



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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OCTOBER 2005 NEWSLETTER

In Memory of Clarence Barker

We ...honor the life, and the eternal spirit, of my father, Clarence Edwin Baker.

He was born on September 29, 1926 to Bessy and William Barker and grew up in the quiet, rolling hills of rural Ohio. He had two older brothers, Milford and Harold. Uncle Milford passed away a few years ago, but Uncle Harold lives on with his extended family in, what will always be for me, the Ohio "motherland". Dad was close to his brothers and shared with them an interest in tracking down and restoring many of the classic cars of the early 20th century.

After high school, Dad remained in Ohio, where he attended Wilmington College. One day at school, he observed the chorus practicing, and a young college student, named Monimia, singing the solo part to The Lord's Prayer. She had a clear, beautiful voice, that captured his attention and also, it seems, his heart.

They were in the fullness of time, married in a simple Quaker ceremony, and began their married lives as schoolteachers in the very scarce labor pool that existed at the end of WW2. My father was barely twenty when he was simultaneously principal, math teacher, and basketball coach at the same school. After I, and my brothers, Bruce and Gary were born, Dad left teaching for a while and we moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where as a young executive at Remington Rand, he learned to thoroughly dislike traveling, and where, over the next 4 years, Seth and Rebecca were born.

After Memphis, we moved on to Northern Virginia, where youngest son Robert was born. We lived in Arlington and Vienna for several years before moving to Linthicum, Maryland and there, after a while, they both resumed teaching, Mom teaching elementary music, and Dad teaching high school math.

Students always related well to Dad, both in the classroom and on the sports fields. During the time when he was teaching at the same high school I was attending, there were kids, that I barely knew, that would – totally out to the blue- make a point of letting me know what a great father I had. Later, in the late 60's, he volunteered to work in one of the rough inner-city areas of Baltimore where he functioned, for a lot of the kids, as a badly needed father figure. I suspect that there are a lot of people, that I will never meet, that have my father somewhere on their list of most-positive influences.

As we were growing up, Dad found ways to stay involved with our activities and interests.

Almost every night, he would be out supporting us in whatever sport or musical event we were in. Later, he would channel his energies into Rebecca's horse shows and Robert's motorcycle racing. In addition, Dad would spend part of each summer taking us camping and fishing.

Schoolteachers' salaries didn't go very far then, but Mom and Dad always made sure that we had the things we needed to follow through on our individual interests.

After retiring from teaching, Mom and Dad moved to the St. Michael's area on the Eastern Shore. This became a great place for the grandchildren to visit and for Dad to continue part-time, the real estate career he had developed as we had all gradually grown up.

Dad lived a long, rewarding life, and made the Quaker heritage, that he assumed when he married our mom, very much his own. He embodied the qualities most of us are taught to look up to: a respect for that of God in each of us, no overwhelming attachment to material things, and a natural sense of the right balance between reason and compassion. These qualities served him well in all avenues of his life.

I always saw my father as a most patient man, a most unassuming man and a uniquely intelligent man. He was quick to arrive at the core of an issue, very patient with people who weren't there yet, and was a quiet catalyst when he felt change was needed. He was very good at cultivating the best in people regardless of their past behavior. Long before we had Dr. Phil and Oprah to help us with this. And he would do all this without drawing any particular attention to himself. He probably wouldn't describe himself with any of the words I've just chosen, but if you observed his behavior over time, I think you would come to just about the same conclusion. His 6 children are all alive and healthy today. He had 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, with 2 more coming soon. As you can imagine, in his later years, his grandchildren were the source of his greatest joy.

We all love you Dad. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our lives. Please continue to watch out for us if you can. I'll be talking to you soon. *By C. Barker*

Property and Grounds



What are Larnie and John showing off here? It's not pretty, but it is a functional new fuel oil tank for the brick meeting house and safe for the environment. Our problems with heat last spring stemmed in part from a leaking 33yr old underground oil tank which allowed water in our aging furnace. The above ground 300 gallon tank is its replacement. Unfortunately to inspect the extent of fuel leakage, the old underground tank needed to be removed allowing the affected soil to be removed.... all to the satisfaction of the MD Dept of the Environment. Larnie managed

this work and also secured funds in a grant from the PYM to help cover the costs including replacement planting for a crepe myrtle which had been planted over the tank. Similar future problems will be avoided with this move.

