

CAROLINA WOMAN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Peggie Baxter

I just keep finding reasons to enjoy retirement! The most recent enjoyment was "the snow of 2010". It was a joy to watch the lovely flakes fall and cover the ground, the deck and gently land on the limbs and leaves of the trees, especially the magnolia tree. I am one of those people who can't stand to stay home when I have a job and the responsibility to have the office open. Somehow I would make every effort to be there. BUT...now that I am retired, I just stayed home, drank another cup of coffee, watched the birds at the bird feeders and the squirrels jump from limb to limb in an attempt to reach the bird feeders for a quick snack before Zoie, my little dachshund, spotted them and reminded them that the bird seed were for birds and the corn on the post was for them. I also had time to read two books and start a third. The joy of retirement!

I am aware that the snow, rain, ice and wind were not such a joy to everyone. I know that some hardships resulted, and I have great compassion for those of you who suffered power outages, downed trees and flooded areas. I know too that my little Zoie, with 3 inch legs could not walk in the snow and was quite frustrated when she tried to go outside! My hope is that all of your problems have been solved and that you are looking forward to spring as I am.

The North Carolina USFW Executive Committee had a very good meeting in January. We approved members of the committees for Spring Conference and Annual Gathering. We recorded the dates for those two meetings and agreed to ask Jody Richmond to speak when the Forbush Friends ladies host our Spring Conference on May 1 and our USFW International president, Mary Glenn Hadley, to speak at our Annual Gathering at Quaker Lake on August 21. Both of these speakers have graciously accepted our invitations, and the committees are busily at work planning all of the necessary details. I am looking forward to 2010 being an exceptional year.

The United Society of Friends Women International (USFWI)/Quaker Men Triennial will be held in Mombasa, Kenya, July 1-4, 2010. It is my intention to attend, and I will be representing the North Carolina USFW Executive Committee and all of you. I am excited about going back to Kenya, to an area in Kenya that I have never visited, and especially excited about being able to come back home and share with you information from the conference, bring greetings from Friends from across the world and bring back the sights and sounds I will have experienced. I seek your prayers for safe travel for all of the conference attendees and for the plans that our Kenyan sisters have so carefully made to go smoothly.

There is no thing outside ourselves, no condition, no vicissitude, that can ultimately separate us from the love of God and from the love of one another. And we pour out our gratitude to God that this is so!
-Howard Thurman

May your spring be all that you want it to be--- full of activity, excitement and accomplishment!
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A Note from Sara

Reading through all of these articles in this newsletter, there is a message: If you care enough about an issue, stand up and be proactive. Do something about your concern. Nothing will be accomplished by just sitting and thinking! What an inspirational message! I hope all of you who read the newsletter will also be inspired.

Sara Sheldon

ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Pat Core

“...The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send outworkers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38

Daily we are reminded of the blessings that are experienced by many people throughout the world, especially in America. However, blessings bring responsibilities. Among these, one responsibility is to share from our storehouse with others. There are numerous opportunities to help make a difference in the lives of others—in individual communities, within our Yearly Meeting, and even in the world. Consider the global ministries of FUM—in Kenya, Friends Theological College, Lugula Friends hospital, Samburu Mission, Turkana Mission, and Kaimosi Hospital. There are the Ramallah Friends Schools and the Quaker Play Center. In Belize, we have the Friends Boys School. Let’s not forget our friends in Jamaica. In our own Yearly Meeting, we have the Mexico Mission and the Mowa Choctaw Ministry in Alabama.

As USFW groups across the Yearly Meeting meet in the coming months, be mindful of the mission projects. The Love, Faith, Hope, and Joy Funds provide financial support for Joyce Ajlouny in Ramallah, Eden Grace in Kenya, Becky Barber in Belize, and Brenda White, Christine Wood, and Jennifer York at the Indian Centers in the United States. Each of these ladies and their families are dedicated workers who have accepted the call to specific missions. They give of themselves by providing valuable services to others in various parts of the world. Let’s support these workers with our finances as well as our prayers and spiritual encouragement. A note indicating our love and encouragement would be much appreciated.

