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Our meetings for worship are rich with much silence and few vocal messages. Attendance is between nine and fifteen, though numerous Friends in different parts of Northeast Florida, Germany and New England who cannot regularly worship with us in the Bolles School Bartram Campus Library are with us in spirit on First Day mornings at 10:30. Every three or four months, we gather for worship and a potluck meal in a home, and about that often get out a newsletter. While most of us live far from each other, we often call and email each other during the week. We travel great distances to attend meeting and cherish our time together.

Our meeting maintains an active email list to exchange information on peace related activities and concerns. After meeting, we spend about an hour in discussions relevant to Quaker witness to the current war atmosphere and propaganda and to individuals' concerns. We are a member of the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, and individuals are very involved in that organization as well as the local chapter of the Alternatives to Violence Project. AVP, our meeting, and the Unitarian Universalist Church co-sponsored a moving interfaith evening of worship on September 11th, 2002, remembering the terrorist attacks of the previous year with a focus on peace and reconciliation. Our meeting helped organize a Silent Vigil for Peace in Jacksonville on October 26th with 59 in attendance in conjunction with worldwide peace witnesses and rallies. A Unitarian, a Quaker, and a Catholic organized vigils on January 18th and February 15. On February 15th, area Friends attended rallies or vigils two places in Jacksonville, in St. Augustine, and in Daytona where Pat Murphy spoke.

Scholarships were given to three attenders of SEYM Gathering, to an AVP workshop participant, and to Wendy Clarissa Geiger to attend Pendle Hill for a week. Sue May, an FCNL rep. from Atlanta, attended a potluck to speak to us of FCNL's capital campaign. Traveling Friends needing a Friendly place to stay are often guests of Al, Julia and Wendy Clarissa Geiger through FGC's Friends Travel Directory. Noel and Daisy Palmer attended the Friends United Meeting Triennial held July 10th-15th, 2002, in Nairobi, Kenya. Noel Palmer gave a workshop there on the Quaker understanding of the sacraments of baptism, communion, and marriage. There were 400 delegates from around the world.

Kathi and Glenn Wood, of the Golden Isles Worship Group, transferred their membership to Missoula (Montana) Meeting. Laura, their daughter, married Godfrey O'Neal Webster in Laguna Beach, CA, October 26th; they live in Torrence, CA. Danny Geiger married Susan Wright in Mazama, WA, August 3rd; they will return to Seattle to live after 6 months of sailing in the Caribbean. Paul Klever, Sally Freeman and their sons, Matthew and Jonah, of the Golden Isles Worship Group, were welcomed into membership and have moved to Hillsborough, NC. At the request of Adora Mousharbash and Paul Davis, a committee met with them to discuss their marriage in the light of Quaker tradition. Although they were not going to be married under the care of the meeting, because of their early Quaker upbringing,

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they desired to have a Quaker type wedding. Kurt Guenther, Jim Gleaton, Ann Booth and Al Geiger composed the committee. The wedding was held on February 14th, 2003 in Atlantic Beach, FL.

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