

# FRIENDS IN SAN ANTONIO

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## August 2015

### **The Friends General Conference Gathering Gretchen was there**

2015 brought together nearly 1400 Quakers and friends from 13 countries.. Held in Cullowhee. North Carolina, it had the theme of "Seeking Wholeness," and attracted many first time participants. Worship with that many F/friends is a memorable experience.

Workshops were held in five mornings, and you could choose from among over 40 topics, including Growing Spiritually, Quaker History, Social Action to Sacred Chant, Quilting, and Biking. I chose Immigration Issues, with three American Friends Service staffers and 24 others, including Jane Houser of Houston.

We explored our own families' roots and the wide-ranging problems today's immigrants feel. Jane and I shared the problems of immigrants in South Texas.. I learned much new information about how people are targeted around the country, detained, and deported with little legal recourse.

On Tuesday morning I led an "Interest Group" focused on refugees at Karnes and Dilley, and how our Meeting has found ways to help. I had the display put together by David and Lee and a PowerPoint with videos and photos. I was nervous about the techno part but a Friend in the group helped out. The discussion was lively and we networked on solutions.

The Gathering keynote speaker was Parker Palmer, who shared his personal faith journey and the way ahead for Friends. His newest book is *Healing the Heart of Democracy* and his talk will be included in a future issue of *Friends Journal*.

I love the Gathering, catching up with Friends and making new friends. I love the noon singing, the breadth of topics and new challenges. And I look forward to 2016 in Minnesota.

### Calendar

**2. Sunday** .....  
Potluck lunch at  
11.30 a.m..

**9. Sunday** .....  
Forum –.

**16. Sunday**.....  
Contemplative  
Singing, 9.00-9.45  
am.  
Meeting for  
Business, 11.30.

**23, Sunday** .....  
Forum –.

**26. Wednesday** .....  
Midweek Meeting,  
7.00, Gary's home.

**30. Sunday** .....  
Forum

**Sep 4-6, Friday** .....  
Cielo Grande  
Quarterly Meeting.

**One Forum in  
August, to be  
announced.**



## Personal News

Val has disappeared. And reappeared in Central America, where she will be arranging AVP programs for a couple of months. Bon voyage, Val!

Ken fell in the Walmart parking lot, with legs that raced when he was trying to walk. Friendly people picked him up and dialled 911, so he landed in ER. Where, after a series of tests, nothing was found.

Dan was very kind in taking Janet to Ken's ER and sitting there with them for five hours. But he has himself to have minor surgery very soon. We hope it will prove very minor.

## Business Meeting

Meeting for Business commenced with a verse from Hebrews 11:1, KJV:

*Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

After silence, the June minutes were approved and the Clerk announced the schedule for Cielo Grande Quarterly Meeting for the weekend of September 4-6., which will be held here. La Fiesta has kindly permitted children to swim in its pool. And, as is usual, there will be no meeting for business in August.

The treasurer gave his report. We have received the half-yearly income from FFC investments, giving us a net gain for the year. A payment is shortly due into the RAICES Bond Fund. Grounds expenses have been high recently due to the need for mowing after high rains. No other unusual expense was incurred.

The Nominating Committee spoke of the need for a new committee to plan Long-Range Meetinghouse Development. A draft description of its responsibilities was approved. A minute on the Detention of Women and Children at the border was approved This advocated lower bail bonds per family, availability of legal representation and translators for them, and the cessation of profit-making administration of the detention centers.

The property Committee reported various work on the A/C and grounds. The keys have been organized, Friends are asked to donate plants for the children's garden, and a volunteer workday is being organized for early November.

Meeting for Business closed in silence.

## Grief

FGC sent a letter to Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC, saying:

-“We sorrow now for the loss at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston of faithful leaders and servants of God's love. We are filled by hope as we witness the Divinely inspired love your community has shared not only to the bereaved but even to the man who has confessed to this terrible crime.

We sorrow that racism and hate still exist and are expressed in such terrible acts. We sorrow that our society continues to make weapons too readily available. We recall with hope the many bonds the Religious Society of Friends, Friends General Conference and the African Methodist Episcopal Church have formed in the World Council of Churches and in more local ecumenical and interfaith bodies. Together we will continue to work for a better society, for the realization of the beloved community. “

## Testimony

Posted at Transitional Quaker 17 Jul 2015 By Craig Barnett

“One of the most important of the original Quaker insights was that our testimony is what we do. It is not what we say we believe, or what we claim to value that matters, but what we say with our life.

