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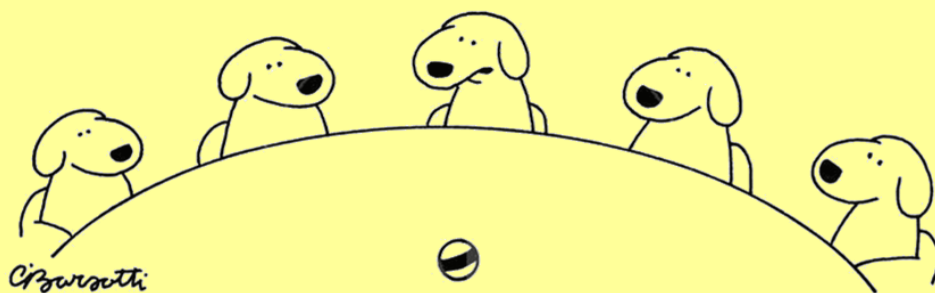
December 31, 2020

Pam & Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson,  
Guest Editors

Getting Ready to Say  
Goodbye to 2020 &  
Welcome 2021

**P**am and I had announced over the last couple of weeks that our intent, as guest editors, was to help you transition—in one fashion or another—out of the year that was 2020 and into 2021. We've found that *sometimes* words can help---and sometimes not: We've heard a lot of them in society this year. Several of you sent in contributions to aid the transition effort (thank you!)

With hope and optimism for 2021 - and love – **Elizabeth & Pam**



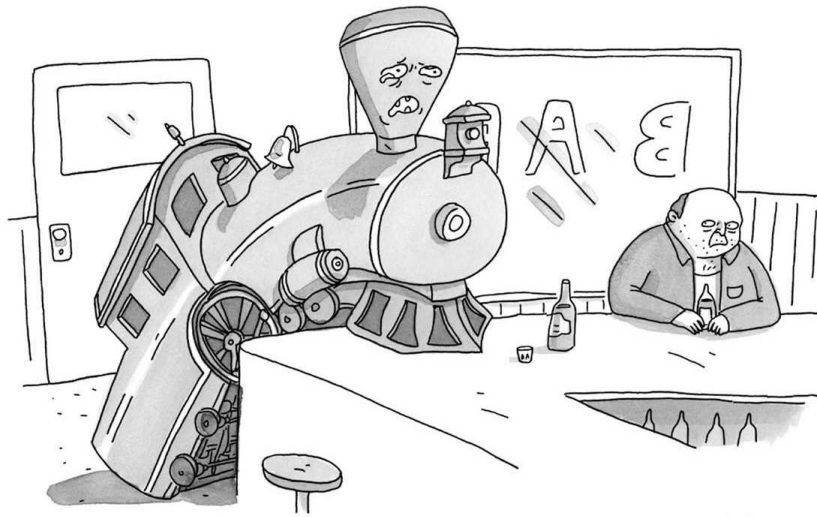
### On-Line News of the Goodenough Community System

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**Bringing forward to 2021:  
Time & Community-Honored Areas of Learning**

