

Midcoast Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends



MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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February

Saturday	February 1	8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting [<i>see details, January newsletter</i>]
Sunday	February 2	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Sunday	February 9	Rise of Meeting	*FCNL Priority-Setting Session
Wed.	February 12	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Sunday	February 16	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business
Wed.	February 26	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change

March

Sunday	March 2	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Tuesday	March 11	9:00-11:30	*Food Pantry, 2 nd Cong., Newcastle
Wed.	March 12	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Sunday	March 16	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business
Tuesday	March 18	9:00-11:30	*Food Pantry, 2 nd Cong., Newcastle
Tuesday	March 25	9:00-11:30	*Food Pantry, 2 nd Cong., Newcastle
Wed.	March 26	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Tuesday	March 11	9:00-11:30	*Food Pantry, 2 nd Cong., Newcastle

For New, Revised, and Updated Calendar Items, please see our online calendar at:
<http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/calendar.htm>

*Look inside for more information regarding these items.

-Calendar events are held at the meetinghouse, unless otherwise noted.-

Sunday Meeting for Worship is at the meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta, 10:00 a.m.
Meetinghouse phone: 207-563-3757.

Directions: Take US Route 1 to Damariscotta and turn onto Belvedere Rd. (left if coming from the south, right if coming from the north—Miles Home Health Care building on the corner). The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 mile from the corner.

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www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org

MINUTES—MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS—January 19, 2014

The meeting opened with silent worship. Clerk David Cadbury welcomed thirteen Friends in attendance. The Agenda was reviewed and minutes from the November Meeting for Business were approved.

FCNL PRIORITY-SETTING SESSION Jim Matlack requested an opportunity at the rise of regular meeting for worship in February or March to lead a priority-setting discussion on behalf of Friends Committee on National Legislation. Every other year FCNL solicits the views of Quaker meetings as to which issues should be given priority in legislative advocacy during the next Congress—in this case during 2015-2016. February 9 was chosen as the date for this session.

QUARTERLY MEETING Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting will gather at Midcoast Meeting on Saturday, February 1. After morning worship and a business session and then a potluck lunch the afternoon will be devoted to the Restorative Justice Program in Midcoast Maine. Sarah Maddox will lead the latter session. Further sign-ups are encouraged both for overnight hospitality and for potluck food items. It was agreed that an information table will be set up for the Portland Friends School.

FINANCE Martin Imm shared a printed report which showed **healthy balances in Meeting accounts**. Roughly 75% of pledged contributions have been received. It was noted that some provision should be made in future budgets for the costs associated with special events at the meetinghouse such as weddings, memorial services, and Quarterly Meeting gatherings.

OUTREACH Karen Cadbury described the progress made by the **Outreach Program Steering Committee**, which is giving oversight to the emerging Outreach Project. A job description has been drawn up for a part-time Coordinator position. Recruitment of candidates and the selection of a Coordinator are expected to go forward in March. Fund-raising has been successful—\$8,650 out of a two-year goal of \$12,600 has been raised. Additional grant solicitations are planned.

The Meeting approved **laying down the Peace Center** and its programs and initiating the **Midcoast Outreach and Peace Center (MOPC)**. MOPC will present outreach programs, using the priorities selected by the Meeting. The priorities include: programs for families and programs on peace, environmental and justice issues. The Peace Center's funds, totaling \$785, will be transferred to the Outreach Program's budget account.

MINISTRY & COUNSEL Sue Rockwood reported on the clearness process for the **wedding of Petra Doan and Liz Kamphausen** under the care of Midcoast Meeting. Approval was given to hold this wedding on Sunday, July 20, at 3 p.m. in the meetinghouse. The reception will take place elsewhere. Sue Rockwood, Brewster Grace, and Jim Matlack were named to an oversight committee for this ceremony.

A **Memorial Minute for Pete Haviland** was read and approved [*please see page 3 below*].

—David Cadbury, Clerk; Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk

The next Business Meeting will be February 16. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch. All past minutes are available at www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org and the meetinghouse bulletin board.

