

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Friday, Eighth Month Seventeenth, 2012

Friday's Schedule

6:00-7:00	Outdoor Worship (Camp Fire)
7:00-8:30	Breakfast
8:00-9:30	Bible Study (Fireside Room) OR
8:00-9:30	AM Worship Sharing
9:45-10:45	Plenary VIII: for business
11:00-12:00	Worship
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Intergenerational Activity (JYM) OR
1:00-1:30	Workshop For Clerks And Conveners (see pg 2) (Bobcat)
1:30-3:00	Intergenerational Activity (Cont) OR
1:30-3:00	Interest Groups (4th session)
3:15-4:45	Transformative Quakers (Tent) OR
3:15-4:45	PM Worship Sharing
5:00-5:30	Free Time OR
5:00-5:30	Open Committees (see pg 4)
5:30- 6:30	Dinner
6:45- 8:15	Family Night (Plenary Tent)
8:30-10:00	Dance

Transformative Quakers concludes today at 3:15-4:45 p.m. in the Plenary tent.

Today: African American Friends as covered by the book *Black Fire: African American Quakers* (by Brian Vura-Weis)

Singing. Each night, 9 pm, Muir. Bring song books and instruments.

Ride Board

Please remember to consult the ride board and offer your empty seats to friends in need of transportation.

Registration hours will be 1 - 1.30 p.m. and 5 to 5:30 p.m. Please come by if you have not checked in yet.

Today's Interest Groups

Envisioning Our Future as A Yearly Meeting: Be Part of PYM's Future in Tent Alcove. Sponsored by M&O, Experimentation and Implementation Subcommittee, Led by Barbara Babin, Bronwen Hillman, Paul Harris, Valerie Nuttman, Marilee Eusebio.

6th World Conference of Friends: Being Salt and Light: Living the Kingdom of God in a Broken World in Fireside. Sponsored by FWCC, Led by Sarah Rose House-Lightner.

Things That Really Work for First Day School in Bobcat. Sponsored by Religious Education for Children Committee, Led by Tom and Sandy Farley.

Affordable Housing and Homelessness in Sequoia Lounge. Sponsored by P&SO, Led by Lucia Van Diepen and Jill Shook.

Sacred Circle Dance in Sequoia Garden. Led by Joan Rawles-Davis.

For all incoming PYM officers, Committee Clerks, and M&O committee members who wish to pick up their SCQM 2012 Directory that PYM provides for them, please contact Don Bean. All others can purchase in the bookstore. Pre-orders that go to each MM or WG in SCQM can also see Don Bean to pick up their order.

Divisiveness and Friends Discussion Group

Time: 8:30 Today. Place: Bobcat

This group aims to be a space to discuss the following queries:

1. Do Friends have any common beliefs and practices which distinguish us from other groups; or are we simply a group that meets under the umbrella of “Quakers” which has little or nothing necessarily in common but our name?
2. How do we communally and theologically resolve conflicting messages and leadings?
3. What advantages and disadvantages come from a divided community?

This discussion is open to all age groups (though it may be over the heads of our youngest community members) and to all viewpoints. That said, Friends should come prepared to be active participants and that contrary views may be expressed. Contact Bryan Runyan with questions.

Friendly Mao Card Game playing in Buckeye tonight 8:30 -9:30 for the avid player. All ages welcomed!

EarthLight Bookstore. Today is the last day the EarthLight Bookstore will be open and our hours are only from 1 to 3 PM. Friends who have left books on consignment can pick up your unsold inventory before 5 PM.

The Children’s Program needs people to volunteer who are comfortable working one-on-one with a special-needs child. Rich rewards guaranteed. Please see Rhea Farley for times needed.

2013 FGC Gathering in Colorado!

Join 1200 Quakers at the FGC Gathering, June 30 – July 6, in Greeley, CO. Adults choose

from a wide variety of week-long morning workshops. Afternoons are a potpourri of options. Evenings feature inspirational plenaries. Great programs for children, teens and young adults. Scholarships and work grants are available, especially for those who register early. Speak to Traci Hjelt Sullivan to add your name to the email list or visit the display in Maple. Or learn more at www.FGCgathering.org

Seeking Workshop proposals for 2013 FGC Gathering. Are you a possible workshop leader, or do you know a potential leader? Proposal deadline is September 30. Workshops meet for five mornings in a row. A great opportunity to share your gifts and passion with Friends from throughout the US and Canada. See more information and proposal form at www.FGCgathering.org or contact Workshop Clerk Margaret Sorrel (Strawberry Creek) margaretsorrel@gmail.com

Friendly Alphabet Soup. Starting during today’s 5 PM Free Time, and continuing into dinner, representatives to the wider alphabet of Friends (FGC, FUM, EFCSW, etc) are invited to share their experiences and talk about ways of supporting each other. Back of the Dining Hall to the right of the main entry doors.

