

# The Daily Miracle

WELCOME TO: Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Friday July 13, 2018**

## Friday Happenings

### Schedule

2:00 pm	Registration Opens ( <i>Plenary Tent</i> )
3:15–4:00	Children’s Program Parents Meeting ( <i>TBD</i> )
4:00–4:45	JYM (teens) Parents Meeting ( <i>Buckeye</i> )
4:45–5:30	Monthly Meeting Reps Meeting ( <i>Fireside</i> )
5:30–6:30	Dinner ( <i>Dining Hall</i> )
6:45–8:15	Opening Plenary - Welcome ( <i>Plenary Tent</i> )
8:30–10:00	Affinity Groups, Orientation & Social Time

### Opening Plenary

The opening plenary is a joyful kickoff for our time together, and not to be missed. The Clerk and others will share the vision for the gathering. Roll call of Meetings and Worship Groups is always a wonderful (re-)affirmation of our connection. And of course important (often late-breaking) announcements will prepare us for the program ahead.

### Orientation and Social Time after Plenary

No formal activities are planned for this time. Friends are encouraged to catch up with familiar faces and start to get to know new f/Friends at Annual Session. All are encouraged to (re-)familiarize themselves with the general layout of Walker Creek Ranch and explore the resources available at the Information Tent.

### Carson Lounge

Stop by Carson Lounge after Opening Plenary Friday night (or any night) for conversation, maybe play a card game, or get started on a

jigsaw puzzle. You will also find Quiet Room materials here, which include State of the Meeting reports and inspirational texts.

Questions? Ask Sarah or Bronwen, Arrangements Clerks

### Affinity Groups

There is a long tradition in Pacific Yearly Meeting of convening affinity groups around a common concern or a common identity. These groups create safe spaces for sharing. Affinity groups have included 12-Step, Friends of Color, Friends of European Descent, among others.

Some affinity groups may meet already on Friday night, so watch for announcements.

If you are convening an affinity group, sign up for a space on the room charts outside the dining hall.

### Volunteering at Annual Session

A great way to meet people and help out at the same time is to volunteer for a task. Stop by the information tent to find out where you can help out today and every day during Annual Session. We have something for everyone!

## General Announcements

### Information Tent

The information tent is set up on the patio outside the dining hall. Here you will find answers for many of your questions about where to find things, what’s going on, different activities during Annual Session ... and, of course, a friendly smile.

### Arrangements Team

Your Arrangements Clerks are Sarah Tyrrell and Bronwen Hillman this year. We are responsible for the support services Annual Session needs to run smoothly. We look after the meeting spaces, the golf cart, logistics, and much more. Please

talk with us before talking with Walker Creek staff about any maintenance or similar issues that may arise.

The information tent is our center of operations. Today, Friday, you can find us at either the information tent or the big tent ... or flag down the golf cart as we move around campus setting up spaces.

### **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

### **Maintenance Issues**

During the day - come to the information tent or find Sarah or Bronwen

After 8:00 pm - find Bronwen in Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

### **Display Space**

Did you bring a display, print information or other items to share about an organization?

Please select your own space on the tables that are set up in the Bath House entry rooms.

Questions? Ask for Sarah or Bronwen at the information tent.

### **Dietary Needs**

Walker Creek will post food information on a board in the dining hall. Vegetarian, vegan and other special diet meals are served separately from the main buffet line. Jan Turner will be available outside the dining hall at dinner tonight and breakfast tomorrow to answer questions about the food served at Walker Creek. If you

don't know Jan, ask at the information tent and we'll point her out to you.

### **Hearing Enhancement**

If you find it difficult to hear during plenary sessions or Meeting for Worship in the big tent, there are some headsets available beside the stage, and the sound system can support up to 4 Bluetooth devices.

Questions? See Gary Wolff at the sound table in the big tent.

### **Golf Cart**

Would you like some assistance moving luggage from a vehicle to your lodging? Would you like to see the Walker Creek campus without having to walk a long way? Look for Sarah or Bronwen in the big tent or come to the information tent to arrange for a ride.

Look for an announcement in tomorrow's Daily Miracle about using the golf cart during the week.

### **Message Board No More**

The traditional outdoor message board for communicating during annual session will *not* be used this year. Instead, use WiFi.

### **WiFi**

The Walker Creek public WiFi network is TBD. We hear it is more powerful than last year.

### **Online Information**

Speaking of WiFi, most of the documents and information you have on paper can also be found electronically on the PYM 2018 Annual Session webpage:

<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2018-annual-session-info-reports-minutes/>

### **Secretariat**

The Secretariat is located in Jack Rabbit. You can come here to find office supplies in a pinch, or to use the printer/scanner/copier for PYM-

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related jobs, or to make in-person submissions for the Daily Miracle. But it's also the workplace for assembling the Daily Miracle, not a general hangout unless you are a volunteer helper.

### Submitting to the Daily Miracle

The Daily Miracle doesn't just "miraculously" appear each morning, though you may think it does. It's actually put together in the Secretariat by a busy crew of volunteers who receive submissions, interpret them, sometimes check back with the author, then organize, layout and format the Miracle, proof-read it, post it on the web, print hard copy in two formats, and finally deliver it to the dining hall.

