

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

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
- 12:20 pm Social time

Fourth Day (Wednesday), 3/31/10

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 4/2/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 4/3/2010

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

First Day (Sunday), 4/4/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Mark & Mardy Shaw (see below)
- 10:00 am Meeting for Worship in Foxdale's Meeting Room
- 11:00 am No regular First Day School. See special activities below.
- 10:45 am Gather and settle for Worship
- 11:00 am Meeting for Worship
- 12:20 pm Social time and Egg Hunt

► **Friendly Forum, 9:45 am, Meeting Room; All are welcome.**

Today, 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 priorities.

Next Friendly Forum April 18.

► **First Day School Activities for Fourth Month 4th day-(Easter).** All of the younger classes will join together to hear the Easter story as told through Godly Play, along with the associated exploration and snack. They will join their parents in Meeting for Worship. The older children will "hide" the eggs for the Egg hunt that will take place at the rise of 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

► **Welcome, baby Esten.** Meeting attenders Russ and Sunna deForest are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby boy. Esten deForest was born at 8:19 pm on Thursday, March 11th at 8 lbs 6 oz and in perfect health. The family is doing very well.

► **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.

Literature: Committee responsibilities are: 1. Selecting, ordering, processing and shelving books for the Meeting library. 2. Selecting, ordering, processing and shelving Pendle Hill pamphlets for the library and for sale. 3. Reviewing books and periodicals for the newsletter. 4. Posting and making up overdue book lists. 5. Creating book displays. 6. Maintaining orderly shelves and records.

Memorial: Members are responsible for coordinating memorial or funeral services for members and attenders and for arranging for the completion of memorial minutes. (Forms providing guidelines can be completed by persons interested in recording their wishes and the committee maintains a file of these forms at the Meeting House.) Persons interested in serving this committee need to be comfortable helping people under emotional and sensitive circumstances.

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation on the Signing into Law of the Health Insurance Reform:** The reform won't take us that far. It will leave us better off than we were before. It will provide access to care for 32 million more people than under the current system. It will keep insurance companies from denying coverage or charging more for people who have a pre-existing condition or who use health care services for serious illnesses. It will help many people pay for health insurance and help small businesses to offer coverage for their employees. This reform will open the door to more improvements down the road.

This signing comes after the 219-212 vote in the House to pass the Senate bill. (The House also passed some further improvements in separate legislation, on which the Senate will soon vote.) Thank you to all of you who have contacted your representatives about health insurance reform over the past weeks and months. **Action: Please visit our Advocacy Table in the social room to let your representative know what you think of his vote on this historic bill.** (Peace & Social Action Committee)

Calendar and Upcoming Events

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

Apr. 22 State College Peace Center film: Hearts and Minds (1974), 7:30 pm, Rm 201 State College Municipal Bldg

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.

► **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.

► **State College Peace Center Films 7:30 pm, Rm 201 State College Municipal Bldg.**

April 1- *American Casino* (2009) It is rare that a documentary director has the privilege to shoot a film that, while in production, becomes the greatest story of our time. The “worst case scenario” of January 2008, when we began work on *American Casino*, turned into reality in the year that followed. We were able to follow our characters through Wall Street’s collapse, foreclosure, bankruptcy, homelessness. We watched whole neighborhoods ravaged by the subprime meltdown. I have spent much of my career filming in war zones and post apocalyptic societies — Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan. But I never expected such a disaster at home. To be there, with a camera, while it was happening, telling the story, was certainly the highlight of my career.” Leslie Cockburn, Director (92 minutes)

April 22 - *Hearts and Minds* (1974) Peter Davis' landmark documentary unflinchingly confronts the United States' involvement in Vietnam. Using a wealth of sources—from interviews to newsreels to documentary footage of the conflict at home and abroad—Davis constructs a powerfully affecting portrait of the disastrous effects of war. *Hearts and Minds* is an overwhelming emotional experience and the controversial winner of the 1974 Academy Award for Best Documentary. (112 minutes)

► **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

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