Our testimony is all of our actions; a whole way of life that testifies to who we are and to our experience of God. If we encounter spiritual reality and are transformed by it, we will lead a transformed life, and that is our testimony.

The specific actions of Quaker testimony have always been very various, and have also changed over time in response to different situations. For the first Quakers, the most important aspects of their testimony were plain and truthful speech and the refusal to support the established church. Later, our testimony developed in many directions, including opposition to war, anti-slavery, support for refugees and practising equal marriage.

It was only in the 1960s that all of these very diverse kinds of Quaker testimony were first grouped into the familiar list of 'Simplicity, Truth, Equality and Peace', simply as a convenient way of remembering and explaining them.

Unfortunately, since then we have got into the habit of talking about 'Quaker testimonies' as though they were a list of principles or values that we are supposed to accept and then try (and inevitably fail) to 'live up to'. This makes them into ideas in our heads, that we have to work out how to apply to real life, from the head down. This way of understanding testimonies as a list of values contradicts what is most essential about the Quaker way; that it is a way of practice, rooted in experience, not in principles or beliefs. Our testimony is what we do because we know from our own experience that it is what we have to do. Instead of starting from our heads, it rises up from the ground on which we stand.

Our corporate testimony is all of those actions that we have discerned together as a Yearly Meeting, including the refusal of violence and commitment to peacemaking, speaking truthfully, refusing to participate in gambling or speculation, and working towards becoming a low-carbon community. These aspects of our life together are not a list of rules or principles. The fundamental value of the corporate Quaker testimonies is as a guide to discerning our own leadings. By reminding us of the ways in which Friends have been led in the past, individually and collectively, the testimonies can help to sensitize us to the areas where the inward Guide may be nudging us in our own lives and situations.

Each of us will be led differently at different times in our lives, because each of us has our own experiences, talents and contribution to offer to the world. One of the gifts of being in community is that each of us brings something different, and that none of us has to try to do everything. Through the discernment of the whole gathered community, we are helped to see where our own blind spots and resistances are, to become more aware of the areas where we are less inclined to heed the promptings of love and truth in our hearts. The aim is not to be morally perfect, but simply become more whole, more true to reality and faithful to the way the Spirit is moving within us, for our happiness and for the healing of the world .”

This post is based on a talk given as part of the Woodbrooke course 'A New Vision of the Quaker Way' in July 2015. Woodbrooke is a Quaker center in England, like Pendle Hill here. Are we doers rather than sayers?

## **Peacekeeping**

An unusual headline in the NY Times: “U.S. Warns That Too few Carry Efforts for Peace” These are General Dempsey’s warnings, that, across the world, nations could, and perhaps have, become insensitive to the multiple wars and violent upheavals occurring, “Today, peacekeepers are being asked to shoulder more responsibility in combat zones than at any time in history,” he said.. President Obama is hoping to galvanize support for peacekeeping at the UN General Assembly on

Sep. 28.

It is not, of course, the kind of peacekeeping Quakers seek. It is international policing, carried out by army units supplied by national governments within the UN. Quakers do not deny the need for police, but deny that for armies, but internationally, the two overlap. Let us hope that President Obama's, and General Dempsey's, efforts succeed in suppressing, and even avoiding, violence.

## Global Catastrophe

Charles Derber, in an article in the Spring issue of *Tikkun* makes this statement:

"Ice melts are already occurring that will inundate the 3 billion people living within 50 miles of a coast . . ."

Is this true? Consider, this would, or will, mean the loss to the sea of Boston, New York, Savannah, Miami, St. Petersburg, New Orleans, Galveston, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle. Where will all those people go?

And then there are the beloved beaches and vacation resorts around the coast, Cape Cod, the little seaports of Maine, Atlantic City, St. Augustine, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami Beach, Key West (and the rest of the keys,) Pensacola, Padre Island, Santa Barbara, Newport, etc. But will there still be such a thing as vacations? The Everglades will disappear.

Even if all this will only partly be the case, it is a catastrophe surely beyond the nation's capacity to meet. And this is one of the most wealthy industrial countries. What of those like Tuvalu, a small island nation in the Pacific which will vanish altogether, and Bangla Desh, with a large part of its territory only a few feet above the present sea level? Can Malta survive?

