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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY ANNE KOPLEY

Greetings, Quisqueyanos! As Fondo Quisqueya's new President, it's my pleasure to announce the many exciting developments since our last update. I know I can count on your support as we navigate this exciting period of organizational growth and change. First, however, I want to thank outgoing President Bill Threlkeld for his inspiring dedication to the organization. I'm very glad to continue to work closely with Bill as he steps into the critical role of Treasurer.

I'm thrilled to let you know that an anonymous donor has kicked off a \$1,000 matching gift drive for new donors for the BJ Warren Endowment/Reserve Fund, in honor of BJ's memory. The Board of Directors has joined the challenge and created its own matching drive for additional contributions in support of the operational fund. So, if you are thinking of donating, now is the perfect time to maximize your gift! Your donation will be matched one-to-one until the end of the year or until all committed funds are matched, whichever comes first. What better way to honor BJ Warren than by helping support Fondo Quisqueya's education and training scholarships in the Dominican Republic? Make sure your gift has double the impact by contributing now.

I'm also very excited to announce several new initiatives to help Fondo Quisqueya streamline its organization and increase its grant-making abilities. First, at the annual meeting the Board voted to increase the maximum grant amount to \$500 USD, up from \$300 USD. While FQ has always aimed to fill a big need by providing small grants to individuals and groups, we've adjusted our amounts to reflect the changing needs in the DR. In addition, we're conducting outreach to current Peace Corps Volunteers and staff, to stimulate grantee nominations, increase applications, and improve grant funding. Due to some changes in Peace Corps DR procedures, we're also evaluating each step of our grants process to make it more inclusive, efficient, and responsive. Finally, we're planning an overhaul of our internal and external communications, using technology to better connect with each other – within the Board, with our supporters, with PC Volunteers, and most importantly, with our grantees. If you'd like to receive your newsletter and other updates electronically, please visit our website at www.fondoq.org to sign up!

Finally, I think now and often of my friends, BJ Warren and Lou Ferrand, two of Fondo Quisqueya's greatest champions whom we lost in recent years. Their leadership and influence in shaping the mission of FQ continue on in our efforts to help Dominicans help themselves through education and training. Please join me in continuing to support Fondo Quisqueya's scholarship opportunities for individuals in the Dominican Republic by volunteering your skills or making a donation today.

FQ GRANTEE IS FIRST MEMBER OF HER FAMILY TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL

BY PCV ELIZABETH DE HART

Damaris Charles received a grant from Fondo Quisqueya to help with transportation, supplies, and a uniform for her first year of high school. She has done so incredibly well this year, I cannot express in words how proud of her I am. Her first few months were definitely an adjustment; she struggled with traveling to school, purchasing the necessary supplies, and with her new work load. But I am happy to report that going into her final exams she is confident and in much better spirits! As the first member of her family to go to high school and the only member of her household that is literate, the entire community has high hopes for Damaris. Thank you for being a part of her support system!



Damaris Charles



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FQ ANNUAL MEETING

BY JANET KERLEY

Fondo Quisqueya’s annual meeting and picnic was held on June 28th at Tom and Sue Gittins’ home in Falls Church, VA. Board members and friends of FQ were treated to Tom’s traditional barbecue chicken and bratwurst before the business meeting was called to order by outgoing President Bill Threlkeld.

Highlights of Bill’s President’s report included a warm thank you to our hosts and a wholehearted welcome to all who attended. Bill summarized the year’s accomplishments, noting that FQ awarded 47 grants in a wide range of sectors including education, arts and language, environment, IT, and vocational training. He also shared Minor Anderson’s analysis of donations to FQ. Since 1987, FQ has received a total of \$176,369 in 1,116 separate contributions from 681 individual donors.

Bill facilitated an open, lively and inclusive discussion which covered a wide range of topics and resulted in several creative ideas for action in areas such as outreach to PCVs in the DR, increasing the number of scholarship applications and support for FQ in the DR, and fundraising.

The election of new board members and officers was the final event of the evening. Current board members whose terms were ending were reelected: Minor Anderson, Jennifer Daniels, Tom Gittins, Rik Laird, Kathy and Dave Padilla (one vote), Laura Sundquist, and Bob Tafelski.

