

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 1/24/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum (see below)
- 10:00 am Worship Sharing 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
- 1:00 pm Conversation on the Friends School

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 1/27/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 1/29/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 1/23/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 1/31/2010

- 9:30 am Membership Breakfast
- 10:00 am Worship Sharing 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

► **Friendly Forums and other activities before worship, meeting room.**

Jan. 24, 9:45 am: Rebecca Plummer will lead a dynamic presentation about her work in **Guatemala** and respond to questions.

Jan. 31, 9:30 am: Membership Breakfast: food for thought and consumption, especially for those who are considering membership.

► **1Friends School Conversation, Jan. 24, 1 pm.** Friends are invited to join Friends School Head Dan Hendey and the Quaker Life Committee for a conversation about the school. What do you know of the school? What are your impressions of how we are doing in providing an education that is consistent with Quaker testimonies? Do you have any questions?

We would also like to use this occasion to hear Friends' perspectives about the school and to explore ways of strengthening the Meeting-School connection. Bring your ideas and any suggestions. Child care will be provided.

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 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 announcements, newsletter notification and bulletins by email, send a message to office@statecollegefriends.org

► Please submit items for the Jan. 31st Bulletin by **Wed.** at 6:30 pm.

► It's not too late to sign up for **Secret Friends!** The sign-up sheet is on the white board in the social room. All adults and kids are encouraged to join in the fun. We'll pair each adult with a child, and notify the adults who their secret friends are before Sun., Jan. 31. In the past, children have enjoyed receiving surprise letters in the mail signed by their secret friends, or finding little inexpensive trinkets at their front door (stickers, cards, a drawing, etc).

On Sat., Feb. 13, kids who have been involved are invited to come in from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. to decorate the tables for the breakfast the following morning. On Sun., Feb. 14, 9:30 am, kids will discover who their secret friends are at a pancake breakfast. Contact Peg Hansen 349 5908 or hansen.peg@gmail.com

► **Weis Gift Cards.** To benefit SC Friends Meeting, purchase Weis gift cards in multiples of \$25 through Dean Tuttle. They can be used the same as cash at Weis Markets and Weis will contribute a percentage of your purchase total to the meeting. Checks must be made out to: **State College Friends Meeting.**

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation.**

***Quaker Meetings and Churches:** A unique feature of FCNL is our practice of involving as many Quaker meetings and churches as possible in shaping priorities for our lobbying efforts. We invite you to participate in setting priorities for our lobbying work for the 112th Congress (2011-1012). Find out how you and your group can take part:

<http://action.fcnl.org/r/106542/74290/0>. **Note: Our Meeting's Peace & Social Action Committee will be setting up a time for all of us to offer our suggestions.**

***Success: Haitian Immigrants Gain Temporary Protected Status.**

Last week, FCNL asked us to take action to keep Haitian immigrants from being deported. On Friday, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced that Haitian immigrants will have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for the next 18 months, while Haiti recovers from the earthquake. This success may seem small, in light of the challenges still facing Haiti, but it will help hundreds of thousands of Haitian immigrants living in this country.

***From the 2C Blog: After Massachusetts.** Please read in the FCNL website the blog in which Legislative Director Ruth Flower expresses her hope that Congress will return to governing, rather than putting the power struggle first: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/106536/74290/0>. FCNL sees an opportunity to transform the anger of people from many different political persuasions into constructive lobbying and to create a popular demand for FCNL's legislative priorities: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/106537/74290/0>.

► **Free Winter Play Days at Friends School** – On two Saturdays (Feb. 20 and March 13) from 9:30 to 11:30 AM the Friends School is hosting Play Days for children from 3-7 years old. The school's Community Room and a classroom will be open for supervised active and imaginative play. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to the school and enjoy a morning out of the cold. Refreshments and snacks will be served. All are welcome.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

Jan. 31 SCFM Membership Breakfast

Feb. 9-11 Silent Retreat for Friends, Haverford, PA. Contact Renee Crauder

Feb. 12-15. Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns. Contact nymidwinter@gmail.com or see <http://sites.google.com/site/midwinter2010>

Feb. 14 SCFM Secret Friends Breakfast

Feb. 15 SCFM Peace & Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm in E-75 Foxdale

Feb. 20 Free Winter Play Day, families with children age 3-7, 9:30-11:30
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Feb. 20 Aging in the Light, a day of information and reflection on the issues of aging, Westchester PA. To register, contact Beth Lawn, 610-872-1522; concordquarter@verizon.net, by Feb. 13

Mar. 6 Friends Conference on Unemployment. Contact Melissa Elliott at puddinriver@sprintmail.com or (215) 843-4827.

Mar. 18-21 Annual Meeting of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Reistertown, MD. Information:

http://fwccamericas.org/events/2010_annual_meeting_info.shtml

Mar. 26-28 PYM Annual Sessions "We Make the Road by Walking, Arch St.

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.statecollegefriendschool.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org) for further info.

► Employment Opportunities

Associate Secretary for Business and Finance, PYM,

<http://www.pym.org/pm/jobs.php>

Executive Director, Friends Center Corporation. Visit

www.friendscentercorp.org or contact Willa Streater, 215-241-7167.

Meeting Coordinator/Secretary, Stony Run Friends Meeting, Baltimore.

Contact Search Committee c/o: searchcomm@stonyrunfriends.org

► **Secrets of Healthy Relationships, on and off the farm.** Relationships operate by principles. We're offering a one-day workshop before the annual conference of the PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture, in State College, on Wed., Feb. 3. See <http://www.pasafarming.org/conference2010/track1.htm> or visit www.therelationshipshop.com. Linda Bazan and Donald Gibbon will teach this workshop, grounded in an understanding of the particular needs of the sustainable agriculture community, but will also apply generally to relationships in which stress is a concern.

► **"Climate Change, Climate Justice: Lessons from Copenhagen" a panel discussion**, Tues., Jan. 26, 2:30 p.m., Pasquerilla Center. In December, tens of thousands gathered from around the world to explore one of the pivotal issues of our time and to lay a roadmap for the future. Three Penn State professors were there and this is the first time their stories and insights will be reported back to the Penn State community.

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).