

# The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Tuesday July 17, 2018**

## Tuesday Schedule

6:20-7:00am	Outdoor Worship (in front of Pine Lodge)
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
7:30-8:00	Quaker Center's online worship group (Plenary tent)
8:00-9:00	Worship (Plenary tent)
9:15-10:40	Worship Sharing or Aging in the Light (Carson) or Early Quaker Writings (Fireside)
11:00-12:30	Plenary VII
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:55	Worship Sharing or Bible Study (Fireside)
3:15-4:45	Plenary VIII
4:45-5:30	Meeting for Monthly Meeting Reps
5:30-6:30	Dinner
6:45-8:15	Community Night
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups / Transformative Friends

## Plenary Agendas

### Plenary VII, 11:00-12:30 pm

- Other YM Epistle Reading
- Quaker Business Process: Ari Standish & Elinor Steffy
- Naming Committee
- Barbara Babin's & Rebekah Percy's Travel to Mexico; FWCC Visiting YAF

- Immigration: Separation of Children & Parents (LACC)
- Further Spirit Rising: How do we support youth/young adults in witnessing to the world?
- Announcements

### Plenary VIII, 3:15-4:45 pm

- Other YM Epistle Reading
- Draft PYM Epistle
- Nominating Committee
- Naming Committee
- Outstanding decisions needing approval: FGC Affiliation
- Statistical Report
- Discernment: What is becoming clear about AS witnessing to a troubled world?
- *Possible additional items arising from earlier Plenaries*
- Announcements

## Interest Groups

### No Interest Groups Tuesday

The next and last Interest Groups (IV) are on Wednesday morning, 8:00 AM

## Other Tuesday Events

### Transformative Friend Rachel DuBois and the Evolution of Worship Sharing

Rachel Davis DuBois (1892-1993) was a remarkable Quaker activist who devoted her life to issues of race and immigration. She was a pioneer in Intercultural Education. She developed a very effective method she called Group Conversation to bring diverse groups together to sense their common humanity. She later adapted Group Conversation to her own

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religious family and came up with a program she called Quaker Dialogue. With FGC support she taught Quaker Dialogue to over 400 Friends meetings and bodies. Claremont Meeting picked it up and developed further widely-used guidelines and suggestions, calling them variously Quaker Dialogue or Creative Listening. Friends in PYM and elsewhere have been adapting the concept ever since. Today's Worship Sharing is a descendant of DuBois' work. Come learn about the remarkable life of Rachel DuBois and the folk evolution from Group Conversation to Worship Sharing. — *George Mills. Carson room, 8:30-10:00.*

### **Bible Study--last session today**

Spirit Willing/Flesh Weak Department:

By decision of those assembled for Bible Study yesterday, the Bible Study session on the schedule for **Wednesday at 6 am will not be happening**. Friends are welcome to attend the final Bible study session of this annual session **today at 1:30 in Fireside**, where we will probably be reading Romans 12:9-21. Thanks, Stephen Matchett

### **Convergent Quakers**

Are you curious about/interested in the various branches of Quakers? Join us for lunch on Tuesday in the dining room annex nearest the plenary tent. Come meet Yulieed Avila, traveling in the ministry for FWCC, and share your own experiences and questions. — Barbara Babin, Observer to Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico

## **Other Things To Do Here**

### **Community Night Sign-up**

Community Night is an opportunity for Friends to share their fun and gifts with the community. All are welcome and invited! We have a wheelchair accessible stage this year, thanks to Aurora and her mom. All performances must be 4 minutes or less. We ask Friends to practice

and time yourselves. The sign-up sheet is available on a window on the side of the dining hall facing the tent. Please be sure to sign up by the end of lunch today. For any questions, please see Shayne Lightner, on behalf of Ministry and Oversight Committee. Thanks.

### **Proofread Your Attenders List Entry**

A draft of the Attenders List for this annual session is posted on the wall outside the dining hall. Please take a moment to check the accuracy of your listing. Deadline 6:30 pm.

### **Comment on PYM Draft Epistle**

The draft PYM epistle will be posted on the Dining Hall windows by 4:45 pm Tuesday.

