

# **ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2019**

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- First Day School for children: 11 a.m. (joining Meeting for Worship from 11:45 a.m. to noon)
- Nursery care for our youngest: 11 a.m.
- Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1st First Day of month at 9 a.m.
- Adult religious education: As noted in the Meeting Calendar below and in Other Scheduled Items and Items of Note
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> First Days
- North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m., at 7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business. Please include the word "Newsletter" in your subject line. (All committees and their reps, and all F/friends with leadings are welcome to submit items for inclusion).

## **MEETING CALENDAR**

APRIL 1: Newsletter items due by 5pm

APRIL 2: 7-9pm Green Team

APRIL 4: 5-6pm Open Table

APRIL 7: 9-10:45am Meeting for Worship w/ Attn. to Business; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:15-1:30pm Potluck

APRIL 8: 7-9pm Clearness Committee

APRIL 9: 7-8:30pm Book Discussion

APRIL 10: 7:30-9pm Meditation Group

APRIL 11: 2:30-4pm Spiritual Friendship; 5-6pm Open Table; 7-9pm CSGA Business Meeting

APRIL 13: 2-4pm Deconstructing Racism

APRIL 14: 8-9am Early Worship; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship

APRIL 16: 2:30-5pm Game Day

APRIL 18: 5-6pm Open Table

APRIL 20: 8am-2pm Spring Work Day

APRIL 21: 7-9am Easter Early Worship; 9:15-10:45am Most Committees Meet; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship; 12:30-1:30pm Committees CREC; 12:30-2pm Pastoral Care Committee

APRIL 23: 2:45-4:45pm Book Discussion

APRIL 24: 6-9pm One America

APRIL 25: 5-6pm Open Table

APRIL 28: 8-9am Early Worship; 11am-12pm Meeting for Worship

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Ministry and Worship Committee (Note: Peter T is assisting with mid-week check-in and reporting of any discrepancies found; Thank you Peter!)

## **QUERIES FOR THE FOURTH MONTH: Home and Family**

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

## **SUPPORT FROM PASTORAL CARE: Conflict Transformation in Community**

If you have experienced what you feel is an inappropriate behavior, we encourage you to speak to a member of \*Pastoral Care.

\*Patty R., Minette, Nancy Jo, Kit, Minette

## **OTHER SCHEDULED ITEMS AND REPORTS (Expanded in paragraphs following; all events at AFM unless otherwise noted)**

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### **Meetings for Learning:**

**Generally 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> First-Days 9:15-10:45am**

**4/14/19** Tim Mulady: Boy Scouts and the Quakers as an InterFaith Learning  
With Rizwan Jaka from All Dulles Area Muslim Society

**4/28 No Meeting For Learning** to allow for Spring Mart Set up

### **Upcoming Meetings to Schedule for Learning (Dates TBA)**

#### **Prioritize 2019 Quakerism 101 Series**

Ann Riggs and Dot Walizer: Quakerism 101

Sylvia Oliva wants date for [Creation Spirituality](#) MfL which was cancelled for snow

### **Other Upcoming Meetings for Learning To Schedule**

Barbara Thomas Personal Spiritual Journey Listening's

Lee Lougee contacted M&W about Friends House MfL

Wes Jordan on "Non-Theism and Friends"

Susan Wolfe on the Culture of the Early Christians

Tom Wolfe: Beloved Heretic, A three act musical play on the Life of Lucretia Mott  
Possibly restage "Convinced of What" a 3-act musical on William Penn's imprisonment

Lisa Sarro: Maryland Legal Aid: spoke at GAIN... legal aid available to lower income citizens in AACO

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## **Thinking About Race**

**Thinking About Race** (April 2019) – "Black and Blue"

All my life through I've been so black and blue  
I'm white inside, but that don't help my case  
Cause I can't hide what is on my face  
I'm so forlorn. Life's just a thorn  
My heart is torn. Why was I born?  
What did I do to be so black and blue?  
I'm hurt inside, but that don't help my case  
Cause I can't hide what is on my face  
How will it end? Ain't got a friend  
My only sin is in my skin  
What did I do to be so black and blue?  
Tell me, what did I do?  
What did I do? What did I do?  
What did I do? What did I do?  
What did I do? What did I do?  
What did I do? Tell me, what did I do to be so black and blue?  
What did I do to be so black and blue?  
- Louis Armstrong, 1929

Words by Harry Brooks and Andy Razaf. Music by Fats Waller. You can see it and hear it sung by Louis Armstrong at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LDPUfbXRLM>.

