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PALO ALTO FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Advices and Queries for Seventh Month: REACHING OUT

Friends fellowship begins and is nurtured within the home and Meeting. It reaches greater fulfillment as we carry our beliefs into the wider community.

Share your Quaker faith. Take time to learn about other people's experiences of the Light and, as you learn, give freely from what you have gained. Respect the experiences and opinions of others, but do not be afraid to say what you value. Welcome the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in your Monthly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting, and the world community of Friends. Encourage discourse with Friends of pastoral and programmed traditions, and with members of other faiths.

Friends have a long history of involvement in public and private education, sharing our values with the world and nurturing future generations. Be mindful of the needs of children in your community and of avenues for deepening understanding between peoples.

How does my life reflect Friends beliefs and thus encourage others to be interested in the Religious Society of Friends?

Do I respond openly to inquiries about Quaker experience and belief?

What does our Meeting do to make others aware of Friends principles and practices?

What are we doing to help people of various races, cultures, and backgrounds feel at home among us and we among them?

How do we encourage newcomers to return and participate in activities of the Meeting?

In what ways do we participate in the life of the interfaith community and in the wider fellowship of Friends?

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 9:00 to 10:00 am Adult Education, New Meeting House (NMH), 1st & 3rd First Days & on 4th & 5th First Days by arrangement.
- 10:00 to 10:25 Hymn Singing at NMH.
- 10:30 to 11:30 Meeting for Worship at New Meeting House.**
- 10:30 to 11:15 First Day School for children in Old Meeting House (OMH – n.b., also now known as the “School House”).
- 11:15 to 11:30 Children join adults for Meeting for Worship in NMH
- 11:30 to 11:45 Introductions and announcements

MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS is held on the second First Day of the month, following light refreshments after Meeting for Worship. The next Business Meeting is on July 8, 2012.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (in NMH): Meeting for Worship – each First Day at 10:30 AM.
Mid-Week Evening Worship – each Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
Mindfulness Meditation – each Thursday at 7:15 AM

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JUNE

- 24 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 24 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch this month – (see note below).
- 26 Tues 7:00 pm Caregivers Group meeting – Schoolhouse (see note below).
- 27 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 28 Thurs 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

JULY

- 1 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH.
- 1 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 1 Sun 12:15 pm Adult Ed. Series on “To Be Broken and Tender” – NMH (see note below).

- 4 **Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
 5 Thurs 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 8 **Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
 8 Sun noon Light lunch provided prior to Meeting for Business - OMH.
 8 **Sun 12:15 pm Meeting for Business – NMH (see note above).**
 11 **Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
 12 Thurs 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 15 **Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
 15 Sun 11:45 am Collection for Ecumenical Hunger by Community Service Committee – NMH (see note below).
 15 Sun [Deadline for submittal of Newsletter articles - if email send to moriii@yahoo.com.]
 18 **Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
 19 Thurs 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 19 Thurs 7:00 pm Care and Concerns Committee Meeting – Library (see note below).
 22 **Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
 22 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch this month – (see note below).
 24 Tues 7:00 pm Caregivers Group meeting – Schoolhouse (see note below).
 25 **Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
 26 Thurs 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 28 Sat 9 am -1 pm Buildings and Grounds Workday.
 29 **Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS

*** STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: Stanford students interested in on-campus Quaker activities should contact Daniel Steinbock <daniel@steinbock.org>. Meetings are held in the CIRCLE sanctuary on the 3rd floor of Old Union. Contact Daniel for current schedule. The group has shelf space in the CIRCLE Library and we would love to add your favorite Quaker book to the shelf. Books we have already received: <http://bit.ly/qbooklist>.

*** ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION: **Reading and Discussion** led by Henry Jason each 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday at 9 am – NMH. We are reading and discussing a 1648 book written by Robert Wilkinson entitled The Saint's Travel to the Land of Canaan: Wherein are Discovered Seventeen False Rests Short of the Spiritual Coming of Christ in the Saints: Together with a Brief Discovery of What the Spiritual Coming of Christ is, Who is the Alone Rest and Centre of Spirits. All are welcome No preparation is necessary. A pdf of the work is available; please inquire if interested in acquiring a copy. Contact Henry Jason.

Series on "To be Broken and Tender": The series will be held 12:15- 1:45 (though you can leave early if you need to) on the first First Day of each month. There will be three more sessions: Jul. 1, Aug. 5, Sep. 2. Reading will be Margery Post Abbott's book, To Be Broken and Tender: A Quaker Theology for Today, available in the office for \$20 (ask Diane Pasta or Tom Farley). If you want the book, but cannot afford it, talk to Diane or inquire at Care and Concerns for a subsidy.

*** COLLECTION FOR ECUMENICAL HUNGER PROGRAM (EHP): Community Service Committee the EHP after the rise of Meeting each *third* First Day – at the front door. EHP is a vital part of the local safety net providing emergency food, clothing, case management, household essentials, and resource referrals to families in need in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto. Second Harvest brings a truckload of fresh produce 12 times a year, on the first Tuesday. . Meeting collected \$209 in contributions for EHP in June and \$98 in a June make-up collection for May.