**Relationship:**





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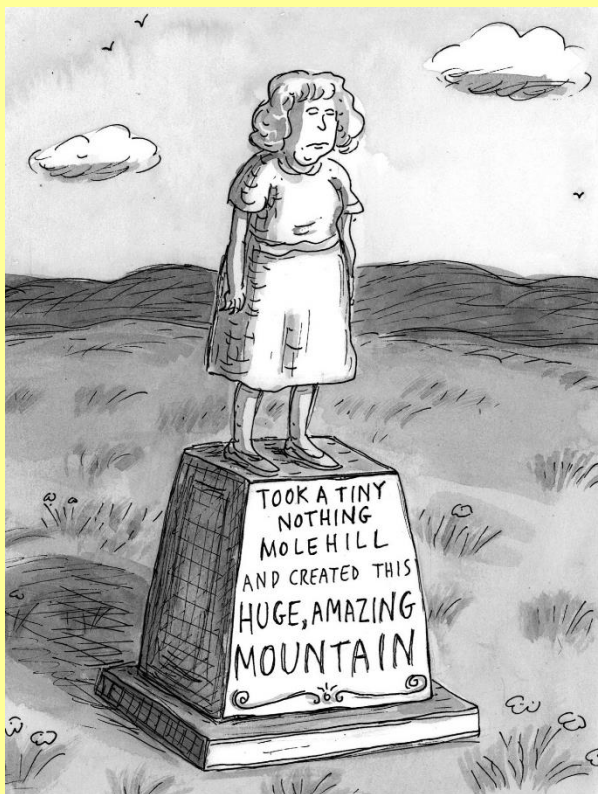
*"She left me for an engine that could."*



*"Either cheer up or take off the hat."*



## Social Skills & Self-Confidence:



## Relating with Respect & Acceptance:



*"It's always 'Sit,' 'Stay,' 'Heel'—never 'Think,' 'Innovate,' 'Be yourself.'"*

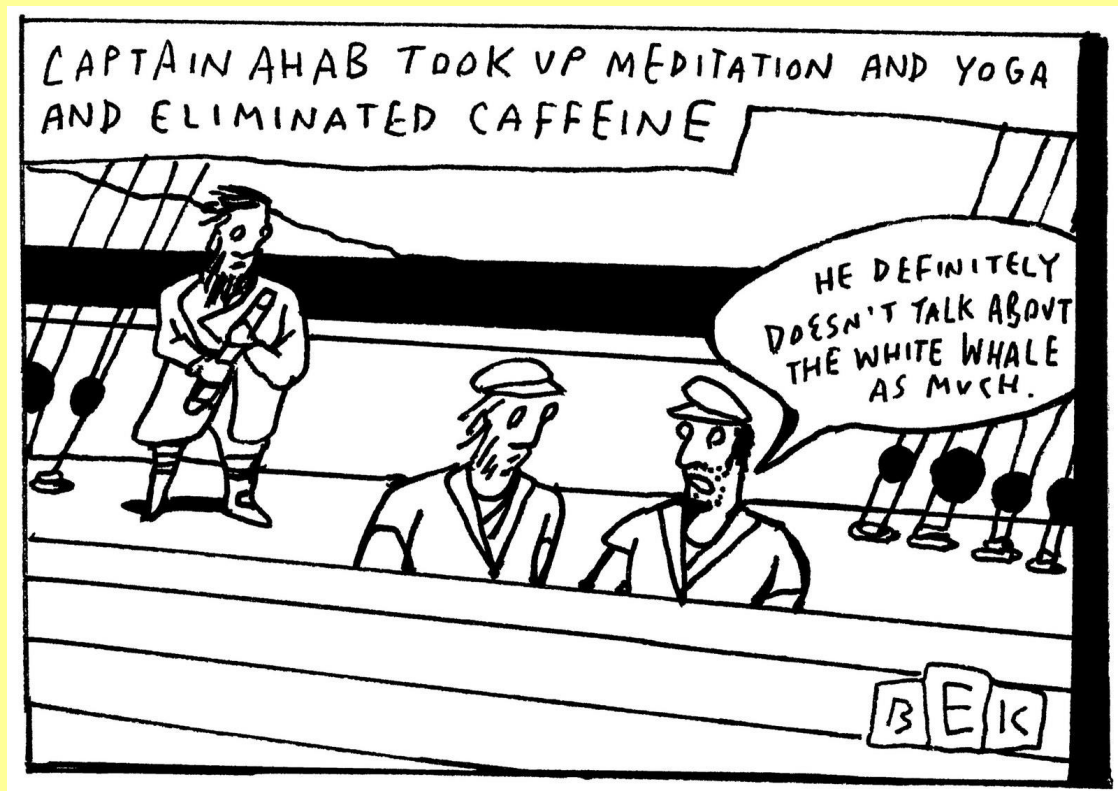


*"And then it hit me: I'm salivating over a goddam bell."*



*"Sorry I'm late. I got caught up at home being happy."*

**Care of One's Self and One's Spirit:**





Care of One's Self and One's Spirit---continued:



**Honoring one's significant role in the world:**



*"Yes, you may go to the bathroom."*



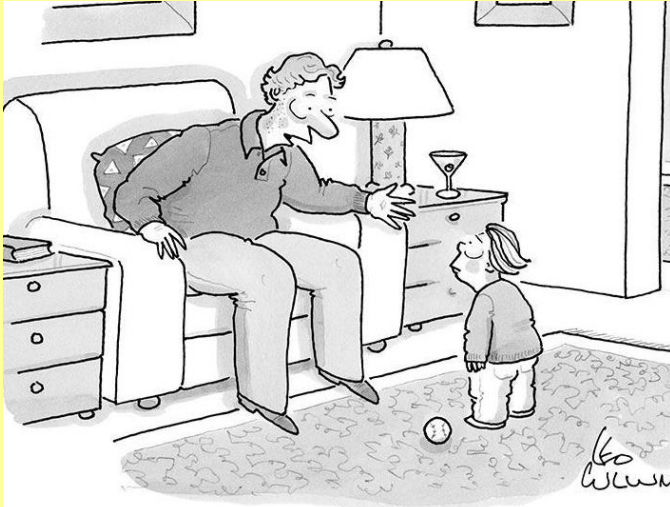
*"Never, ever, think outside the box."*



*"I was a dog in a previous life,  
but I came back as a god."*



## Entering fully into life's experiences....:



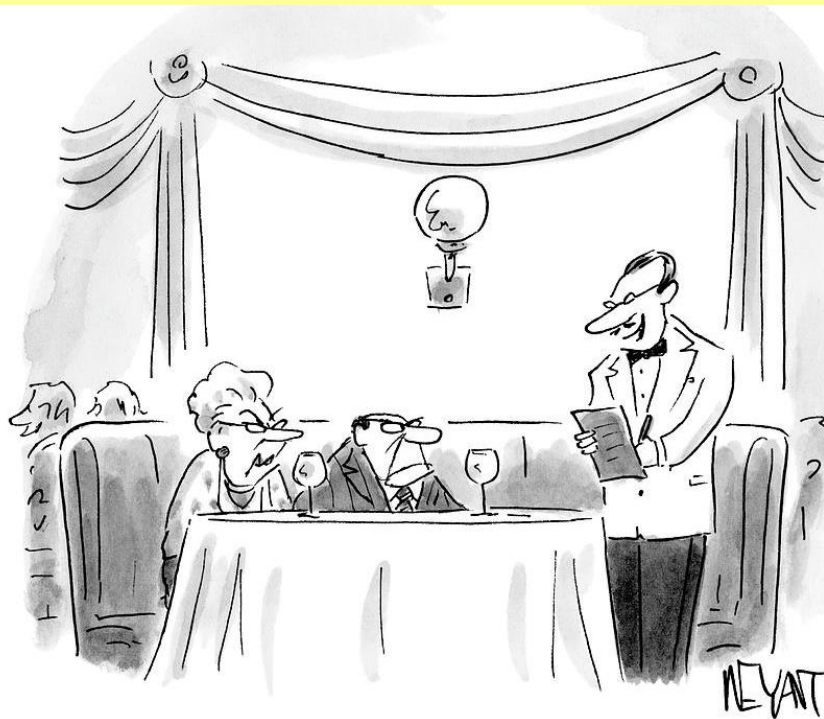
*"We love Santa, but Santa didn't know as much about investing as he thought he did."*