The bad news is.... lots of issues are raising their head on the grounds and within our beautiful property and we're spending a lot of money to solve them. The good news is..... that we are dealing with them in a timely fashion and carefully choosing our solutions for the maximum long term benefit of our meeting.

Specifically the issues during the past few months include a major yet undetectable water leak which required laying an entire new main water line serving all our buildings. It's made of the

latest, most durable plastics and replaces quite old, decrepit, rotting, galvanized steel. The job included new strategically placed and accessible shut-off valves plus two new freeze-proof hydrants. Work was completed in July and efforts are underway by Sam Webster to mitigate the digging damage and to re-seed the areas. The digging path, it can be seen, carefully circumvented the root systems for some large and precious trees. A new fuel oil contract has been made for the next heating season locking in a fixed, competitive price through June '06.

Steps are being taken to find the best way to replace at the minimum, the leaking west slope cedar shake roof of the Old Meeting House. Meetings are in the works with the Maryland Historical Trust (which has an easement to this building) to discuss options before us. Grants will be sought with the MHT and the State of Maryland for this work.... as well as for the need to replace the southern exposed asphalt roof of the Brick Meeting House. Spear-heading this entire effort is Rob Wieland ably supported by Betty Jean Wheeler and Bob Kemp Sr.

Bidding has been extended and work awarded for the painting of the Brick Meeting House exterior. The work will include appropriate scraping of loose paint and selective sanding, plus caulking and re-glazing of the windows. All surfaces (including the back of the shutters this time) will be primed with an oil base primer before painting with a good grade of alkyd paint. Further, the pressure treated wheelchair ramp and fire escape will be washed and bleached and sealed. This work will begin in September and be paid for from our 05-06 property & grounds budget.

Thanks to efforts and follow-up by Clay Owens, the Johnson grass has been properly and legally sprayed and mowed (Kudos to Craig Smith!) for successful (for now) eradication.

In follow-up to the comprehensive "walk-about" assessment of our property in June when Butch Kemp, Leigh Ann Dodge, Sam Webster & John Schreiner systematically surveyed our buildings armed w/ old clothes, flashlights, camera, and ladders....Sam has been charged with tending to a page full of items needing care and fixing. Please be sure to express your appreciation for this work along with the more routine, yet important, mowing and fussing over our grounds and buildings. For anyone interested in viewing the report of this (soon to be annual) inspection along with its photo documentation, please contact John. By John Schreiner

Please remember to

- 1) Fund the Monthly Meeting's Budget
- 2) To let Overseers know your intentions for burial in the event of your demise
- 3) Sustain the health of the Meeting by serving on several committees
- 4) Update your information for the Meeting's Directory

Current Announcements

October 5 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

October 5 (fourth day) 6 pm Property & Grounds meets in common room

October 9 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business

October 12 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

October 16 (first day) 10 am meeting for worship followed by a meeting for business of the

Southern Quarter at Third Haven

October 19 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship

October 22 (seventh day) 8 am to 12 Noon THFM Carriage Shed Sale

Theme of the sale is to benefit Families In NEED

We are asking for donations of good useable items (No Clothes will be accepted) Furniture, books, housewares, linens, gadgets, toys, sports, garden and baked goods. The famous Quaker Dogs will be provided. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, September 16 after Quarterly Meeting and Monday through Thursday from 10 am until 6 pm. Items will be accepted for the Silent Auction. Posters are available for distribution and can be picked up in the Common Room. We need help in all areas and we will need help the week of October 17 -21. There is a sign up sheet in the Common Room to volunteer to be at the Meeting House to accept donations and to price items. Call 410-822-4893 to participate or email prbasso@goeaston.net or contact Overseers or Testimonies and Concerns Committee members.

We have a **friend in need** at THFM. If you know of anyone who works with the Federal Government and would have some unused sick leave to donate, please ask the donor to donate to the following Person's account: Virginia (Ginger) Page Howell; Department of the Interior; National Parks Service, National Capital Region; Historical Landscape Architect and call Ginger at 410-820-4367 for social security number to complete the donation.

