

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 3/21/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Mark & Mardy Shaw (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

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 3/24/10

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 3/26/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 3/27/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 3/28/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Discussion of future FCNL priorities
- 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
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▶ **March Friendly Forums, 9:45 am, Meeting Room; All are welcome Today, March 21:** Mark and Mardy **Shaw** will discuss their work with the American Friends Service Committee 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 other announcements, 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.

Peace and Social Action: The Peace and Social Action Committee works to translate the beliefs and principles of Quakerism into action, within our Meeting and in the wider community. Compelled by conscience, we learn about, teach about, and campaign for the issues of the day that relate to Quaker ideals of peace, equality, integrity and simplicity. We connect with larger Quaker organizations such as FCNL, AFSC and Baltimore and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, as well as other groups with similar goals, such as the Alternatives to Violence Project, Right Sharing of World Resources, and other peace churches. Our committee is blessed with some elders who have long been peace activists and who guide us as we respond to leadings and concerns about peace.

Program: This committee plans the First Day morning discussions. Members brainstorm new ideas for topics, contact speakers, send the schedule to the newsletter, and try to attend adult discussion regularly. We ask Meeting members and committees to suggest topics, as the Meeting community has been an important source of ideas and support for the committee.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation: *Health Insurance Reform: Can We Make One More Push?** Thanks to the more than 1,400 of you who have contacted your members of Congress through our website in support of health insurance reform. Please take action if you haven't already.

***Prevent War: Three Things Congress Can Do:** FCNL is equipping a Peace Tool Box with resources you can use to talk about why people in your community should care about the peaceful prevention of deadly conflict and what they can do about it: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/128095/74290/0>. Our new flyer provides an action plan for Congress to advance diplomacy, development, and international cooperation: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/128096/74290/0>. Please download copies, distribute them in your community, and provide us with feedback: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/128097/74290/0>.

► **American Friends Service Committee working with Haitians on "Temporary Protected Stats"** In the wake of Haiti's earthquake, the U.S. extended 'temporary protected status' (TPS) to Haitians living in this country. AFSC is supporting Haitians in filing the complex paperwork to obtain TPS status. Haitians only have a few months to apply and some people are using the opportunity to defraud with phony paperwork, earning a quick profit, so honest

help from AFSC is needed. Help us hire legal staff to assist Haitians in filing paperwork. Donate <http://support.afsc.org/site/R?i=GliXKgbvcAISkyr4hi26pA>

Calendar and Upcoming Events

- 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.
- April 11 SCFM Meeting for Worship for Business**
- Apr. 18** BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting, State College Friends Meeting
- Apr. 19 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 (www.usqm.org), SCFM (statecollegefriends.org), State College Friends School, FGC (fgcquaker.org) (www.statecollegefriendschool.org), Pendle Hill (www.pendlehill.org) for further info.

► **Community conversation to Explore Solutions to Address Underage and Dangerous Drinking.** A follow-up to the 11/12/2009 Centre County Public Issues Forum will be held March 23 at the State College Borough Building from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. To register, email your name and phone number to centrecoprevention@gmail.com or call 814-880-5069.

► **Quaker Quest opportunity.** For those of you who missed our Quaker Quest training in October, Carlisle Monthly Meeting will be doing the same all day training April 10. Contact Amy Hurley at newk321@embarqmail.com if you'd like to attend.

► A lecture showing prayer as a way of resolving conflict and titled "**Peace & Reconciliation**", sponsored by The First Church of Christ Scientist (our neighbors across Prospect Ave.) will be given 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 25 at 617 East Hamilton Ave. by Ryder Stevens, who has been involved in founding a peace & reconciliation center in Puget Sound. This should be an interesting talk and a chance to connect with our neighbors. Information: 234-2194.

► Step up to the plate for "**A Meal that Matters**"; 5th annual benefit dinner for Meals on Wheels; 6 pm, Thurs., May 6, Nittany Lion Inn. Featured speaker will be PSU Coach Cael Sanderson, a national wrestling legend, Olympic Gold Medalist. Tickets: 360-65571 or b.haner@comcast.net

► **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).