At least the housing needs of many such people will be modest. Those of Americans will be overwhelming, very possibly beyond the nation's builders' capacity to replace, and without worsening the crisis. Even while climate change is forcing agriculture to adapt or close down, reducing the supply of food. Which will then, surely, go to the rich, starving the poor.

We have not even mentioned other parts of the world, London, Oslo, Stockholm, Lenin-grad, Hamburg, much of Holland, Lisbon, Marseille, Genoa . . . They are too many to list.

P&SC Committee has distributed a questionnaire to determine how Meeting members and attenders view this warming, what their concerns are, and how much they want to learn about it. The committee is planning a forum topic.

## More . . .

Michael Lerner, in the same issue of *Tikkun* writes of the "Time to Get Serious About Saving the Planet from Destruction." He writes of the need to avoid despair and depression, requiring a non-violent revolution.

He speaks of "The need to an end of the influence of the rich and corporations in public life. This needs the passing of ESRA, the Environmental and Social Responsibility Amendment, requiring public funding of election campaigns.

2. Requiring large corporations to obtain a new charter every five years proving a satisfactory history of environmental and social responsibility.
3. A Global Marshall Plan to fully end poverty, homelessness,, hunger and inadequate education and healthcare.
4. The consequent erosion of national boundaries as all are equally cared for and we know that we are all one.
5. Creation of a Sabbatical Year, whereby every seven years one seventh of the countries would stop production and be cared for by the rest. The sabbatical populations would be able to slow down and

connect to nature.

He argues that this is not fantasy as anything less is incapable of saving the planet. He asks for ideas on how to combat the rich and corporations coming up with ever new ways to exploit the planet.

He is co-leader of the Network of Spiritual Progressives, which supports a “New Bottom Line” based on generosity, peace, and social transformation, the Global Marshall Plan and an Environmental and Social Responsibility Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It seems much more radical than Friends’ organizations.

“Tikkun olam” is a Hebrew phrase meaning “healing the world.”

## **STEP #4 TO A COMPASSIONATE LIFE**

The Peace Center has now sent us its Step 4:

Have Empathy for Others. The suffering we experience in our own life can help us appreciate others' unhappiness. Our pain can become an education in compassion. We don't want to listen to the sad story that a colleague is telling us. We feel that we have enough to deal with. We can be irritated by somebody's bad mood instead of asking why he is depressed. We hurry past the homeless person outside the supermarket, refusing to allow his plight to disturb our equanimity. Remember the things that help you when you are having a bad day – a kind word, a smile, a joke – and try to give that gift. Remember what it is like to feel alone with sadness and take the trouble to listen to another's tale of woe.

## **From FCNL:**

Airstrike campaigns, drone attacks and military aid have failed to create sustainable security. In the latest issue of *The Washington Newsletter*, we write that the U.S. is conjuring the illusion of security through force, but that our foreign policy can and should do more to provide the real thing.

What are ways forward? We are working towards a new role for the U.S. in the world, based on the pursuit of our shared security as a national and global community.

This November, hundreds of Quakers and advocates will converge on Capitol Hill to lobby for effective, nonviolent foreign policy -- one that prevents wars instead of starting them. I hope you'll join us.

We've seen time and again that decision-makers turn to military force when crises emerge. But peaceful means are the only way to peaceful ends. We need your help to convince Congress to commit to alternatives.

Registration is now open for our lobby day in November. Will you be there?

Sincerely,

Alicia McBride

Editor, *Washington Newsletter*

To sign up, go to [http://fcnl.org/events/annual\\_meeting / 2015/](http://fcnl.org/events/annual_meeting / 2015/)

## **You've Got to be Taught**

You've got to be taught

To hate and fear.

You've got to be taught

From year to year.

It's got to be drummed  
In your dear little ear.  
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught to be afraid  
Of people whose eyes are differently made,  
And people whose skin is a different shade.  
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught before it's too late,  
Before you are six or seven or eight,  
To hate all the people your relatives hate.  
You've got to be carefully taught.

We quote these delightful, yet ominous, words by Oscar Hammerstein in the musical *South Pacific*, from thoughts of James Michener. He was raised as a Quaker by an adoptive mother, served in the South Pacific in WWII and wrote *Tales of the South Pacific*. Just now we have to teach Donald Trump, and others, not to be afraid of immigrants from south of our border..