According to the January/February issue of Quaker Life nearly all our field staff ministry accounts are underfunded. Our help is greatly needed in this area.

In closing, would you consider volunteering or participating in a work team to one the mission sites? There will be opportunities during the summer to help with Bible Schools in Mexico and Jamaica. Choctaw welcomes visitors to share in the ministry in Alabama. May we continue to do the will of God at home and in the larger world.

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Birthdays of Workers and their Families

March:
None

April 24th:
Ziad Khalaf
PO Box 18606
91184 Jerusalem, Israel

May 25th:
John Muhanji

May 29th:
Isaiah Grace
PO Box 478
Kisumu 40100
Kenya, East Africa

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Janie Edgerton

As your new Children and Youth Secretary I have two main goals that I hope to accomplish. The first is to encourage children to read and the second is to help them learn about our mission work.

Reading is necessary for children to succeed in school and it is one of life's great pleasures. Watching a child read and enjoy it can be heartwarming. I experienced this during Christmas when our seven year old grandson read to his 86 year old great-grandmother. Mother's eyesight is failing and she has difficulty reading small print. Every year she spends two weeks with us at Christmas and they share a lot of time together. Travis said, "This year I'll read to you, Granny". Both of them enjoyed the stories immensely! My second goal is to help children learn about our mission work and the children in those areas. Children need to be taught compassion and concern for others and to know that God's love extends to people everywhere. When the new reading list is available this year, please encourage your USFW or individual members to purchase children's books and make them available to the youth of your meeting. Books also make nice gifts.

We want our children to grow spiritually as they mature physically and emotionally. I believe that teaching them to share their faith through action is important -- feeding the hungry, clothing those in need, being kind to others, etc. Is this not what our mission work does?

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Betty Hall

This week:

*Teach us to do the things that please you,
We want to know your guiding voice.*

To walk with you each day –

Heavenly Father, make us swift to hear and ready to obey, thus this year we now begin-

A happy year will be,

If we are seeking to do the things that please you.

The winter season is a time for sharing. Your local groups have given to church benevolent needs and community needs – homeless shelters, food drives, etc.

The recent earthquake in Haiti has touched our hearts. Money given to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and established religious groups has raised millions of dollars to help cleanup. Things like hygiene kits, clothing and medical assistance are greatly needed.

Ann Lennon, Area Coordinator for AFSC – Friends Humanitarian Response Program, is receiving hygiene kits to send. She is in the office in High Point on Wednesday. You may want to call to be sure before delivering items to her. Her phone number is (336) 885-6921. Stamps, food coupons, and soup labels are still welcomed. Our local women's group is collecting items to send to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Local members can give names and addresses.

Every humanitarian act we do will be the things that will please God.

If your local church group did not meet in February due to weather, please send a Greensheet contribution for AFSC Material Assistance Program. They need our help financially! Thank you for your support.

Betty Hall
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Cleaning Supplies Kit:

- 4-soap
- 2-bathroom and kitchen cleaning supplies
- 2-sponges
- 1-paper towels
- 1-laundry detergent
- 2-waste baskets
- 1-mop and broom
- 1-trash bags
- Coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for refugees facing their first winter
- Blankets

LITERATURE*Becké Jones*

Did you make New Year's Resolutions or are you like me and let everyone do the hard work? I have found that I'm not very successful at long-range resolutions therefore I fail. We now enter the month of March and if you have kept your resolution(s), "Congratulations!"