QUERIES

Stewardship—Do you revere all life and the splendor of God's continuing creation? Do you try to protect the natural environment and its creatures against abuse and harmful exploitation? Do you regard your possessions as given to you in trust, and do you part with them freely to meet the needs of others? Are you frugal in your personal life and committed to the just distribution of the world's resources?

PETER ROBBINS HAVILAND
September 6, 1930-November 15, 2013

Peter R. Haviland was a Friend with a capital *F* and a small letter *f*. His memorial service at Midcoast Friends was attended by more than 100 people, many of whom spoke about his patience, humility and good humor, as well as his community involvement and his carpentry skills. What could have been a sad occasion, lamenting the loss of Peter, turned out to be joyful as those attending celebrated his life with praise and anecdotes about a good man.

Peter was a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and his parents, Frances and Harris Haviland, were Quakers. Peter attended Friends Select School in Philadelphia and graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from Haverford College in 1952. He married Deborah Wisner Phillips in 1954, and the couple settled in Summit, New Jersey, where they reared four children before relocating to Maine in 1987. Peter earned a master's degree in hospital administration in 1957, following alternative service as a conscientious objector in a hospital during the Korean War. He worked for many years at United Hospitals in Newark, New Jersey, eventually overseeing the operations as executive director. In 1977, he changed careers and became co-owner of a carpentry and home-repair business. He enjoyed working with his hands and used his creative talents as a craftsman, builder, and engineer to earn a living and later to renovate an old farmhouse in Cushing, Maine, where he and Deb enjoyed their retirement. Two years ago Peter and Deb transferred their home in Cushing to one of their children and moved to a retirement community in Rockland, Maine, until his death in November 2013.

Carmen Lavertu, a member of Midcoast Friends, recalled at the memorial meeting that Peter always showed the gentle force of a Quaker upbringing and schooling. "Pete was an example of the George Fox teaching, 'Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations wherever you come,'" Lavertu said.

Peter's Quaker roots as a pacifist and humanitarian guided his approach to life. He was involved in his local Friends' meetings in New Jersey and Maine, where he served as clerk and treasurer, and he provided counsel as a respected elder. Peter served for 10 years for the town of Cushing on the local school board and board of selectmen. Throughout his life, he voiced concerns about social and political issues. He participated in peaceful demonstrations for anti-war and human-rights causes.

Peter was described as a Quaker "who engaged with non-Quakers in an unmistakable way." He was "knowledgeable and wise in the issues of the day, offering his opinions in a manner that never offended," Lavertu said.

Rachel McGinness, a Midcoast member, said Peter was her teacher because of the examples he provided through his "honesty, humor and sensitivity. His presence demonstrated Quakerism. Pete was a great thinker and a gentle friend."

His name appears many times in the history of the Meetinghouse Committee, which oversaw the building of the Midcoast Friends meetinghouse on Bevedere Road in 1995. Peter belonged to a core of members who took part in the negotiations to acquire the land from George Freeman, a local landowner. The committee picked the Quaker architects Cope & Lippincott, a Philadelphia firm that understood the special requirements of a Friends meetinghouse—no stained-glass windows, no crucifix, no pulpit, no baptismal font and not even a steeple—and helped to raise money and to secure a mortgage.

McGinness said she realized at the memorial meeting that the bench she was sitting on was there because of Peter.

"Deb and Pete found these church pews in an old barn and bought them for the new meetinghouse. Pete took them home and refinished, repaired and restored them, and brought them to the meetinghouse," McGinness said, adding that the benches are a "real work of art, another example of Pete's modesty and love for the Meeting."

Peter loved the outdoors and good literature. In his early years, he enjoyed outings on his 22-foot yawl, *Curlew*, and he and Deb often took the family on vacations to hike, canoe, and ski, and to share a passion for nature.

Peter sustained a love for words and stories that he had developed when he was an English major in college. On first meeting him, one might think of a teacher or a writer, partly because of his gentle manner and a light in his eye that reflected his interest in the world around him. Even as he lay with a long illness, he kept his good spirits and sense of humor. One of the last books he read was E.B. White's *Stuart Little*, a testimony to Peter's gentle and kind, yet realistic, approach to the world.