October 23 (fourth day) 5:30 pm meeting for worship
new e-mail Sam Webster III skyeandsam@verizon.net

Reminders - Contributions to the Apostles Build program: Check payable to Third Haven Monthly Meeting with 'Apostles Build' on memo line - Mail to: Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379 , Easton, MD 21601

Please place book donations for the detention center in the chest in the Common Room.
Sign up to provide Hospitality following meeting for worship.
Donate non-perishable food for the Neighborhood Service Center
Let us know of e-mail address changes - send announcements to hawkjm@goeaston.net

"Lawyer wanted to help a fledgling non-profit get off the ground. Talbot 2nd Chance, an organization dedicated to helping the ex-offender return to society, is in need of a pro bono lawyer to help with the incorporation and 501(c)3 processes. Please contact Ralph Young, 410-819-0050. "

Hospitality

Please sign up for hospitality in the common room.

**Monthly Meeting For Business
Third Haven Friends Meeting
9th Month 11th 2005**

Present: Joe Davis, Karen Stoker, Paul Washo, Peggy Alford, Ken Carroll, Sumner Parker, Susan Leibman, Irene Williams, Beth Mufson, Larnie Claggett, Jim Rouse, Susan Claggett, Candace Shattuck, Norval Thompson,, Cathy Thompson, Paige Bethke, Lorraine Claggett, April Claggett, Winslow Womack, Bob Marshall, Ralph Young, Peggy Paul, Jim Paul

Anne Rouse, acted as Clerk for the meeting in the absence of Clerk, Marsie Hawkinson. Mary Cotton acted as Recording Clerk, in the absence of Tom Corl.

Following a moment of silence, the Meeting was opened by the Clerk asking if there were any afterthoughts on the 9th query, read during meeting. There being none, the Clerk brought to the meeting for approval, several sets of minutes from a set of specially called Meetings for Business held over the summer. The following minutes from these specially called meetings for business were approved, as noted:

Minutes from Meeting for Business held 6th month 12th , approved as corrected.

Minutes from Meeting for Business held 6th month 26th , approved.

Minutes from Meeting for Business held 7th month 24th , approved.

Minutes from Meeting for Business held 8th month 21st , approved

The Clerk proceeded by reviewing the **Clerk's correspondence**, and read a portion of a response from Representative Gilchrist to a letter sent by the meeting. A request from Kent Island Christ Church has been received to allow their 9th grade Confirmation Class to visit Third Haven on 12th month 11th. A suggestion was made to also invite them to the Open House 10th month 1st .

A reminder was made that the Websters need to be informed whenever an event such as a wedding, memorial service, poster day, special use of the Common Room, etc. is made using the grounds at Third Haven. It is a courtesy and will facilitate events run more smoothly.

All Clerks of Committees were reminded of an All-Clerks meeting to be held on 10th month 8th in the Common Room, at 2pm, at the request of the Clerk.

Peggy Paul has information for those interested in the CASA program in Talbot County, and encouraged those who might be interested in becoming involved to please contact her.

Treasurer Joe Davis gave his report, noting that there had been some increase in expenses during the year. To date we have spent about \$1,000 more than has been taken in. It was noted that contributions are continuing to come in, and that the balance sheet for net funds available to the meeting is \$50,039.25

The Treasurer also noted that to date the special Apostle Build fund (Habitat) stands at \$1,300. and that \$700. more is required to reach our commitment of \$2,000.

It was also noted that there were additional expenses anticipated by Property and Grounds. Details will be presented next month. The Treasurer's Report was **approved**.

The Clerk, **Finance Committee**, Winslow Womack, reported that he has responded to a PYM survey sent to the Finance Committee and will provide copies to Overseers for those who haven't seen. Sumner Parker and Norval Thompson will conduct a formal audit of the Meetings financial books, at the request of the Finance Committee, and will report back to the Meeting.

Winslow also noted that acknowledgement cards that express the Meeting's appreciation for contribution will now be used for all contributions received.

