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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL THRELKELD

With the sad news of FQ co-founder BJ Warren's passing (see Remembering BJ article in this newsletter), we remember her tremendous, positive impact on FQ, on Peace Corps, on so many colleagues, friends, and family members. Thus, I know she would approve of this little reminder of how you, too, can have an impact.

I recently received an email from PayPal with this good news: "Hello Fondo Quisqueya, A new automatic payment profile for [name removed] has been created." In this case, the monthly payment was \$30, which comes out to \$360 a year! The last time I received similar news was quite a few years ago, and not with PayPal but with the same effect – a consistent monthly amount donated to support FQ's impact through grants/scholarships. This financial assistance helps struggling Dominicans on a path to economic self-sufficiency through education and training opportunities.

It is so easy these days to set up a monthly contribution. The example above is from PayPal but most of our checking accounts these days have a free bill pay feature. No amount is too small – \$5 a month is the same as a yearly \$60 donation, \$10 a month brings you to \$120, and so on.

In providing this hint, I am thinking of the many readers of this newsletter who don't contribute – which was about 90 percent the last time I checked! So, if this is the year that you're thinking, "Yes, I want to help," and you want to make it so easy, take the challenge. Log on to your checking account, PayPal account, etc., make a monthly commitment, and be a part of our impact!

Speaking of impact, we've got two new board members to welcome (and you can read their mini-bios later in this newsletter). In November 2013, Larry Blaskopf and Mike McCabe joined as board directors. Larry has been active in analyzing our BJ Warren Endowment/Reserve fund investment strategy, and making recommendations for the board's consideration, as well as contributing to this newsletter. Mike has been working with our DR Committee to explore ways to expand our grantmaking/scholarship opportunities. All great work and we really appreciate them jumping in with their sleeves rolled up!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any communication at all – a comment, suggestions, question – my phone number is 703-707-0255 or you can email me at [enmicasa@juno.com](mailto:enmicasa@juno.com).

## FQ GRANT HELPS MEMBER OF CHOCOLATE COOPERATIVE GET HER DRIVER'S LICENSE

BY PCV PAUL DURRANT

Noemi Crisostomo Cabrera is one of the founding members of the *Chocal* chocolate cooperative in Palmar Grande, Puerto Plata – a group of women who are making high quality chocolate products and distributing them to an ever larger clientele. The cooperative's chocolates are now regular products in at least one major supermarket in the capital. Noemi frequently travels to craft fairs and other events. The cooperative realized the need for one of their members to be able to drive to these events, and selected Noemi to be their first driver. Thanks to Fondo Quisqueya, Noemi was able to take a course and get her driver's license. *Chocal* is still looking for a vehicle to drive, but this is an important step!



Noemi Crisostomo Cabrera



## REMEMBERING BJ

BJ Warren, an FQ founder and its past President and Vice-President, passed away on March 28, 2014. BJ was the first female former PCV (Peru IV) to be hired onto the Peace Corps/Latin America staff, joining the staff in the Dominican Republic in 1964. After the revolution of 1965 began, BJ supported volunteers throughout Santo Domingo and helped keep the Peace Corps in the DR when other American agencies left. Below are some remembrances from current FQ board members about their own relationship with BJ.

BJ left us gracefully after a long and successful fight to the end, outlasting all medical expectations from years back. She has left us with the inspiration of her life as example, her humor, stories, and accomplishments, and would want us all to celebrate with her right now.

I have met few people with BJ's inner grace and wisdom, compassion and humility mixed with ferocious ability and breadth. It doesn't usually come packaged all together like this.

Be happy for BJ, and happy to have known her in this life. It is the gift that will keep on giving.

Whenever you have a puzzle to solve, just imagine her smiling across to you and ask yourself "What would BJ do?" She will help you figure it out.

