

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

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
- 5:30 pm Potluck and Program with Ann Ward (see below)

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 4/28/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 4/30/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 5/1/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 5/2/2010

- 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

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

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.

► **Special Program with Ann Ward, TONIGHT**, 5:30 pm Potluck with program at 7:00. Ann Ward, a member of our meeting who has traveled and worked for peace for the past five years, will be in here from April 23-28. She will join us for potluck, then talk with us about her experiences. She has traveled in Europe and the Middle East studying and working with others in the peace/conflict resolution and health care fields. She has much to share and plans to focus mostly on the work with families, interfaith issues and refugee problems. Join us! Those who know her will love being reunited and those who don't will enjoy a wonderful new opportunity

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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

▶ **The Secretary** will not be in the office Wed.-Thurs. evening, Apr.28-29. Emails and messages will be responded to Fri. after the return of the Friends School 5/6 grade field trip to Ithaca, NY.

▶ 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.

▶ **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. 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.

▶ **Friends Committee on National Legislation: Take Action:**

****Afghanistan: A Chance to Stop the Killing**** The House plans to approve \$33 billion more for the war in Afghanistan. Yet, on Capitol Hill, FCNL's lobbyists are finding support for proposals to end that U.S. war responsibly.

Changing the war mentality of Congress will not be easy. It is possible, though. Representatives McGovern (D-WA) and Walter Jones (R-NC), have introduced a bill to require the administration to create an exit strategy from Afghanistan and set a timetable for withdrawal of U.S. forces.

If we can persuade at least 100 representatives to cosponsor the McGovern-Jones Exit Strategy bill, they may be able to attach that war-ending provision to the supplemental war funding bill, which Congress will vote on in the next several months: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/131124/74290/0>.

We oppose the war spending supplemental. We urge representatives to vote against the \$33 billion for war. Whether a representative is able to do that or not, he/she should be able to cosponsor and vote for the bipartisan McGovern-Jones Exit Strategy bill. Please ask your representative to do that now.

***Take Action*: Ask your representative to cosponsor the McGovern-Jones Afghanistan Exit bill (H.R.5015):**
<http://action.fcnl.org/r/131125/74290/0>. Also, multiply your effort: ask five friends to write to their representatives, too:
<http://action.fcnl.org/r/131126/74290/0>.

***An exit strategy is the next step and should:**

***Begin a withdrawal of U.S. troops**

***Halt offensive operations against the Taliban and focus on political reconciliation among all Afghan groups**

***Engage Afghanistan's neighbors, including Iran and Pakistan, to promote reconciliation and security**

***Channel development aid through Afghan and multilateral organizations.**

► **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

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

May 16 SCFM Afternoon with the Arts, Rebecca Plummer Rohloff

May 17 Peace and Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm Foxdale E-75

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 Junior Young Friends Conference** (6-8th grades), May 14-16 at Shiloh (Va.) Quaker Camp, The theme is World Integrity. Julian Brelsford will share his work in Haiti. Contact Alison Duncan, youthsec@bym-rsf.org or <http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/youth/jyf/index.shtml>.

► **State College Friends School Hosts 30th Annual Community Fun Fair**
The State College Friends School's 30th Annual FUN FAIR will be held Sat., May 1 (rain date May 8th), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Friends School, 1900 University Drive. This annual tradition features games, prizes, pony rides, petting zoo, live music, arts & crafts, home-cooked food (dine-in or take-out), bake sale, silent auction, and more! Everyone is welcome! Fun for the whole family! Free entertainment; tickets for rides, games, activities and food at the door. Proceeds benefit the Annual Fund. Contact: 237-8386.

► **Friends School Teaching Opportunity: 4th Grade Teacher.** The State College Friends School is seeking an individual with lead teaching experience at the elementary level. 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).