

PALO ALTO FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Advices and Queries for Sixth Month: Social and Civic Responsibility

In the words of William Penn, "True godliness doesn't draw men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavors to mend it." Elsewhere he commented: "It is a reproach to religion and government to suffer so much poverty and excess."

Poverty within a wealthy society is unjust, cruel, and often linked to skin color, gender, and language. We must examine our own privilege and role in the economic order that deepens this disparity. Friends should be alert to oppression and injustice, and persistent in working against them.

We value our part in shaping the laws of our country. Our task is to see that laws serve God's purposes and build a just social order. Our first allegiance should be to God, and if this conflicts with any compulsion of the state, we serve our country best by remaining true to our higher loyalty.

If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law that is contrary to God's law, we must proceed with care. Before acting, Friends should pray for further guidance and speak with the Meeting, family members, and all those who might be affected by the decision. If a decision involves disobedience to the law, we should make the grounds of our action clear to all concerned and be prepared to suffer any penalties without evasion. As a community, we must care for those who suffer for conscience's sake.

- *What am I doing to carry my share of responsibility for the government of our community, nation, and world?*

- *Am I persistent in my efforts to promote constructive change?*

- *How do we attend to the suffering of others in our local community, in our state and nation, and in the world community?*

- *Do we try to understand the causes of suffering, and do we address them as a Meeting?*

- *How do we, individually and as a Meeting, support the organizations that work to bring the testimonies of Friends into reality in our society?*

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 to 10:00 am	Adult Education, New Meeting House (NMH), 1 st & 3 rd First Days & on 4 th & 5 th 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 June 12, 2011.

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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MAY

22 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.

22 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).

24 Tue 7:00 pm Worship Sharing for Caregivers – NMH (see note below).?

25 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.

26 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

- 29 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 30 Mon 3 - 6:30 pm PAFM / Urban Ministry Meal Preparation – (see note below).

JUN

- 1 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 2 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 5 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH.
 5 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 5 Sun 7:30 pm Music in the Meetinghouse - A concert of "New Wine in Old Bottles" – NMH (see note below).
 8 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 9 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 12 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 12 Sun noon Light lunch provided prior to Meeting for Business - OMH.
 12 Sun 12:15 pm Meeting for Business – NMH (see note above).
 15 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 16 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 19 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH
 19 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 19 Sun 11:45 am Collection for Ecumenical Hunger by Community Service Committee – NMH (see note below).
 19 Sun 12:15 pm Adult Ed. – Series on The Habit of Prayer and Reflection – NMH (see note below).
 19 Sun [Deadline for *submittal of Newsletter articles - if email send to moriii@yahoo.com.*]
 22 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.
 23 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
 23 Thurs 7:00 pm Oversight Committee meeting – Library.
 26 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Quaker Practices & Our Meeting - End of Life Wishes & Planning – NMH (see note below).
 26 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.
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CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS

*** STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: Stanford students interested in on-campus Quaker activities should contact Hannah Popick hannapopick@gmail.com , 650-644-5130. The group has shelf space in the Religious Groups Library of Old Union at Stanford. We would love to add your favorite Quaker book to the shelf. Books we have already received: http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pEJ3Q-pGqgEnf_0LgUUVLGA

*** 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 Francis Howgill's 1658 work "Some of the Mysteries of God's Kingdom Declared". No preparation is necessary. All are welcome. Contact Henry Jason.

Adult Education has two other series right now. The series on The Habit of Prayer and Reflection continues after worship on Third Firstdays. The series on Quaker Practices and our Meeting is on Fourth Firstdays at 9 a.m. If you have ideas or questions on the Reflection series, talk to Claire Arnold; for the Practices series, talk to Diane Pasta.

Quakerism and Community Organizing: June 26th - 9 am. Mary Klein will share with us about her work with Peninsula Interfaith Action. How has community organizing influenced her as a Quaker and how has being a Quaker influenced her as a community organizer? together we will explore how ? I see it as a chance to inform a few more people about your good work, and reflect together on the intersection of community organizing and Quaker based activism.

