

# El Milagro Diario

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Tuesday July 18, 2017**

## Schedule

- 6:20–7:00 Outdoor Worship  
*(In front of Pine Lodge)*
- 7:00–8:00 Breakfast
- 8:00–9:00 Worship *hosted by JYM*  
*(Plenary tent)*
- 9:15–10:45 Bible Study *(Fireside)*  
*or Worship Sharing*
- 11:00–12:30 Plenary VII *(Plenary tent)*
- 12:45–1:30 Lunch
- 1:30–3:00 Early Quaker Writings *(Fireside)*  
*or Worship Sharing*
- 3:15–4:45 Plenary VIII
- 4:45–5:30 Meeting for Monthly Mtg Reps
- 5:30–6:30 Dinner
- 6:45–8:15 Family Night *(Plenary tent)*
- 8:30–10:00 Affinity Groups

## Affinity Groups

- Singing — *every night in Fireside*
- 12 Step — *Sequoia (Garden Room), ends 9:30*
- Quaker and Native American in Right Relationship  
— *Plenary Tent*
- Racial Justice – People of Color  
— *Eucalyptus, 8:30-10:00*

*Note: Both Racial Justice Affinity Groups will meet jointly on Tuesday from 1:30-3:00 PM in Pine.*

## Announcements

### **Rides Needed**

Please check Rides-Needed list posted next to Dining Room Entrance. Many rides are needed. Today - Tuesday - we need to get Dia (JYM) to San Francisco Airport by noon. She has her US Citizen Ceremony to get home to. Congratulations!

### **Help Needed—Weds AM**

Peni and Julia Bazar need about 2 people on Wednesday morning to help pack up and move sleep gear, bags, and medical stuff and load their van. Time negotiable, but we have to be out by 10:00 am.

Update: Still needed ... a few healthy bodies is what we really need. It won't take too long, the van has been moved near the door.

— *Thanks. Peni Hall*

### **Middle School Program Starts Early Today**

Please bring your children a little earlier to sign in today — 7:50 am — in order that we may join you in the YAF and JYM hosted worship at 8:00 am.

— *Many thanks, your Friendly, Responsible middle school teachers, Hilary and Anna J*

### **Family Night is Tonight!**

Join us after dinner in the Plenary Tent for songs, stories, and variety acts from our community.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Read This Online

The Daily Miracle and other current Annual Session materials like maps, schedules, agendas etc., are also available online on the PYM website: [www.pacificyearlymeeting.org](http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org). There are links to these materials on the home page. (After the end of Annual Session the links may move or disappear.)

## Officers & Committee Clerks Evaluations

If you are a PYM Officer or Clerk of a Committee, please come to the Officers' and Committee Clerks' Evaluation Session on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 PM. While your travel arrangements may prevent you from attending, this is an opportunity to collect thoughts and reflections on the Annual Session while they are still fresh in our minds. This is not a personal reflection of your experience, but a time to speak out of your committee or officer role. Co-Clerks are asked to collaborate on their committee's response and identify one person to provide their committee's input. Clerks may designate a committee member to bring their input. We will all be anxious to get on the road, so please come on time and prepared.

- We will respond to the following queries:
- What helped center our gathering in the Presence? What hindered it?
- What worked well this AS?
- What can we do to improve the work of the Coordinating Teams?
- What do you see as the work needing to be done?

— Sharon Gates, Assistant to the Clerk

## Annual Session Evaluations

The online Annual Session evaluation form is live and will be available until Sunday, August 6 on [www.pacificyearlymeeting.org](http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org) under "Announcements and Quick Links." Paper surveys are available on the Clerk's table in the Plenary Tent. Paper evaluation forms will be entered into the online survey by the Assistant to the Clerk in order to capture feedback for analysis. Please use the online survey if you are able to save us this task.

## Corrections

David Hartsough's correct email is [davidrhartsough@gmail.com](mailto:davidrhartsough@gmail.com). "Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist" is available in the bookstore.

There was an error in the prior Miracle announcement: The commercial salad dressings may contain gluten or corn, or other allergens, including the Ranch. There is an alternate dressing.

