

State College

Friends Meeting *Weekly Bulletin*

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

First Day (Sunday), 5/9/2010

- 9:45 am Friendly Forum: Gospel Order (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), 5/12/2010

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

Sixth Day (Friday), 5/14/2010

- 8:45 am Friends School Meeting for Worship

Seventh Day (Saturday), 5/15/2010

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

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 Special lunch (see below)

QUAKER QUEST IS INREACH AND OUTREACH FOR OUR MEETING!

- ▶ **Upcoming Friendly Forums, 9:45 AM, Meeting Room, All Welcome**
May 9: Martin Melville will lead a seminar on Quaker **Gospel Order**. This discussion should be more interesting than it may seem at first glance.
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! Come and hear about the program and the prisoners it has touched.
May 23: Not finalized. See bulletin next week for more information.

- ▶ 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.

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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 <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.



Quaker Arts in the Afternoon

Sunday, May 16th 1-3:30 pm
Friends Meeting House



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! Questions? Contact Rebecca at rpp11@psu.edu.

► **Celebrate With Us! FCNL Successes for 2010.** Behind the headlines and polls about dysfunction in Washington is the story of real progress that is being made in changing federal policy. Here is a list of some of the positive successes we can count, so far, in 2010:

- Improving Native American Health Care
- Advancing a World Free of Nuclear Weapons
- FCNL Environmental Legislation Is Baseline for Congressional Action
- President Includes Complex Crises Fund in Budget Request
- War Is Not the Answer in Afghanistan
- Health Insurance Reform
- Local Elected Officials, Community Groups Call for Cuts in Pentagon Funding
- Helping Rebuild Democracy

For details, visit: <http://action.fcnl.org/r/132461/74290/0>.

Your lobbying, financial support, and faithful witness continues to help FCNL make this work possible. Congratulations

***One Small Step for Peaceful Prevention, One Giant Leap for Congress**

Last week, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 2010 and 2011 (S. 2971) passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by a voice vote. Find out more about how this legislation could make significant improvements to U.S. diplomacy, development, and international cooperation:

<http://action.fcnl.org/r/132463/74290/0> or visit the Friends Committee on National Legislation website: www.fcnl.org

► **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 the caps will be donated in her name on the anniversary of her

birthday May 25, 2010. Thank you for helping me honor the memory of my friend.
Cy de Vries

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 Catoction**
- June 13 First Day School closing celebration at rise of 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.

► 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 or with Ali Turley at 814-880-5069. Please be sure to reach out to youth and parents.

► **May 14-16 – BYM Friends Service Weekend at Opequon Quaker Camp**
Work projects offer people with all kinds of skills an opportunity to enjoy meaningful and satisfying work. For information, check the BYM Camp website, or contact David Hunter (301-774-7663 or davidhunter@bym-rsf.org)

► **May 14-16 – BYM Junior Young Friends at Shiloh Quaker Camp**
Julian Brelsford will speak about his experience in Haiti during the January earthquake. More information: <http://bym-rsf.org/yf/calendar/calendar.htm> web pages or contact Alison Duncan, youthsec@bym-rsf.org .

► **BYM Young Friends (High Schoolers) "Graduation" Conference** May 28-30 at Sandy Spring Meeting, 17715 Meeting House Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860. Contact: Alison Duncan, at youthsec@bym-rsf.org or <http://www.bym-rsf.org/yf>.

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).