Larnie Claggett gave encouragement to consider contributing to the **PYM annual fund**, and suggested that in the materials forwarded by PYM, the members and attenders at Third Haven might look to the Westtown Meeting as a comparable meeting to Third Haven. It was pointed out, that Westtown's proximity to PYM might give them more access to PYM services, a point with which another member disagreed. Norval Thompson offered to make available to anyone interested, additional information regarding what PYM's resources and budget are.

Larnie Claggett introduced Paul Washo, head of **Interfaith Housing Coalition**, which Third Haven was a Founding Member, who gave a presentation regarding the activities of the Coalition and background on their request to Third Haven to consider providing support in some form during a particularly challenging period in the Coalition's life. Paul gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history and evolution of the Coalition's activities, and indicated that they were looking for support, possibly in the form as a guarantor of a line a credit.

Several questions were raised regarding what the specific request was, and Paul indicated that the Board of the Coalition was in the exploration stage to see how \$350,000 in operating funds could be raised to cover the management cost of their newest project, funds that are anticipated to be reimbursed when the project is completed in 9 months. There was a general sense that more specifics needs to be presented before the Meeting could come to any decision. The Clerk asked Paul to take the questions raised back to his Board and to return when there was greater clarity and specificity. Paul agreed to do so. He also left copies of his presentation for review.



Bob Marshall, Clerk **Worship and Ministry**, reported that the poster preparations were underway for the Open House for the public being held on 10th month 1st. To the left Frank Zeigler talks to an open house visitor.

There was discussion surrounding the budget and issues regarding the Meeting's support to organizations within the wider community. It was suggested that this be raised as a concern during the All Clerks meeting on 10th month 8th

Paige Bethke, Clerk of **Overseers**, reported on efforts to encourage members and attenders to contribute financially to the Meeting, and their

working with the Finance Committee to review lists of people for further contact and followup.

Paige reported on the success to date of the Friendly Eight's Dinners, and encouraged all interested to become involved. She also reported on a proposed date of 10th month 22nd for the next Carriage Shed Sale, which all in attendance approved. Please note that clothing will not be accepted for the Carriage Shed Sale. Susan Claggett offered to run the silent auction. Paige made the suggestion that ½ of the proceeds go to support the Apostle Build project.

There was discussion regarding how decisions regarding donations were made to local organizations, and if there was an existing policy regarding the use of Carriage Shed proceeds...with a suggestion that minutes from past Meetings for Business be reviewed, possibly from 1st month, and that the issue be brought to the All Clerks Meeting.

Peggy Paul and Larnie Claggett gave a brief report from **Property and Ground**, noting that a new above ground oil tank was being installed, and that the Committee was looking into mitigating the old oil tank. Larnie indicated that a request had gone in to PYM for assistance with the mitigation. Discussion ensued regarding alternative sources of energy and the extent to which the Committee had investigated and assessed all options. This discussion led to questions from some regarding what the Trustees would be paying for. There was some feeling that greater clarity on this issue would be enlightening to many in the Meeting.

Members were encouraged to be more disciplined in adhering to the Business Meeting agenda, before veering off onto other, albeit important, topics.

Library and Outreach formally announced the Poster Day Open House being held from 10am – 4pm on Saturday, 10th month 1st, and encouraged people to commit to 1-2 hours shifts...please see Anne Rouse or Bob Marshall.

Candace Shattuck, Clerk of **1st Day School** reported that there were 20 children in today's 1st day school. She also indicated that they were moving toward greater use of the Godly Play technique that had been presented to the Meeting last year. She encouraged all to come 'upstairs' to see the changes in the space to for the children, and thanked John Hawkinson for his assistance in preparing the 'table' for use by teachers in the Godly Play technique.

Testimonies and Concern's Clerk Lorraine Claggett reported on progress with the Apostles Build project, and encouraged people to buy tickets to the Shrimp Dinner fundraiser on September 23rd. She encouraged members of the Meeting to consider increasing the \$100 donation being made to the Good Samaritan Fund, and ask if proceeds from the Carriage Shed Sale be considered there as well

Lorraine noted that Testimonies and Concerns was setting a date in January for a simple meal to be served (date to follow). And noted that they expected to institute a family night on Friday's in the Common Room once a month with videos appropriate for family viewing.

