

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 4/21/10

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 4/23/2010

- 8:45 am 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), 4/25/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Friends and Giving (see below)
- 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

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

Today, 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.

► **BYM's Centre Quarterly Meeting** will meet at State College Friends Meeting this afternoon at 1:30 pm.

► 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.

► **All Committee Clerks** please submit budget requests to the Finance Committee as soon as possible. Messages may be placed in the Finance Committee mailbox or sent to Claudia Wilson at cwilson@chilitech.com.

► **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.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation:** Ask Your Neighbors: Where Do Your Taxes Go? Your neighbors, friends, and members of the media are focused on these questions around the April 15 due date for tax payments. Across the country on Tax Day, thousands of people hold vigils and remind others in their communities that too much of our taxes go to war and not enough go to peace. The statistics are startling: 33 cents of every dollar of our 2009 federal income taxes went to fund the Pentagon, while only 1 cent of every dollar of went to diplomacy, development, and international cooperation. Only 2 cents of every dollar went to fund science and environmental programs. Join the conversation about taxes by writing a letter to the editor of your local newspaper pointing out the imbalance in federal spending: <http://action.fcni.org/r/130266/109430/0>. Mention the benefits that taxes provide in your community. In your letter, we encourage you to:

- *Reference an article that the paper published about taxes or Tax Day.
- *Refer to your members of Congress by name.
- *Mention the benefits that taxes provide in your community.

► **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

► **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. 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

May 2 SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business, 9:00 am

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.

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

► **State College Friends School Annual Fun Fair** will be held on May 1. See flyer on hallway bulletin board for more information.

► **Friends School Teaching Opportunity: 4th Grade Teacher.** The State College Friends School is seeking an individual with lead teaching experience at the elementary level. The ideal candidate will love children, be comfortable working proactively with parents, possess initiative and the desire for continuous professional development. Candidates should demonstrate a familiarity with innovative teaching strategies, and have experience with planning and implementing thematic units. Applicant should embrace Quaker values and educational practices. Send or e-mail a cover letter, resume, 3 references, and educational philosophy statement to Dan Hendey, Head of School, dhendey@scfriends.org

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).