## Additional Food Information

- Special foods are in the kitchen. If you have a special need, and part of the meal contains the food you cannot eat, ask in the kitchen for the part of the meal you are lacking.
- We have run out of some foods before the end of the line. The kitchen staff is struggling, as numbers that were provided to the kitchen about the number of meals needed were inaccurate, and have varied day to day.  
— Please see Jan Turner concerning special food needs if you are having a problem.

## Microphone Manners

PYM's portable mics are very directional and very short-distance sensitive. Our walking mic carriers know how to hold the mic to best pick up your message; please let them. When using the stationary mic stand, get close and make sure the mic is pointed directly at your mouth. For better hearing!  
— Pat Wolff, Sound Tech

## Golf Cart

If you need assistance in getting from one location to another on the site, you may request a ride in the golf cart. Please sign up at the Info Tent and give us an hour or so advance notice to arrange your ride.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

### Message Board

The message board is a place to leave a note for someone at the Annual Session:

- *“Hey, meet me for lunch at the patio...”*
- *“May I borrow your air pump?”*
- *“Thou was faithful to your gift this morning.”*
- *“Friend, your ministry touched me. Thank you.”*

### Bible Study

Bible study is on offer every morning of the session in the Fireside Room. It is open to all and is “come as you are.”

### Quiet Room

Quail is the Quiet Room. It is only for silent reading, meditation, or contemplation. There are State of the Meeting reports, Memorial Minutes, and other reading materials. Do not use it for other activities even if you find it empty.

### Tuesday Bookstore Hours

9:15 – 10:45, 1:30 – 3:00, 6:45 – 8:15. If the bookstore is not staffed, you may select books and leave them in the “reserved bin” to pay for later.  
— *The Earthlight Bookstore is located in Carson.*

## MINISTRY & OVERSIGHT

### Worship Sharing Groups

Please leave a message for Julie Harlow on the message board or at the information desk if you experience some difficulty during the Worship Sharing Group time.

### What is the Secretariat?

A place where selected individuals with enormous dedication and patience work tirelessly to produce The Daily Miracle even if it takes till 2 in the morning because of all the interruptions. Don't be one of the interruptions. Make your submissions by 9:00 PM.

### As A Yearly Meeting, We Are ....

Could you write a State of the Society Report for PYM? Well, you are going to be asked to do so. If you would like to read some of the State of the Meeting Reports, they are all in binders in the Quiet Room (Quail), at the Info Booth, and in the dining Hall.

### Welcoming The Stranger

Some of us have been here for several days and/or have been here before. Others have just arrived or are here for the first time. Newcomers are invited to add a special “First Time Attenders” sticker to your name badge. There is a committee in charge of making sure these new attenders feel welcomed and don't eat alone. The committee has approximately 230 members (at no cost to the YM). Each member is named “Someone.” If you are someone, you are on the committee. Remember what makes you feel welcome and pass it on.

## BEYOND THE ANNUAL SESSION

### Guatemala Handicrafts FOR SALE IN THE BATH HOUSE

Please come by and lighten/Lighten our load with your purchase of crafts. Most crafts are from Women's Cooperatives. You will be supporting both scholarships for 72 students and women's coops in Guatemala. **We will be packing up at 6:45pm today, so please come before then.**

— *Mil Gracias, Donna Smith, Co-Clerk Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program*

### Friends Peace Teams

If you want to do your bit for peace in the world, think of Friends Peace Teams. Using Alternatives to Violence methods, curing trauma, teaching developmental play to children, building self-ruling communities, FPT helps to bring peace in East Africa, Central America and Asia/West Pacific.

— *Contact Gay Howard, Central Coast Meeting, [ahghoward@gmail.com](mailto:ahghoward@gmail.com), [www.friendspeacetteams.org](http://www.friendspeacetteams.org).*

### Peace & Justice THROUGH LEARNING AND SERVICE

This mission continues to carry the work of the College Park Friends Educational Association, stewarding Sierra Friends Center, Camp Woolman and the newly piloted Woolman Outdoor School. *If you are called to this mission, prospective Board members are invited to contact us:*

[info@woolman.org](mailto:info@woolman.org).

