

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Friday, July 17, 2015

Friday's Schedule

6:00-7:00 Outdoor Worship
7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:00-8:40 Worship
8:45-10:15 Meeting for Business III
10:15-10:45 free time
10:45-12:15 Bible Study (in Fireside) or
AM Worship Sharing

12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Interest Groups 3
3:15-3:45 Jose Aguto
4:00-5:30 Transformative Quakers or PM
Worship Sharing
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:45-8:15 Family Night
8:30-10:00 Dance

Friday Interest Groups (1:30-3:00)

Growing Our Meetings – Plenary Tent

We do not proselytize but rather attract by example. What then is our measure? How do we define ourselves as a faith community? How does individualism (respecting individual beliefs) both help and deter us from a definition that outsiders can understand? What have we learned from our successes and failures in attracting new members or attenders? Join us for a workshop with both a philosophical and

practical approach to outreach. – Ramona Hussey and Renie Lindley

Mayan Spirituality and Quakerism – Fireside Room

Miguel Angel Costop-Bala, Director of Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program, explores the intersection of Mayan spirituality from an indigenous Kaqchikel Guatemalan and how Quakerism has become a part of his spiritual journey. Experience a Mayan ceremony of thanksgiving. – Miguel Angel Costop-Bala

Funding and Nurturing our Youth Programs – Garden Room (north end of Sequoia)

Join us for a presentation and interactive activities on how to develop ideas into projects/activities and how to apply for funding or other support from the PYM Youth Programs Committee and its Fund (interest from the Bob Vogel Endowment). Participants can review the policy and application online at: <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2014/documents/ypc/resources-funding/> – Jim Summers

PYM and the Quaker World – Maple Room

Pacific Yearly Meeting names representatives, delegates, and observers to various Quaker organizations: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Evangelical Friends

Church Southwest; Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCa); Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL); Quaker Earthcare Witness; Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee; Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors; Friends United Meeting (FUM); FWCC Section of the Americas; Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico; William Penn House Board.

The nominating committee is sponsoring an interest group to provide opportunity for representatives, delegates, and observers to report to yearly meeting. If you are a rep, delegate or observer come and share your experiences and reactions. For those who are not representatives, delegates, or observes, the interest group is an opportunity to learn more about the wider Quaker world. Enjoyable and informative! – David Barrows

Exploring and Deepening Spiritual Leadings – Sequoia “Middle”

We will move from lively interactions into a period of guided writing. We will come out of the silence into spoken reflections with one partner, and conclude with worship sharing. – Judith Favor and Linda Rowell

Transformative Quakers

Transformative Quakers meet this week Tuesday through Friday in Plenary room.

Tuesday: Albert Smith Bigelow

Wednesday: John and Alice Way

Thursday: Marjorie Sykes

Friday: Heberto Sein

Friday, 4:00 pm: Heberto Sein (1898-1977), a Mexican Quaker, activist, poet and interpreter, and one of the founders of Mexico City Friends Meeting and Casa de los Amigos. Presented by Nick (Nico) Wright, who lived and worked at Casa de los Amigos for ten years and is currently writing a book about the Casa.

Climate Change with Jose Aguto

If you missed Jose Aguto’s interest group on Wednesday, ‘The Climate Change Challenge: Legislative Possibilities and Earthcare Action’, you have another chance to hear him today, 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm in the Plenary Tent.

Jose is the Legislative Secretary of Sustainable Energy and Environment Program for Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Currently, Jose is on the advisory committees of Citizens Climate Lobby and the Center for Earth Ethics. Prior to joining FCNL in February 2012, Jose worked for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) as the Policy Advisor tribal energy, environment, natural resource, and climate change issues. Prior to NCAI he worked to protect and advance tribal sovereignty over their lands, air and water as Senior Policy Advisor at EPA’s American Indian Environmental Office. Find out about FCNL’s work on the challenge of climate disruption.

Bible Study update

Today will be our last mid-morning session of the week – all are welcome, for either a small-group consideration of a parable of Jesus, with Dean Olson, of Grass Valley Meeting, or a reading of another passage to be announced at the time, facilitated by Stephen Matchett, San Francisco, followed by small-group reflection in a choice of formats: (1) worship-sharing, (2) conversation or (3) written reflection using “Friendly Bible Study” queries, facilitated by Kate Watkins, Santa Monica. 10:45 in Fireside.

For early risers and others who just can’t get enough, Saturday’s Bible Study is scheduled for 6:00 am – yes that’s right, before breakfast – in Fireside. By tradition, this closing session will be held as a Meeting for Reading, as described in Michael Birkel’s Engaging Scripture: Reading the Bible with Early Friends – that is, a Meeting for Worship in which the vocal ministry consists of reading passages from the Bible, with or without elaboration by

the speakers. All are welcome. Expect the unexpected.

Lunch hour

Lunch for general PYM attendees begins at 12:30. The Children's Program gets there early. Please wait until 12:30 to let the children have a chance get their lunch first.

Family Night

Sign ups are still open until 12 noon today for Family Night. Please keep your presentation to 3 minutes, and around the Quaker centered theme of "Love and Justice." Questions: see Linda Rowell

Worship-Sharing Evaluations

Please return Worship-Sharing evaluations to the box in the back of the tent. Facilitators, if you can, be sure the evaluations are distributed in your W-S groups; that would be wonderful. Collect them if you can and return them to the box with whatever is left of your packets.

2016 Spring Service Learning Camp will be held March 22-27 at Quaker Oaks Farm. Teens are invited to come and learn while creating community with Native Americans in the Central Valley of California. This exciting collaboration between Quakers and the Wukchumni People is breaking down barriers as we learn to see the world and each other in new ways.