Senate Bill 9 took a major step forward in the legislature. It just passed the state Assembly 41-34! After six years of hard work by many organizations and dedicated activists like you, we are closer than ever to reforming “life without the possibility of parole” sentences for juveniles. What's next? The bill - which passed the state Senate in June 2011 - goes back to the Senate to get agreement on new amendments made in the Assembly since the Senate's vote. Then it's on to the governor! We will need your help again - stay tuned and we'll let you know when to take action to let Gov. Brown know you want him to sign SB 9.

Workshop For Clerks And Conveners.

Nominating and Finance Committees will present a brief workshop for all incoming and

continuing clerks of committees and conveners of delegations: 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Friday, in Bobcat. Important information for the functioning of committees and delegations.

“Quakers in the Life”, a weeklong Quaker Center program facilitated by Jim Anderson from Sept. 23-29, will feature presentations by Stephen Matchett, Eric Moon, Rachel Findlay, Diego Navarro, Kathy Hyzy & Paul Harris. We hope to create something together that participants can take back to share with their home meetings.

The DRAFT 2012 Annual Session Attenders List is taped to tables in rear of Plenary Tent. Please stop by TODAY and review your data and make corrections as needed if you have not done so already. JYMers are especially asked to do so, to make sure you don't get misidentified with your parents email or cell phone number, if that's not your wish. Cross out any details you do not wish published. We will have the final version printed and available for pick-up on Saturday, and password-protected PDF version will be placed on PYM website. Secretariat

Flyers for Quaker Center programs are available in the display area in Maple. Please take one back to your meeting and encourage someone to come to each one.

Friends are invited to sign up for PYM Family Night, on the list posted on the front window of the dining hall. Group acts and those focusing on Quaker themes are encouraged. Time limit is 3 min. max. Signing up does not guarantee your spot. Please see Sarah Rose House-Lightner to confirm at breakfast or lunch today.

Hannah Lewbel of San Jose Friends Meeting is looking for a Quaker artist partner for making children's books. Would interested Quakers please contact her either here at PYM or by phone/e-mail: 408-306-1601 or Quakers@sappirus.com. Thank you!

Crafts for sale in Maple to benefit Friends work. However, the times are limited because of Worship Sharing and Interest Groups in the room. Stop by during lunch 12:00 to 1:30 and after 5 PM. All crafts have self-service cash/check cans and Friends House Moscow also takes IOUs – see forms near can.

FCLCA Fun-raiser September 15

Come one, come all to a FunRaiser for Friends Committee on Legislation of California, on the occasion of Ernest “Bick” Bicknell's 100 birthday party. Bick had been planning to celebrate by raising funds for his favorite Friends' organization, as he had on his 90th birthday. Now this event will happen in his memory.

When: Saturday, September 15, 2 to 5 pm

Where: Berkeley Friends Church, 1600 Sacramento Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

What: Update on FCLCA work by Jim Lindburg, Legislative Director. Shared reminiscence of Bick by friends and family. Buffet, lots of food and drink – birthday cake, socializing. Entertainment by folksinger Kitty Von Braskat-Crowe. Bulgarian folk-dancing, led by Biliana Stremaska

Friends in the Cloud Copies of the Quarterly Meeting Directories – for College Park QM and Southern California QM – are available for free upon request to Eric Moon (College Park – ericmoon@juno.com) or Laura Gray (Southern California – QuakerBook@gmail.com).

Equipping the Saints, for Prop 34

Friends who enjoyed the Wednesday interest group with Ana Zamora of the Yes on 34 Campaign – abolishing California's death penalty – were wondering where to acquire gear – buttons, T-shirts, yard signs – for their electioneering work. Go to www.yeson34.org website, click “Store” tab in upper right corner.

Worship-sharing evaluation forms will be distributed to the location where each group is presumed to be meeting. If you do not find them there, some will be available at the back of the tent, next to the box for completed forms.

A Leading: Please help us achieve it.

Support United Nations Day of Peace.
September 23, 2012

Meet at your meetinghouse, visibly outside your meetinghouse, and stand in silence for 30 to 60 minutes before worship.

Supportive signs could be:
Mediate/Arbitrate Disputes
Communicate Regularly
Resolve Differences
Remove Obstacles

Listen and Communicate with Compassion
Peace works
Support Peace

I will be communicating with your Peace and Social Order committees. You can help by giving your meeting's Peace and Social Order Committee early notice. September is next month. It can be a splendid event to know we are in Unity September 23rd, standing in silence with our 37 meetings together before Meeting for Worship, supporting this Day of Peace.

Thank you. Dawn Moore
San Francisco Friends Meeting
(415) 826-0877 Please leave a message.

**Today's Open Committees
5-5:30 PM**

PS&O – Fireside
Religious Education for Children – Bobcat
Children's Program – Cypress
JYM – Eucalyptus

Lost

Friends, I attended PYM from Monday through Wednesday and had a wonderful experience with you. However, I discovered on our drive home that my coin purse containing cash was missing. It's dark green, about 3"X 4" in size, with a snap closure.

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for John Calvi

TOUCH

I have never found,
in time or land –
Lessons so mete –
as brought by
touch of hand.

Susan Anderson
La Jolla Meeting, 1966