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each local Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, [david.etheridge@verizon.net](mailto:david.etheridge@verizon.net).

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## **Getting Clear with a Clearness Committee**

It has been said that if you give Quakers a task, their first action is to establish a Committee. Though no doubt said in jest, one can appreciate that within the Quaker Meeting the Committee is where important matters are considered. An Individual Member (or regular Attendee) can set up his/her own Committee – a Clearance Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to offer a safe and confidential space where one can air matters of serious personal significance, both large and small.

Parker Palmer, a Quaker expert on interpersonal communication, has written -- "Behind the Clearness Committee is a simple but crucial conviction: each of us has an inner teacher, a truth voice, that offers the guidance and peace we need to deal with our problems. He went on to explain that..." because that inner voice can be obscured by both inward and outward interference, the function of the Clearness Committee is to help remove that interference so one can better discover one's own wisdom...".

After meeting with one's Clearance Committee, once or even several times, one soon realizes that the intent of the Clearance Process is not to "fix" an individual but rather to provide a supportive and confidential environment in which she/he will be respectfully and compassionately heard.

If you are facing a major life event; trying to resolve a conflict; or simply seeking a safe space in which to examine an important personal, professional or spiritual decision, consider bringing it privately to the attention of a Pastoral Care Committee member. You will then be able to determine if a Clearness Committee is the right alternative for you.

Current Pastoral Care Committee Members:  
Patty R. (Clerk); Nancy Jo S.; Kit H.; Minette C-S.

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## ***Annapolis Friends Meeting E-mail Lists (Announce/Discuss)***

Annapolis Friends Meeting maintains two e-mail lists, Announce and Discuss, both for different uses by members and interested attenders who choose to join them. If you are not a member or a regular attender of Annapolis Friends Meeting, then these lists probably have little interest for you. Conversely, if you are a member/attender and have interest in one list, then it is quite likely you have an interest in the other, so feel welcome to join both if you wish. Most do. Joining (Subscribing) requires a review by the list manager or vetting by the Outreach Committee; but leaving (Unsubscribing) can be performed at your discretion in the manner prescribed below.

The **Announce List** is for announcing events of concern directly relating to AFM and is meant to be used more restrictively. Announce List members are invited to use

[afm-announce@googlegroups.com](mailto:afm-announce@googlegroups.com)

in order to:

- \* request to hold members of the community in the Light.
- \* announce births, marriages, ceremonies of commitment, illnesses, deaths, or memorial services.
- \* announce AFM and committee/subcommittee meetings or changes to previously announced meetings.
- \* announce specific Annapolis Friends, Baltimore Yearly Meeting or Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting business.

To subscribe to the AFM Announce List, send an e-mail request with your desired address for inclusion to

[douglasmcc2344@gmail.com](mailto:douglasmcc2344@gmail.com)

or

[jenndelorge@yahoo.com](mailto:jenndelorge@yahoo.com)

To automatically unsubscribe from the Announce List and thus stop receiving emails from it, send an email from the address to be dropped from the service to

[afm-announce+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:afm-announce+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com)

The **Discuss List** is for other more general concerns and more open discussion of issues or items that the list user believes of interest to the AFM community, e.g., items relating to peace or other Quaker testimonies, and for announcements of Quaker organizations and other groups with which Friends are affiliated. Another way of looking at the AFM Discuss List is to consider it an AFM blog for your posting items of interest for discussion among the Meeting community. More leeway is granted in the use of the Discuss list, but always use discretion and consider whether the prospective post is actually warranted for wide dissemination on either list.

To subscribe to the AFM Discuss List, follow the same method above by sending a request for inclusion in the e-mail list to either

[douglasmcc2344@gmail.com](mailto:douglasmcc2344@gmail.com)

or

[jenndelorge@yahoo.com](mailto:jenndelorge@yahoo.com)

To automatically unsubscribe from the AFM Discuss List and thus stop receiving emails from it, send an email from the address to be dropped from the service to

[afm-discuss+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:afm-discuss+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com)

In all cases, posts on both lists reflect list users' personal opinions and should clearly be understood to NOT reflect the consensus of Annapolis Friends Meeting.