Additionally, the new slate of officers was elected. Serving the organization going forward this year will be: Anne Kopley (President), Anita Friedman (Vice President), Bill Threlkeld (Treasurer), and Janet Kerley (Secretary).

STATELESSNESS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

BY LAURA SUNDQUIST

Imagine you were born in the Dominican Republic. You studied, worked, and got married in the DR. You were given a birth certificate, an identity card, and a passport all stating that you are Dominican. However, one day you are given the opportunity to study abroad and need to get a visa but your passport is expired. In order to renew your passport you need a current copy of your birth certificate. You go to the government agency that provides this documentation and they tell you that you no longer have a right to your birth certificate. This scenario is now reality for hundreds of thousands of Dominicans of Haitian descent.

In the Dominican Republic, your birth certificate is used for all formal procedures, for example to enroll children in school, acquire an identity card when you turn 18, enroll in college, get married—even to bury a person who has died. Your identity card allows you to enroll in social security, get a decent job, and open a bank account. The importance of birth certificates and identity cards is what makes the current situation in the DR so serious for Dominicans of Haitian descent.

I. LEGAL BACKGROUND

All Dominican constitutions from 1929 until January 2010 have established that everyone born in Dominican territory, except for the children of diplomats and people in transit, are Dominican. Under this order, civil officials acknowledged citizenship to all children born in the country regardless of the origin of the child’s parents.

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Before 2007, the Dominican government had arbitrarily denied documents to Dominicans of Haitian descent, but starting in 2007 the government started stripping people's citizenship. The Central Electoral Board, which is the agency responsible for providing all documentation to citizens, proceeded to temporarily suspend issuing birth certificates to Dominicans of Haitian descent, stating that they were flawed or implemented inconsistently. In order for foreigners to declare their children as Dominican, the Central Electoral Board began to require that the foreign parent have a regularized immigration status, meaning they must have a passport with a visa or a Dominican ID card with a foreign number. All documents recognized as valid up to now would be reviewed, with the possibility of later being deemed void. This policy is a retroactive interpretation of the law, and being deprived of nationality contradicts Article 18 of the Dominican Constitution of 2010.

On September 23, 2013, the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic gave constitutional status to this practice with the law 168-13, which is also recognized internationally. This law requires that the registry from 1929 to 2007 be checked and anyone with foreign parents who did not have a regularized immigration status will no longer be Dominican due to the "illegality of their parents."

II. NEW LAW AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

In response to pressure from Dominican civil society, international organizations, churches and some governments, and the sustained organization of affected people, the Dominican government proposed a new law, 169-14. However, this new law has serious limitations and is not being justly implemented.

The law has divided the affected population into two groups:

Group A: People who had Dominican documents but had their citizenship stripped must be given their documents back and their nationality must be recognized immediately.

Group B: People who never had Dominican documents but had the right to them under the applicable law at the time of their birth. These people may acquire nationality through naturalization. They have a period of 90 days to submit documents that validate their birth in the Dominican Republic. If they submit their documents on time, they will first be given a visa as a foreigner. Then, within two years their case will be reviewed, and it will be decided whether they are Dominican.

III. UNCERTAINTY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The more urgent need belongs to people in Group B: Dominicans of Haitian descent who have never had documents. Of the 31 offices that are supposed to be operating, only 15 have been opened, some of which are not working or are working slowly, according to the monitoring done by civil society organizations. In addition, the staff working in these offices are inadequately trained. Furthermore, there has been insufficient outreach and education to the affected group members. These are just a few of the many obstacles for the people in Group B.

Civil society organizations are asking that the Dominican government do essentially two things: (1) Return the documents for people in Group A without delay, as stated in the law; and (2) grant an extension to people in Group B to allow sufficient time for them to submit their documents.

National and international participation and involvement now on this issue is essential to influence this important change. FQ supports *Declaro Mis Derechos*, a Peace Corps program that helps Dominicans obtain their identity documents.



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UPDATES ON TWO FONDO QUISQUEYA GRANTEES

BY PCVS SIMONA PLATUKYTE AND JULIE CHOU

Carmen Iris Henríquez has successfully completed her pottery training course. Iris is very proud to have entered this new world of craft making. She has a disabled son at home and she herself has numerous health problems including insulin-dependent diabetes. Her goal is to use her new skills to set up a small business selling pottery to tourists on the *Ruta Turística de Altamira*. With the money she makes she hopes to be able to contribute to the family budget without having to give up caring for her son. She learned how to make crafts with her hands such as the traditional Dominican faceless dolls and flowers. In the future, she would like to go back to the same instructor to learn clay making using a wheel.