*** HOMELESS MEALS - OPPORTUNITY FOR COMM-UNITY SERVICE: We help prepare the food and serve it to the Homeless at the First Methodist Church in Palo Alto as part of the Urban Ministry meal program. Scheduled dates for 2012 are 7/23, 8/27, (none for Sept.), 10/1, 11/5, 12/10. Contact Marie Simirenko for more info - 650-961-1724.

*** THURSDAY MORNING MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: Thursday morning meditation - newcomers welcome. Doors open at 7:30 am with quiet music. At 7:30 am, we have a short Buddhist guidance, and a half-hour meditation. Afterwards, we discuss how the meditation was for us, finishing at 8:15 or 8:30. We are following the teachings of the Vietnamese Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, similar to Quaker philosophy but with additional insights. We discuss meditation technique, which is also helpful to people on Sunday!

*** FOURTH FIRST-DAY PROVIDED LUNCH: PAFM provides a lunch on **fourth** First Day. This allows Friends an opportunity to get to know each other better. Friends, attenders, visitors, and newcomers are all welcome.

A special table is set aside for newcomers to meet with Friends and find out more about Quakerism and about our Meeting, its members & activities, as well as an opportunity for us to know you better. A member of Care & Concerns will be at the table. All newcomers are welcome - as are any Friends who might be inclined to join the gathering. The term "newcomers" includes those who have recently begun attending, as well as those who feel "new" to the Meeting, regardless of how long they have been attending.

*** WORSHIP SHARING FOR CAREGIVERS: This is a group sponsored by Care and Concerns and open to anyone caring for a loved one of any age – infant to adult – who would like to explore how our Quaker beliefs and experiences can be a part of this loving undertaking. The group has changed its meeting time back to fourth Tuesdays. The group meets in the Schoolhouse. Contact Arden Pierce at 650-494-1631 or ardenhram@aol.com or Mary Lou Moses at 650-424-4342 for info. All are welcome.

*** SUPPORT & CONCERNS: If you have wondered what Friends do when we are in distress or need help, given that we do not have a minister - the answer is that we turn to members of the Care and Concerns committee. Be advised that the greeters you see each First Day are on the Care and Concerns Committee. Please feel free to talk to a member of Care and Concerns about such concerns after meeting, by phone, or email. You may also join us to express concerns during the first segment of our usual meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Meetinghouse Library. Please contact the clerk Judith Bush (650-962-1318, judith@grey-cat.com) to confirm that there are no meeting changes and ensure time on the agenda.

*** Friends are reminded that there are those among us who have allergies, often severe. We must avoid certain food products especially in the School House because of the allergies of children attending Friends Nursery School. Some among us are also allergic to artificial fragrances (perfumes, colognes, after-shaves).

NEWS OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING: Annual Session at Walker Creek Ranch begins Monday, 8/13 at 1pm and ends Saturday, 8/18 at 1pm. Early registration ends Sunday, June 25th. To register, go to <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/> then click on registration for all the information relative to the Annual Session. Details of the schedule are being developed at this time. John Calvi will address the session. He is a healer, has done extensive work on torture, founding Quaker Initiative to End Torture (QUIT), and works from a position of humility, that is, he accepts whatever remuneration a group can provide. His writings include a pamphlet, *The Dance Between Hope and Fear*, an address that he gave to Southeastern Yearly Meeting in 1992. It is also called the Annual Walton Lecture and was reprinted in 2001. He is a member of Putney Monthly Meeting in Vermont and lives with his partner of many years, Marshall Brewer. For more information about Calvi's ministry, see his website: <http://www.johncalvi.com>

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - WORKDAY REPORT FOR 6/2/12: Work we got done includes: weeding along fence, lots of watering, roof eaves cleaned out, toilet seat-cover dispenser installed in Women's Room. ATTENDEES: Kate M, Catherine Bock, Richard W., George Heaton, Lynn M. Next workday is SATURDAY, JULY 28 from 9 am to 1 pm. Join us!

JULY 2012 NEWS FROM QUAKER CENTER: IT'S SUMMER CAMP TIME!!! Quaker Center Summer Youth Camps will once again be directed by Stephen Myers but we've made some adjustments to better meet the needs of campers. Please note the **new age ranges** for all the camps and the **new theme of the older teens camp**.

- **July 7th - 15th: Service Camp:** for teens entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grade to serve others while having a good time. We will be of service in the local community and go on hikes in the area, including some of both at Quaker Center. We'll also take field trips to a local Friend's pool and to the beach.

- **July 22nd - 28th: Peace Action Camp:** at La Jolla Friends Meeting for rising 10th- 12th grade teens to explore inward and outward nonviolence, including nonviolent direct action, community service, and outdoor adventure with Jim Summers as a San Diego area resource.

For some intergenerational fun, **Family Work Camp** welcomes **all ages from July 29th - August 5th:** for a joyful week of life in community as we learn, work, eat, worship, play, and take hikes together in the beautiful redwoods, all in exchange for just your labor and the cost of your food.

Or please bring your family and join us for a weekend of building a community of faith, service, and social action during **Seeking Spirit All Together: Intergenerational Faith, Fun, and Fellowship** led by Alyssa Nelson and Nate Secrest from **August 10th - 12th**.