If you have any questions or misgivings about using either Announce or Discuss to address e-mails to those wider audiences, be clear about posting to AFM Announce, consider deferring to Discuss, or perhaps address e-mails to a more restrictive and specifically targeted audience (many fewer addressees). Additionally, when responding to e-mails sent out via Announce and Discuss, be very clear in your mind about your intention to respond to the entire list. Alternatively consider sending a reply to the sender with a specific e-mail addressed to that person alone, thus obeying common e-mail courtesy.

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## **Spiritual State of the Meeting 2019 Annapolis Friends Meeting**

The Annapolis Friends Meeting modified our Spiritual State of the Meeting (SSoM) process for 2019. Based on heartfelt expressions, the Meeting held two worship sharing sessions during the Worship hour on two different days using the unaltered Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) queries. Additionally, the First Day School students and the various committees were encouraged to conduct their own listening sessions to assess the spiritual state of their group. The following is an assimilation of the expressions received.

For the worship sharing SSoM listening sessions, the Ministry and Worship clerk introduced the queries and paper copies were available at both sessions:

- With fierce winds of political discord and violent expressions of hate swirling in the world around us, what does your community do to strengthen our attention to the Spirit in Meeting for Worship?
- What do you do to strengthen the Quaker “roots” of your community?
- There seem to be dueling forces among Friends. We recognize we can be a shining light and healing presence in troubled times, while on the other hand, we value our individual Meeting Community so much we can be unwelcoming to change or discordant voices. What is your meeting’s experience of this? Do you sense a tendency to avoid tension by not discussing differing points of view?
- Is your Meeting a diverse community: racially, philosophically/politically, theologically? How is that expressed? In what ways?

For the First Day School students, the teachers introduced the concept and process. They encouraged a period of silence and expressions of how the students felt about their spiritual experience at First Day School.

For the committees, there were two queries for them to consider:

- In what ways does your committee strengthen your ability to complete its job?
- How does your committee recognize the Light within as you do your work?

The overall sentiment from the two AFM SSoM was that our community is a safe, harmonious place that encourages us to grow and to be effective among other people as we practice our faith in the larger community. The various activities that AFM is involved in speak volumes about who we are and how we reach out to more diverse people. We support the greater community, study other religions, support the Lighthouse, schools, bring food to people, participate in silent retreats, maintain small group connections and then get back to silent worship. The community is very engaged to address the economic problems in the area.

There are many opportunities at AFM to plumb the depths of our souls. There are Meetings for Learning on Quakerism. One suggestion was observed at another Meeting where the clerk got up at the start of Meeting for Worship and read the queries of the month from Faith and Practice (F&P). This Friend said about the F&P queries that she “always found (them) to be a nice nudge to remind me to think about Quakerism. We might consider one time per month reading a query or something of that nature.”

Diversity in our community is limited and our frustrations about this longstanding concern were heightened by the query. AFM strives to be a welcoming community and encourages others to come sit with us, especially those we speak to in the larger community. There are few African Americans that attend, but Friends are involved in outreach activities that interface with persons different from the majority at AFM. A Friend encouraged us to not be worried about who comes or who does not come, but that we need to continue to be welcoming as we already are whenever they do come.

Another expression about diversity: “I agree that we are welcoming to anyone of any racial or ethnic background that is drawn to us or curious about us and I think that is what we should be. We should be welcoming and respectful. It has crossed my mind that if I had a different skin color, people might be more excited about me being here and that annoys me.”

AFM is seen as a place where Spirit communes with the people. “I come to fill my spirit, to ease my longing, to find the space to breath and to see.” “My spirit is nourished in many, many ways.” “I am a non-theist and at the same time this is my spiritual home. That may sound like a contradiction, but I

believe and am aware that your spirit-self can be without the necessity of acknowledging a deity in order that you be spiritual.” “This meeting is a healing presence and light in the world.”

“We are constantly strengthening our attention to spirit. When we are in a committee meeting, we start in silence and ask for guidance. In workshops, we ask for God’s goodness and guidance. We have rich spiritual meetings where people are giving their all whether it is internally or they are speaking a message. If you come, you get to know our loving community.”

It was evident that there is extensive theological and philosophical diversity at AFM.

There were F/friends who did not like the political undertones to the queries. One Friend expressed a different sentiment about Quaker commitments and actions. “Of things people have mentioned this morning, I have a hard time coming to see what others see as the line between politics in a larger sense and what we do as a community. I simply cannot see the line there. For me it is like where the fresh water coming down the Susquehanna meets the salt water of the bay. You cannot cleanly draw a line there.”