Tito Coleman

BJ was many things to me – she was a friend, a mentor, a role model, a connector, a mystery. She reached out to me when I first joined the FQ board, as a neighbor and a friend – an intergenerational friendship that developed and deepened with her illness. She didn't talk much about herself, and she didn't talk much about the past – not without a little prodding. Her house was filled with pictures and sentimental *recuerdos* of loved ones, events, and gatherings, but she lived by doing, richly and meaningfully. Her formative experiences with Peace Corps in Peru and subsequently as a staff member in the Dominican Republic were legendary, but I only fully appreciated the traumatic impact of the events during the Revolution of 1965 when hearing them from BJ and fellow returned volunteers on a panel at the Peace Corps DR 50th Anniversary Conference in Santo Domingo in February 2012. Having gotten to know her over the past few years, I had an inkling that those events and the upheaval of the 1960s started the young BJ off into her life of service, of civil rights activism, of community building, of cultural appreciation and cultivation, of openness, and compassion. By co-founding Fondo Quisqueya, her lifelong relationship with the DR and with Peace Corps continues in the opportunities created through training and education grants for Dominicans.

Anne Kopley



BJ being saluted by then Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Peace Corps in the DR

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## REMEMBERING BJ (CONTINUED)

In remembering BJ, it strikes me that there is so much about her that I don't know, because there was always something new to learn about her life. Her interests were wide and her travels, far. In the early years of our acquaintance, through Fondo Quisqueya, I learned from her or others about her time and accomplishments in the Peace Corps, her career afterwards, her life in DC, and other biographical bits that made for a rich history. And she knew a LOT of people – I learned that! I remember the thick, well-worn address book she carried, at least until she embraced the smartphone.

As our acquaintance turned into friendship over the years, it was easy to see why BJ was so highly esteemed by so many. In her quiet manner, she was always engaging; she always took an interest in you. But with all her accomplishments, she was never one to promote herself. You could ask her anything and she would, in her humble, minimalist way, provide you the answer but, most often, she would quickly transition to a question about you, looking for ways to be helpful or congratulate you on your own accomplishments. This was BJ, and her legacy – the example of humility and grace, of kindness and generosity, of spirit and adventure, of determination even under the most difficult circumstances – all framed in the memory of her warm smile and sparkly eyes. Thank you for your beautiful example, BJ, to me and so many, many others.

Bill Threlkeld

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## SENTENCIA 168-13 AND DOCUMENTATION PROJECTS

BY LARRY BLASKOPF

In September 2013, the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic issued an order, Sentencia 168-13, a 147-page document, that had the effect of calling into question the citizenship of hundreds of thousands of people living in the Dominican Republic, the overwhelming majority of whom are of Haitian descent.

The Sentencia arose out of Juliana Dupuis Pierre, a 24-year-old woman living in Monte Plata, seeking and being denied a Dominican identity document in 2008. Ms. Pierre was born in the Dominican Republic. Her parents were from Haiti, but had lived in the Dominican Republic for years before her birth. The Constitutional Court ordered that Ms. Pierre could not receive a Dominican ID because her parents were considered “in transit.” In the course of its decision, the Court also ordered: 1) that the Central Electoral Junta conduct an audit of records dating from 1929 to expunge the records of people who are illegally recorded in such records and to record those “aliens” in another register; 2) that the government develop a plan for “regularization” of these “illegal aliens;” and 3) that a list of those illegally registered be turned over to the police. The effect of this order was to deprive hundreds of thousands of people of Dominican citizenship even though their ancestors had settled in the Dominican Republic decades ago and even though these people had little or no connection with another country. Thousands of people who have lived in the Dominican Republic all of their life would be subject to deportation. It is estimated that more than 85 percent of such people had ancestors that originally came from Haiti.

In accordance with the Court's directive, in early February 2014 the Dominican government set forth a plan regarding regularization. The government is to consider whether the people affected by the Constitutional Court's decision may be “regularized”

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over an 18-month period during which there are not to be any deportations. The government set forth several factors to be taken into account in determining whether a person may be “regularized.” Such factors include ties with Dominican society, and labor and socioeconomic conditions. Those who do not qualify for regularization will be subject to deportation after the 18-month period.

