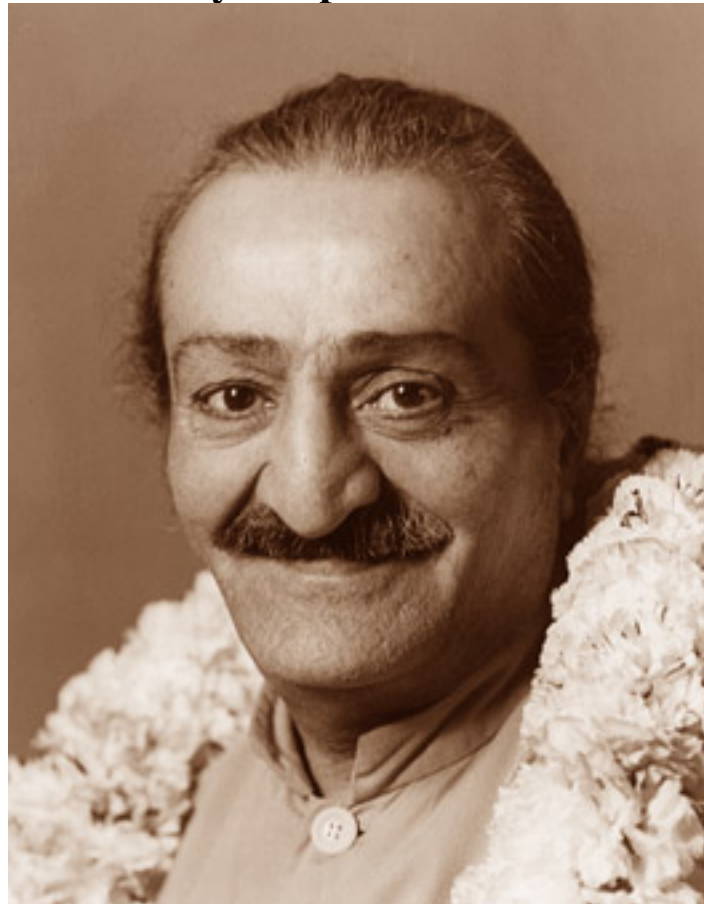


**Washington DC Meher Baba Gathering
Newsletter
May – September 2007**



Love is essentially self-communicative; those who do not have it catch it from those who have it. Those who receive love from others cannot be its recipients without giving a response which, in itself, is the nature of love. True love is unconquerable and irresistible. It goes on gathering power and spreading itself until eventually it transforms everyone it touches.

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- Sat., May 12th**
Brian & Louise Garnant
- Dhuni Meeting** - 7:30 P.M.
Surrender our worries and attachments to be consumed in the fire of Baba's Love.
- Sat., May 21st through Mon., May 28th**
- Special Guests Bill and Diana LePage return to Washington!**
Please refer to insert for details of the visit.
- Sat., June 23rd**
Pamela Butler-Stone
- Special Guest Jimmy Khan of Bombay** - 7:30 P.M.
Jimmy will share wonderful stories of meeting Meher Baba as a teenager at Guruprasad.
- Sun., July 1st**
Pamela Butler-Stone
- Gutta** – 3:00 P.M.
Excitement is building for the upcoming Indian Summer Sahavas. Everyone's energy and ideas are needed to bring this wonderful weekend to life.
- Sun., July 8th**
Malinda McCulloch
- Looking toward Silence Day** – 3:00 P.M.
We will share special readings that relate to Meher Baba's Silence and discuss the meaning it has for each of us. A light tea will be served.
- Sat., September 1st**
Pamela Butler-Stone
- Indian Summer Sahavas** – 6:00 P.M.
Welcome to Rustom and Sohrab Irani and Jamie Newell. There will be an Indian feast by the creek to welcome Baba's lively and loving nephews and singer/songwriter Jamie Newell. After the feast, there will be a musical program interspersed with Rustom and Sohrab's stories of growing up in Baba's family.
- Sun., September 2nd**
Murali and Majusha.
Kavalapudi
- Indian Summer Sahavas continues** – 11:00 A.M.
There will be a morning Arti and brunch followed by informal music and stories with Rustom, Sohrab and Jamie.
- Sat., September 22nd**
Pamela Butler-Stone
- Special Guest Charles Haynes-Listening to Meher Baba**–7:30 P.M.
Don't miss this opportunity to hear Charles' reflections on life with Baba today.

MEETING LOCATIONS—Please call the hosts if you need directions.

Pamela Butler-Stone	11227 Dewey Court, Kensington, MD	301-946-0236
Brian & Louise Garnant	18717 Pier Point Pl., Montgomery Village, MD	240-683-9584
Murali & Manjusha Kavalapudi	8723 Bell Tower Drive, Gaithersburg, MD	301-258-0703
Malinda McCulloch	10108 Haywood Circle, Silver Spring, MD	301-681-8168
David & Clea McNeely	3079 Chestnut Hill Drive, Ellicott City, MD	410-461-5033

I may give you more, much more than you expect, or maybe nothing, and that nothing may prove to be everything. So I say, come with open hearts to receive much or nothing from the Divine Beloved. Come to receive not so much of My words but of My Silence.