Domingo Ernesto Genao Diaz completed his technical course in hotel management and tourism in Madre Teresa, Monte Cristi. Domingo received a Fondo Quisqueya scholarship in order to pay for transportation and materials for the course. He enjoyed the course so much that he hopes to pursue a career working in a hotel. Below is Domingo's report:

Hola, soy Domingo E. Genao Diaz, coordinador regional de 'Escojo Mi Vida' y beneficiario del programa Fondo Quisqueya. Hoy doy gracias a este excelente programa por haberme ayudado en mis estudios para tomar un curso técnico de hostelería. Gracias a este curso tengo ánimo para seguir tomando otros cursos y reforzar lo que he aprendido. Ojalá que, así como yo, otros jóvenes puedan tener esta oportunidad. Hoy mi vida ha recibido un empuje hacia un mejor futuro gracias a Dios y a Fondo Quisqueya. Una vez más le doy mis más sinceras palabras de agradecimiento a la voluntaria de salud, Julie Chou, por hablarme de este programa. Sé que no he logrado llegar a la meta, pero gracias a este curso tengo un buen principio y muchos deseos de continuar mis estudios. Se despide muy agradecido.

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Thanks to a challenge grant of \$1,000 from an anonymous long-time supporter of Fondo Quisqueya, all **NEW** donors have the opportunity to **DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!** This means that a first-time contribution of \$100 can become **\$200** invested in the BJ Warren Endowment/Reserve Fund, ensuring the sustainability of FQ's work in the DR. It's easy. Every dollar will be matched by the donor – doubling the impact of your support! In addition, the Board of Directors has responded to the challenge by contributing over \$500 to be added to the match drive for NEW donor contributions in support of the operational fund for grants and scholarships. And don't stop there! Please help spread the word. Tell five friends how important it is to support low-income Dominicans and help them gain access to educational opportunities through FQ grants and scholarships. Make a tax-deductible donation online (<http://fondoq.org/contribute>) or use the reply form at the end of this newsletter.

FONDO Q'S GRANTS AND SELECTION

The Fondo Quisqueya Foundation, Inc. ("FQ") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which was formed in 1987 by former Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff who had served in the Dominican Republic ("DR") and who wanted to give something back to the DR. FQ was incorporated in Virginia in 1993.

FQ provides low-income Dominicans with scholarships and grants for both traditional and non-traditional in-country education and training to assist them in bettering their lives and to help them attain personal development, skills, and advancement. Grants may be to groups of individuals such as members of a coffee cooperative or a women's group.

FQ's grants and scholarships are made possible through donations and in-kind support from ex-PCVs and PC staff and other friends of the DR. FQ has no paid staff. Examples of courses funded include accounting, diesel mechanics, beautician school, barber training, driver training, worm composting, beekeeping, construction and cement skills, painting, journalism, mangrove restoration, ecotourism, inverter repair, graphic design, English, and computer classes. Funds can be used for tuition, transportation, books and materials, and other expenses associated with the course or training.

Each applicant must be sponsored by a member of the Dominican community or by a Peace Corps DR Volunteer or staff member.

Individual grants and scholarships usually do not exceed US\$500. FQ's Local DR Committee reviews grant applications quarterly and makes recommendations to FQ's Board of Directors for selection. Funds permitting, the Board seeks to fund at least a total of US\$3,000 in scholarships each quarter, for a yearly total of at least US\$12,000. Please donate now. Help our grantees help themselves.

FONDO Q'S GRANTEES

Fondo Q normally awards grants and scholarships four times per year. Applicants are screened by Fondo Q's Local DR Committee. Most of the awards are for \$500 or less. Below are summaries of the grants and scholarships awarded during the spring and summer quarters of 2014, which include 20 group awards benefitting more than 500 recipients in addition to 9 individual awards. These awards have provided funding for courses and training activities including training for youth groups; driver, secretary, and photography courses; documentation; and English classes.