## Bikes

Susan B. Anthony, of course, was a woman Friend who fought for equal women's rights and freedoms. So, she presumably had great help from Friends, right? Perhaps she did, but in the *NY Times* of July 14 she is quoted, in an article about bicycles, as saying, "I think it [cycling] has done more to emancipate women than any one thing in the world." Those were the days after the "high-wheeler" bike, with one huge wheel in front and a small one behind. (In England they were called penny-farthings after the two different sized coins.)

The article points out that other technologies grew out of bicycles. Metal tubing construction, gearing, and inflatable tires were some of the benefits. Henry Ford and the Wright Brothers were bike repairmen. Bikes became popular in America and Europe and then spread around the world, where they still provide cheap and easy transport to work for Third World populations. Ken remembers seeing American workmen coming to work in cars, comparing it with his recent memory of men cycling to similar work in Malaya. He also remembers, among the rural footpaths he traveled, a couple which were only wide enough for bike wheels.

So – hurrah for bicycles!

## Miscellany

Surely Holmes, in Colorado, and Roof, in S. Carolina, if found sane, deserve no mercy, but death, to which they condemned others, or, perhaps worse, a crippled lifetime like those they injured. But both of these punishments carry strong cautions. For each, the punishment is irreversible and cannot be changed if later evidence shows they did not deserve it. And, for the nation to support such punishments makes it as bad as the culprit. Moreover, someone has to bear the burden of performing the cruel punishment on behalf of everybody else.

What murderers deserve and what we should do to them are different questions.

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If you have a friend or family member who is mentally ill and finding difficulty in making a home, you should know that there is an organization called "Home Comforts" dedicated to helping mentally ill people establish and maintain their own homes. It is at 311 S. St. Mary's St.

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This has been pointed out to us, written by John Fugelsang:

“Jesus was a radical nonviolent revolutionary who hung around with lepers, hookers, and crooks; wasn’t American and never spoke English; was anti-wealth, anti death penalty, anti public prayer (Mat 6:5); but was never anti-gay, never mentioned abortion or birth control, never called the poor lazy, never justified torture, never fought for tax cuts for the wealthiest Nazarenes, never asked a leper for a co-pay; and was a long-haired brown-skinned homeless community organizing anti-slut-shaming Middle Eastern Jew.”

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The argument by gun enthusiasts is that people should be allowed to arm themselves so that they can protect themselves and others, such as schoolchildren, from armed criminals. Does this not mean, essentially, that the people of America must engage in an arms race, with each side, law-abiding citizens, police, and criminal gangs, striving to outgun the other? In such a race is it not likely that criminals, more focused on their arms, will be more likely to possess rapid-fire automatic weapons ready for use and will normally be able to gun down their opponents?

While they are saying “Just a minute,” while they get their guns.

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Susan Gubar, writing in the *NY Times* of the miseries and occasional joy (at lightning bugs) of cancer, quotes Oliver Sacks: “Who cares if there was really any Being to pray to? What really mattered was the sense of giving thanks and praise, the feeling of a humble and grateful heart.”

## **Inasmuch**

Surely one of the loveliest statements made by Jesus as King, is, “Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me..”  
What statements of Jesus are so beautiful for you? Let us [Editor, Ken] know.

## **Land**

We live on conquered land. Across the world this is true, except for aborigines descended from the first humans to arrive there. Is it perhaps only in parts of Pennsylvania that Americans can claim that they live on land honestly purchased from Indians? Yet even those Indians may have conquered it from others. In Texas we live on land which Spain took from Indians, Mexicans from Spain, Americans from Mexicans, and then, Texans fought and conquered such tribes as the Comanches (described by S. C. Gwynne in *Empire of the Summer Moon* cited in the Express-News .) The advice to the Texans was “Shoot their horses!” Does national, or in this case, state, identity have to depend on wars of conquest? What, exactly, is the meaning of the Alamo?

Europe was occupied by Celtic tribes (and who knows whom before them?) Rome conquered many of them before the Germanic tribes, such as the English, entered and took over. Some pre-English Britons escaped to the continent, where the Franks beat them and named their new home Brittany.

To whom do we owe what?

## **British Friends promote peace at military celebrations**

*The Friend*, 2 Jul 2015 | by Tara Craig

Quakers across Britain marked Armed Forces Day, 27 June, by expressing their commitment to peace in a variety of ways.

Members of South East Scotland Area Meeting produced a leaflet to distribute in Edinburgh.