A Friend shared that at other Meetings, she was instructed not to talk about politics, but at AFM she did not feel that we had that prohibition.

The **Young Friends Meeting** from First Day School (ages 2-yrs to 13-yrs) were included and expressed the following: They wanted more snacks, more play, more outside time, more “spiritualness”, more yarn, lots of arts and crafts, and for the adults to do a play at the holiday time.

Although all committees were encouraged to conduct a brief Spiritual State of the Committee worship sharing session, two committees actually provided feedback.

### **AFM S&F Committee response to "State of" queries:**

Starting each Stewardship and Finance (S&F) committee meeting with brief silent contemplation, we recall duties assigned to our committee by AFM guidelines which, in turn, mostly are based on BYM’s Faith and Practice; we also recognize duties that are “not our job” and, in turn, support other Committees or Friends, as needed.

Having a strong ability to complete our Committee’s job comes from having capable Friends as our co-treasurers and committee members, as well as striving to focus the Light within us on service to our community.

When our S&F committee must exercise its discretion, we seek to recognize the Light and leadings of other Friends, to recall our Meeting’s values & goals, and to use good stewardship to marshal our available resources as best possible to pursue these goals.

## Quaker Market Committee

We start our efforts in the usual Quaker way of a moment of quiet reflection on the One Who Is. Then we work united towards our goal of collecting items to sell and distribute the proceeds to help others. We do with joyful intention that we are called by God to do Quaker Market.

We experience our work on Market Committee as an outgrowth of spiritual leadings—careful discernment (held in expectant waiting for Way to Open) of the causes, expression of testimonies of simplicity (letting go of things), community (connecting with Annapolis Friends and our surrounding community in new ways), equality (individual shoppers determine a fair price from their own perspectives), and stewardship (putting used items to good use, recycling, avoiding waste and overconsumption).

Quaker Market is such a joyful experience! Simplifying my own possessions, helping others to find something they may use, giving leftovers to many wonderful causes is only one part of the experience. The community, both our own and the outreach to the wider community, is so much a fabric of Quaker Market. The extended community looks forward to this experience almost as much as we do! It speaks volumes that so many return to visit with us, contribute to our many causes, eat with us, and say how glad they are to see us!

In summary, the Spiritual State of the Meeting at AFM was evaluated and Friends provided valuable input to the SSoM.

- AFM is a welcoming and loving community that is an active participant in the wider community working with persons of diverse backgrounds on issues important to Quakers, including prison reform (Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform – MAJR), climate (Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis – CSGA), misuse of solitary confinement (Interfaith Action on Human Rights - IAHR), safeguarding the watersheds, winter relief for the homeless, immigration (Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network – GAIN), Quaker Market where people outside of AFM are served, homelessness prevention (Annapolis Lighthouse), and other opportunities.
- Worship experiences and opportunities to develop a deeper spiritual connection abound at AFM including two worship meetings (early 8:00 am worship on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> First Days, in addition to the weekly 11:00 am meeting), a monthly Tuesday evening worship opportunity, a monthly Spiritual Seekers Fellowship, and a weekly meditation group.
- Children's religious education and nursery care are provided each week, and adult “meetings for learning” are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> First Days.
- Each Meeting for Business and each committee meeting begins and ends with a moment of listening silence to better center and focus on how the Spirit will lead our work.
- Communication is enhanced at AFM through the monthly Newsletter and Website, as well as announcements after the 11:00 am Worship Meeting and the email “Announce List”. We are working on better ways to keep early meeting worshipers “in the loop”.
- For open discussion of issues that are concerns, AFM has an email “Discuss List”.

Suggestions for improving the Spiritual State of AFM were provided and will be considered as the Meeting continues to reach out to members, attenders and others, including but not limited to:

- Incorporating the query for the month at the beginning of the First Day Worship Meetings.
- Exploring diversity from all aspects, including going beyond racially, philosophically/politically, theologically to include age, cultural, marital status, gender identity and other potential diversity issues.
- Focusing on the values behind our queries and concerns: “letting the values take us forward”.