Sometime ago when friends were asking the questions "Have you made any New Year's Resolutions?" or "What are your New Year's Resolutions?", I started thinking about the answers I heard. I admit I didn't hear hundreds. But most answers included "I plan to lose weight", "Start an exercise program", "Do something special for my husband", "Spend more time with my children", etc... All were very good resolutions. What interested me was I did not hear anyone resolve to choose ways to or take measures to strengthen their spiritual life. Hopefully I just missed those. But I do find it interesting that when asked, at the moment asked, our spiritual promises are not mentioned or even hinted at. But that may be too personal at that moment. Just something I was thinking about. During your quiet moments this verse from Psalm 119:105 might be meaningful. "*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*"

A resolution I hope you made last September was to complete your reading requirements by June. Just a reminder of those requirements: read 4 reading list books **plus** 1 more book **or** attend a USFW Conference **or** hear a missionary. Literature Secretaries - encourage your readers, check how they are progressing with the requirements and prepare to send me the names of your readers who complete the requirements.

Are you familiar with the following names: Clara Ione Cox, Hedda Furry Hopper, Mary Webb Nicholson, or Annie Oakley? They were Quaker women who were successful in areas uncommon for women of their day. Linda Willard's book Quakers in Conflict is a collection of short biographies of both Quaker men and women who are not as widely known as Quakers George Fox or D. Elton Trueblood. This book was added to the book list by our NCUSFW Executive Committee in the Fall and a number of Circles bought a copy. It's easy to read and although many of the Quakers were not of North Carolina, some of you might find a family connection. If you like Quaker history, I recommend this book.

Becké Jones

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PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS*Donna Shore Terrell*

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9

This is the year of peace. 300 years ago our Quaker forefathers wrote a letter setting out our peace testimony. North Carolina Yearly Meeting Sessions for 2010 will be focusing on this peace testimony. USFW-I is preparing a peace curriculum to be distributed to young children.

We all want peace. Peace from war. Peace from domestic conflict. Peace within our Meetings. Peace with our communities, neighbors, families. We want peaceful decision making in our governments and in our workplaces.

But exactly what is peace? It is not just the absence of war. And it is not just the quiet that comes when everyone goes home or the kids go to bed.

Peace has many definitions: (1) a state of tranquility or quiet; (2) a state of security or order within a community defined by law or custom; (3) freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions; (4) harmony in personal relations; (5) a state or period of mutual concord between governments; (6) a pact or agreement to end hostilities between those who have been at war or in a state of enmity; (7) the absence or cessation of war; (8) public order and tranquility, freedom from riot or violence; and (9) a state of reconciliation after strife or enmity. I'm certain there are many other definitions of peace.

But exactly what did Jesus mean when He spoke these words?

As Friends, we advocate resolution of conflict by means other than through acts of war. But then the noted Quaker Peace Advocate, Sam Levering, said that sometimes we have to fight for peace.

I received an article about peace through an e-mail. The source of this article is unknown to me. However, I thought the words were instructive and I'm sharing excerpts of that article with you.

I used to know a man whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War II. They owned a number of large industries and estates. I asked him how many German people were true Nazis and the answer he gave has stuck with me and guided my attitude toward fanaticism ever since.

"Very few people were true Nazis" he said, "but, many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come. My family lost everything. I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories."

The hard quantifiable fact is that the "peaceful majority" is the "silent majority" and it is cowed and extraneous.

Communist Russia was comprised of Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. China's huge population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people. The average Japanese individual prior to World War II was not a war mongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic killing of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel, and bayonet. And, who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery. Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were "peace loving"?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our powers of reason we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points. Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Bosnians, Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others, have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late.

I do not share these excerpts with you to advocate war of any kind. I only share it to remind you that maybe, just maybe, when Jesus spoke of the peacemakers He was suggesting that there is more to being a peacemaker than just avoiding conflict altogether. Maybe, just maybe, He is calling upon us to **actively** make peace.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Lee Van Hughes

The Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship applications are due March 15, 2010. Forms can now be found at <http://www.ncym-fum.org/cooperating.html> To receive consideration, all applications must be complete and on time. New applicants need an application form, a brief personal informational letter, and three completed reference forms. Students reapplying need an application form and a current college transcript. All forms have been updated.