— *Amy Cooke, Director*

### Bay Area AFSC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT

...will be held October 28, 2017, 10AM-5PM at First Unitarian Church, Oakland. Your \$25 donation to attend includes lunch. Free admission for anyone who becomes a monthly donor to AFSC.

*For more information: [SFCentennial@afsc.org](mailto:SFCentennial@afsc.org)  
[www.afsc.org/story/san-francisco-centennial](http://www.afsc.org/story/san-francisco-centennial)*

— *Sonia Tuma*

### Spring Service Learning Camp AT QUAKER OAKS FARM

Spring Camp is a fun and challenging time to look at our place in history and think about how we can heal ourselves and the world. The loving community we create with local Native Americans supports us as we explore new ways of being together: young and older; from different socio-economic classes, cultures, ethnic groups and religions, all working together to find a new way forward that respects all creation and the land we share. **Save the date: March 26-30, 2018.**

— *Sign up on the Quaker Oaks Farm contact sheet in the Bath House or contact Melissa Lovett-Adair or Alyssa Nelson.*



*Zach Moon, Carl Magruder, and Jim Summers just before Zach's plenary. — photo by Jennifer Carr*

### American Friends Service Committee REPORT TO PYM

The AFSC report and links to timely 100th anniversary AFSC videos and articles are now available on the PYM website on the 2017 Annual Session Reports and Minutes page.

### **Interest Group on Social Justice Ministry at Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups**

Have a sense about a need for shared witness and have no idea how to go about it? Join Linnea Hanson (Chico) and David Breitzmann (San Francisco) for an Interest Group at 8 AM on Wed, July 19. The focus is how to care for the ongoing operation of social justice ministry at a Monthly Meeting or Worship Group.

- stewarding social witness under the care of a Monthly committee
- engaging with local institutions (e.g. food banks, prisons, etc)
- budget coordination
- volunteer/operations conflict(s)

### **Right Sharing of World Resources**

If you would like to learn about or discuss how Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) supports women's project in India, Kenya, and Sierra Leone, look for the yellow "sandwich" during lunch today.

— Doug Smith

### **The Afghan Girls School Fundraiser**

is back in the Bay Room. Shawls this year are used donations, with two exceptions. The exceptions are priced. All others are yours for any donation you are led to give. The coin jewelry is back too!

— Sue & Peggy (AGS Committee)

### **March for Nuclear Abolition & Global Survival**

Commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the place in California where nuclear weapons are designed -- new versions still today. Come to Livermore, about 40 miles from San Francisco. We will assemble on Wednesday, August 9, 8:00 AM, at the corner of Vasco Road and Patterson Pass Road. We'll have a rally -- Daniel Ellsberg, other speakers, music. After that, we will march (less than a mile) to a gate where those who choose will peaceably risk arrest.

More info: Ask Carl Anderson or David Hartsough, or visit [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org)

### **Friends House**

Friends desiring conversation about Friends House are encouraged to talk to Joe Magruder.



*Sarah and Atticus and Bitsy at Turtle Pond. — J. Carr*

### **Book: The Power of Goodness**

Stories from real people which tell of nonviolence, healing and reconciliation, with pictures children drew of their experiences. A \$20 book from [www.CourageousGifts.com](http://www.CourageousGifts.com).

— For more info ask Gay Howard, Central Coast Meeting.

### **Machine King-sized Quilt**

Light-weight bedspread, Fall colors. FREE!

— Betz Miller

### **Have a charity?**

Place Miracle Ad, tell need\$  
Check\$ might come!

### **Western Young Friends NEW YEAR'S GATHERING**

This year the New Year's Gathering will be held at Sierra Friends Center in northern California. The Western Young Friends have set an intention to create intergenerational space as a service to the community. Friends of all ages are encouraged to join us for five days of worship, nature, and community as we ring in the new year together.

More information: <http://www.newyearsgathering.org/>

## MAKING MEMORIES



*Stephen Myers at the children's campfire program.  
— Jennifer Carr*