Report from the Registrars

Where do Friends bank? So far this week the Registrars have received 171 checks. Half of these checks were drawn on four financial institutions: Wells Fargo (18%), Chase (12%), Bank of America (12%), and the Redwood Credit Union (7%). The remaining checks were drawn on another 60 banks and credit unions.

Quakerspeak.com

Want a quick, Friendly lift every Thursday? See free short videos at Quakerspeak.com, a

delightful project of Friends Journal. Also, you can try a funny one, "Quaker memes," at quakerprobs.tumblr.com. – Roena Oesting and Debbie Kimball

Friends Peace Teams works with people in Africa, Central America and Columbia, and Asia West Pacific to help them recover from war and trauma, gain access to clear water, and build peaceful healthy communities. Come hear what Friends Peace Teams does at 8:00am Saturday.

Checkout Instructions from the Registrars and Arrangements

As some of you are leaving us already, please be mindful of the following:

1. Please be sure to **return** your plastic name tag holder to the boxes in the dining hall, Plenary tent, or at the table in Maple. You may keep the paper name tag, but the holders can be re-used next year and are pricey!
2. If you rented **linens** – put the sheets, towel, and washcloth into the pillow case and leave everything **on your bed**. Please do not bring them back to Maple. The Walker Creek Ranch staff will thank you.

Reimbursements for Travel Expenses

If you are the official representative of your Monthly Meeting to PYM, or if you are a PYM officer or committee clerk, you are eligible to be reimbursed for all or part of your travel expenses to and from this Annual Session. To be reimbursed, you need to enter your information on a **Sign-In Sheet for Travel Reimbursement** form. These are on a long brown clipboard on the table at the back of the Plenary Tent. Any required itemizations and receipts may be emailed to roy@allen79.org, or postal-mailed to:

Roy Allen, PYM Treasurer
580 Tamarack Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

If you have any questions after reviewing the form, please ask Roy.

Last Chance for Earthlight Books

Today is the last day for the Earthlight Bookstore -- it will be open from 10:30-6:30 Friday. The bookstore offers many possibilities for your reading pleasure. Besides the wide selection of children's books and Quaker publications, the store has a variety of music, poetry, and even puppets (Folkmanis). Of further interest are books by PYM authors on numerous subjects. Here is a list of some of the authors you may know:

- Elizabeth Boardman (*Where Should I Stand? Letters From Lillian*)
- Josephine Duvenek (*Life on Two Levels; an Autobiography*)
- Henrietta Groot (*Come to My Village*)
- David Hartsough (*Waging Peace; Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activists*)
- Tom King (*History of San Jose Quakers, West Coast Friends*)
- Laura Kohl (*Jonestown Survivor; An Insider's Look*)
- Mary Mische (*Nature's Patchwork Quilt; Understanding Habitats*)
- Anthony Manousos (*Transformative Quakers 2014 & 2015, Quakers and the Interfaith Movement, Howard & Anna Brinton; Reinventors of Quakerism in the 21st Century*)
- Peggy Senger Morrier (*Miracle Motor; a Pert Near True Story*)
- Ann Scott (*On Mother's Lap*)
- Paul Seaver (*The Explosive Emergence of the Quaker Movement*)
- Cindy Spring (*Earthlight; Spiritual Wisdom for an Ecological Age*)
- Susan Strong (*Move Our Message*)
- Lynn Waddington (*Staying True; Musings of an Odd Duck Lesbian Approaching Death*)

Sending Aloha to Sandy Yee

Friends may know that Sandy Yee was a Representative to PYM for Honolulu last year. Sandy had planned to attend again this year with his wife Ona Lee. Instead Sandy found himself in the hospital just as PYM began. Those who would like to sign a card for Sandy can find the card outside the Dining Hall after lunch today.

Attenders List

Joe Magruder has been putting together an attenders list, with names, phone numbers, email addresses, and meetings. A draft copy is posted on the dining hall windows. Please check your entry and make any corrections today. Copies will be available Saturday to take home.

Western Young Friend New Years Gathering

When – December 28-January 2

Where – at a camp facility in northern California (location pending)

Who – intergenerational hosted by Young Adult Friends.

Families welcome.

What – creating community to ring in the New Year Quaker style through...

- Breaking of bread
 - Song
 - Games
 - Unity with nature
 - Worship
 - Acro yoga
 - And random acts of kindness
- Plus a special Year End celebration!

Newyearsgathering.org

Come join us for our 40/41st year!

CPQM Directory Correction

Christie Monson's correct email address is ChristieCopepod@aol.com. It appears in the CPQM directory misspelled (without the "e" in her first name).

Guatemala Crafts

Last chance to purchase beautiful Guatemalan handicrafts! We will be closing and packing up at 4pm on Friday. If we are hold something for you, please pick it up by 4pm on Friday. Mil gracias! Donna Smith

More about Bible Study

Much gratitude to the PYM community for maintaining the Friendly connection with scripture that has been a nourishing and sustaining feature of our time together this week. It has been a privilege and an honor to coordinate this activity. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have an interest in initiating or expanding opportunities for Bible study in your Meeting or Worship Group.

Stephen Matchett, San Francisco
415-621-0558, stephenmatchett@earthlink.net

Help We Need Somebody Help

Peni Hall and Julia Bazar (both disabled) need help tomorrow (Saturday) morning, between 8:00 and 10:00 to help us get our room/ accessibility materials packed and stuff carried and packed into our van. This includes a large oxygen tank and also smaller items.

Thanks in advance for the 2-4 wonderful people that will choose to come and help tomorrow morning between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday.

We are staying in Willow 4 and we are easy to find. We are both carrying Laurel Burch cat bags.