

# Community Companion

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Roland Kreager:  
Nov. 11, 1950-May 28,  
2016 (see page 3)

Photo from obit

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Submissions for the July newsletter due by: Monday,  
June 27, 2016 to Jean Crocker-Lakness

## Calendar

*All events and meetings take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise noted.*

**Singing 9:45 am, Meeting  
for Worship 10 am**

**Second Hour or Carry in Potluck @ 11:40 am**

- June 5 Pancake breakfast starting between 8:30 and 9am. Please bring toppings or juice. This will be followed by the outdoor Meeting for Worship (no second hour)
- June 10-12 "INSTILLING QUAKER IDENTITY THROUGH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" (see page 4)
- June 12 Second Hour: Meeting for Worship with attention to Business
- June 18 Memorial service for Roland Kreager (see page 3)
- June 19 Second Hour: Peace and Social Concerns: Early Childhood Education
- June 26: Second Hour: Marjorie Isaacs: FWCC Plenary in Pisac Peru, and teaching silent worship to pastoral Friends in La Paz.

SAVE the Dates: July 3-9, 2016 FGC's Gathering is at the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, MN.  
July 27-31 OVYM sessions at Earlham College

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Caretakers: John Sniegocki and Elizabeth Groppe Childcare: Dylan Cahalan and Abby Moninghoff

## Sixth Query from OVYM Book of Discipline, 1978: Family Relations

Do you make your homes places of love and hospitality? Do you make a place in your daily family life for reading, meditation and prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs with your children, while encouraging them to develop their own spiritual lives? Do you encourage their interests in constructive, creative activities and their reading of the Bible and other inspirational literature? Do you maintain a constant companionship within our families by sincere and honest communications? When unsatisfactory relationships exist within a family, is the loving, sympathetic counsel of responsible and qualified persons made available to its members?

**May 8, 2016 Business Meeting summary submitted by Paul Buckley, recording Clerk**

Seventeen Friends opened the meeting with a period of worship during which the presiding clerk read from *Quaker Faith and Practice* of Britain Yearly Meeting:

"It is always to be recognized that, coming together with a variety of temperaments, of background, education and experience, we shall have differing contributions to make to any deliberation... we are called to honor our testimony that to everyone is given a measure of the light, and that is in the sharing of knowledge, experience and concern that the way towards unity will be found.

The unity we seek depend on the willingness of us all to see the truth in each other's utterances; on our being open to persuasion; and in the last resort on a willingness to recognize and accept the sense of the meeting as recorded in the minute, knowing that our dissenting views have been heard and considered."

With one small edit, the **April 10, 2016 Business Meeting minutes** were approved.

The **Treasurer** presented a report for April 2016. The meeting's expenses for the month were less than the contributions. Although there is still a negative balance in the General Fund, it has improved to -\$557.56. As approved at last month's business meeting, the monthly \$417 transfer to the Building Reserves Fund has been suspended.

The **Cannon Fund** trustees calculated that \$6,773.88 is available for disbursement this year – equal amounts of \$2,257.96 for Peace & Social Concerns, Spiritual, and discretionary requests. So far this year, \$1,000 has been granted to meeting members. The trustees are concerned that some funds currently in the Pax World Funds World Growth Fund may need to be moved if the fund invests in fossil fuels. In the event the Fund makes this change, the presiding clerk will write a letter explaining why we will be withdrawing our money. **Approved.**

**Adult Religious Education Committee** has set second hours until the end of June. Next week's will be the movie made by Cincinnati Friends for their 200th anniversary, *Quakers: That of God in Everyone*. The committee is turning its attention to the fall and a new round of inreach groups.

The **Unity with Nature Committee** is considering whether and how to modify the meetinghouse front lawn.

The **Stewardship Committee** is continuing to work on formulating a new gift policy. There are differing understandings within the committee regarding the roles of committees and of the business meeting in accepting large gifts.

**Ministry & Counsel Committee** reported that a member has returned her endorsed letter of introduction and carried back a letter from the recorded minister she accompanied her on the trip to Illinois and Missouri. The letter of introduction, the endorsement by St. Louis Friends, and the accompanying letter were read aloud.

The committee proposed procedures for the use of the Meeting Reserve Fund. In discussion, the following comments were made:

- It was suggested that splitting income would not provide a significant portion of the child care expenses – particularly in years when the market is down and the fund takes a loss.
- One Friend expressed the hope that these funds would be spent, not held indefinitely. There is much we could do with this money.
- It was noted that the transfer to the General Fund would need to be done after January 1 due to delay in receiving an earnings report.
- It was suggested that a separate fund could be established for child care. This would add complexity to the meeting's accounting without creating any benefit to the meeting. An alternative is to simply transfer the money to the General Fund without restriction.
- While a majority of the Stewardship Committee members have reservations about the proposal, they are willing to stand aside if this is the will of the meeting.
- The presiding clerk suggested that the proposal be simplified to transfer half the income each year into the General Fund without restriction. Allocating money from the principle and accumulated income would follow the process in point 3 in the M&C proposal.
- It was suggested that we add "compelling leading" as a reason for using this fund.
- An alternative was offered to allow money to be spent simply at the discretion of the business meeting – perhaps with the requirement that it be laid over for a month before final approval.

Summary of minutes from 5/8/16, continued

- A modified process was suggested:

If a monthly business meeting or a committee of the meeting discerns an exceptional, significant, or unexpected need for funds or a compelling leading beyond our annual budget, a proposal will be presented to the business meeting. It will then be forwarded to both Ministry & Counsel and Stewardship Committees. These committees will each appoint two members to review the proposal. This review committee will bring the proposal along with their recommendation to a future business meeting for consideration. **Approved.**

The meeting **approved** annually transferring half of the fund's income (if any) as of January 1 to the General Fund.