Fondo Quisqueya is sympathetic to the plight of those affected by Sentencia 168-13. It will consider making grants to support those affected by this decision in connection with its ordinary process of awarding scholarships. To date, Fondo Quisqueya has received one request for such assistance. In June 2012, FQ provided funds to 6-7 mothers of Haitian descent, living in Juancho, Pedernales, for training on the documentation process. This has put them on a path to get their children official documentation, beginning with their own documentation. Once the mothers have Haitian passports, their children are able to obtain Dominican birth certificates or IDs and attend a privately funded school in Juancho, specifically for Haitian children denied attendance at traditional schools. Each family must provide half the cost of the passport, and the grant pays the other half.

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## FONDO Q’S GRANTS AND SELECTION PROCESS

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\$300. 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.

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## FONDO Q GRANTEES

Below are summaries of the grants and scholarships awarded during the fall and winter quarters of 2013-2014, which include 9 group awards benefitting more than 300 recipients in addition to 10 individual awards. These awards have provided funding for courses and training activities including computer repair, barber, ceramics, and driver courses; English classes; and leadership training.

**GROUP AWARDS**

**Grantees:** 42 Girls  
**From:** Neyba, Bahoruco  
**For:** Yo Soy Solidaria Intercambio  
 PCV Susan Stasney wrote: *“The intercambio will be a two-day event with the multiplier’s groups of ‘Chicas Brillantes’ from seven bateyes focused on professionalism and solidarity. The themes of diversity, inclusion, tolerance, and marginalization will be paired with empowerment and leadership activities. Charlas on gender equality, healthy communication, domestic violence, and pregnancy prevention will be given, and the girls will also meet a panel of professional women including a doctor, professor, engineer, nurse, and lawyer.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Susan Stasney

**Grantees:** 10 Youth  
**From:** Bajabonico Arriba, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Computer Repair Course  
 PCV Felice Valmas wrote: *“The students will receive 30 hours of hands-on training in computer repair for laptop and desktop computers, including hardware and software, culminating in a practical examination and certification of successful completion of the program.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Felice Valmas

**Grantees:** 27 Children  
**From:** El Pino, Dajabón  
**For:** Preschool Education  
 PCV Kaitlyn Schroeder wrote: *“The funds will be used to help start the pre-school ‘Pequeños Genios.’ The goal of ‘Pequeños Genios’ is to prepare pre-school-age kids for kindergarten by giving them access to education and safe supervised socialization while also promoting the overall development of our community by giving mothers more time to pursue educational and economic opportunities outside of the home.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Kaitlyn Schroeder

**Grantees:** 24 Girls  
**From:** La Mina, Monte Plata  
**For:** Leadership Conference  
 PCV Katie Saunders wrote: *“This is a one-day leadership training event focused on Dominican girls, ages 14-18, in the Monte Plata area who are involved in ‘Chicas Brillantes’ in leadership roles. Specific themes addressed include peer leadership, active and continual learning, setting goals, and professionalism.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Katie Saunders

**Grantees:** 10 Youth  
**From:** El Jaguey, Yamasa, Monte Plata  
**For:** Computer Classes  
**Sponsor:** PCV Bethany Copeland

**Grantees:** 45 Girls  
**From:** Neyba, Bahoruco  
**For:** Yo Soy Solidaria Intercambio  
**Sponsor:** PCV Courtney Columbus

**Grantees:** 50 Girls  
**From:** Tamayo, Bahoruco  
**For:** Mi Futuro Brillante Intercambio  
**Sponsor:** PCV Peter Hulbert

**Grantees:** 22 Youth  
**From:** Guaymate, La Romana  
**For:** Leadership and Project Development Training  
**Sponsor:** PCV Rosa Lopez



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### GROUP AWARDS (continued)

**Grantees:** 75 High School Students  
**From:** Rio Limpio, Elías Piña  
**For:** English Classes  
**Sponsor:** PCV Stacey Cooper

### INDIVIDUAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Grantee:** Carmen Iris Henríquez  
**From:** Palmar Grande, Altamira, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Ceramics Course  
Carmen wrote: *“Hace algunos años que yo trabajé con un voluntario con las estufas mejoradas. También fuimos a conocer la fábrica en Higuerito de Moca donde se preparan las piezas de cerámica que se usan en los fogones. En este mismo lugar también vi a la gente preparando muñecas y floreros. Este proceso y el resultado me encantaron. Yo siempre he preparado varias manualidades en la casa pero me gustaría desarrollarme en una manera donde yo podría usar los conocimientos adquiridos para ayudar a la familia.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Simona Platukyte

**Grantee:** Damaris Charles  
**From:** Batey El Prado, El Seibo  
**For:** First Year of High School  
PCV Elizabeth DeHart wrote: *“Damaris comes from a family of illiteracy; neither her parents nor her three older siblings can read. Damaris is not only the first in her family to read, but the first to finish 8th grade. She has big dreams for the future. She has plans to focus on tourism in high school and continue on to college. She is currently studying both English and French and is doing quite well.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Elizabeth DeHart

**Grantee:** Richarson Cuevas Feliz  
**From:** Batey 6, Bahoruco, Barahona  
**For:** English Classes  
PCV Dora Emily Yaffe wrote: *“After learning English, Richarson plans on going to the university to study tourism and hotel administration. He has also expressed a desire to teach English in his own community.”*  
**Sponsor:** PCV Dora Emily Yaffe

**Grantee:** Jairo Medina Rasario  
**From:** Bajabonico Arriba, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Driver Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Felice Valmas

**Grantee:** Moiawa Huascar Minara  
Jaquez  
**From:** Bajabonico Arriba, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Driver Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Felice Valmas

**Grantee:** Felix Moreno Tolentino  
**From:** La Victoria, Santo Domingo Norte  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Hillary Smith

**Grantee:** Yerico Jordan Garcia  
**From:** Rio Grande de Altamira, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Barber Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Jim Fitch

**Grantee:** Nestor Ventura  
**From:** Palmar Grande, Altamira, Puerto Plata  
**For:** Driver Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Paul Durrant

**Grantee:** Emicia Cuevas Yan  
**From:** Batey 9, Bahoruco  
**For:** English Course  
**Sponsor:** PCV Ryan DuBois

**Grantee:** Miguel Angel Smera  
**From:** Monte Coca, Hato Mayor  
**For:** First Year for a Bachelor of Education  
**Sponsor:** PCV Jacqueline Iloh



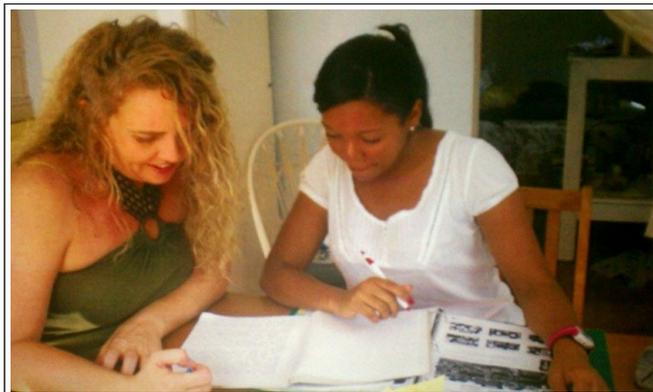
## BECOME A FAN OF FONDO QUISQUEYA

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.

## ENGLISH CLASSES HELP FQ GRANTEE WITH CAREER ADVANCEMENT

BY PCV SIMONA PLATUKYTE

I am happy to report that Carmin Rosa Henriquez Nuñez has successfully completed her English language course. As originally planned, Rosy was able to receive 48 hours of individual instruction time with an English tutor. This personal attention greatly improved her skills and her confidence. In the process, she also became friends with her English teacher and will continue to assist free group sessions geared toward business skills. Below is Rosy's report on the course in her own words:



Rosy studying with her teacher in Cabarete

*The training I took funded by Fondo Quisqueya has helped me in a positive way because now I feel confident in myself and I'm able to catch the idea much better than before. It's an achievement for me and my family because now I will have more opportunities for jobs in different tourist places. This will enable me to support my family. The impact has been positive. I work as a security agent for Swissport. My supervisor has now told me that I'm going to be sent to Santo Domingo for training in order to upgrade to Lead Security Agent because he has noticed that I have improved my English. Thanks to Fondo Quisqueya, Simona, and my teacher Debra for giving me this opportunity.*

After Rosy wrote her report, she was sent to a professional development course (in English) in Santo Domingo by her employer. She did well and is now up for a promotion. Her family is extremely proud of her.

*"Become a fan of Fondo Quisqueya on Facebook."*



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## TREASURER’S REPORT

BY ANITA FRIEDMAN

Greetings Quisqueyanos! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. We are all saddened by the recent passing of our dearest friend and co-founder of Fondo Quisqueya, BJ Warren. BJ was an inspiration to all of us, and was a fighter for good causes to the end. We were very lucky to have had her guidance and leadership throughout so many years. She personally asked me to take over the reins of Treasurer when Lou Ferrand became ill. BJ – I will not let you down!

This year we have supported individuals in a wide array of professional development from learning English to accounting to information technology. We have supported future leaders pursuing university studies. We have supported groups – from the Chicas Brillantes to the Brigada Verde. We are investing in youth, teachers, and community leaders. With a small scholarship grant, Fondo is opening doors and opening minds.

The endowment we have been growing, called the “BJ Warren Fund,” allows us to be sure that our organization will continue to be able to benefit Dominicans for many years to come. We are grateful to all of you who have made a donation to Fondo Quisqueya and to our wonderful community of supporters and friends.

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## 2013-2014 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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## AN ARTIST TEACHES ART TO KIDS WITH HELP FROM FQ

Caroline Nézondé, an artist from Las Galeras, Samaná, received an FQ grant to teach art classes to children in her community. Below is Caroline's report on the classes.

Formé dos grupos de 12 niños que participaron en un curso de pintura conmigo. Empecé con un taller sobre la mezcla de colores (el verde se hace mezclando el amarillo con y el azul, etc.). Los niños con quienes trabajaba son turbulentos normalmente, pero parece que la pintura los motiva a mantenerse tranquilos. Yo puse reglas para el taller, y ellos las respetaban muy bien.

Los enseñé a usar pinceles para pintar, y a mezclar y utilizar el acrílico con agua. Los enseñaba también a colorear. Cada clase, yo puse un tema. El último tema era "El Amor." Durante esta clase, hablamos de lo que es el amor y cómo expresarlo a través del dibujo. Los niños concentraron mucho en sus trabajos, y yo estaba muy feliz de ver su paciencia y cuidado con sus proyectos individuales. También trabajamos con el tema de compartir, porque algunos niños al principio querían coger todo para ellos mismos, pero al final del curso aprendieron a compartir los materiales con sus compañeros.

Terminamos por un ejercicio divertido que consistía en pintar con las manos y crear algo abstracto jugando sobre la hoja de papel en el piso. Después hablamos de aceptar a las ideas de otros sin juzgar la creación de uno.

Me alegraba mucho dar este taller de arte, y ver a los niños y las niñas evolucionarse como pequeños artistas. Gracias por el apoyo.



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## NEW FQ BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome two new FQ board members—Larry Blaskopf and Michael McCabe.

**Larry Blaskopf** served in Rincon, La Vega, from 1971-73 where he introduced newly-developed rice seeds to farmers in the Dominican Republic's land reform program (IAD). After returning from the Peace Corps, he first worked as a social worker in New York City, and most recently as an attorney with the Department of Justice in Washington. He is married and has a daughter who is currently teaching 6th grade English in Houston as a member of Teach For America. His interest in FQ stems from his desire to extend in a small way his Peace Corps experience.