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.

### Bookstore & Guatemala Craft Sales

The Earthlight Bookstore and Guatemala Craft Sales are setting up in Maple room. Stop by during the week to peruse and purchase.

### Morning Worship

A small group of Friends will meet in the big tent each morning from 7:30 until 8:00 for worship. We'll be joining Friends elsewhere via Quaker Center's online meeting for worship.

### Early Quaker Writings

Early Quaker Writings this year will be reading and discussing selected works from William Penn. Saturday morning's reading begins with this famous quote: "That which the people called *Quakers* lay down as a main fundamental in religion is this— *That God, through Christ, hath placed a principle in every man, to inform him of his duty, and to enable him to do it; and that those that live up to this principle are the people*

*of God, and those that live in disobedience to it, are not God's people, whatever name they may bear, or profession they may make of religion.* This is their ancient, first, and standing testimony: with this they began, and this they bore, and do bear to the world."

### Bible Study

Bible Study sessions (1:30-2:55 all four days) are "Come As You Are" -- bring yourself, a Bible if you've got one, and your radical vulnerability -- or whatever else it may be that the Bible arouses in you, be it reverence, doubt, affection, suspicion, pleasure or fear, as long as you also bring your open mind and spirit. There might be a some context-setting the first day about the place of the Bible in Quaker faith, experience and practice, however mostly we'll be reading selected passages together, with ample opportunity for sharing in small groups in a variety of formats.

Location unknown as of this writing; ask at Registration. Thanks, and see you there -- Stephen Matchett, San Francisco MM.

## Miscellaneous

There once were some Quakers at Walker  
Who tapped into their innermost gawker:  
When scanning the sky  
Where the raptors soared high,  
They experienced the joys of the hawk.

The wildlife, legion at Walker,  
Will vanish if you are a talker,  
But a Quaker in silence  
Will threaten no violence,  
So the fauna may see you're no stalker.

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## Blessed Community

PYM Annual Session intends to be a blessed community where all feel welcomed and affirmed. Yet, we can easily hurt people in the first encounters of meeting them. Consider these queries and advices so that we can all work toward building a community of justice and inclusivity. Let our good intentions to speak and behave lovingly with one another be balanced with our willingness to hear if our words and actions have caused harm. Let us be open to learning about our differences. Let us be slow to defend our good intentions and slow to impose our unspoken invisible norms on those around us, when we hear someone is hurt, angered, or upset by our words or deeds.

Be gently welcoming in your words and actions. Not everyone at Annual Session welcomes physical contact—ask before hugging or touching. Let us be more explicit about the breadth and depth of the Beloved Community that is brought together at Annual session, including experiences across race, class, ability, gender, sexual orientation, and other identities. Let's honor each other by engaging fully, by listening openly, and approaching one another without preconceptions. Questions about gender identity, unasked—for advice about parenting and other choices, questions about a disability, requesting forgiveness for your family's racial prejudice: these can create an unwelcoming environment. Don't assume anything about a person's racial identity, country of origin, sexual orientation or gender, or how long they've been Quaker. Do ask, once you have gotten to know someone and if you are genuinely interested. Let's celebrate what connects us as Quakers. Smile as you pass people along the walk ways.

As an initial conversation with strangers, here are some suggestions for getting-to-know-you questions:

- What Interest Groups are you going to?

- Tell me about where you live and your meeting.
- When did you first know that the Quaker way was right for you?
- What do you like to do for fun?

*--from the co-facilitators of the FGC Gathering for Fellowship for European Americans Addressing Racism, with modifications by the Assistant to the Clerk of PYM*

## Meeting For Memorials List 2018 – A Request

*Please review the following list of names to be remembered Sunday at Meeting For Memorials and see or email Valerie Nuttman ([vnuttman@gmail.com](mailto:vnuttman@gmail.com)) by Saturday at 6pm with any additions or corrections.*

Nancy Brock Beck (Redwood Forest)  
 Harriet Blume (Inland Valley)  
 Phoebe Calma (Palo Alto)  
 John Dackawich (Visalia)  
 Shirley Jean Dackawich (Visalia)  
 Mary Davenport (Redwood Forest)  
 James Ellis (Orange County)  
 Micki Graham (Strawberry Creek)  
 Barbara Graves (Strawberry Creek)  
 Neil Hendricks (Reno)  
 Charles "Chuck" Hubbell (Claremont)  
 Bill Lovett (Visalia)  
 Josie Angeline Malcolm (Central Coast)  
 Dona Maree' (Davis)  
 Jim Myers (Inland Valley/Las Vegas Worship Group)  
 Grace Noda (Davis)  
 Meg Palley (Grass Valley)  
 Leslie Preston (Berkeley)  
 Dewey Val Schorre (Ojai)  
 Jim Shuman (Santa Monica)  
 William (Bill) Spencer (Humboldt)  
 Sharon Stewart (Grass Valley)  
 Benj Thomas (Redwood Forest)

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