



# THE GAZETTE

“ a news-sheet, a periodical publication giving an account of current events”

West Falmouth Religious Society of Friends **MARCH-APRIL 2017**

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## Upcoming Events

### Quaker Birthdays

#### MARCH

Cynthia Rankin, 20  
Martha Mangelsdorf, 23

#### APRIL

Bobbi Bailin, 2  
Buffy Curtis, 2  
Sunny Davidson, 12  
Albert Bradley, 14  
Gina Lyman, 15  
Sally Fritz, 19  
Jim Robb, 20  
Rich Armstrong, 25

*(If your birthday was not listed, please contact Alta Mae)*

### REGULAR Events

#### Adult Discussion Group

**Sunday at 9AM** (March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

#### Peace and Social Order

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 12** (March 12, April 10) **Fran Lightsom, Clerk** (508-548-9186)

**Adult Education, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12:00** (March 19, April 16)

#### Ministry and Counsel, 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Monday evening** (March 20, April 17) at Sunny Davidson's, **Deborah Bradley, convener**, (508-564-4744)

#### Empathy Practice (NVC)

**Usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 9:30-11:30** (March 4, April 1) at 24 Althea Rd. N. Falmouth) **Brenda Nolan, convener** (508-274-2701)

### Sandwich Monthly Meeting

**Sunday, April 2nd, Sandwich Monthly Meeting for Business, West Falmouth.**

**Sunday, April 2, Conversation About Climate Change**, following SMM Meeting for Business, with East Sandwich and Yarmouth Friends.

### West Falmouth

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, QUAKERISM 202**, the follow-on 3rd Sunday Education series led by Ministry and Counsel, will take as inspiration texts chosen from Faith and Practice. These follow upon last year's Friends' biographies. Please look forward to "Experience of the Light Within" on March 19 after hospitality.

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Quaker Women, 5:30 potluck, 7:00 discussion, at Quaker House.** Topic: "Seed"

### Other Events at the Meetinghouse

**Monday evenings, 7pm, Zen Meditation.** Contact Fran Lightsom.

The Meetinghouse is used for yoga by Emerson House on Mondays from 2:30-3:30 (contact is Molly Cornell); and by Narcotics Anonymous at 7pm on Friday evenings (contact is Sally Fritz)

**Taize, TBA.** Contact Bobbi Bailin

### THE BOOK NOOK, Nan Garret-Logan

If you haven't had a chance to explore the collection of Pendle Hill Pamphlets that the Meeting has accumulated over the years you might want to give it a try. They are easily brows-able in the baskets on top of the bookshelves"

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Sandwich Monthly Meeting Directory is being updated. Please send any changes, corrections, or additions you would like made to Brenda Nolan at [nolanbab@gmail.com](mailto:nolanbab@gmail.com) prior to March 20th.

## **Semi-Simulated**

### **Restorative Circle Practice,**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 2-4pm** (Sundays,  
March 19, April 16) at the  
Meetinghouse, Brenda Nolan,  
convenor (508-274-2701)

## **West Falmouth**

### **Business Meeting,**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUN** (March 26, April 23)

**Clerk – Larry Jordan**  
**(508-420-1738)**

**Recording Clerk Sally Fritz**

**Treasurer L. Kreidermacher**

**Auditor Nancy Holland**

**Directory/e-mail List**

**Brenda Nolan**

**Ministry & Counsel**

**Deborah Bradley**

**Building & Grounds**

**Jonathan Joyal**

**Quaker House Trustees**

**Molly Cornell**

**Meetinghouse Committee**

**Larisa Davidson**

**Cemetery Overseers**

**Sally Fritz**

**Library Committee**

**Nan Garrett-Logan**

**Peace and Social Order**

**Fran Lightsom**

**Archives**

**Carolyne Jordan**

**Religious Education (Youth)**

**508-540-7652)**

**Deborah Bradley**



New England Yearly Meeting  
online Newsletter:

<https://neym.org/newsletters>

## **MASSACHUSETTS COALITION TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE**

Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence membership request

At meeting for business we heard a request for the WFFM to become a member organization in the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. The explanation of what this might mean and a list of current member organizations are attached to this mailing. It was suggested that we present the option to all the Cape Cod Quakers at Quarterly meeting.



## **PEACE & SOCIAL ORDER**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE RETREAT**

On February 25, we led a retreat at Quaker House. The retreat was successful in prayerfully considering how we as individuals, local meetings, and New England Yearly Meeting might respond to the climate crisis through concrete action.

