Volunteers

Quaker Voluntary Service in Atlanta is pleased to introduce you to our wonderful new volunteers! Please give them a warm welcome as they arrive to join our community in late August. If you're interested in being involved in any way with QVS this year, please contact Liz Nicholson – liz@quakervoluntaryservice.org.



Isaiah Day was born and raised in a small town in the mountains of Western Massachusetts, where he attended a small alternative high school which was extensively involved in the surrounding community. He graduated from Guilford College in

2014 with degrees in Sociology and Peace & Conflict Studies – it was here that Isaiah discovered a passion for social justice and peace-building in a multicultural setting. His senior thesis was titled “Oppression through Policy: A Human Rights-Based Review of the International Whaling Commission.” Isaiah worked for two summers at a sleep-away camp for children with developmental and behavioral disabilities, and furthered his joy of working with children more recently as an intern at SML Good Neighbors, a summer academic enrichment program for kids in rural VA. Isaiah’s interests include playing the cello, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and electronic music composition. Isaiah will be moving to the Atlanta QVS House and working at the Kindezi School in 2014-2015.

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers)
All are welcome

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Ave.
Decatur, GA 30030

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Are you concerned for responsible use of natural resources and their nurture for future generations? Do you try to avoid wasteful consumption and pollution? Do you seek to preserve the beauty and balance of God's world?

– Baltimore Yearly Meeting



Charlotte Cloyd grew up in Atlanta attending St. Luke's Episcopal Church, but quickly fell in love with Quakerism after attending Guilford College. She majored in English with a minor in Ceramics and wrote her honors thesis about the connection between Quakerism and William Wordsworth's Romantic poetry. While at Guilford, Charlotte played on the school's co-ed ultimate frisbee team, Biohazard, and co-captained the team during her senior year, enjoying the challenge to coach and captain while also being a team member. Charlotte had the opportunity to study abroad twice, once for a semester in Gaborone, Botswana studying Public Health and a second time during the summer in Sikkim, India working to create sustainable relationships with elementary schools in the foothills of the Himalayas. Charlotte will be serving at Atlanta Habitat for Humanity during the year.



Hannah Monroe graduated from Warren Wilson College in December of 2013 with a double major in Sociology/Anthropology and Environmental Studies. She received the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award from her college, an award that recognizes spiritual values applied to daily life and a commitment to serving others. She also received the Sociology/Anthropology Senior Award for her senior thesis, which looked at how animals in children's picture books are gendered. In college Hannah organized many events around social justice issues, particularly focusing on feminism, LGBTQ equality, and animal advocacy. In her last semester she brought ecofeminist theorist, Carol Adams, to speak on her campus. During her summers, Hannah interned at three animal advocacy organizations and an LGBTQ youth center. After graduating she returned home to Rhode Island where she is working at Apeiron Institute for Sustainable Living as an environmental educator and interning with American Friends Service Committee. After this year, she plans to go to graduate school for sociology or environmental studies, focusing on animal studies and ecofeminism. Hannah has been Quaker her whole life. She will be serving at Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.



Genevieve Beck-Roe grew up in West Rogers Park in Chicago. In May 2014 she graduated from Earlham College where she majored in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Genevieve attended Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camps as a child and was involved in BYM's Young Friends and Young Adult Friends programs. While at Earlham, she spent two years living in Earlham's Quaker House. Genevieve is excited for the opportunity to devote time to being intentional about exploring and expanding her Quakerism. In fall 2013 she participated in Earlham's Border Studies Program based in Tucson, AZ, learning about the political economy of the US/Mexico border, grassroots activism in Mexico, and the humanitarian aid and sanctuary movements in the US. While in Tucson, she interned with Casa Mariposa, an ecumenical intentional community engaged in hospitality activism. In visiting immigration detention centers with Casa Mariposa, she became interested in the role community activism can play in the legal system. Genevieve will be serving at Southern Center for Human Rights.



Megan Gianniny grew up in Boston, Massachusetts, as a part of Cambridge Friends Meeting. She graduated from Scripps College in May 2014 with a Gender and Women’s Studies major and Dance minor and her senior thesis was entitled “Other than Dead:’ Queering Vampires in Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Interview with the Vampire, and The Gilda Stories.” While at Scripps, Megan worked in the Office of the President and Board of Trustees, as well as volunteering with the Office of Admissions, New Student Program, and Family, Scripps’ Queer-Straight Alliance. She spent her summers working at a Quaker camp in South China, Maine, which she had attended as a camper during her teens. When not working or studying, Megan enjoys reading, playing ukulele, and blogging about her love of all things nerdy. She is excited to spend a year exploring Atlanta and serving at the Phillip Rush Center.

El Sitio Cenícero Women’s Committee Report: Revolving Loan Fund for Women, 2012-2013

Below is a translation of a report, with graphs added, documenting how some of our Social Concerns Committee budget monies have been spent over the years in our sister community of El Sitio, in El Salvador. The following provides information on the administration of the women’s credit program by the Women’s Committee. The program has provided benefits through low interest loans available to all the women in the community of El Sitio.

