

# Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

*May the richness of our diversity strengthen our community and our love*

First Day (Sunday), 4/4/2010

- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 11:00 am No regular First Day School. See special activities below.
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social time and Egg Hunt

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 4/7/10

- 12:00 pm Campus Meeting for Worship, Pasquerilla Center, Rm 118
- 4:30 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship, Foxdale, E-75

Sixth Day (Friday), 4/9/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 4/10/2010

- 1:30 pm Peace vigil Saturday, corner of College and Allen St.

First Day (Sunday), 4/11/2010

- 9:00m Meeting for Worship for Business
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 10:45 am First Day School
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Pot Luck

► **April Friendly Forums, 9:45 am, Meeting Room, All Welcome**

**April 18:** **Thom Brewster** of CentrePeace's prison outreach program in Bellefonte will speak about a public awareness initiative on the **state of the prison system** in PA.

**April 25:** **Robinne Gray of BYM** will discuss the topic of **Friends and Giving**. This will include a dialogue about Quakers, money, and the ways in which traditional fundraising practices do and do not apply to Friends.

► **First Day School Activities for Fourth Month 4<sup>th</sup> day-(Easter).** All of the younger classes will join together to hear the Easter story as told through Godly Play, along with the associated exploration and snack. They will join their parents in Meeting for Worship. The older children will "hide" the eggs for the Egg hunt that will take place at the rise of meeting.

► Please support the **weekly peace vigil**, every Saturday, 1:30-2:30 pm at the gates at the corner of Allen St. and College Ave.

*State College Friends Meeting*

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**Gather and settle.** The time from 10:45 to 11:00 am on Sunday is a time for Friends to gather in the meeting room to prepare and settle for worship. Enter whenever you are ready. While we expect silence in the meeting room during that time, we cannot expect silence outside of the meeting room until 11:00.

**Meeting for worship.** State College Friends Meeting welcomes you to our silent, “unprogrammed” worship, ideally led by God’s Spirit. We have no designated ministers. A period of about twenty minutes is needed to center down into inward stillness. Spoken messages come from the spiritual depth of our lives and from the leadings of the Spirit. It is wise to ask oneself these questions before rising to speak: is my message from the Spirit, or from some other place? Is the message for me or for the whole group? Is the time to give it now or at some other time? It is best to follow each message with a period of silence in order to absorb what it has to tell us. When a message speaks to the condition of those present, out of the deepest parts of ourselves, and is harmoniously developed and deepened—and not too long—a profound sense of spiritual community may occur among us that freshens and delights. We call this a “gathered” meeting.

**Closing meeting for worship.** Our time of worship does not necessarily end at noon—it ends when the appointed person, attuned to the spiritual sense of the meeting, recognizes the appropriate moment.

**Contacting Care and Concern.** We hope that Friends will contact members of the Care and Concern Committee to request prayer or to be held in the Light, to request assistance, or to make the committee aware of changes in your lives or of others that you believe should come to the Committee’s attention. Contact Lynne Grutzeck, 237-1862.

**Contributions to the Meeting** are always welcome and needed. Checks may be placed in the donation box in the entry hall or mailed to: State College Friends Meeting, 611 E. Prospect Avenue, State College, PA 16801

**The Meeting office.** Betsy Gamble, the Meeting secretary, is in the office Mon. through Fri., from 5:30 -6:30 pm. She may be reached by e-mail, [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org), or by phone, 237-7051. Please let her know of any scheduled meetings or events in the buildings so scheduling conflicts can be avoided. Scheduling of non-standard tasks should be done through Louise Sandmeyer.

**Bulletin and Newsletter.** Bulletins and newsletters are available on the Web. Go to <http://www.statecollegefriends.org> and chose Bulletin or Newsletter. The Newsletter can be received by mail or email. To be added to the mailing list, send your name, address and zip code to the meeting office. To receive other announcements, notification and bulletins by email, send a message to [office@statecollegefriends.org](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org).