Meherabad Pilgrim Center posted message/*The Godman* p. 346

Indian Summer Sahavas

We have been so fortunate to have Bhauji with us almost every summer since the late 80's. Every summer with him has been an incredible Sahavas. Baba's Presence pervaded the atmosphere with a deep sense of love and harmony that united and sustained all who were present. On the last day of the Sahavas, a number of us felt inspired to plan for another Sahavas in summer of 2007, even if Bhauji was unable to be here. And indeed, to our great disappointment, Bhauji announced his plans to visit Australia instead of coming to the U.S.

Pamela wrote to Bhauji of the idea for a reunion in her backyard by the creek. There would be many of the same elements of the 2006 Sahavas: an Indian feast, music and companionship, though clearly missing Bhauji's loving companionship. Bhauji responded that it was a wonderful plan and that we would find Baba's presence even more powerful than before.

Then with Baba's perfect sense of timing, we learned that Rustom and Sohrab would be coming to Washington at the end of August, and the form of the 2007 Indian Summer Sahavas began coming into focus. Preliminary plans are to have an Indian feast lovingly prepared by Saleem and Zeeba, followed by Rustom and Sohrab's wonderful stories about growing up in Baba's family, and fabulous music performed by Jamie Newell.

More details will be sent out in July. Start spreading the word so that people can begin making their travel plans. We are scheduling a Gutta meeting on Sunday, July 1, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. to plan and prepare for this great event.

Very Special Guest - Charles Haynes

Charles Haynes was incredibly fortunate, not only to have met Meher Baba as a young boy, but also to have grown up with the guiding example of Kitty, Elizabeth, and his mother Jane. The Haynes family (Jane, Charles, Wendy and John) met Meher Baba during His 1958 visit to the Meher Center in Myrtle Beach and were again with Baba during the 1962 East West Gathering. Charles is an inspiring speaker who draws on his deep reserve of experiences with Meher Baba and His Mandali. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Charles' reflections on life with Baba today.

Special Guest from India - Jimmy Khan

We have just learned of the visit in June of Jimmy Khan and his wife Feriza from Bombay. Jimmy met Meher Baba as a teenager, when he and his family, along with the Bombay group, would go every summer to see Baba at Guruprasad. We are told that he is a wonderful storyteller and look forward to this special opportunity to hear him speak. He is tentatively scheduled to be with us in late June, though his U.S. tour schedule is still being finalized.

Loving Tributes to Two Dear Baba Friends

Mary Lloyd Dugan

Our dear friend in Baba, Mary Lloyd, passed away on February 13, 2007. Born and bred in Baltimore, Mary Lloyd spent a number of years living in southern California and Myrtle Beach. Several years ago she

returned to Baltimore to be near her family for six months out of the year. During the other six months she lived in India, working for the Avatar Meher Baba Trust.

After training as a Waldorf teacher in the 70's, she developed her talents as a consummate storyteller and musician. She wrote and recorded many poems and songs for children and created paintings to go along with them. She had a wonderful enthusiasm for life, making people happy through her ability to entertain and engage people in conversation at a moments notice.

Her most outstanding trait was her love for Meher Baba from which she never wavered. As she so aptly wrote the following words for her own memorial service, "Whatever else you may think of me and my life's journey, never doubt that every moment, every breath is infused by my loving relationship with my Beloved Lord of the Universe." Thanks, Mary Lloyd, for giving us your beautiful essence to remember always.

Hugh McCleneghan

Another wonderful friend in Baba, Hugh McCleneghan passed away on April 15, 2007 after being diagnosed with cancer this past winter. Hugh was originally from Brooklyn and lived on Staten Island, New York for many years. He was a wonderful, very familiar face in the 70's at Baba House in the West Village. Hugh always greeted everyone with a warm Baba hug and a joke. He moved to Myrtle Beach three years ago after retiring from working as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor. He was a welcome presence to many in Myrtle Beach, appearing whenever someone was ill, hurt or convalescing to help them in any way that was needed. Rumor has it that he was nicknamed by the Myrtle Beach

community, "the angel of mercy." Hugh had had a humorous revelation about his name which he liked to share with others. He said that if he took the beginning H out of Hugh, he would be called ugh. If he took the last h out of Hugh, he would be called Hug. And if he took the g out of Hugh, he would be called Huh? The only letter in his name which could not be removed was U - which was how Hugh served Baba so lovingly to the end- He thought of only U Baba and not I! We salute you, Hugh, on your journey to the Beloved!

Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Meher Baba Washington Gathering needs your help now. It can be as little or as much time as you can spare. There is a great joy in doing Baba work together. Don't miss this opportunity to serve. Please call Pamela at 301-946-0236.

In His Abiding Love and Service,
Pamela Butler-Stone and Terry Barton

If you don't want to be old before your time, be cheerful in deed, thought, word, and in appearance -- most of all in appearance. Maybe you are not happy inside -- perhaps gas in your stomach! -- but you must be [look] happy.

**Meher Baba, taken from
Mehera Meher**