Send these forms to:
Mrs. Lee Van Hughes
1470 Pinefield Drive
Sophia, NC 27350
(336) 498-3861

STEWARDSHIP

Nancy Daughtrey

What is Stewardship? Google that question and see what you get. You will see page after page of information on all sorts of stewardship. I particularly liked the statement that said stewardship is the "Christian management of resources." I understand that to mean all resources, not just our own or our Meetings, but those in our Community, our State, and in our World. We have a moral and ethical responsibility as Christians to be the caretakers of what God has given us. Merriam-Webster's definition is "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." After God created this beautiful world that we live in, he turned it over to us to look after. We need to be better stewards of our resources than we have in the past. I am just as guilty as anyone else and need to change some bad habits. For instance I will turn the water on and walk away to do something else and just leave it running. That is not responsible management.

If we all make an effort to change a few "bad-habits" it could make a big difference. Recycle, use paper instead of plastic or better yet, cloth reusable bags, cut the water off, adopt an animal on the endangered species list. Remember, God created our world and gave us the responsibility of its care. We need to take that responsibility seriously and make changes now!

Nancy Daughtrey
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UPCOMING GREENSHEET PROJECTS

March 2010

* Four Funds: Love, Faith, Hope and Joy Fund

April 2010

1. **MOWA Choctaw
2. **North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

May 2010

**Friends Homes Assistance Fund

*indicates USFWI (International) projects

** indicates NCUSFW Projects

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Janet Robbins

North Carolina United Society of Friends
2009 Financial Summary Jan 1, 2009 – Jan 25, 2010 for Greensheet Projects

Project	Description as allocated for 2009	Cum YTD
Jan	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund	2,525.00
	International Students Scholarship Fund	1,816.00
Feb	<i>Peace and Social Concerns USFWI 2009</i>	
	1- Kenya - Ben and Jody Richmond	1,076.50
	2- Belize - School Feeding Program	948.75
	3- Kenya - Kibera Interfaith Based Initiative	611.75
	AFSC Materials Assistance Program	1,711.00
Mar	<i>Four Funds USFWI 2009</i>	
	1- LOVE-Ramallah-Joyce Aljouny	1,598.00
	2- FAITH-Kenya-Eden Grace	1,598.00
	3- HOPE - Belize-Barber Family	1,773.00
	4- JOY - AFCIA Women Workers (White, Wood, York)	1,769.00
April	<i>MOWA Choctaw – NCYM</i>	3,393.00
	Friends Disaster Service – NCYM	3,070.00
May	<i>Friends Homes Assistance Fund</i>	1,477.50
	Quaker Lake (Playground Equip Spring Conf) - NCYM	3,688.25
June	<i>NC USFW Projects</i>	2,353.00
July	<i>NC Young Friends Seminars - NCYM</i>	1,108.70
	<i>Children / Youth USFWI 2009-undesignated</i>	32.05
	1- East Africa/Quaker Sunday School Curriculum	1,905.95
	2- Kenya / Kasimbi Friends Feeding Program	1,936.95
Aug	<i>Annual Gathering-Friends Center Guilford College</i>	3,052.30
Sept	80% Membership Apportionment to USFWI	2,366.00
	20% Membership Apportionment to Scholarship Acct	591.50
	Yearly Meeting Offering- Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship	1,621.68
Oct	<i>Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2009</i>	
	1- Belize Boys School Scholarships	1,259.00
	2- Triennial Travel Assistance	1,690.00
	3- Jamaica/ Lyndale Swift Purscell Building Fund	1,731.00
	4- Cuba - Friends Church Rebuilding	741.75
Nov	<i>United Thank Offering USFWI 2009</i>	
	1- Advocate Subsidy	1,260.00
	2- Belize – Computers /Friends Boys School	2,220.00
Dec	<i>Christian Service USFWI 2009</i>	
	1- Ramallah - Eli and Sybil Jones Scholarships	2,138.00
	2- Kenya - Kaimosi Adopt a Nurse and Medicine	2,368.00
	3- Turkana / Samburu - Mission Support	1,244.00