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Annapolis Friends Monthly Meeting (AFM)  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MfB)  
Fourth Month, Seventh Day, 2019 (4/7/19)

Present were: Martha B. (clerk), Phil C. (recording clerk), Jeanne W., Harold S., Nan E., Sky E., Kit H., Jack L., Karen C., Cairn K., Barb T., Ellen M., Tom W., Peter M., Elise A., Amy N., Joan M., Margaret C., Will C., Patty R., Sue P., Jennifer D-M., Margaret H., Ruth S., Bill K., Mary B., Martha L., Cecile T., Wes, Francis W., Sheryl G. and Marcia O.

Out of the silence, our Clerk welcomed Friends to MfB and to this beautiful spring day, also inviting us to consider the queries as to our personal spiritual life from Faith and Practice.

As to our Quaker Spring Market 2019 plans, Cairn reported for Market Committee, “The Quaker Market Committee’s discernment led us to the following choices for disbursement of Quaker Spring Market 2019 funds:

-The first \$250 will be awarded to AFM’s Young Friends for their discernment.

Of the remainder, the external 75% will be split evenly among three causes:

-Changing Perceptions, now renamed “Voices for a Second Chance”, an area reentry program;

-Educational Resources for Antigua, Guatemala; and

-Interfaith Action for Human Rights (IAHR).

-The internal 25% will be awarded to the Light House for their special fund, The Carol Brantley Light & Love Fund.

Cairn also invited Friends to in Quaker Spring Market at AFM on Saturday 4 May from 9-2. There are many ways to help, including: organizing our “clothing boutique” (new coordinator needed!), advertising (new coordinator needed!) and distributing flyers to family, friends and relatives, donating and transporting furniture (another mover needed!), and transforming the Meeting House into the Market starting on 4/28 (the First Day before Market), setting up the tent, and more. Sign-ups may be accomplished by clipboards or email.

Also, Market Committee will sponsor a presentation in conjunction with AFM’s 5 May potluck, where Friends can learn more about Educational Resources of Antigua, Guatemala.

As a Memorial Minute for David Ward, for Pastoral Care, Patty read the (attached) Minute. Friends accepted this thoughtful minute for recording.

Our clerk noted that we have received a letter from Phil Favero requesting to transfer his membership from Annapolis Friends Meeting to Agate Passage Friend Meeting after his move from the State of Maryland to the State of Washington. Friends approved. We miss Phil and Janet, but wish them the best.

Our clerk also noted that the Benson family is preparing to move this summer as a result of Kimberly Benson’s new job as a naturalist for a cruise line which will take her along the Pacific coast during the summers and to the Caribbean coast in the winter with Carl and the children based nearby. Friends offer the Bensons our bon voyage wishes and hope that they can return to spend time in Annapolis with us in the future.

In our 2019 Spiritual State of the Meeting (SSOM) process, Tom reported for Ministry & Worship (M&W) and noted that Baltimore Yearly Meeting hopes to receive Meetings’ SSOM reports by 4/15/19; our Clerk also pointed out that the purpose of our SSOM is not just for reporting to BYM but primarily is for raising Friends awareness within our own Meeting. Elise provided our second reading of the SSOM queries and our draft report, compiled after two sessions during MfW, a threshing session, input from First Day School and two committees. (See attached.) Friends thanked the committee for this comprehensive report and offered a number

of suggestions for improvements while committee members made notes. We also noted that, for the future, Friends again may consider customizing or supplementing BYM queries. We approved this report which will incorporate Friends' suggested edits.

For our Hospitality subcommittee, Marcia read this proposed Mission Statement:

“Hospitality, a sub-committee of Meeting House and Lands (MHL), is responsible for supporting large-scale Meeting-wide activities that require a reception or meal, such as memorial services, wedding receptions, and BYM events. The hospitality committee [helps] coordinate such functions, relying on our Meeting community to contribute its fabulous culinary skills, preparation and clean up. In general, food in conjunction with events sponsored by a committee are coordinated and hosted by that committee, although it is greatly appreciated if Hospitality Committee is kept informed.

“The Clerk of Hospitality serves as the point person for monthly Potluck (e.g., announcements, temporary schedule changes, programming requests, coordination with Outreach Committee). In addition, the Clerk regularly checks for adequate supplies and products that are a part of operating a building.”

Friends thanked our “small but mighty” Hospitality Subcommittee for its work and look forward to an edited version of the Mission Statement in light of Friends' comments.

As Easter planning, Tom reported for M&W, we plan the following: 7 a.m. Meeting for Worship, 8 a.m.- nature walk (and breakfast preparation), and 8:45 - breakfast, and 11 a.m. meeting for worship & Easter egg hunt. Friends also noted that Committees will not meet on Easter First Day.