[Paragraphs rearranged to fit space. See original at: <http://midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/forum.htm>.]

JOB DESCRIPTION: OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Midcoast Monthly Meeting is launching the Midcoast Outreach and Peace Center in 2014 and to staff the program, the Meeting will be hiring a part-time Outreach Coordinator to work two half-days per week (eight hours per week). The Coordinator will be expected to work at the Meetinghouse and keep the Meetinghouse open for programs and events during the week. He or she will assist with planning programs for families and children, and help with implementing community programs on peace, social concerns and justice issues.

The Coordinator will also help with advertising events and with producing materials to promote the rental of Meetinghouse spaces. She or he will also be responsible for maintaining the Outreach Program budget and will be expected to assist with fund-raising for the program.

Annual outreach program priorities will be set by the Outreach Steering Committee each year and fulfilled by the Outreach Coordinator with the participation of volunteers from the Monthly Meeting and community. The Coordinator will work with other religious and community organizations on co-sponsored programs that are in line with the outreach priorities.

The Outreach Coordinator will have knowledge and understanding of Friends' beliefs and principles, experience working with a wide range of people, and an understanding of the types of programs that are attractive for families. He or she should have budgeting skills and experience with or a willingness to learn how to raise funds. The Coordinator should possess good organizational skills, experience with publicity and/or marketing, maturity of judgment, creativity, and a good sense of humor.

She or he must have the ability to work at the Meetinghouse to keep the building open for regular hours, and the flexibility to assist with programs scheduled at night or on weekends, when needed. This eight-hour-a-week position is for 40 weeks per year at a rate of \$13 per hour.

Applicants should send a resume with a written piece stating how they fulfill the requirements and why they are interested in the position. Materials should be sent to: Karen Cadbury, P.O. Box 462, Rockport, ME 04856. Please call Susie Hallett at (207) 563-6084, if you have any questions.

MARCH IS QUAKER MONTH AT THE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY



You have two ways you can serve:

1. Come to the Food Pantry at the Second Congregational Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday mornings in March from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
2. Make a monetary donation. Your \$6 donation will buy \$16 worth of groceries from the Good Shepherd Food Bank for use in the Food Pantry!

Rachel McGinness (rachel@tidewater.net) will happily answer all your questions!

Will you let your life speak?

We recognize that Friends today are being invited to rediscover and reclaim the living tradition of Quaker service for our time, offering new models built on enduring truths. Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) speaks into that need. Built on four core values: Community, Service, Transformation, and the Quaker Way, it is an experiment in faithfulness in the Friends' tradition. QVS presents an opportunity and a challenge to discover your gifts, while helping change the world.

QVS Volunteers work full time in local nonprofits, schools, and other social justice agencies that offer direct support to marginalized individuals and communities, and strive to transform unjust systems. For examples of the service site placement possibilities in our three cities (Philadelphia, Portland, OR and Atlanta) see www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/current-placements/.



Through simple, communal living, Volunteers learn to care for self and others. QVS Volunteers will share living space, meals, care for the home, and all aspects of day to day life. Volunteers receive housing, all utilities, health insurance, a transportation and grocery allowance and a small living stipend. You will be supported by and engage with local Quaker communities. You are not required to be a Quaker to participate in QVS, but you should come prepared to deeply engage in Quaker worship and practice, and be genuinely open to sharing your spiritual journey with others.

As Quaker service did for previous generations of Friends, this year-long experience offers the opportunity to orient young adults to whole lives committed to service and justice, grounded and sustained by faith—lives that speak. Will you let your life speak?

Applications are due by March 15, 2014.

For more information and to apply, please see:
www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply

ADVICES

Stewardship—Friends are advised to consider our possessions as God's gifts, entrusted to us for responsible use. Let us free our time and our abilities to be able to follow the leadings of the Spirit. Let us cherish the beauty and variety of the world. Friends are urged to speak out boldly against the destruction of the world's resources and the difficulties that destruction prepares for the future generations. Let us guard against waste and resist our extravagant consumption, which contributes to inequities and impoverishment of life in our own and other societies. Let us show a loving consideration for all God's creatures. Let kindness know no limits.

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