

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 4/11/2010

- 9:00 am 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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 4/14/10

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 4/16/2010

No Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 4/17/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 4/18/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: State of the Prison System in Pennsylvania
- 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 Social time
- 1:30 pm BYM's Centre Quarter Meeting

► **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 Pennsylvania.

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.

► **Coffee orders** may be picked up in the Social Room. There is some extra Decaf, if you didn't pre-order. Contact Lynne or Michael Grutzeck.

► 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, 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.

► **Caps for Chemo: The Diane Mathews Memorial Project.** On March 18th, 2010, my friend Diane Mathews lost her battle with 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 April and May and the 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. Cy de Vries

► **Friends Committee On National Legislation Urges ACTION: **No Nukes: Now Comes the Hard Part.** On Thursday U.S. President Obama and Russian President Medvedev signed a new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. "Today is an important milestone for nuclear security and non-proliferation, and for U.S.-Russia relations," declared President Obama. "[The treaty] includes significant reductions in the nuclear weapons that we will deploy."

Now comes the hard part. Before this treaty goes into force, both the U.S. Senate and the Russian parliament need to ratify it. That means 67 U.S. senators will need to vote for ratification. This is a considerable challenge. In the increasingly partisan atmosphere of an election year persuading the Senate to act on this treaty will be difficult.

FCNL has been working in key states and around the country for months to lay the groundwork for ratification. We've been mobilizing faith community leaders, elected officials, business leaders, and others to support the new START treaty, as well as the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

PLEASE contact your senators and ask them to publicly declare they support ratification of this new START. Come to our Advocacy Table in the social room to write your letter, or to sign a prepared letter. Urge five friends to do the same. FCNL hopes to flood the Senate with letters of support. (Peace & Social Action Committee)

► **Considering the Meetinghouse.** Calling one, calling all who have a vision for sprucing up the meeting house and want to deepen Friendships within the meeting! We're putting out a call for anyone interested to join a Meeting House Design team. This can include parents who can contribute labor while children play with each other. Options for refurbishing the meeting room do not include anything incredibly costly, but ideas like:

- painting the meeting room with a warmer tone of color
- replacing drapes with new drapes or something simpler/less allergenic
- decluttering the meeting and the social rooms

For now, we're seeking folks to help us create a vision and a master plan, then gather able bodies to work on specific projects. Interested folks, please contact Dana Mitra dana@psu.edu; 234-8966 and we can get together in a way that is convenient.

► **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. Contact Dean Tuttle, 234 3361, or deshltu@juno.com

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), PYM (www.pym.org), USQM (usqm.org), SCFM (statecollegefriends.org), State College Friends School, FGC (fgcquaker.org) (www.statecollegefriendsschool.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org) for further info.

► **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, Apr. 22 - *Hearts and Minds* (1974) Peter Davis' landmark documentary unflinchingly confronts the United States' involvement in Vietnam. (112 minutes)

► **Community Film Event - The Power of Community: How Cuba Transitioned to a Post Peak Oil Economy**, Wed., Apr. 21, 7:30-10 pm, Friends Meeting Social Room.

Beginning in the 1990's Cuba was cut off from oil they formerly imported from Russia; Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. Imports of oil were cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the community and creativity of the Cuban people during this difficult time. Cubans share how they transitioned from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens.

Presented by Transition Town State College, <http://transitionpennsylvania.ning.com/>

► **Registration is 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 for attendees at past Gatherings to share their experiences: <http://fgcquaker.org/impact-gathering-survey> .

► **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

Notices for the weekly Bulletin should be sent by Thurs., 6:00 pm to efgamble@yahoo.com, 404-2831. Notices for the monthly *Newsletter* should be sent to Cynthia Bartok by the third Sat. of the month. (SCFMnewsletter@gmail.com, 100 Sandy Ridge Rd., State College, 16803).