GROUP AWARDS

Grantees: 10 Community Members

From: Batey Isabela, Bahoruco

For: Documentation

PCV Susan Stasney wrote: "A team of two human rights promoters will collaborate with undocumented community members. The two promoters have completed the 'Declaro Mis Derechos' course and continue to lead community workshops on human rights and the process of acquiring Dominican documents. After receiving this scholarship, these promoters will be responsible for teaching 10 community members about the citizenship declaration process and accompanying them to the local government offices where they can obtain citizenship documents."

Sponsor: PCV Susan Stasney



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GROUP AWARDS (continued)

- Grantees:** 15 Youth
From: Batey Santa Maria, Bahoruco
For: Photography Course
 PCV Peter Hulbert wrote: *“During my time in the community, I’ve noticed how much the youth love to take photos. I came up with the idea of teaching a photography course for about 15 youth from the community. The youth will learn about the art of photography, practice their skills with cameras, learn basic editing on a computer, and have an outlet for their artistic expression.”*
Sponsor: PCV Peter Hulbert
- Grantees:** 5 Youth
From: Cardon, San Juan
For: Brigada Verde Training
 PCV Danielle Bencze wrote: *“‘Brigada Verde’ is an environmental program that serves to educate participants on environmental topics and strives to achieve an overall appreciation of the natural environment. Through a series of workshops, participants will gain awareness of detrimental actions towards the environment such as littering, pesticide use, trash burning, and water pollution. Dominican youth will be the primary facilitators of this program and will be trained during Peace Corps ‘Brigada Verde’ conferences and with my in-site support. We will work on further developing their communication skills, visual presentation techniques, and lesson activities and content.”*
Sponsor: PCV Danielle Bencze
- Grantees:** 50 Youth
From: Batey 9, Independencia
For: Chicas Brillantes and Deportes para la Vida
 PCV Mattie Howard wrote: *“‘Chicas Brillantes’ is a female empowerment group that educates adolescent girls about healthy decision making, sexual health and self-esteem, and provides an atmosphere where girls can explore potential career and educational goals. ‘Deportes para la Vida’ is a group that is designed to educate adolescent males and females about HIV/AIDS, general sexual health, and healthy decision making through the use of movement and sports.”*
Sponsor: PCV Mattie Howard
- Grantees:** 40 Girls
From: Batey 9, Independencia
For: Chicas Brillantes and Yo Soy Saludable
 PCV Mattie Howard wrote: *“In working with young girls from the bateyes, numerous service providers have observed a lack of knowledge about sexual health and also poor relationship skills within peer groups. In this workshop, trained professionals will directly address these topics. The workshop will be co-facilitated by young Dominican leaders who have taken a leadership role in the national ‘Chicas Brillantes’ network. These women will also serve as role models for the participating youth, in addition to developing their own presentation skills.”*
Sponsor: PCV Mattie Howard
- Grantees:** 45 Girls
From: Batey 7, Independencia
For: Chicas Brillantes and Yo Soy Saludable
Sponsor: PCV Courtney Columbus
- Grantees:** 40 Girls
From: Batey Altagracia, Barahona
For: Chicas Brillantes and Yo Soy Saludable
Sponsor: PCV Michelle Steele

Grantees: 10 Community Members
From: Mabrigida, San Juan
For: Reading and Writing Classes
Sponsor: PCV Nicole Winters

Grantees: 18 Youth
From: Barahona
For: Environmental Education Hike
Sponsor: PCV Kate Weschler

Grantees: 9 Teachers
From: Puerto Plata
For: Montessori Teacher Training
Sponsor: PCV Amanda Cunningham

Grantees: 14 Youth
From: Alto de Pegeuros, El Seibo
For: Brigada Verde Training
Sponsor: PCV Quamisha Desroches

Grantees: 60 Youth
From: Batey 7, Independencia
For: Chicos Superman and Chicas Brillantes
Sponsor: PCV Carly Meyer

Grantees: 17 Youth
From: Ranchito de los Peralta, Puerto Plata
For: Brigada Verde Training
Sponsor: PCV Rivkah Cohen

Grantees: 50 Girls
From: Batey Altagracia, Barahona
For: Chicas Brillantes
Sponsor: PCV Michelle Steele

Grantees: 10 Youth
From: Río Arriba, Peravia
For: Brigada Verde Training
Sponsor: PCV Sofia Martinez