They handed it out during a parade and military ‘entertainment’, Jane Pearn explained to the *Friend*.

Jane produced the flyer, and chose the wording following consultation with members of her Area Meeting and representatives of Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW). ‘My aim was to keep our messages as positive as possible, and to frame them in direct, simple, accessible language,’ she said. Phrases on the leaflet included ‘War harms everyone involved in it and damages our planet’ and ‘Quakers say: violence cannot bring about lasting peace’.

‘Not surprisingly, we met with some hostility from the crowd But we also had some interesting conversations, including with those who have family in the military. Tourists were often more receptive to the leaflets and a Swedish visitor commented: ‘I’m so glad that you are doing this’, Jane said.

English and Welsh Friends also marked the occasion. Members of Colwyn Bay Meeting were involved in a Conwy County Peace Group event on 26 June, including Donald Saunders, a Friend who chairs the peace group. Joanna Bourke, professor of history at Birkbeck, University of London, spoke on ‘Wounding the World: Militarism and What We Can Do About It’.

Bury St Edmunds Friends, with members of the local Amnesty International group, held an hour-long silent vigil in the garden of the Meeting House, as a response to the increasing militarism in British society, Graham Gosling told the *Friend*.

York Friends’ monthly hour-long peace vigil coincided with Armed Forces Day. It took place in the shadow of York Minster, New Earswick Quaker Kurt Strauss told *TheFriend*.  
[Note: “Area Meetings” are Quarterly Meetings]

## Slavery

Slavery still exists. An article in *Friends Journal* recounts the efforts of a group of Friends to combat this. Their website is [quakernur.org](http://quakernur.org). (The “nur” stand for New Underground Railroad”.)

Janet and Ken are retired and live what appears to them to be a modest lifestyle. Just looking through just a third of the list of products of forced labor, slavery, produced this list of articles they buy:

Grapes, Strawberries, Tomatoes, Matches, Poultry, Soap, Salt, Bananas, Citrus, Grapes, Peanuts, Cashew nuts, Pineapples, Rice, Beans, Soy, Rice, Fish, Coffee, Cocoa, Corn, Melons.

Merely living in an industrial nation burdens the climate and the same is clearly true for slavery. But we may hope that not all of these always comes from forced labor.

## Bomblets

Laos, – one of the most heavily bombed countries in the world? From the secret bombing campaign of the Vietnam war, to prevent North Vietnam ferrying materials down the Ho Chi Minh Trail to the south – through Laos. And to prevent the Communist government of Laos from assisting.

And now there are “bomblets” everywhere, anti-personnel cluster bombs.. More than 8,000 people have been killed and about 12,000 wounded there since the war ended. Channapha Khamvongsa, a Lao-American, is leading a campaign to clear her native country of unexploded bombs (“unexploded ordnance.”) The US has recently helped with \$12 million a year as a result of her campaigning. Australia, Ireland, Japan, Norway, and Switzerland are also helping. How long will it take?

Cluster bombs are now prohibited for those nations that ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions, adopted in Dublin, Ireland in May 2008; 112 states have signed, and 83 of those have ratified the Convention. The United States is not a party to the Convention.



## **Nonviolent Warfare?**

In WWII in Europe the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops had a singular duty, to set up fake tracks, tanks, and trucks, and to create the sound of many men over the radio and the noise of a major unit of troops moving up to the front. There were in fact no troops there and the intent was to make the Germans think there were. The troops, and the ultimate attack, were elsewhere. It is estimated that 15-30,000 American lives were saved by this deception. But we wonder how many German lives were saved by their manning part of the front where they would not be attacked?

Nonviolence in the army! But perhaps not Quaker nonviolence. Think of the inherent lack of integrity, not to speak of the complex non-simplicity. Well, war was still war.

## **AVP en Las Americas**

Some words treasured, we're sure, by Val: "A time when I felt wanted, loved, and respected, was . . . when we received our first AVP workshop, as I understood that I am a person of value and that anything is possible for me."

This is a statement of a student in a Guatemalan school after participating in a workshop. In 2014 497 people took part in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. More took part in Colombia but the exact figure is unavailable. 36 Basic and Advanced Workshops were held and 3 for Trauma Healing. In Guatemala the Director of Comunidad Esperanza is hoping to introduce AVP into the public schools, having seen participants' "ability to live more peacefully" AVP facilitators in Colombia hope to develop programs among people displaced by the armed conflict. In Honduras a new AVP program sponsored by a Mennonite organization started in a prison. In El Salvador a program was started in a Youth Detention Center.