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*"But the Wi-Fi kept cutting out. The only choice they had left was to unplug the router, wait ten seconds, and THEN PLUG IT BACK IN!"*



*"Would you like to hear tonight's specials, or have you already closed yourselves to new experiences?"*



## Uncle Scooter's

### New Year's Resolutions

1. To be the man or the women in my life wish I'd be, more like them.
2. To ward off evil spirits, except whiskey.
3. To not participate in the human condition, except when I can't help it.
4. To use the weather to illustrate my moods, just like in the movies.
5. To care about others, except when I need to be alone.
6. To strive to be my higher self unless I'm feeling low.
7. To exercise more than just walking the dog and to the car to carry in groceries.
8. To trust my own judgment unless we're talking about fashion trends.
9. To see the best in others unless it's just not possible.
10. To tell the truth unless it would be harmful to myself or others.

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise yourself...

To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something worthwhile in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile to every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud word, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

Christian D. Larson, 1912



## Mindful Mike's Blog: The New Year 2021

Mike deAnguera

**The New Year is approaching! 2021!** What does that mean? It means on January 1<sup>st</sup> the year will change from 2020 to 2021. It's been 2021 years since the birth of Christ. There's that Nazarene handyman again, Jeshua Ben Yosef. He is the Savior of the entire world. One guy.

Actually, for me, the year really changed on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The shortest day of the year. The days get longer from that day forward. Jews originally had another number for the year and so did the Muslims. Chinese New Year occurred sometime in February.

I can remember when everything flipped over from 1999 to 2000. Would the world crash into ruins because of Y2K? No, it kept on going. All those digits flipping over from 1999 to 2000. Happens only once every 1000 years.

Once upon a time nobody cared what year it was. In Russian villages it might have been noted that it was five years since the last tribal elder died. I'm quite sure Tribal Americans felt that way. Imagine journeying through the seasons with no numbered years. I bet nobody kept track of their ages either. We all knew we got older when the white hair started appearing.

New Year's resolutions? I am just thankful I am still here in good health. Of course I have a colonoscopy and taxes to deal with. As well as COVID19. I am safely hidden away in my tiny house as I type this article. I am in my favorite chair wrapped in my mother's blanket. I don't ever remember her using it.

So many people homeless this year in the cold and rain. I am glad we donated to the Belfair Food Bank. COVID really turned everything upside down. I appreciate the safety and security of our Goodenough Community.



We exchanged presents in the evening on Christmas Day. I wrap mine in old calendar paper cutting up last year's calendar.

We put together a gingerbread house from a kit. No kids were here to help us out. I know they got a kick out of it in previous years. Usually, Colette Hoff baked all the parts from scratch. The dormer didn't quite work out but we just ate all the broken pieces. Nice looking house wouldn't you say?

The right hand photo documents Marley Long making her foray to the tree for her present. She is the dark shape to the right of the tree my camera didn't quite get. Gives her an air of mystery. Christmas is a time for mystery.



A group of us caroled at Jay and Susie Allen's place. It brought back memories when I caroled with the House Church in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. My family never caroled. I guess we really didn't know our neighbors very well.

Our lives will change but we will always have a Christmas even if nobody from Seattle can join us.

Marley now has a pair of the most beautiful boots I have ever seen. Now her feet will never be cold and wet again.