End-of-life wishes and planning: July 24th - 9:00 am. Adult Ed will host Margery Bridges of Funeral Education Foundation (FEF) to speak about end-of-life planning and options. This is in conjunction with a campaign by Care and Concerns Committee to encourage Meeting members to complete their membership paperwork - the "Final Affairs" form - providing information on end-of-life wishes (A copy of the form can be obtained from any member of the Care and Concerns Committee.). The Funeral Consumers Alliance of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, and its affiliate, the Funeral Education Foundation (FEF), comprise the local chapter of a national nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the right to choose meaningful, dignified, affordable death care.

*** SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP: There is a spiritual formation group that meets on Wednesdays about twice a month. For more information talk to Jerry McBride, Susan Murphy, or Jennifer Summit.

*** 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 provides emergency food, clothing, case management, household essentials, and resource referrals to families in need in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.

*** 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 the balance of 2011 are: 5/30, none in June, 7/4, 8/8, 9/12, 10/17, 11/21, and 12/26. Contact Marie Simirenko for more information - 650-961-1724.

*** THURSDAY MORNING MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: The Thursday morning meditation group meets in the New Meeting House at 7:15 am; practice time goes from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. All are welcome, including those new to meditation or experienced. Linea Stewart and the regular Thursday participants share the facilitation of the meditation group. For more info and a schedule of the practices, you may contact Trudy Reagan after meeting for worship on First days or by email, trudymyrrh@earthlink.net.

*** 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 Oversight 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 Oversight 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. Contact Arden Pierce at 650-494-1631 or ardenhram@aol.com or Mary Lou Moses at 650-424-4342 for info. All are welcome. Arden

*** SUPPORT: 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 Oversight committee. Be advised that the greeters you see each First Day are on the Oversight Committee. Please feel free to talk to a member of Oversight about such concerns...after meeting,...or call or email them.

*** 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

FWCC EVENTS: Next Quaker Youth Pilgrimage planned for 2012: FWCC will soon begin the search for two adult leaders and fourteen young Friends ages 16-18 from the Section of the Americas to participate in the 2012 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. An equal number of leaders and young Friends from the Europe and Middle East Section will join the Section of the Americas Friends for this pilgrimage. Hosted by FWCC's Europe and Middle East Section, this month-long pilgrimage will take place from mid-July through mid-August. Details are still in the planning stage, but you can expect application forms for potential pilgrims and leaders to be available soon from our website. The Pilgrimage is an opportunity to promote loving understanding within the Quaker worldwide family. Please encourage young Friends to consider this life-changing opportunity for spiritual growth. Check <http://fwccamericas.org/events/index.shtml> for application forms and other important information soon.

Sixth World Conference of Friends: The FWCC events website also has information about the Sixth World Conference of Friends on the theme "Being Light and Salt: Friends living the Kingdom of God in a broken world", April 17-25, 2012, Kabarak University, Nakuru, Kenya. Hulda Muaka of our Meeting is one of 4 delegates from Pacific Yearly Meeting.

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: Oversight 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.

NEWS FROM QUAKER CENTER: We invite Friends to join us for our **June 3rd-5th program, Creating the Future of Quaker Center**, when we will look deeply at our mission and discern how best to fulfill it and serve Friends and others.

Ben Lomond Quaker Camp welcomes rising 5th – 7th graders to join to explore Friends testimonies through creative group and individual projects. Activities include: swimming, hiking, campfires, music, story-telling, beach trips, and community service. For more information visit: www.quakercenter.org. Or call directors, **Kathy or Bob Runyan: 831-336-8333**.

Internship Opening in Buildings, Grounds, and Non-Profit Management (*Couples are encouraged to apply and job-share*): Quaker Center offers an extraordinary opportunity to live and work amidst 80 acres of redwood forest while exploring

Quakerism and developing job skills for one year. There are two main areas of work: **Forest, buildings and grounds management** presents opportunities for forest management, wood-splitting, landscape design, gardening, plumbing, electrical and carpentry work under the mentorship of the Maintenance Manager. **Non-profit management** involves interacting with individual constituents by phone, managing booking logistics, preparing for and working with groups on site, as well as future program planning, marketing, and fundraising under the mentorship of the Co-Directors.

Should a couple job-share this internship, there would likely be some overlap and shared work. Compensation includes: relocation allowance, monthly stipend, one-bedroom apartment with full kitchen, education allowance, and 100% coverage of health care costs.