## **Retreat Thoughts**

"I sat looking at the cedar elm in the courtyard as a bird flew down into it, calling loudly. Shortly after, a bird fled out of the tree pursued by another, presumably a cock bird defending his territory and his mate? So, having read something about birds' habits, it led me to think of different forms of mating, monogamy, polygamy, obviously, but monoandry, and polyandry and how these might be of evolutionary advantage to one sex or the other.

And yet, of the seductive attractions of promiscuity. That cockbird may be monogamous, protecting his nest and chicks, but he may also have his eye open for other inviting hens. And his mate may be doing some inviting. I am monogamous, monoandrous, and non-promiscuous, surely the most beautiful of relationships.

And I looked up into the trees beyond, grown there to serve our perceptions of natural beauty. But from their point of view they are there only to serve themselves and for them we are merely their seed carriers. "Our" lawn grass and bushes are actually using us in a form of symbiosis. Long may it live!"

From one of the participants.

## **Kenneth Boulding**

Elise Boulding, his wife, in Wikipedia, says: Kenneth Boulding 1910-1993. "Economist, educator, peace activist, poet, Quaker, religious mystic, systems scientist, and interdisciplinary philosopher."

"Kenneth lived with my economist husband and me during a semester as visiting professor at Butler University in Indianapolis."

Linda Lee in February FJ, 2015.

His whole face beamed  
as he read Hagar the Horrible at breakfast.  
I'd come home from a part-time job,  
he'd be on the couch sipping tea,  
dropping cookie crumbs on sonnets.  
I stirred soup. He wrote the keynote  
for an international peace conference.

While loading his laundry, he sang  
Gilbert and Sullivan. White hair flared  
around his neck, his crooked smile flickered  
as he reported the total length in feet  
of his five tall children. He hurried out the door  
for two weeks in Japan with coat, shirt, flute,  
and sketchbook in a gym bag.

While I mopped the floor he graded papers.  
His cheeks were pink as he talked  
of lobbying for a Department of Peace in Washington.  
He stuttered with a British accent,  
scattered aphorisms: 'I am a pessimist  
in the head, an optimist in the heart.'  
'Wealth creates power, power destroys wealth'

He slept in a single bed in our guest room  
until Elise visited, then gently asked  
if they might share the double in my son's room.  
As he soaked his arthritic knees in a hot bath,  
a foreign colleague called. 'Please  
bring me the phone,' he said. Grateful  
for the strategic washcloth, I did.

He said he'd had a mystic transformation,  
years ago in a bathtub in London.  
He'd felt a shifting of the heart, a lifting  
of the mind, a sudden expansion beyond  
the personal to the universal.

When Kenneth's life intersected  
with my life, mine, like the first bubble  
growing larger in a hot teakettle,  
began to crackle and rise.

Lind Lee

[Janet and Ken were privileged to know him in Ann Arbor Meeting in 1965. She clerked a committee. He was just an unobtrusive member. He could write keynotes on the back of an envelope on the way to conferences. He was from Liverpool, like the Beatles, and felt he'd been discriminated against in Oxford because of his accent, so he moved to the US.]

## Quakers in Pop Culture

Friends may be small in number but we show up in pop culture quite a bit. Some well-known artists are Quakers. What is it like to be a Quaker celebrity, either in the larger world or within a Friends context? How should we ourselves consume movies and music—are there cautions or limits?

We [*Friends Journal*] would love to hear from you. Submit your work by August 3, 2015 for full consideration. Or you can submit now, but clicking the link to <https://friendsjournal.submittable.com/submit/33341>.

Well, Parker Palmer and Judi Dench might submit – but you go ahead! Do you remember Paul Eddington in “Yes, Minister” and more recently in Miss Marples? He “always shunned personal publicity. He began acting in 1941 as part of ENSA (the British Forces USO). However the Quaker principles to which he always adhered led to him being asked to leave when they realised he was a pacifist and a conscientious objector. . . . he provided his epitaph: ‘He did very little harm.’  
- IMDb Mini Biography By: garryq ”

There will be no September issue of this Newsletter

Meeting for Worship is held on Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a Forum discussion at 11.30, usually lasting until about 12.45. Children are invited to join worship for the first fifteen minutes, after which they may go to join with the Young Friends program. Child care is available during Forum.

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