Suggested edits may be emailed to: [barbara@allen79.org](mailto:barbara@allen79.org)

### **Find a home for your skills**

Do you have skills and experience in clerking? Sometimes a committee has lots of folks invested in the action end of the process but needs leadership in the process of getting there. Let Nominating Committee know if you might be interested in exercising your clerking talents.

Computer savvy? There is a committee that needs your support. Fill out the pink Service Survey. Tell us what you have to offer and we can find a place for you to serve. — Nominating Committee

### **Annual Session Evaluations**

Help make future Annual Sessions even better than this year's by filling out an evaluation at <https://bit.ly/2utgZkq>. If you are unable to fill out the online form, see the Assistant to the Clerk for a paper form. If you have trouble with the on-line form, send an email to [PYMAssistanttotheClerk@gmail.com](mailto:PYMAssistanttotheClerk@gmail.com). The deadline for submitting your evaluation is August 5, but fill it out as soon as you can after you leave so the information is fresh in your memory. — Sharon Gates, Assistant to the Clerk

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### **EarthLight Bookstore**

Open afternoon and evening except for plenary sessions. Find us next to Guatemalan textiles in Maple. The Bookstore will close Tuesday before Community Night.

### **Guatemala Scholarship Project**

As Friends know, Guatemala Scholarship Project provides one way to help students in Guatemala: by selling textiles which are currently on sale in Maple. Everyone is welcome until 5:30 this evening. If you're unable to fit a shopping trip into today's schedule, or you wish to have less "stuff" in your life, you could make a donation to the project online at: [guatemalafriends.org](http://guatemalafriends.org) or by snail mail: c/o Redwood Forest Friends, 1647 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Mil gracias!

## **General Announcements**

### **In Case of MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm, go first to the information tent on the patio outside the dining hall; if no one is there to assist you, go to the Walker Creek office.

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, go to the information tent or Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

10:00 pm - 9:00 am, go to Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

Emergency contact person - Bronwen Hillman

### **Golf Cart**

Would you like some assistance moving luggage from a vehicle to your lodging? Look for Sarah or Bronwen in the big tent or come to the information tent to arrange for a ride.

### **Submitting to the Daily Miracle**

We welcome your submissions by email (best) or on our paper form. Paper forms can be found, filled out, and left in a box in the plenary tent or at the Secretariat itself. Look on the web for email instructions (link below). Deadline is

**9:00 pm (8:15 pm if submitted on paper in the plenary tent).** This will give us time to do our work AND get some sleep.

## **Beyond Annual Session**

### **Bill Lovett**

Memorial service for Bill Lovett will be held July 28 at 10:30 am at Visalia Friends Meeting House, 17208 Ave 296, Visalia.

### **Western Friend Benefit Dinner**

Balkan themed supper fundraiser to benefit Western Friend. Sunday July 22, 6:00 pm, hosted by Tom and Sandy Farley in Redwood City. For more details see the Monday Daily Miracle or see Tom or Sandy at the bookstore or e-mail [farley@spont.com](mailto:farley@spont.com).

### **More News from Quaker Oaks Farm**

April 2018: thanks in part to generous donations, QOF been able to purchase some much-needed equipment. We are grateful to now have a better running tractor and a new manure spreader and flail mower; tools essential to the general maintenance, diversified farming and restoration efforts being implemented on the farm.

[www.quakeroaksfarm.org](http://www.quakeroaksfarm.org)

### **Job Opening: Quaker Center Co-Directors**

Quaker Center Co-Directors, Kathy and Bob Runyan, will be moving on from their role in spring 2019. Co-Directors provide spiritual leadership to West Coast Friends; develop workshops; manage staff, finances and facilities; fundraise; work closely with spirit-led Board. Compensation includes: salary, housing, utilities, benefits, glorious California coastal redwoods.

Review the job description at:

<http://www.quakercenter.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>.

The BLQCA Search Committee is accepting applications until August 1, 2018.

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### **Singers And Music Lovers**

Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, authors of *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* are coming to California this fall. Annie has a number of concerts planned in Northern California in October and both will be keynote speakers sharing their leading to do this work at Southern California Fall Fellowship Nov 3-4. They are open to additional concert dates, especially in the south. Contact them through their website: [www.riseupandsing.org](http://www.riseupandsing.org).