The retreat had 14 participants, including 3 from Yarmouth Meeting and one from East Sandwich.

A concrete action that the retreat recommends is acting as a Meeting to inform our communities about local companies that are profiting from the Dakota Access Pipeline. Some local banks are branches of companies that are supporting the violence against Native Americans at Standing Rock and hope to profit from pollution of American water and farmland and from worsening climate change. In West Falmouth, we will recommend a minute to the March meeting for business, and we will take concrete actions such as picketing and calling for boycotts. We hope that Bob Kroger of Yarmouth Meeting will help us write the minute and plan our actions.

The retreat recommends getting involved with the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, to work with other religious organizations to increase climate-friendly ways of living and working on Cape Cod.

The retreat recommends a Sandwich Monthly Meeting think tank about climate change action, in order to find answers and recommend actions to Friends.

And retreat participants will continue the discussion that we began. With permission from West Falmouth Meeting we will invite Friends from Yarmouth and East Sandwich to join us for another discussion after Sandwich Monthly Meeting for Business, which will be held in Falmouth on April 2.

More details will come later. We have many ideas.



### **STATE OF SOCIETY 2016**

Please contact Deborah Bradley, 508-564-4744, if you have any comments about the Meeting that you would like to have heard. She is preparing the State of Society Report that will come before next Meeting for Business before it is sent to Sandwich Monthly Meeting, and then to New England Yearly Meeting. If you have something you would like to have known, whether or not you attended the Listening Session, please contact Deborah.

# Circle Process Outline for West Falmouth Climate Change Retreat

February 25, 2017

10 am to 3 pm including a potluck lunch

Quaker House

(Friends from Yarmouth and East Sandwich have been invited to join us.)

## 1. Goal:

Our purpose is to prayerfully consider how we as individuals, local (WF Meeting), and NE Yearly Meeting might respond to the climate crisis through concrete action.

## 2. Opening:

We will open with two readings.

An excerpt from the Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice, which was approved on 24 April 2012 at the Friends World Committee for Consultation Sixth World Conference Friends, held at Kabarak University in Kenya.

*In past times God's Creation restored itself. Now humanity dominates, our growing population consuming more resources than nature can replace. We must change, we must become careful stewards of all life. Earthcare unites traditional Quaker testimonies: peace, equality, simplicity, love, integrity, and justice. Jesus said, "As you have done unto the least... you have done unto me". We are called to work for the peaceable Kingdom of God on the whole earth, in right sharing with all peoples. However few our numbers, we are called to be the salt that flavours and preserves, to be a light in the darkness of greed and destruction.*

The following is by Sandra Steingraber:

*We are all musicians in a great human orchestra, and it is now time to play the Save the World Symphony. You are not required to play a solo, but you are required to know what instrument you hold and play it as well as you can. You are required to find your place in the score. What we love we must protect. That's what love means. From the right to know and the duty to inquire flows the obligation to act.*

## 3. Introduction of Talking Piece

Fran: Everyone is familiar with the use of a talking piece? Our talking piece today represents the whole world. We've got the whole world in our hands! Please listen attentively to the Friend who is holding the world, and pass the talking piece around the circle when you have spoken.

## 4. Check-In Query

"How am I feeling in this moment as we come together to discuss what actions we could take in response to changes in our climate?"

## 5. Values/Guidelines Queries

Values: What values do I hold that I want to guide my actions as a Quaker/Attender?

Examples: integrity, respect for all life, everyone's physical, emotional, spiritual safety

Guidelines: As we prayerfully consider climate actions together, what guidelines will support me to have this conversation?

Examples:

Speak from our own experience

Build on each other's ideas instead of arguing with them

Listen for the divine insight that is given to each of us

## 6. Discussion Round Queries

1<sup>st</sup> "Why do I care, individually, about climate change?"

2<sup>nd</sup> "How is God calling us to respond to the changes in our climate and their causes?"

3<sup>rd</sup> "What have we done, and or know about what others have done in response to climate change and their causes?"

## LUNCH

4<sup>th</sup> "What could be done in response to the changes in our climate and their causes?" (This is an opportunity for brainstorming and suggestions. Take notes on big papers in four categories: individual actions, local meeting actions, yearly meeting actions, bigger actions)

5<sup>th</sup> "What would we like our meeting to do as a concrete action that we could take?"

6<sup>th</sup> "What might stand in our way?"