Grantees: 40 Youth
From: Batey 2, Bahoruco
For: Chicas Brillantes and Chicos Superman
Sponsor: PCV Ryan Burke

Grantees: 20 Girls
From: Los Montones, San Cristóbal
For: Deportes para la Vida
Sponsor: PCV Corinne Modzelewski

Grantees: 10 Community Members
From: El Palmar, Bahoruco
For: Documentation
Sponsor: PCV Courtney Columbus

Grantees: 30 Youth
From: Chicas Brillantes and Chicos Superman
For: Palo Alto, Barahona
Sponsor: PCV Rebecca Paskiet

Grantees: 75 Youth
From: La Higuera, El Seibo
For: Chicos Superman, Chicas Brillantes, and Deportes Para La Vida
Sponsor: PCV Natalie Roling



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INDIVIDUAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grantee: Andrés Medina Reyes
From: Rincón de Bajabonico Arriba, Puerto Plata
For: Driver Course
 PCV Andrew Rumpf wrote: *“After learning how to drive, Andrés hopes to find employment with the local clinic as a chauffeur or ambulance driver or with the local chocolate factory transporting cacao. As there are few opportunities for employment in Rincón, this is one skill that will allow Andrés to be able to live here and have a job.”*
Sponsor: PCV Andrew Rumpf





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Grantee: Dámaso Antigua Duran
From: Peralvillo, Monte Plata
For: Organizational Development and Marketing Course
 PCV Samantha Kinney wrote: *“This course will give Dámaso skills that will make him more competitive in the labor market. Specifically, this course will help him develop his professional writing and communication skills, management and leadership skills, and overall business knowledge.”*



Reading and Writing Classes in Mabrigida, San Juan

Sponsor: PCV Samantha Kinney

Grantee: Mackendy Bautista
From: Sosúa, Puerto Plata
For: “A Ganar” Technical Training Program
 PCV Keegan Krause wrote: *“A Ganar’ is a technical training program for youth that focuses on professional development, teamwork, personal values, sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention, English language, customer service skills, and physical education. Mackendy is currently in a very tough situation and feels extremely lucky to have been enrolled in this program. He has grown up an orphan without a family, finished 8th grade, and is now working on his first year of high school. He lives with a friend and has no family support system. Although the inscription for the program is free, Mackendy needs to come up with the funding for transportation to class each day and to buy notebooks and pencils. This class will teach Mackendy the valuable skills that are needed to be successful in the tourism and customer service sector which overwhelms the economy of the North Coast.”*

Sponsor: PCV Keegan Krause

Grantee: Yudy Germán
From: Haina, San Cristóbal
For: Secretary Course
Sponsor: PCV Daniel Kaplan

Grantee: Mayra Feliz Pérez
From: Batey Cuchilla, Bahoruco
For: English Course
Sponsor: PCV Ryan DuBois

Grantee: Oscar Evens
From: Batey 6, Bahoruco
For: English Classes
Sponsor: PCV Ryan DuBois

Grantee: Maria Mercedes Medina Rodríguez
From: Santo Domingo Oeste
For: English Classes
Sponsor: Julie Freehill

Grantee: Damaris Charles
From: Batey El Prado, El Seibo
For: Second Year of High School
Sponsor: PCV Elizabeth DeHart

Grantee: Yaritza Yennifer Montilla
From: Santa Rita, El Seibo
For: Third Year of High School
Sponsor: PCV Maria Rodrigues

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Become a fan of Fondo Quisqueya on Facebook. Just type in "Fondo Quisqueya" on the top of your Facebook page in the box that says "search for people, places, and things," then click on the box to the right that says "like." You will receive updates on Facebook about upcoming FQ events and ways you can contribute to FQ. Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with other Returned Volunteers and to stay connected to your PCDR friends.



FQ GRANT HELPS YOUTH START THEIR OWN BUSINESSES

BY PCVS SAMANTHA HYDES

As a Community Economic Development Volunteer, I used a Fondo Quisqueya grant to facilitate a class on entrepreneurship and personal skill development in the community of La Cabirma, Sánchez Ramírez. The regular attendance of the class was around five students ages 17 to 31. The curriculum was based on "Construye Tus Sueños," a Peace Corps initiative that helps youth start their own businesses. The students learned skills ranging from how to conduct a feasibility study to basic accounting and marketing.