### **Quaker Peace Boat**

Friends who have been following the progress of The Golden Rule, the historic Quaker peace boat, may want to wave in the direction of the coast as she passes by (sometime in the next few days). She is currently transiting from San Diego back to Humboldt Bay where she will be refitting in preparation for her extended Pacific voyage. The Golden Rule will sail for Hawaii in September, where she will overwinter and gather support for the trip to the Marshall Islands, Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Jeju Island, Korea on her mission of opposition to nuclear weapons, war, and the radioactive contamination of lands, oceans and air. Friends wishing to know more or to contribute are invited to visit them on Facebook or at <http://www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org/> — Jim Summers

### **Immigration Outrages**

Redwood Forest Meeting has approved a minute regarding immigration outrages. You can find this minute and minutes of concern from other meetings on various topics on the Peace and Social Order page of the PYM website.

### **AFSC's Centennial Exhibit in San Diego this Summer**

AFSC's Waging Peace exhibit opens in San Diego on July 23rd at the New Americans Museum <<http://newamericansmuseum.org/event/waging-peace-100-years-of-action/>> and will be there

through September 30. The museum is at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, San Diego. More information on the exhibit as well as guides for teachers and families can be found at: <http://exhibit.afsc.org/>.

This inspiring, interactive exhibit was created to honor AFSC's centennial and is a wonderful way to share the history and *current* work Friends do for peace and justice. Make plans *now* to bring your family and friends to engage with first-person stories and activities that demonstrate the effectiveness of nonviolent action to build justice, overcome oppression, and prevent and heal from war and violence.

Please share this broadly with your Meeting and with your nonQuaker friends and neighbors who want to—need to—be inspired by seeing what courage and love can do!

### **Silent Retreat**

Take time regularly for ... spiritual refreshment in order to live a more centered life and to bring a deeper presence to the Meeting for Worship. —*Advices and Queries on THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, Faith and Practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting*

Each Labor Day weekend, the Silent Retreat Committee of Southern California Quarterly Meeting offers spiritual refreshment to Friends.

Transforming Suffering: From Turmoil to Tranquility. August 31 to September 2, 2018

At the serene Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, Friends tend our evolving relationship with the Divine, including our spiritual highs and doubts.

### **P&SO Bi-monthly Video Conference**

Is your Monthly Meeting or Worship Group involved in food justice; immigration practices; or housing concerns? Peace and Social Order is working to bring together Monthly Meetings who share similar social witness activities. We are hoping to launch bi-monthly video conferences among Friends to better capture the

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synergy of these efforts. To that end, we will be meeting on Tuesday at 1:30 PM in Pine for Friends to begin work that will continue during the upcoming year. Questions, email co-clerk of Peace and Social Order Shannon Frediani at [shannon.frediani@cst.edu](mailto:shannon.frediani@cst.edu).

### **One Meeting's Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Addiction Crisis**

Central Coast Friends Meeting recently created a new line item in its budget to make an annual donation to support a local agency addressing the prevention and / or treatment of substance use disorder. We are still exploring where to make that donation.

Are you interested in learning more about the religious community's response to the opioid epidemic and addiction crises? You might like to check out a group named Clergy for a New Drug Policy, an inter-denominational advocacy group trying to reverse the old, ineffective War on Drugs. Their website even includes a statement of the Quaker perspective on responding to this public health crisis. Check it out at [newdrugpolicy.org](http://newdrugpolicy.org).

### **Global Climate Summit and Rise for Climate March Coming September**

California Governor Jerry Brown is sponsoring a Global Climate Summit in San Francisco from September 12 to 14. The Summit will bring leaders and people together from around the world to "Take Ambition to the Next Level." It will be a moment to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of states, regions, cities, companies, investors and citizens with respect to climate action. The conference will end with the Pathway to Paris Concert, featuring Patti Smith and Bob Weir. Tickets for the concert are now on sale. Information on all of the activities of the conference can be found at [globalclimatesummit.org](http://globalclimatesummit.org).

On the Saturday before the Summit at Moscone Center, September 8, people will be gathering for Rise for Climate marches. The largest march will

be in San Francisco. Our goal is make this the largest climate march in history to be held on the west coast. Marches are also being planned for other areas of California, including the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. For more information, go to [riseforclimate.org](http://riseforclimate.org).

