



# SCATTERINGS

## Special Peacemakers Issue February 2013



### Lives that Speak: Scattergood's Extended Family Continues to Inspire Generations of Friends

By Rüdiger Rückmann, Director of Development

Earlier this winter, two couples who are members of Scattergood Friends School's extended families were honored for their lifelong commitment to peace and their many friends of all ages.

Birdie and Burt Kisling have a long history of making change for the good and inspiring others. Their children were graduated from Scattergood as was Birdie herself. Burt served on the School Committee and as its clerk.

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#### Upcoming Events

**Chicago Alumni Event**  
Thursday, March 21,  
7:30 p.m.  
Chief O'Neill's

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Office, [319.643.7621](tel:319.643.7621)  
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**Chicago Open Houses**  
Saturday, March 23,  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Evanston Public Library  
and  
Saturday, April 20,  
River Forest Public Library  
(Featuring Scattergood!)

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Diane Randall, Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, spoke about the couple's warmth and dedication in honoring Birdie and Burt at FCNL's 2012 Annual Meeting. "I felt an instant comfort with them. If you stay in their home, you realize these are people who are tireless."

Diane's predecessor, Joe Volk, (shown in the picture above with the Kislings projected on screen), echoed her impressions. "Iowa is their home, and they have made many of us welcome guests in their home. Whether here or in Iowa, when you are with them, you always feel at home. Individually and together. They have a calming and centering influence on you."



Another couple with longstanding ties to Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) and Scattergood are Dan and Marge Schlitt (in the photo above - photo by [gramma9davis](#)). Dan and Marge are also parents of a Scattergood alumnus (Bruce, Class of '82), and Dan is a current member of the School Committee.

Late last year, Marge and Dan were honored as Peacemakers of the Year by the *Nebraska Report*. Paul Olson of *Nebraskans for Peace* wrote, "No peacemaking concern is alien to Marge's and Dan's interest. They are everywhere. I lived a few blocks from their place for years, and they got me going by always speaking bluntly, honestly and with peace-filled candor about what they were thinking and what I should do."

For a full copy of Paul's article and the *Nebraska Report*, please click here. [Nebraskans for Peace](#)

or call the Admissions Office, [319.643.7628](tel:319.643.7628)  
[Chicago Open Houses](#)

**Scattergood Open House**  
Saturday, March 30,  
1 to 3 p.m.  
at Scattergood

### **Scattergood Food Fundraisers**

Sunday, March 17,  
4 to 9 pm

**Devotay**

117 North Linn Street  
Iowa City  
[319.354.1001](tel:319.354.1001)

Monday, April 22,  
11 am to 2 pm  
5 to 9 pm

**Thai Flavors**

340 East Burlington Street  
Iowa City  
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Scattergood Friends School is honored to be among the places served by Birdie and Burt, and Marge and Dan. Their children sat in the Hickory Grove Meeting House, attended classes and worked on the Scattergood farm. The Kislings and Schlitts are two of many families who have cared for and invested deeply in Scattergood. To support all our families and to help new generations of peacemakers attend Scattergood, please consider a donation that is meaningful to you and will be to our community. Thank you. [Make a contribution to Scattergood](#)

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