7<sup>th</sup> "What would we like to offer or request in response to the actions we would like our meeting to take?"

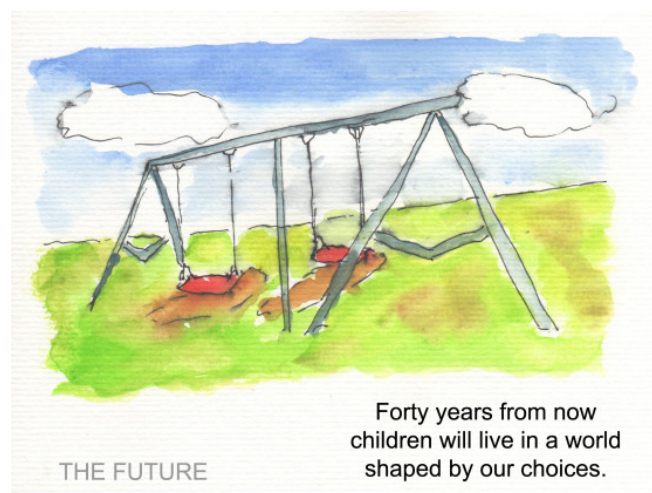
## 7. Check-out Queries

8<sup>th</sup> How am I feeling right now? What is one concrete thing(s) that I can do coming out of our conversation today? What support do I need?

## 8. Closing:

These words are from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.*



The Future by Dr. Greg Johnson (Contributed by Joyce Johnson)

From the Entire IPCC Report in 19 Illustrated Haiku

A work of art that doubles as powerful talking points and a visual guide



**Nominating Committee Report for 2017**  
**West Falmouth Preparative Meeting**  
(initial convener is underlined)

<b>Clerk</b>	Larry Jordan
<b>Recording Clerk</b>	Sally Fritz
<b>Treasurer</b>	Len Kreidermacher
<b>Auditor</b>	Nancy Holland
<b>Directory/ email list</b>	Brenda Nolan

**Ministry & Counsel**

Sunny Davidson '17 Carolyn Jordan '18 Marilyn Brice '19  
Deborah Bradley '17      Louise Luckenbill '18      Martin Fido '19

*Ex-officio: W Falmouth Meeting Clerk and by invitation recorded minister*

**Religious Education (Youth)** Deborah Bradley, Marilyn Brice, Martin Fido

**Peace and Social Order** Erica Adams, Steve Gates, Joyce Johnson, Carolyn Jordan, Larry Jordan, Fran Lightsom, Bernie Nolan, Brenda Nolan, Alta Mae Stevens

**Building & Grounds** Marilyn Brice, Molly Cornell, Jonathan Joyal, Russ Rankin, Clyde Tyndale

**Quaker House Trustees** Molly Cornell, Eric Edwards, Nan Garrett-Logan, Nancy Holland, Maggie Saab, Anita Thacker,

**Meetinghouse Committee** Larisa Davidson, Fran Lightsom, Cynthia Rankin, Anita Thacker, Ruth Zwirner,

**Cemetery Overseers** Sally Fritz, Len Kreidermacher, Bernie Nolan, Rod Zwirner

**Library Committee** Nan Garrett-Logan

**Archives** Carolyn Jordan, David Young

**WF Nominating Committee** (appointed by officers of the meeting)  
Sunny Davidson '17      Brenda Nolan '18      Carolyn Jordan '19

**NEYM Youth Program Liaison** Rebecca Edwards

**Sandwich Monthly Meeting (SMM)** *SMM Nominating Committee is resp. for this.*  
**SMM Nominating Committee Reps**      Molly Cornell '18      Sally Fritz '17  
**SMM Ministry & Counsel Reps**      Molly Cornell '18      Sally Fritz '17  
**SMM Property & Finance**      Molly Cornell '17

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## West Falmouth Preparative Meeting for Business February 26, 2017

Friends gathered for worship with attention to business following morning worship and hospitality. Attending: Larry Jordan (clerk), Carolyn Jordan, Sunny Davidson, Martin Fido, Len Kreidermacher, Bernie Nolan, Brenda Nolan, Erica Adams, Nan Garrett-Logan, Joyce Johnson, Deborah Bradley, Sally Fritz, and Guest Kathy Olsen.