Hundreds of organizations are listed as sponsors of the Rise for Climate and will be participating in the Climate Action Summit, including the United Nations, 350.org, Sierra Club, Citizens' Climate Lobby, and the Mom's Clean Air Force. Sadly, there are no Quaker organizations listed as sponsors or participants in the march or summit. This brings into question how committed Friends are to solving the climate crisis. Where are our Quaker meetings and environmental organizations in this important environmental witness? This is probably the most visible witness for climate that we will have this year, an opportunity to defend the Paris Agreement that the Trump administration has decided to walk away from. Again we ask, where are the Friends?

—Tom Yamaguchi and Sharon Shen

### **Earthcare**

Copies of QEW's 2018 "List of Concrete Next Steps Friends Can Take to Address Climate Disruption", based on the scientific data in "Drawdown" edited by Paul Hawkin are available at the back of the big tent and at the Unity with Nature /QEW display table in the bathhouse. The 2018 "List" is a condensed compilation of easy to do and not so easy to do suggestions for individuals, Meetings, and systems. Some people think, "Oh what is the use", but if we all do our part to make a transition to a new earth, that will happen. It is best to start with small things that you think you can do. Seek out other Friends for support. A new online support and action worship group (with a forum and Zoom Meetings) is starting for Friends, with concerns or Leadings for Earthcare and other topics. Please email Catya [goldenlynxs@yahoo.com](mailto:goldenlynxs@yahoo.com) if you want to join.

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We very much hope you will take on the Pisac Challenge and make a commitment to take two new concrete steps (no matter how small) each year to reverse climate Disruption and restore the earth.

While you're visiting the bathhouse please take some free copies of the many brochures on Earthcare and the QEW newsletter, "Befriending Creation", also on the Unity with Nature/ QEW table. — Catya de Neergaard

### **Selective Service System--Chance to Comment**

Quaker House and the Center on Conscience and War have put out the call for concerned citizens to make public comment to the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service regarding ending the Selective Service System (SSS) registration for the draft. All people identified at birth as male are required to register with the SSS. Talking points include:

1. Eliminate the SSS. It is time to end it now.
2. It is unnecessary. In the unlikely event of a "sudden need" for more military personnel, with today's technology, a pool of names could be generated quickly.
3. If the commission finds that registration should continue, they must require that the SSS provide a pathway to register as conscientious objectors.

For more information, please visit [www.centeronconscience.org](http://www.centeronconscience.org), [www.quakerhouse.org](http://www.quakerhouse.org), or speak with Kate Connell, Santa Barbara Meeting, to get the links, etc.

Deadline for comments: September 30, 2018.  
Public meetings in Los Angeles: September 19-20 (National Commission website: [inspire2serve.gov](http://inspire2serve.gov)). Email: [national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil](mailto:national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil).  
Postal Mail: National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service; Attn: RFI Comment-Docket 05-2018-01; 2530 Crystal

Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029; Arlington, VA 22202

### **Wanted Monthly Meeting Liaisons to UwN and QEW**

Liaisons provide two way communication between their Meetings or Worship Groups and PYM's Unity with Nature Committee [UwN] and also, if they like, with Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW], a mostly national organization for Friends carrying concerns about Earthcare.

If you would like to be the point person to either or both of these organizations, please contact Andrea Beane of Santa Monica MM, member of Unity with Nature Committee, and PYM's Representative to QEW. Her email: [<thebeane45@gmail.com>](mailto:thebeane45@gmail.com)

## **Personals**

### **Rides**

Thank you! Thank you! Everyone who needs a ride has one. Check in with Sarah or Bronwen if you are a driver or a passenger.

### **Jeanette Norton**

Jeanette came through the surgery, recovering, and in a few days she would appreciate texts and emails: [lightseeker@cox.net](mailto:lightseeker@cox.net) (Julie Harlow)

### **Marilee Eusebio**

Several Friends have asked about Marilee's absence. She daughter, Miriam, is in Davis for 5 weeks, directing a play for the company where she was a student. Marilee said, "I'm not giving up one day with my daughter." You can let her know that you missed her: [marileee@comcast.net](mailto:marileee@comcast.net)