**Michael McCabe** is Senior Associate for Learning and Capacity Building at Creative Associates, which includes overseeing the development of the CreativeU platform for e-learning for development professionals. Prior, he was Chief of Party in Panama, managing the USAID-funded Community Youth at Risk program. He has 25 years of development experience managing social and economic development programs including serving as Chief of Programming and Training for the Inter-America/Pacific Region of Peace Corps; Deputy Director of Peace Corps Dominican Republic; National Programs Officer for UNICEF-DR; Country Representative for the Inter-American Foundation in various countries; Vice President of Youth Service America; and a consultant for USAID. He has his Master's Degree in International Development from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a Bachelor's Degree from Georgetown University.

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## CONTRIBUTE ONLINE OR BY CHECK

### FONDO Q

In addition to making tax deductible donations to Fondo Q by check, you can make them through **PayPal**, **justgive.org**, and by using the **Network for Good Giving System (NGGS)**. To donate online, follow the links at the bottom of FQ's "Ways to Contribute" page at [www.fondoq.org/contribute](http://www.fondoq.org/contribute).

### MILA BROOKS FUND- WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

If you wish to focus your FQ giving on low-income women in the Dominican Republic, please send your tax deductible donations to: FQ for the Mila Brooks Fund, c/o Fondo Quisqueya, P.O. Box 6628, Falls Church, VA 22040-6628.

### FRIENDS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our sister organization, FDR, like FQ, is a 501(c) (3) organization. FDR focuses on helping bring together the community of DR Returned PC Volunteers and staff in the US. It also raises money for two projects: a Program Development Fund, which supports Volunteers and PC programs with donations such as equipment and software, and a Community Challenge Fund, which provides grants for small-scale community infrastructure projects in poor communities. For more information, go to [www.fotdr.org](http://www.fotdr.org). Contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to John Evans, FDR Treasurer, 4512 Park Road, Alexandria, VA 22312.

# JOIN US AT FQ'S ANNUAL MEETING & BBQ AT 4PM ON JUNE 28!

Join us for Fondo Q's Annual meeting and BBQ on **Saturday, June 28** from 4-7 p.m. at Tom and Sue Gittins' home in Falls Church, Virginia. The BBQ will feature Tom's famous chicken and sausage and homemade delicacies contributed by attendees.

All current and past DR PCVs, Staff, and other friends of FQ and their families are invited!

Elections for new Officers and Board members will be held, the annual report on finances and scholarships awarded during the past 12 months will be given, and ideas and plans for grant and scholarship activities for the next 12 months will be discussed.

Please come! Confirm your attendance with Tom Gittins.

## **Saturday, June 28, 4-7 pm**

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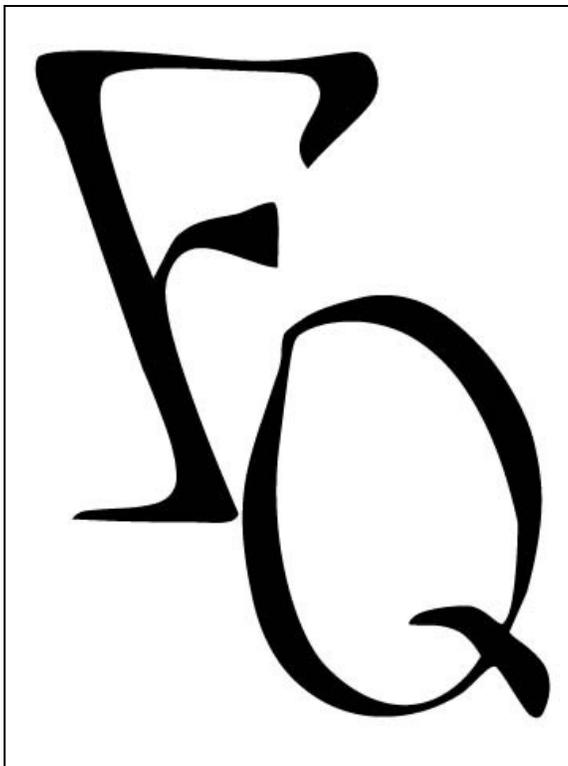
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