	Adopt a Nurse	1,975.00
	Ann Riggs Expenses for FTC	100.00
	Angela Beharrie Office	100.00
	Ben & Jody Richmond	1,240.00
	Bikes for Belize	900.00
	Church Women United	25.00
	Eden Grace Family	650.00
	Friends Theological College	590.00
	Jamaica Bible School – NCYM	500.00
	Mexico Missions – NCYM	280.00
	Mexico Task Force Construction - NCYM	1,078.13
	Samburu	880.00
	50% Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship to USFWI	262.50
	50% Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship to Scholarship Acct	262.50
	Total	65,518.76

Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund

Financial Summary January 1,2009 – January 25, 2010

Balance on Hand 1/1/09		2,692.97
Income	5,175.96	
Total Balance and Receipts		7,868.93
Expenses (2009 Scholarships paid to 27 students listed below)		5,025.00
Balance on Hand 1/25/10		2,843.93

Remember applications for scholarships awarded in 2010 are due March 15, 2010.

2009 Scholarships were awarded and paid to these schools and students listed :

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| Courtney Allen – Randolph Community College | Whitney Jones – Meredith College |
| Ivey Best – Wayne Community College | Rebecca Kirkman – UNC Greensboro |
| Katie Brintle – High Point University | Renee Lindsay – Salem College |
| Maggie Brintle – Campbell University | Brittany Linthicum – Campbell University |
| Devin Bobbitt – NC State University | Sarah Parsons – Appalachian State Univ |
| Valarie Davis – UNC Greensboro | Tiffany Pugh –NC State University |
| Paige Dennis – Greensboro College | David Robinette – Wingate University |
| Kristal Easom – Wayne Community College | Jamie Robinette – NC State University |
| Meredith Gray – Wingate University | Kayla Smitherman – NC State University |
| Taylor Gray – NC State University | Whitney Smitherman – UNC Charlotte |
| Charity Harris – Western Carolina University | Carrie Anna Spencer – Lee University |
| Josh Harris – Bryan College | Rachel Vogler – East Carolina University |
| Meredith Hinshaw – UNC Charlotte | Erin Wagoner – Western Carolina Univ |
| Abigail Inman – UNC Greensboro | |

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International Scholarship Account

Financial Summary January 1, 2009 – January 25, 2010

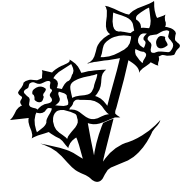
Balance on Hand 1/1/09		215.53
Income	1,816.36	
Total Balance and Receipts		2,031.89
Expenses (2009 Scholarship paid to FUM)		1,800.00
Balance on Hand 1/25/10		231.89

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**NCUSFW Spring Conference at Forbush Friends Meeting
May 1, 2010**



9:00 – 10:00 AM -	Registration, light refreshments and browse the book room.
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	Program and business session. Guest speaker: Jody Richmond
12:00	Luncheon provided by Forbush USFW

The cost of the meal is \$10.00 and may be paid at registration. Send RSVP's to: Sheila Vogler at Forbush no later than April 10, 2010.

Mailing address: 3519 Mt. Bethel Ch. Rd, East Bend, NC 27018
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Very Important! Don't forget to send your memorials in advance to Linda McBane, 4568 Greenhill Road, Snow Camp, NC 27349, email: lmcbane@bellsouth.net

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Spring Conference Reservation Form
(Please clip and send by April 10, 2010)

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of reservations for lunch _____

Please send to Sheila Vogler, 3529 Mt. Bethel Ch. Rd., East Bend, NC 27018 or email: sheilavogler@yadtel.net