

# Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

## First Day (Sunday), 5/16/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Alternatives to Violence Program
- 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
- 1-3:30 pm Quaker Arts in the Afternoon, Social Room (see p.3)

## Fourth Day (Wednesday), 5/19/2010

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

## Sixth Day (Friday), 5/21/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

## Seventh Day (Saturday), 5/22/2010

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

## First Day (Sunday), 5/23/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Fred Binkley's Southwestern trip (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
- 1-2:30 pm PYM Support and Outreach Standing Committee (see p.4)

► **Upcoming Friendly Forums, 9:45 am, Meeting Room, All Welcome**  
**May 16: Alternatives to Violence Program** -- Jessica Arends and Dorothy Habecker (and possibly Campbell Plowden) will tell us about the exciting work that has occurred in the **Bradford Prison**, where recently over one hundred prisoners signed up for the AVP workshop!

**May 23: Fred Binkley** will show slides and discuss his vacation and spiritual "side-trip" (brief journey) to the southwestern U.S. last September. Martin Melville's presentation on Gospel Order will be rescheduled for Fall. Final spring forum 6/13 – more later.

► 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@statecollegefriends.org).

► **Quaker Arts in the Afternoon**, May 16<sup>th</sup> 1-3:30 pm, Social Room. Come share in an informal collaboration of the creative spirit within the meeting. Members are invited to bring and display or perform any expressive art form or craft in the Meeting room, Social room, or outdoor patio. Participants are asked to independently and collaboratively locate display space or tables, and set up work between the noon rise of worship and 1pm. Volunteers and donations of nutritious snacks are welcome! Contact Rebecca at [rpp11@psu.edu](mailto:rpp11@psu.edu).

► **Friends Committee on National Legislation Action:**

\***Afghanistan Exit: Dial 888 for Your Rep This Week:** Your lobbying is working! More than 80 representatives have now cosponsored legislation to require a U.S. exit strategy from Afghanistan. Help us get to 100 cosponsors by calling your representative this week to ask her or him to support H.R. 5015: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/133155/74290/0>. Thanks to donors, FCNL pays for a special toll-free at 888-543-5234 to call your representative. To help you make your call, find talking points here: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/133156/74290/0>. Ask five of your friends to also call.

\***FCNL Priorities:** More than 240 Friends Churches and Meetings Participate Thanks to everyone who provided input into what your Friends group thinks FCNL's legislative priorities for the next Congress should be. FCNL's Policy Committee will present a proposed Statement of Legislative Priorities to FCNL's General Committee at our Annual Meeting in Nov. 2010. Our General Committee will engage in spirit-led discernment to revise and approve a statement.  
**(Peace & Social Action Committee)**

► **Caps for Chemo: The Diane Mathews Memorial Project.** In honor of the memory of my friend Diane Mathews, 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 donated on the anniversary of her birthday May 25, 2010. Thank you for helping me honor the memory of my friend. Cy de Vries

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### Calendar and Upcoming Events

- May 16 SCFM Afternoon with the Arts, Rebecca Plummer Rohloff
- May 17 Peace and Social Action Committee, 7:30 pm Foxdale E-75
- May 30 SCFM Family Meeting, No First Day School
- June 6 BYM Centre Quarterly Meeting, at Dunnings Creek Meeting
- June 11-13 BYM Conference for Parents of Teens at Catoctin
- June 13 First Day School closing celebration at rise of Meeting

See the websites of BYM ([www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org)), PYM ([www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)), USQM ([usqm.org](http://usqm.org)), SCFM ([statecollegefriends.org](http://statecollegefriends.org)), State College Friends School , FGC ([fgcquaker.org](http://fgcquaker.org)) ([www.statecollegefriendschool.org](http://www.statecollegefriendschool.org)), Pendle Hill ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)) for further info.

► On May 20 at 6:30pm, there will be a **Town Hall Meeting/Public Issues Forum on Alcohol: Controlling the Toxic Spill**, held at the American Philatelic Society, Bellefonte. The purpose of this event is to come together as a community, to identify issues around alcohol use and to discuss various approaches in addressing this issue – an issue that has become far too common in our communities. Our work will be that of engaged citizens seeking common ground for action.

We will begin and end in the large group room. We will be breaking into small groups to discuss each of the approaches. Each small group will then report back to the whole group at the end of the evening. These group reports will then be reported back to community leaders, policy makers, and community coalitions for follow-up action.

Can you help? The most important help you can provide is to attend on May 20th and offer your insight on this issue. Encourage people to pre-register at [centrecoprevention@gmail.com](mailto:centrecoprevention@gmail.com) or with Ali Turley at 814-880-5069. Please be sure to reach out to youth and parents.

► **PYM Support and Outreach Committee Visits on May 23.** The Support and Outreach Standing Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will be visiting with Friends of State College Meeting. They will be present for Meeting for Worship at 11 o'clock, and then join in fellowship afterwards. Following fellowship, the Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting, and Friends from State College who wish to do so will be warmly welcomed to join in that meeting, which is expected to last from about 1 until 2:30.

Support and Outreach is one of 7 administrative groups in PYM. The special responsibility of this committee is "to oversee the good works that will produce a healthy, vibrant Religious Society of Friends in the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting area, which naturally attracts new and existing members, creating a stronger faith community. The word 'support' refers to supporting each Meeting as a unit." Projects under the care of Support and Outreach include Quaker Quest, Quarter Coordinators, Membership Development Support Fund, the Yearly Meeting Web, and the Yearly Meeting Library.

Support and Outreach meets monthly in Philadelphia, except for May and June. In those months, the committee travels to visit with Monthly Meetings across the Yearly Meeting, sharing worship, and getting to know Friends from a wide area. This is their first visit to State College. If you have questions about Support and Outreach, feel free to email the clerk, Susan White at [sbwhite@princeton.edu](mailto:sbwhite@princeton.edu)

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