BYM's 3/23/19 Interim Meeting (IM) on — at AFM, Barb reported “we had it, we did it and it was good.” Friends thanked Barb for her coordination and many other Friends for their roles, assisting IM for achieving a lot of “good hard work.”

Our clerk noted the following upcoming dates on our Meeting calendar:

Spring Work Day, Sat., April 20

Educational Resources for Antigua, Guatemala, Sun, May 5 (after potluck) (change of date)

“Annapolis Immigration Justice Network”, sponsored by GAIN (Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network), Thur., April 11, 7-8:30 pm at St. John Neuman Church (Tom Wolfe)

On-going (also see Calendar tab at <http://annapolisfriends.org>)

For more information, check with the contact person listed below:

Book Discussion(s): Tues., April 9, 7-8:30 & April 23, 3-4:30 (Kit Hanley)

Mediation Group: Wed. April 10, 7:30-9 pm (Patty Robinson)

Spiritual Friendship: Thurs., April 11, 2:30-4 pm (Kit Hanley)

CSGA (Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis) Business Meeting: 4/11, 7-9 pm (Wes Jordan, Carl Benson)

Deconstructing Racism, Sat., April 13, 2-4 pm (Jean Christianson)

Game Day: Tues, April 16, 3-4:30 (Kit Hanley)

We concluded with brief silence. -These minutes respectfully submitted – P. Caroom, Recording Clerk.

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## Memorial Minute for David Eric Ward

David Eric Ward was born August 19, 1940 in London two weeks before the start of the German Blitz bombing of the city. His father, Henry George Ward was career Army, and his mother Erna Elsie Walking Ward worked in munitions during the war.

David grew up in the Church of England tradition, and studied electrical engineering, eventually leading a London-area sales force for a large international corporation. In his mid-thirties David moved to Canada, settling in Vancouver with his wife Patricia. He lived in Canada for about 30 years working in sales of instruments for production processes. In this work he was involved with and took great joy in the very early days of computers. He moved to the Turks and Caicos Islands where he worked installing security systems. There he was widowed.

While working in the Turks and Caicos as the manager of a condominium complex, he met Judy Brown who was there on holiday. He moved to the DC area where Judy lived, and they were married in 2005. David often said that the US was his 4th country. In 2009 Judy and David moved to the Annapolis area.

David is survived by his wife Judy Brown, his British-born daughters Lucinda Dennis and Melanie Hughes who live in Canada, his stepdaughter Margaret (Meg) Brown, and his nephew Jeremy Ward of Australia.

David was among the first early attenders of the Annapolis Friends early meeting, often one of 5 or 6 who gathered. When they were away from the area, he and Judy had a practice of having "Meeting for Two" sometimes on the island of Nevis at the old Cottle Church. Sometimes sitting silently on the porch in Leland, Michigan where they spent part of the summer. Sometimes in the garden of the old sawmill they rented in Beaminster, Dorset UK. Sometimes in their West River home in two rocking chairs.

David had studied piano from the age of 3 and was a composer. Very active physically, he had been a competition dancer in his youth, and like his father, a strong athlete. He gave up riding his motorcycle at age 75.

He was a scientist at heart, always curious about how things worked, always figuring out how to fix things, always looking for the next project to work on. He was known for his generosity, his love of his family, his wide range of practical skills, his capacity to listen, his kindness, his quiet strength, his calm. People said of David that he was a warm and gentle spirit, decent and caring. They often pointed to his unfailing kindness, gentleness, quietness, his twinkling eyes, his presence.

David and his wife Judy had just returned from two quiet months on the island of Nevis, and were settling into being home, when he died suddenly on February 28, 2019, just 5 minutes before the beginning of St. David's Day which is celebrated in the UK by people named David giving daffodils to the people they loved.

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## **HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by end of day the Monday after Meeting for Business.
- Susan W is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to her at [annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com). Please include the word "Newsletter" in the subject heading of your email
- Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!
- The Announce and Discuss Email Lists have been replaced with AFMAnnounce at GoogleGroups. Please email announcements to [afm-announce@googlegroups.com](mailto:afm-announce@googlegroups.com). If you need to be added to the GoogleGroup, please email Doug at [afmeeting34@gmail.com](mailto:afmeeting34@gmail.com) or send a request to join by visiting <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/afm-announce>

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