Norval Thompson, Clerk of **Communications**, noted that there apparently were some difficulties with Newsletter delivery, and that the Meeting had approved reducing the number of print copies

to electronic copies where possible. Hard copy production had been reduced from 150 to 60 through this process.

The Common Room Committee reminded all that there is a 2006 calendar on the wall in the Common Room and that all events and activities should be entered as soon as possible.

It was also noted that on 10th month 16th, Quarterly Meeting, that a potluck lunch, facilitated by **Hospitality**, will be served with group singing to follow. We are looking for a good turnout. The Clerk reminded all that Property and Grounds formal report was scheduled next month. The meeting ended following a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Cotton, October 4, 2005, Fill-in Recording Clerk

“Where Have All The Flowers Gone”

The Peace March in D. C. on September 24th was an overwhelming experience. Were we really marching for peace in Washington yet again? It felt as if it was decades ago and I was again arguing with my parents about the Viet Nam war and mourning the loss of a close friend’s brother. When one speaker talked of the suicide death of her son after he had murdered women and children, I was reminded of my friend Marty. He stalwartly avoided speaking to me about Viet Nam and then one day, he quietly put a hose from his tailpipe into his car and also died.

As a psychotherapist, I decided to treat trauma victims especially those who had been in wars-Viet Nam in particular. Those from Korea and WW II were also often in need of help, so many years later. As a young person, I believed with all my heart that our generation would put an end to war, poverty, racism, and all sorts of social ills. I believed that there would be no more young men who were killed and wounded both psychologically and physically in war. No more mother’s, father’s, wives’ and children’s tears shed for dead soldiers. My naiveté.

The crowds were so much like the Viet Nam protesters. though without young veterans in wheelchairs (are we hiding them or are the wounds different this time?). Many folks felt that the marchers were a bit self-glorifying demonstrating excess in attire, vocabulary, and intensity of feeling. But isn’t youth a time of passion, and doesn’t that youthful intensity really lead to creativity? It is so important not to let the style of the message, obscure the message. Long-hair, bell bottoms, afros, and the virtuosity of Jimi Hendricks may have given way to piercings, tattoos, and spiked pink hair. However, the message remains the same; we long for peace, we long for decency in human relationships, we long for love and kindness, we long for the end of violence and despair, we long for the end of tyranny, the end of war.

No more do I want to bear the image of my sons or daughter on a battlefield far from home screaming for their mother as their bodies are torn apart by metal. Tears rolled down my face as Joan Baez once again sang out “when will they ever learn, when will they ever learn.....”.. *Cynthia Brown*



TESTIMONIES AND CONCERNS

Apostles House Coalition: The Habitat house is going up rapidly. According to John Schreiner, with many congregations working together a roof was put on in four hours. It's rewarding and lots of fun to be alongside the different faith groups and camaraderie is high, John said. Susan Leibman, Anna Harding and John Carr have also been volunteering for the first stage of home building and many other members are signed up to do the dry wall, painting and later chores. To get a date to build, call Ken Court at 410-822-2953 or

talk to John Schreiner or Lorraine Claggett at Meeting.

The shrimp dinner fund raiser went well, with almost \$2,000 realized, thanks to the tickets sold. Jacob Mullen and Nicola Greene were stellar volunteers there - future leaders, one organizer from another church remarked. The next fund raiser will be a spaghetti dinner on October 22 at the Easton High School cafeteria- mark the date.