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During the business research process, each student went out into the community and conducted one-on-one interviews with potential clients. To do this, the students had to be organized and professional and use their public speaking skills. They also worked on presentation skills during activities related to marketing and promotion.

During the section of the class on basic accounting and pricing, the students were able to practice math skills in scenarios that were applicable to real life and their interests. The students also made trips to a computer lab in the local pueblo of Cotuí where they spent time practicing word processing as well as a small amount of Excel worksheet skills. Two of the students attended a "Construye Tus Sueños" conference in Santo Domingo for three days where they showcased more public speaking skills and also gained networking experience.

One student has gone on to successfully open her business with a loan she received after determining her prices and costs. She is now running her business out of her house. She buys large amounts of women's and men's undergarments and pajamas and then sells the products to small stores in Cotuí. She is currently making a profit from the sales and is using a percentage of the profits to pay off the loan she received. It is amazing to see her using the bookkeeping skills that she acquired in the class. She plans to complete a formal written business plan and pay off her loan. In order to expand her business, she plans to present her business plan to microfinance institutions in order to receive a loan at a lower interest rate.

Overall, the students in this course have gained knowledge that they can utilize within their own homes to improve their economic situation and that of their families.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Put your skills to use by helping Fondo Quisqueya! We're looking for assistance with web design, communications tech, event planning, marketing and outreach, in both the DR and in the US. Contact Anne Kopley at fondoquisqueya@gmail.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY BILL THRELKELD

A happy fall to each of you! We'll be into 2015 before you know it. I have switched spots again in the newsletter, as Anne takes over the President's role and Anita, V.P.

Thanks to all who have contributed throughout the year and a special shout-out to some new donors who – maybe at my suggestion, maybe not – are donating small amounts each month through electronic payments that really add up at years' end! And for those of you who haven't had a chance to donate yet, FQ looks forward to the always generous end-of-year donations!

One donor even tipped us on how FQ can be the beneficiary of shopping at Amazon! The Amazon Smile Foundation contacted us to register with them so that anyone shopping at AmazonSmile can, for eligible purchases, have 0.5% of the purchase price donated to FQ. The link at AmazonSmile, for FQ as the beneficiary, is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1637962>.

As most of you know, BJ passed away last March. She was a co-founder of the FQ Foundation and was always active with it – an inspiration to all of us. Both BJ's death, and Lou Ferrand's at the end of 2012, have provided many of you, our supporters, with opportunities to donate in their memories. In the spirit of their commitment, our focus is two-fold. One, strengthen existing partnerships and develop new ones so that more applicants come to FQ with strong funding requests. Two, engage each of you in the health of the organization – through your time, ideas, and financial contributions. Thanks for being a part of our mission!

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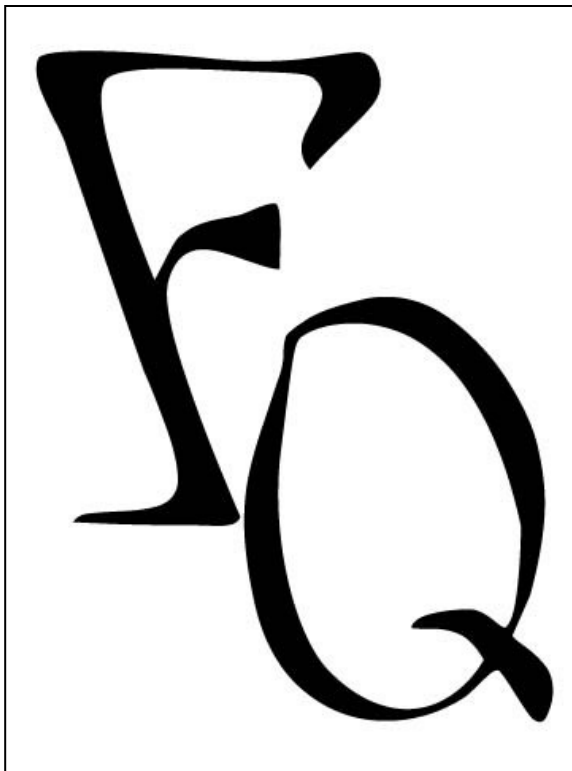
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