And it's not too early to be thinking about **Clerking Among Friends: A Spiritual Practice in Worship, Service and Leadership** led by Barbara Babin and Shayne Lightener from **Aug. 31 - Sept. 2nd**.

Register early online for all Quaker Center programs at <http://www.quakercenter.org/programs/register/>

Childcare is now being offered by Neil Fullagar (San Francisco Friend) during all Quaker Center programs at no extra charge.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION OF CALIFORNIA (FCLCA) – UPDATE: FCLCA invites all Friends to become contributing members of FCLCA during our Spring Fund Appeal Drive. Friends can join by donating online at www.fclca.org. This year marks 60 years of advocacy by FCLCA in Sacramento. Thanks to all of you who have helped us reach this milestone. At the Capitol, FCLCA and the legislators have been very busy.

- War on Drugs Reform – delayed but not defeated. Senate Bill 1506, by Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), would change the penalty for simple drug possession from a felony to a misdemeanor. The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee but failed on the Senate Floor last week following intensive lobbying by law enforcement. FCLCA is part of a broad and growing coalition that brought attention to this issue and obtained favorable media coverage and editorial support. FCLCA supporters wrote 285 messages to legislators in support of the bill through our Action Network.

- Legislation to improve media access to prisoners passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4-2. Assembly Bill 1270, by Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco) would allow media representatives to request interviews with prisoners. FCLCA is a co-sponsor of the bill and active organizer of support.
- The Senate Public Safety Committee also passed Assembly Bill 1081, the Transparency, Responsibility Using State Tools (TRUST) Act, also by Tom Ammiano. This bill addresses the harmful consequences presented by California's participation in the federal government's "Secure Communities" (S-Comm) program. FCLCA supports this bill and testified in favor of it.
- FCLCA helped to defeat Assembly Bill 2261 by David Valadao (R-Hanford) on June 13 in the Senate. This bill would have raised medical co-pays for local prisoners from \$3 to \$5.

THE PEACE AND JUSTICE CALENDAR: A service of the Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee of Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting, this calendar is posted for easy reference:

<http://groups.google.com/group/bayareaquakers>

Other events calendars of interest are available at:

IndyBay Calendar: <http://www.indybay.org/calendar/>

Global Exchange: <http://www.globalexchange.org>

KPFA: <http://kpfa.org>

Political Events Calendar: <http://www.politicaleventscalendar.org>

Ecoevents: <http://www.ecovegevents.com>

Ecology Center: <http://www.ecologycenter.org>

The Squid List: <http://laughingsquid.com/squidlist/events/>

NEW ITEM: The Mt. Diablo Peace Center Calendar can be found at: <http://mtdpc.org/calendar.php?act=calendar>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOOLMAN:

Sierra Friends Camp—Session 1: July 1-13th;

Session 2: July 15 - 27th; Session 3: July 29 - Aug 4

Teen Leadership Camp—First Session: July 1-15th;

Session 2: July 21-Aug 4

CHILDCARE DURING MEETING FOR BUSINESS: During monthly Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, childcare will be provided for all age children from 12:15 to 1:45 pm in the School House. The regular staff for the preschool program, Jadranka Tanovic and Sangeta Tamang, provide the childcare. Advance sign-up is not required, but children should be in the program by 12:30. (If no children show up, the staff will leave at 12:45.)

RIDES TO/FROM MEETING: Care and Concerns Committee keeps a list of people seeking rides and a list of people who are willing to offer rides to and/or from Meeting on either a regular or occasional basis. Contact anyone on the committee if you or someone you would like to be on either list.

THE PENINSULA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER: The Center's Calendar is at: <http://www.peaceandjustice.org>

HELP CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEES WHILE YOU HELP YOURSELF: Reliable, hard-working men and women need jobs while they rebuild their lives. SBSC Job Hotline: (650) 494-8340.

To Submit Newsletter Items: See the Schedule on page 2 for the deadline for the next issue. You may *e-mail* Newsletter submissions to newsletter@pafm.org or moriii@yahoo.com If you wish to receive the newsletter by email - or wish to discontinue - please visit <http://lists.pafm.org/listinfo.cgi/newsletter-pafm.org>. [Ed.'s note: If you sign up to receive the Newsletter by email, make sure to put the following address in your email address book: moriii@yahoo.com. The NL is sent out from that address. Some email "Spam" filters may reject such a message if the sender address is unknown.]

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WESTERN FRIEND FUND RAISING DINNER

Le Quatorze Juillet dans le Jardin

Qua? [what?] Enjoy French Cuisine, and drink a toast to Liberté, Égalité, et Fraternité.

Où ça? [where?] in Himmelgarten [1301 Himmel Avenue, Redwood City]

Quand? [when?] Saturday, July 14, 2012

Qu'est-ce qu'on apport? [What to bring?] A donation to Western Friend in the amount you might occasionally spend on dinner out.

Your "chef" will be Sandy Farley and your "maître de table" will be Tom Farley.

RSVP [Répondez s'il vous plaît] because seating in the patio is limited to about 10 people.

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