

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 3/14/2010

- 9:00 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- 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 Pot Luck

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 3/17/10

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 3/19/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 3/20/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 3/21/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Mark & Mardy Shaw (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 Family Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social time

▶ **March Friendly Forums, 9:45 am, Meeting Room; All are welcome**

March 21: Mark and Mardy **Shaw** will discuss their work with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in **China**, and also their work in **India**.

March 28: Jessica Arends and others on our **Peace and Social Action** Committee will facilitate a discussion about setting upcoming Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) **priorities**.

▶ 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**.

▶ 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 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

► **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

► **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.

Finance: Following the traditional custom of the Religious Society of Friends, the State College Meeting looks to a small appointed committee to assess and report to Monthly Meeting all matters pertaining to financial needs, including the annual budget, proposals, requests and expenditures. The committee has responsibility for overseeing financial obligations, banking, annual audits, monthly and annual financial statements, investments, insurance, obligations to other Quaker organizations and solicitation of funds.

Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns: The group works to create a welcoming atmosphere for gays, lesbians, their friends and families. We serve as a resource for the Meeting and the community about Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues. This committee meets for potluck and worship sharing as needed. All are welcome to participate, even if only occasionally. (Children are welcome at meetings, too!)

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation:** The FCNL urges passage of Health Insurance Reform. If Congress passes health insurance reform, more people will have jobs, particularly in small businesses. See the short video, made by FCNL supporter Nathan Pyles, which presents this simple message: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/119945/74290/0>. Share this video clip with friends and take action to urge Congress to pass health insurance reform by the end of this month - by writing all three of your Congresspersons. <http://action.fcnl.org/r/119946/74290/0>.

Quiz: Test Your Knowledge on Afghanistan: How many U.S. troops will be in Afghanistan by this summer? How many U.S. and coalition bases are there in the country? What other countries border Afghanistan? Find out the answers to these and other questions by taking our Afghanistan quiz: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/119951/74290/0>. **Send the quiz to a friend and invite them to sign our petition opposing the continued escalation of the U.S. war, now in its ninth year, and calling for a way out for U.S. troops:** <http://action.fcnl.org/r/119952/74290/0>. **Remember to visit our advocacy table in the social room after meeting for worship today to write a letter and to sign the Petition on Afghanistan.** (Peace & Social Action Committee)

Calendar and Upcoming Events

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

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. 21-22 FCNL Lobby Days, Washington, DC.

Mar. 26-28 Annual Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: **"We Make the Road by Walking"** Arch St. Meetinghouse, Philadelphia. Contact: Lou Ann Merkle (215)241-7238, LouAnnM@pym.org or visit <http://www.pym.org/annualsessions>.

Mar. 26 State College Friends School **"SPICES of Life"** Gala fundraiser. Contact Beth Giles, 237-8386 or bgiles@scfriends.org

Apr. 1 State College Peace Center film: **American Casino**, 7:30 pm, Rm 201 State College Municipal Bldg.

Apr. 18 BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting, State College Friends Meeting

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.

► Please join with others in **Upper Susquehanna Quarter** on March 21 at Pennsdale Meeting for Meeting for Business. We plan to discuss Arthur Larrabee's recent article on *Why Quarters Matter*, from *PYM Today*. If you would like to read the article [contact Betsy Gamble, in the SCFM office]

Worship with Pennsdale Friends at 11:00 am, followed by potluck lunch and Quarterly Meeting at 1:00. Please call Wade Wright 570-925-5708 if you plan to bring any youth, so we can plan program for them appropriately.

► **How do we fix our healthcare problems?** Community breakfast and panel discussion, Sat., Mar. 20, 8:30-10:30 am at the Penn Stater Conference Center, President's Hall #3. Sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and VOICES of Central PA. Panelists include Chris Calkins, PSU Outreach Health Initiatives; Richard Dixon, physician; Sharon Falkenstern, PSU School of Nursing; Steve Krahling, Penns Valley Pharmacy; and Sajay Samuel, PSU Smeal College. Contact Brenda Black, 692-7783 or black.bj@earthlink.net for reservation by March 12.

► **BYM Working Group on Racism Walking Tour**, Adams Morgan, Washington, DC, Mar. 20. Tour guide Mary Belcher will lead Friends on her walking tour entitled From Slavery to Freedom in Adams Morgan. Friends will gather at 10:00 am at the Sun Trust Bank Plaza at 18th Street and Columbia Road. The tour, lunch, and ensuing discussion will conclude at 4:00 pm. For more information, contact Gail Thomas (301-530-3628 or quakergail@gmail.com) or David Etheridge (301-320-3470 or david.etheridge@verizon.net)

► **Morris Dees "Equal Justice For All"** at Penn State Law School, Auditorium of the Katz Law Building, Tues., March 16. The night will begin with a reception in UP at 6 pm. Mr. Dees' presentation on will begin at 7:00p.m. Parking is free at the Katz lot after 5pm.

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).