

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Tuesday's Schedule

6:30-8:00 Bible study; Transformative Quakers;
outdoor worship

8:15-9:00 Breakfast

9:15-10:00 Worship

10:15-11:30 Plenary II

11:45-12:15 Intergenerational activity

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:45-3:00 Plenary III

3:15-4:30 Worship sharing

4:30-5:00 Free time; open Committee meetings

5:00-6:00 Dinner

6:30-8:00 Interest groups, see below

8:30-10:00 12-step group; affinity groups

Tuesday Interest Groups, 6:30-8:00 pm

“PYM in the Cloud,” led by Don Bean, sponsored by Electronic Communication Subcommittee of M&O, in Willow Room (across from registration table)

“Common Ground: Where Do Quakers and Congress Find It?”, led by Diane Randall of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), in Plenary room

“Prison Ministry,” led by Lucia van Diepen, sponsored by Peace & Social Order Committee, in Dining Auxiliary room

“Visioning our Intergeneration Community, Continued,” led by Mary Klein, sponsored by Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee, in Seminar

Transformative Quakers – Meet them this week! 6:30 each morning, in Plenary room

Weds: Poetry and Life of John Greenleaf Whittier, led by Brian Vura-Weis and Anthony Manousos

Thursday: James Nayler and Times of Early Friends, led by David Barrows

Friday: Anna and Howard Brinton, Their Impact on Modern Friends, led by Anthony Manousos

Earthlight is a 501c(3) organization founded by Friends to do outreach on environmental issues. Three members of its Board – Eric Sabelman, Tom Farley, and Sandy Farley – are here this week, operating a bookstore for us.

They are also available to bring a focused part of the bookstore to your Meeting, conference, retreat, or other special event. Invite them !

Earthlight has a pretty full stock of Quaker materials, plus other religious books – including books for adults and children relating to most of our testimonies. You’ll find novels and picture books and a lot in between, with an interest in parenting, storytelling, and our relationship with each other and the natural world.

This week, if you can volunteer to cashier, you’ll free up staff to help people make selections. Bookstore is open at non-plenary times, from 11:45 am to 9 pm. Friday they will close at 5 pm.

Santa Monica Meeting is now searching for a new Friend-in-Residence. with the term of service to

begin September 15, or sooner. Their Friend-in-Residence prepares the Meetinghouse for worship, works to insure that the facility is tidy, fully functioning, and welcoming, and serves as liaison with neighbors and rental groups – and participate in the life of Santa Monica Meeting.

As compensation for 10-15 hours a week in these tasks, a single apartment is provided, with utilities (except phone).

Please contact Curtis Raynor at (310) 954-7783, or at curtisraynor@yahoo.com
Or talk to him here at Yearly Meeting this week...

AFFINITY GROUPS

Spiritual Diversity in our Monthly Meetings: a get together for folks interested in exploring our personal spiritual experiences and how they contribute to and are strengthened by our Monthly Meetings. 8:30 pm today and again Wednesday evening, in Seminar House.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: The Earthcare Affinity Group meets at 8:30 pm in the small dining room to the left of the tea station in the Community Building (where we have meals).

Anyone interested in choral singing this week – perhaps rehearsing a number for talent night – please talk to Miriam Berg, of Berkeley Meeting. Miriam also offers to provide piano accompaniment for hymn-singing, 6 to 6:30 pm, at the piano in the dining hall.

Can you read this? In past years, Secretariat has printed as many as 30 copies a day of the *Daily Miracle* in a **LARGE** font. Do you need one?

If so, please speak to Eric Moon, who will not only print it **BIG** but will hand-deliver it to you...at breakfast...how's that for service?

Dear Friends,

I want you all to know some recent news, which would be exhausting to bring up over and over in conversations. On July 10, I was diagnosed with breast cancer: Stage I lobular carcinoma, in the back of my left breast. It was caught early and is very treatable.

So far, I've had a mammogram, a core biopsy, and an MRI. All of them suggest that the cancer is small, and has not spread to my blood or lymph nodes. The next step is a lumpectomy, tentatively scheduled for August 15. That will probably be followed by seven weeks of radiation starting in September, and five years of hormone-blocking pills.

I may or may not want to talk about this much in the next few days. The open-ended question "How are you?" tends to throw me into discernment about how authentic I'm ready to be in that moment. But feel free to ask me for the link to a blog where I will post updates, which I prefer to give out individually.

Please hold me in the Light, hug me, sing and dance with me, share something of your own joys and lives with me, while we're here.

Thank you,


Acronyms at PYM (Pacific Yearly Meeting)

AFSC American Friends Service Committee
EFI Evangelical Friends International
FCNL Friends Committee on National Legislation
FCLCA Friends Committee on Legislation of California
FGC Friends General Conference
FLGBTQC Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns
FUM Friends United Meeting
FWCC Friends World Committee for Consultation
QUONO Quaker United Nations Offices
RSWR Right Sharing of World Resources

CPQM College Park Quarterly Meeting
FAP Friendly Adult Presence
JYM Junior Yearly Meeting
M&O Ministry and Oversight
PFOS Pacific Friends Outreach Society
RGAM Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico
SCQM Southern California Quarterly Meeting
YAF Young Adult Friends
YPC Youth Program Coordinator