► **Caps for Chemo: The Diane Mathews Memorial Project.** On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, my friend Diane Mathews lost her nearly yearlong battle with ovarian cancer. Diane was an avid knitter who used her extraordinary color and texture sense to create beautiful wearable objects of art. Long before her diagnosis, one of Diane's projects was knitting caps for chemotherapy patients. In honor of her memory I am organizing the collection of caps for chemotherapy patients. Patterns for knit, crochet and fleece chemo caps are available in the Social Room. The finished items will be collected during the month of April and May and the completed caps will be donated in her name on the anniversary of her birthday May 25, 2010. Thank you for helping me honor the memory of my friend.  
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► **Weis Gift Cards** program needs a volunteer. The meeting is in need of a replacement to manage sales of Weis and Giant Gift cards for the Friends Meeting. The cards have proven lucrative for the past seven years, averaging \$400 to \$600 a year. Contact Dean Tuttle, 234 3361, or [deshltu@juno.com](mailto:deshltu@juno.com)

► **Committees of State College Friends Meeting.** To aid in communication and participation, the Nominating Committee will publish the descriptions of the Meeting's committees over the next several weeks.

**Refreshments and Potluck:** This committee is responsible for both potluck and refreshments. The majority of committee work is conducted by phone. We order supplies and coordinate refreshments with Religious Education for First Day School, and refreshments/potlucks following Meeting for Worship for Business. The committee is responsible for cleaning cupboards, stoves and refrigerators. We may be called upon to organize refreshments for memorial services. This is an excellent committee for those who prefer minimal meeting, but members must do their share because the work is highly visible.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation START Support Grows:** Senators Lugar (IN) and Kerry (MA), Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mullen, and Defense Secretary Gates are just a few of the many political leaders who support the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty between the U.S. and Russia.

This treaty will further reduce the number of deployed nuclear weapons in both countries' arsenals. Find out more about why this treaty is so important: <http://action.fcni.org/r/129134/74290/0> and ask your senators to support ratification of the treaty: **Come to our Advocacy Table in the social room to write your letter.**

**Federal Budget: Too Much for War, Not Enough for Peace:** If Congress were to adopt President Obama's 2011 budget proposal, 39 cents of every income tax dollar would be spent on war, and only 2 cents would be spent on diplomacy, development, and international cooperation. See the analysis of the budget proposal to find out more: <http://action.fcni.org/r/129140/74290/0>. If these spending practices don't match your ideals, ask Congress to cut Pentagon spending in favor of real security: <http://action.fcni.org/r/129141/74290/0>.

(Peace & Social Action Committee)

## Calendar and Upcoming Events

- Apr. 18** BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting, State College Friends Meeting  
**Apr. 19** **Peace and Social Action Committee**, 7:30 pm Foxdale E-75  
**Apr. 22** **State College Peace Center film: Hearts and Minds (1974)**, 7:30 pm, Rm 201 State College Municipal Bldg

See the websites of BYM ([www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org)), PYM ([www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)), USQM ([usqm.org](http://usqm.org)), SCFM ([statecollegefriends.org](http://statecollegefriends.org)), State College Friends School , FGC ([fgcquaker.org](http://fgcquaker.org)) ([www.statecollegefriendschool.org](http://www.statecollegefriendschool.org)), Pendle Hill ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)) for further info.

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▶ **BYM's Centre Quarterly Meeting** will meet at State College Friends Meeting, April 18, 1:30 pm

▶ **State College Peace Center Film 7:30 pm, Rm 201 State College Municipal Bldg.**

**April 22 - *Hearts and Minds (1974)*** Peter Davis' landmark documentary unflinchingly confronts the United States' involvement in Vietnam. Using a wealth of sources-from interviews to newsreels to documentary footage of the conflict at home and abroad-Davis constructs a powerfully affecting portrait of the disastrous effects of war. *Hearts and Minds* is an overwhelming emotional experience and the controversial winner of the 1974 Academy Award for Best Documentary. (112 minutes)

▶ **Registration is now open for Friends General Conference Gathering**, Bowling Green, Ohio, July 4-10. Visit <http://fgcquaker.org/gathering> or call (215) 561-1700. There is also an online survey asking attenders at past Gatherings to share their experiences: <http://fgcquaker.org/impact-gathering-survey> .

▶ **Kevin Salwen, author of *The Power of Half***, will be speaking in 112 Kern on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. His talk will focus on re-examining relationships in your life - with both people and your "stuff" - and on the power we each have within us to trigger positive change. For more information, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yddu3jo>

▶ **Upper Susquehanna Quarterly Meeting.** Memorial Day Weekend Family Canoe Trip, May 28-31. Camp at Wade Wright's home Friday, canoe on the North Branch, camping Saturday and Sunday nights. Registration forms: <http://pym.org/upper-susquehanna-qm/canoe10.pdf> . Contact Wade 570-925-5708 or email [w9a8d7e6w@epix.net](mailto:w9a8d7e6w@epix.net)

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