**Welcome Isabella Skye Villanueva!**

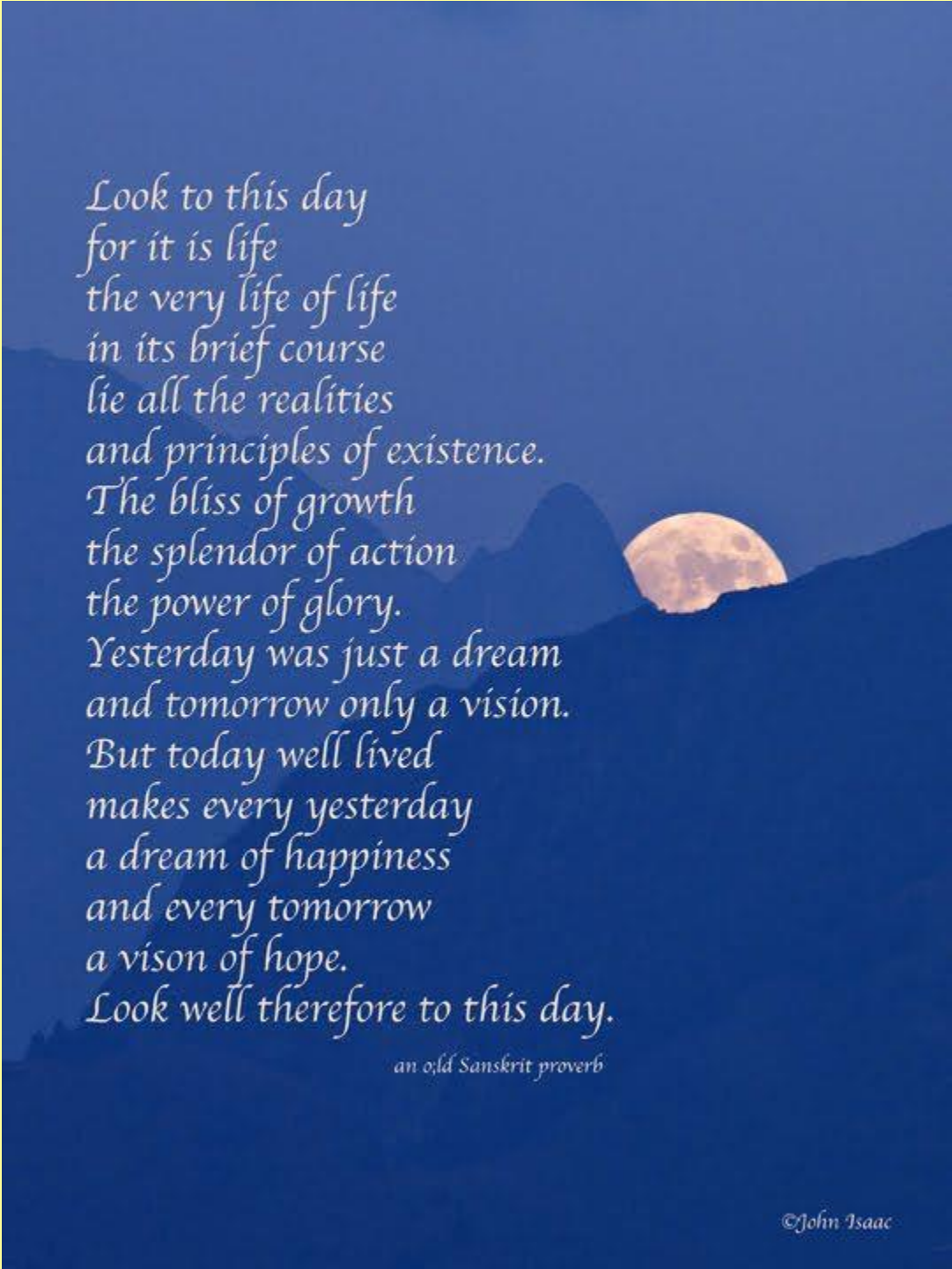
**Born December 19, 2020**

**To Margaret Hovenden**

"Grumpa Drew " – Andrew Hovenden

Uncles William, Sam, Laurence, Charlie, & Aunty Alice





Look to this day  
for it is life  
the very life of life  
in its brief course  
lie all the realities  
and principles of existence.  
The bliss of growth  
the splendor of action  
the power of glory.  
Yesterday was just a dream  
and tomorrow only a vision.  
But today well lived  
makes every yesterday  
a dream of happiness  
and every tomorrow  
a vision of hope.  
Look well therefore to this day.