The **Outreach Working Group's** 9AM Sunday sessions are continuing until May 22.

The **Peace & Social Concerns Committee** is discussing a new Google Docs-based Peace & Social Concerns Information Archive as a resource where all notes and supplements will be collected to document P&SC work.

The **Religious Development Committee** is seeking paid child care providers for the summer. Several Friends have stepped up to teach the primary class until the end of May.

The Cincinnati Friends Meeting middle youth would prefer a game night on Saturday, June 18. This will include snacks, hide and seek, and board games.

**House & Grounds Committee** announced that there will be a workday on Saturday, June 10, 10AM-4PM. The committee discussed painting the meetinghouse and repairs to the gutters. They will set meetings with the two final gutter contractors.

**Miami Quarterly Meeting** will be held at Louisville MM on May 15.

A letter from the **OVYM Budget & Finance Committee** asking for our support during the next fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) was read. The per-member suggested contribution was reduced from \$125 in the current year to \$120 for the coming fiscal year. This translates into a total suggested contribution of \$8,520 from Community Friends.

It was noted that our current budget includes a \$9,000 donation to OVYM. We will adjust our monthly contribution starting in July 2016 to \$710 per month.

The meeting closed with a short period of silent worship.

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## Roland Kreager, from Paulette Meier



A date for a memorial has been set. It is June 18th at 10:00 a.m. at West Richmond Friends' Meeting in Richmond, Indiana. If others plan to go, perhaps we can arrange to meet at the meetinghouse and carpool up together early Saturday morning.

I'm sure Cindi would welcome expressions of support and sympathy. Her address is: 1121 Abington Place, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

Roland Kreager's Obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=roland-deeds-kreager&pid=180154378&fhid=13556>

Photo from Roland's facebook page

For those of you who knew Roland Kreager, you know what a tremendous loss his untimely death brings, not only to his beloved wife, Cindi Goslee, and his stepchildren, Katie and Chad and their spouses and children, but to his many friends throughout the Religious Society of Friends. Roland and Cindi were devoted members of Community Friends Meeting and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting for many years. It was at our meetinghouse that Roland first began his work for Right Sharing of World Resources, a role that took him (and later, Cindi) to many villages in Africa and India. Later, as the organization grew, the office was moved to Richmond. As the obituary below describes, thousands of very poor villagers benefited greatly from RSWR projects. Roland's faithfulness to his path of helping others and making the world a more just and peaceful place is evident in the brief biography provided in this obituary.

**From Mary Anne Curtiss**

I would like to invite you and any friends you think might be interested, to attend a presentation by my daughter-in-law Yvonne Morriss Ph.D. at the lovely Lloyd Library next Friday.

Yvonne's area of interest is the intersection between art, philosophy, and science in the early Industrial Revolution. In this lecture, she will share the work of two eighteenth century brothers.

Thomas Knight was a scientist working to preserve England's heritage apple orchards. Richard Knight was an art historian and philosopher exploring the beauty of naturalness and even aging, in landscape art.

Anyone who might enjoy a relaxing evening of history, including viewing beautiful, hand-colored illustrations of apples and pears, as well as wandering through the Lloyd Library, a hidden Cincinnati jewel, should attend this presentation.

There will be light refreshments—typically cookies and soda, but Yvonne is hoping to bring something apple related as well.



Sid and Yvonne Morriss. For those of you who remember Sid when he was younger, I think that he has grown up. All of Mary Anne's children grew up in the Meeting

It's free. RSVP not required but might be helpful: (513) 751-1047.

## The local FCNL Advocacy Team, submitted by Mary Anne Curtiss

Our local FCNL Advocacy Teams in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky are thrilled to see our campaign against mass incarceration making real progress in Congress. We now have enough bipartisan support in the Senate to have a good chance at passing reform legislation, and bills in the House of Representatives are close behind.

We are always looking for new people with energy to write letters to the editor, make local lobby visits, and call our Senators and Representatives in Washington DC. To get involved in these groups, we have to be willing to use the information FCNL has fact-checked for us, and to act on the initiatives FCNL chooses for us. This year we are focusing solely on reducing mandatory minimum sentencing, supporting success after release, and making time while incarcerated more productive with useful skill building.

If you might be interested in joining, even for a one time action, let us know! If you live in Ohio, contact Mary Anne Curtiss or Frank Huss. If you live in Kentucky, contact Tom Bennett.

Of course one can ALWAYS lobby on their own for any cause, outside of these specific FCNL Advocacy Teams.

FCNL, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, is a highly respected organization based in Washington DC. Check out their website [www.FCNL.org](http://www.FCNL.org) to see how Quaker testimonies have been effectively influencing national policy for decades, and how we are continuing to build a foundation for the future.

**Quaker Religious Education Collaboration presents: "Instilling Quaker Identity through Religious Education" in Indiana June 10, 11, and 12** submitted by Marjorie Isaacs, OVYM Contact, Conference Planning Committee, Quaker Religious Education Collaboration Attachments area

June 10-12 this year Quaker Hill Conference Center will be the site for a dynamic inclusive national conference that was held at Pendle Hill last year.

For: Anyone in OVYM interested in religious education to discover and share new skills and information without traveling farther than we go for yearly meeting.

Topic: INSTILLING QUAKER IDENTITY THROUGH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Register online at [www.quakers4re.org/2016registration](http://www.quakers4re.org/2016registration) (a print registration form is also available at

<http://quakers4re.org/2016paperregistrationform>) Please send questions to the Registrar at [registrar2016@quakers4re.org](mailto:registrar2016@quakers4re.org).

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