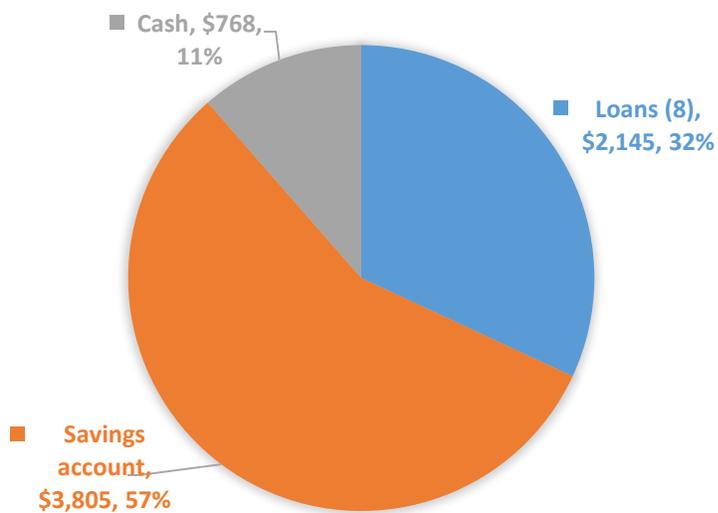
Balance



Expenditures in 2012-2013 - \$98



Destination of Funds - \$6,736



During 2012-2013 eight women had loans ranging from \$150 to \$300 for diverse purposes. Of the eight, seven are current with their interest payments and one has interest debts outstanding of \$30.00.

Observations

The revolving loan program for women, capitalized by funds from the Atlanta Friends Meeting in 2000, has now functioned for over ten years with almost zero defaults and in the more recent years with well-prepared reports and is a credit to the women of the community who have been in charge of the fund.

The Women's Committee made an effort at the beginning of 2014 to encourage more women to apply for loans and increased the loan limit to \$1000 from \$300. It has made 6 new loans for a total of about \$3200. Two of these new loans are to enlarge existing mini-stores in the community.

The Women's Committee now includes young women who have finished high school. Many of the older women cannot read or write. Frank [Cummings] suggested they use some of their profits in a literacy program with the help of the high school graduates using material from the Ministry of Education.

He also suggested there should be a time limit on how long loans are outstanding even though interest payments are maintained.

The Memorial Society of Georgia

The Memorial Society of Georgia was formed in 1973 and many members of the Atlanta Friends Meeting were among its early members as it reflects Quaker values of simplicity, dignity and economy in funeral arrangements. As AFM explores the theme of Conscious Aging, Mindful Dying, it seems important that we are all aware of the benefits of membership in the Memorial Society

The Society is dedicated to providing information to its members that will help them prepare for their end of life choices in sickness and death and recommends that members execute an advance directive document and complete their Memorial Society prearrangement plan.

The advance directive document includes a living will which specifies all aspects of personal care and medical treatment including when that treatment should be withdrawn and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care which designates a person to make decisions regarding your medical treatment and withdrawal of that treatment when you do not have the ability to make those decisions yourself. We have copies of the brochure "5 Wishes" in preparing for getting those documents completed.

The pre arrangement plan includes choosing from a list of licensed funeral directors from whom the Society has formal commitments to provide cremation or burial for a pre-determined minimum cost.

A person joins the Society through application and payment of a lifetime fee (currently \$35). When you join you receive a pre-arrangement form for each adult member. It is in triplicate form. A copy of the form will be placed in the file of the chosen funeral director. The Society keeps a record and the member keeps the third copy.

The Society is an affiliate of the Funeral Consumers Alliance. Since there are approximately 120 affiliates across the U.S. you can transfer your membership if you move out of state.

The Care and Counsel Committee of AFM will be handing out brochures which give more complete information and lifetime membership application forms. One can also go to the web site www.memorialsocietyofgeorgia.org (phone number 404-634-2896) for information.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business for July was cancelled.



Please Hold in The Light:

Mary Ann Downey

John Adam's mother; Panchita Alba

Carolyn Manley's granddaughter; Emma

Those who wish to have requests for Holding included in this monthly newsletter may give the names to any member of Care & Counsel.



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Calendar for Eighth Month (August) 2014

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse, with a smaller group in the Library.
Every Third First Day	12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group. St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, judson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .
Every Second and Fourth First Day	10:00 a.m. – Canton Friends Worship Group. 360 E. Marietta St.; 779-720-4669 or wrltpeas@mindspring.com .
Every Second First Day	10:30 a.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group. Contact Diana Day, 478-227-8892; maconquakers.org
Every Fifth Day (Thursday)	12:10 p.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799.
Sixth Day (Friday)	(Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Weekly Events at the Meetinghouse

Every First Day (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. Adult Religious Education, Library 9:15 a.m. Singing, Classroom A/B 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship
Every Second-Fifth Day (Monday-Thursday)	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Smart Toddlers, Nursery playground
Every Third Day (Tuesday)	7:00 p.m. Silent Meditation, Library
Every Fourth Day (Wednesday)	7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Worship, Library
Every Fifth Day (Thursday)	7:30 p.m. Bible Study, Library

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If you would like to have a permanent nametag made, leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

If you would like to be included in the AFM database and receive the Newsletter by mail and/or appear in future AFM Directories, please send your name and contact information to Emily Lawson at elawson7@gmail.com or 404-200-8479. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both.

Contributions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting may be placed in the slot marked "Contributions" in the greeting area of the Meetinghouse or mailed to the Treasurer at the above address. Thank you!

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Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, notices and anything else of interest to Friends. Items should be sent directly to atlquakerltr@gmail.com in plain text (Word, not PDF). Pictures should be in .jpg format. Submissions may be edited for length and format.

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