*an old Sanskrit proverb*

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"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy."

## The Gate of the Year

By Minnie Haskins

Often read by John Hoff at this time of year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.

## A Reminder about True Holidays

The True Holidays Celebration is a significant fundraising event for the Goodenough Community each year. With the pandemic, many events and usual income sources have had to be cancelled.



Therefore, in lieu of the True Holidays Celebration, this year we are asking you to consider a donation to the Goodenough Community for the amount you might have spent at the True Holidays Celebration in the past—with our gratitude! You can make an on-line donation at [www.goodenough.org](http://www.goodenough.org), and while you are there, notice some of the pictures and new activity on our web site. *Remember, donations are tax-deductible and in 2020 those who take a standard deduction will be able to add up to \$300 “above the line” for contributions made to nonprofit charities.*

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## Programs and Events of the Goodenough Community

***Includes dates for Winter 2021***

***Because of our unpredictable times, dates and descriptions shown represent our plans for now.***

**What makes community meaningful and fun?** The richness of life in community comes in many ways – getting together informally over a meal ... celebrating a significant birthday with long-time and new-found friends ... working together in a creative endeavor ... collaborating during a



work party ... thinking deeply with others about what it means to be fully alive and connected with ourselves, each other, and Spirit ... and more.

**Of course, community is about adapting to change, and that has been the case with the pandemic as we have adapted many of our ways to connecting, many of which are via Zoom.**

Throughout the year our intention is to offer programs that help you participate in your own development, learn about relating well with others, and help you discover your potential to have a good time in life and with others.

Information about programs and upcoming events can be found on our website:

[www.goodenough.org](http://www.goodenough.org)



**The Goodenough Community's governing body, the General Circle,** meets monthly, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Below are dates for our winter meetings:

- January 4, 2021
- February 1
- March 1

For additional information, contact [Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson](#)



**The Women's Program** is a long-established and ever-growing way for women to enjoy each other's company, learn about themselves as women, and even perhaps to experience the Divine Feminine. For more information, contact [Hollis Ryan](#). *Our next Zoom gathering will be Saturday, January 23, 10am to 1:00 PM.*

*We will publish a zoom link and invitation in advance.*



**The Third Age** - Those age 60 and older have been gathering monthly, Friday evenings. 7:00 PM. With the pandemic, meetings are virtual. The next scheduled meetings are below. Contact [Kirsten Rohde](#) for more information:

- January 15   February 26.

**The Men's Program** - Our Men's Circle is an expression of brotherhood and practice with wisdom, gathered from own lives, other men's work advocates and the founders of this circle. A weekend is planned from June 4 & 5, 2021. Stay tuned for details.



**Pathwork, a Program of Convocation: A Church and Ministry** – Pathwork offers you a spiritual home in which to rest and to share your heart and mind as you move through these unpredictable times. We come together under the leadership of Pastor Colette Hoff and find support and encouragement as we clarify our personal goals and develop the practices we choose for a spirit filled life, gaining wisdom

from the world's faith & wisdom traditions. You are welcome to join.

Meetings are held via Zoom on alternate Sundays from 7pm to 9pm. Contact Colette: [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org) for Zoom information.

- January 3 & 17
- February 14 and 28
- March 14 and 28



### **True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 4, 2021**

We are planning our 2021 event! Hold this date on your calendar. We traditionally hold this event on Mercer Island.

**Work and Play Parties throughout the Year.** *Traditionally*, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over Memorial Day weekend as well as other times to express gratitude for the presence of our beloved retreat center, Sahale, and to experience the satisfaction of playing and working together. Please email [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org) with questions during these times of the Pandemic.



### **Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center**



Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual well-being, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest's counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals, couples, and family groups to be happier and more effective in relationships. *Call Colette (206-755 8404) if you find you need to talk out your feelings regarding the pandemic crisis.*

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