### Opening reflection and silence

...How shall man be released from his besetting fears, and from his prevailing sense of futility? To risk all may be to gain all. We do not fear death but we want to live and we want our children to live and fulfill their lives. Men have ventured all and cheerfully risked death and starvation for many causes. There can hardly be a greater cause than the release of man from the terror and hate that now enslave him. Each man has the source of freedom within himself. He can say "No" whenever he sees himself compromised. We call on all men to say "No" to the war machine and to immoral claims of power wherever they exist and whatever the consequences may be. We call on all men to say "Yes" to courageous non-violence, which alone can overcome injustice, persecution, and tyranny.

Such acts of revolutionary love involve putting into action the laws of the Kingdom before the Kingdom has really come. The early Friends realized only too clearly that the Kingdom of God had not come, but they had an inward sense that it would never come until somebody believed in its principles enough to try them in actual operation. They resolved to go forward then, and make the experimental trial, and take the consequences.

So we believe and so we advise.

*From Speak Truth to Power— A Quaker Search for an Alternative to Violence  
Chapter 7: The politics of time and the politics of eternity. AFSC, 1955, p. 70*

**Review of January Minutes:** A copy of the Nominating Committee report should be included in the next *Gazette*.

**Clerk's Business:** March dates were added to the calendar.

Restorative Circle Practice: 2:00 – 4:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Brenda Nolan, contact

Emerson House Yoga: 2:30 – 3:30 pm Mondays. Molly Cornell, contact

Zen Meditation: 7:00 pm Mondays. Fran Lightsom, contact

Narcotics Anonymous: 7:00 pm Fridays. Sally Fritz, contact

Quaker Women: 5:30 pm Friday, March 24

Ministry & Counsel: third Mondays, in a home. Deborah Bradley, clerk

Grandmothers (and friends) Against Gun Violence: **Friends approved Nan Garrett-Logan's request for this group to use the Meetinghouse every several months** as a convenient alternative to Hyannis for members living in greater Falmouth.

**Treasurer's Reports:** These balances were reported as of February 26, 2017:

MH checking account = \$26,019.68      NEYM pooled fund = \$85,138.71

QH checking account = \$8,334.41

The treasurer noted that the cemetery expense was for lawn mowing last year. The large balance in the Meetinghouse account will change depending on the recommendation of an active ad hoc committee. P&SO will suggest uses for the \$1000 gift. Friends accepted the report. Friends also accepted the proposed budget for 2017 that was presented first at the January meeting.



**Library Committee:** The clerk noted her recent re-organization of the library corner that features Pendle Hill pamphlets in a more inviting way.

**Ministry & Counsel:** The clerk thanked Friends for participating in the recent listening session to prepare for the State of Society report, and invited additional comments or concerns. The committee has received a request for membership from attendee Steve Gates.

**Peace & Social Order:** The committee will consider a request from Nan Garrett-Logan that WFPM or SMM become an organizational member of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. Material explaining the Coalition's work and listing its current members was provided.

The retreat in response to the climate crisis, attended by 14 SMM people yesterday, and led by Fran Lightsom and Brenda Nolan, resulted in several proposals for action: 1/ membership in the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, with guidance from Steve Gates, 2/ the creation of a SMM "think tank" to continue our engagement with the issues, 3/ a follow-up meeting on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> after SMM meeting for business, and 4/ actions to be taken to raise community awareness about local businesses that are investing in the Dakota Access Pipeline, beginning with a Minute to be offered at Meeting for Business on March 26<sup>th</sup>. These actions and minute will be prepared with guidance from Bob Kroger of Sandwich Meeting.

After attending the retreat Joyce Johnson described her concern about the \$4 billion investments by large banks in the Dakota Access and Keystone pipelines, and requested the Meeting to endorse her effort to begin a peaceful, weekly protest outside a local branch bank in downtown Falmouth. Friends agreed to an announcement that would invite others to participate with her without claiming explicit backing from the Meeting. \*

**Nominating Committee:** The new slate will be posted and published in the *Gazette*.

**New Business:** Martin Fido offered ideas for an ad in a local newspaper as a form of outreach, initiating a discussion of how and where we want to present ourselves in our community, especially in a time of dissatisfaction with the current political climate. Instead of a possible paid ad, Fran Lightsom will write an article about the climate change retreat as one newsworthy statement of what modern Quakers concern themselves with, and will submit it to *The Falmouth Enterprise*.

Meeting ended in silence, proposing to meet again on March 26<sup>th</sup> after hospitality.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Fritz, recording clerk

**\* "Support appreciated but plan cancelled." – Joyce Johnson**