Social times and good works at Meeting:

Testimonies and Concerns is sponsoring two intergenerational events on a continuing basis, with the idea that members might enjoy exchanging ideas and contribute to a good cause at the same time. The final Fridays of the month will be show time in the Common Room with a video, pot luck and a discussion debriefing of the film. Next showing will be October 29, 7:00 pm with pot luck at 6:30. The film will be "To Kill a Mocking Bird". The fifth First days of the month will be marked with a simple meal after worship with contributions going to Right Sharing of World Resources. First day school is planning a stone soup for the occasion of the first one on October 28 at 11:30 am. So think "F" - final Fridays and fifth First days, and join us at Meeting.

by Lorraine Claggett

FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO ITS ANNUAL MEETING -- Saturday, November 12, 2005, 11:30AM

American Quakerism's 350th Birthday: A Look at Its Maryland Birth Pangs with Kenneth Carroll, President of Friends Historical Association, Past President of Friends Historical Society UK, And noted Quaker Historian and Author

This presentation will provide a look at how America's earliest Quaker community goes from a joyous welcome and a position of power to one of persecution and suffering – from its initial state of love and unity to one of internal strife and dissention – how it wrestles with the all important question of balancing the leading of the Spirit with guidance of the community, sometimes helped and all too often, hindered, by new Quaker arrivals from England.

By Ken Carroll

SOUTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING-- Rise Up Singing October 16th, 2005 - at Third Haven Meeting – Bring your voice, your musical instruments, or just your love of music for a delightful sing-along for all ages. Come join us for an afternoon of joy with Annie & Peter Blood-Patterson, the Quaker singing duo - authors of the folk singer's essential book of lyrics – “Rise Up Singing.”

The Program:-- Meeting for Worship 10AM
Meeting for Worship for Business 11AM
Lunch 12Noon then Sing-Along with Annie & Peter 1PM
For more information call Dana Kester-McCabe:
410-352-5827 or email: sqm@friendsmedia.org

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

To Friends Everywhere:

The AFSC is not ordinarily a first responder to disasters in the US. However, we found ourselves deeply moved by the suffering of the people left behind to fend for themselves as Hurricane Katrina bore down on the Gulf Coast.

The aftermath of the storm revealed the most shocking and poorly handled disaster in US history, with government failures on every level. It showed clearly what many of us already knew: US economic policy has completely eviscerated the social safety net needed for the poor. The politics of race have been thrown into sharp relief.

AFSC sent immediate financial aid through Board member Dick Steele to the Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston to provide food for the 27,000 people evacuated to the Astrodome. We are now conducting an assessment of where our support and help will be most needed, after which we will plan our future activities.

During the initial days of the tragedy it was inspiring to receive hundreds of messages from Friends, Friends Meetings and Churches in the US and around the world who wanted to help. AFSC has set up a special fund to provide financial support to Friends Meetings, Churches and organizations who want to reach out to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Attached is a one page description of how your Friends Meeting, Church or Friends group can apply for a grant from these funds.

We are glad to be able to support Friends’ initiatives in this way, as you help the people who continue to suffer through these traumatic events.

Friend Rubye Braye from Wilmington, North Carolina, will be coordinating the effort for AFSC. If you have any questions, please call her at (910) 681-0670.

Sincerely, *Mary Ellen McNish* General Secretary

- 1. A special fund will be set-up by AFSC to assist Quaker organizations who:
 - A. Provide service to evacuees locally

- B. Engage in relief/rebuilding efforts through Quaker or Non Quaker qualified organizations (e.g. Mennonite Disaster Service, Historically Black Churches).
- 2. Grants will be from \$2,000 to \$10,000. There is some possibility for somewhat higher grants, depending on project(s).
- 3. Request for support must come from a Friends meeting, Friends church or Friends organization.
- 4. Individuals must work through their meetings, churches or organizations.
- 5. Projects must focus on helping the underserved (e.g. poor, Native Americans, undocumented immigrants and other underserved groups).
- 6. Requests should be one page and consist of:
 - A. Project Description , Who are you helping?
 - ii. What do you intend to do?
 - B. Amount of volunteer time committed
 - C. Financial support requested from AFSC
 - D. Timeframe – work to begin and end by what date?
 - E. Other financial support secured?
 - F. What outcome do you expect?
 - G. Letter from Friends meeting, Church, Organization supporting this work.
- 7. A memorandum of understanding will be signed at the beginning of the project by AFSC and the entity. It will require a detailed program and financial report at the end of six months.
- 8. Awards will solely be at the discretion of AFSC.
- 9. Please send your requests to RBraye@afsc.org by October 31, 2005.



Recently Third Haven played host to Joyce Zeigler and other artists immortalizing the historic buildings.