For more information visit: <http://www.quakercenter.org/about-2/internship/> Please send a cover letter, resume and three references with phone numbers to: Quaker Center. Re: Internship P.O. Box 686 Ben Lomond, CA 95005. **Application deadline: May 15, 2011**

AFSC News: San Francisco MM & AFSC working together - New Priorities Campaign. The Monthly Meeting and AFSC are working together on the New Priorities Campaign, which seeks to alter Government policies away from the promotion and support of war to the creation of jobs, health care and other social needs. If you would like to know more, New Priorities has a web site <newprioritiescampaign.org>.

Transforming a naked wall!! If you have visited SF Meeting in recent months you may have noticed one side of the building has a large expanse of blank wall, frequently the target of graffiti. Soon this will be no more. The AFSC Youth in Militarism Program, working with a professional muralist, will be transforming that space into a message of peace and justice. I, for one, will closely 'watch this space'.

Senate Bill 9 (Yee)- Your Support is Needed: AFSC, together with FCL-CAL, is supporting this bill, which will allow juveniles sentenced to Life Without Parole, after serving 10-15 years, to petition for the recall of the LWOP sentence and re-sentencing. It has already passed the Senate Appropriations Committee. Please write to Senator Yee or Senator Kehoe to support the progress of this bill in the next phase.

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

NEIGHBORS EAST AND WEST TRAVEL TO PALESTINE – ISRAEL: 13 - day visit to Palestine and Israel In June, 2011. Participants will gain an informed perspective regarding efforts to establish a just and balanced peaceful settlement in the region. There will be ample time to visit many of the historic and religious sites in this land which is holy to Muslims, Christians and Jews.

This program will involve visits to Bethlehem, Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron and other towns and cities on the West Bank, and Haifa, Jerusalem and Nazareth in Israel. In the course of these visits participants will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of many active organizations, including (among several others) Christian Peacemaker Teams, faculty and students at Bethlehem, the Arab Human Rights Organization the Rapprochement Centre in Bethlehem, and B'tselem (an Israeli Human Rights organization.)

The primary leader and facilitator for this program is Dr. Tony Bing, emeritus professor from Earlham College. Dr. Bing has visited the Holy Land thirty-five times in the past twenty-seven years, often leading groups similar to ours. He has connections in both Palestine and Israel, and will provide participants with a unique perspective.

Also helping with leadership and travel arrangements are Sam and Ruth Neff, who, in the past twenty-six years, have led or facilitated seventeen or more trips to (the former) Soviet Union, Cuba, and Iran. Trip Summary:

- Tentative dates: June 13 – June 26
- Accommodations in three star hotels. Dinner & breakfast provided; overnight home stays in Bethlehem and Bil'in.
- All transportation and English-speaking guides included
- Transfers to and from Tel Aviv Airport
- Cost: \$1400 for 12 days in Palestine and Israel, based on sixteen participants. Airfare to Israel not included.
- For further information contact Sam or Ruth Neff at samn@earlham.edu, or phone (406) 862-1629. Itinerary and application forms will soon be available at <http://neighborseastandwest.org>.

Note: Trip organizers Sam and Ruth Neff have visited our Meeting. They are also seeking donors to support scholarships for young people who can't afford to go.

JUNE 5TH, 7:30PM - MUSIC IN THE MEETINGHOUSE - A CONCERT OF "NEW WINE IN OLD BOTTLES" to benefit FCL-CA - After collaborating in last year's concert for the Friends Committee on Legislation of California in music of the 17th and 18th centuries, violinist Anthony Martin and harpsichordist Jonathan Davis return with Yueh Chou, bassoon, for a program that mixes the Baroque with Early (20th Century) Music. Tickets at the door for a suggested donation of \$25 adult, \$15 age under 18. All proceeds go to support FCL-CA. For information, contact: Eric Sabelman, esabelman@aol.com, 650-322-2455

SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT: invites you to a lively, passionate presentation from our delegation to El Salvador with a focus on Liberation and the Struggle for Human Rights. Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 PM. Program and Salvadoran Pupusa Dinner. First Presbyterian Church. 1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. **Please RSVP to** steering@southbaysanctuary.org. 650-494-8340

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.

Directory Changes

"The Meeting Directory is undergoing its annual update. Please send any changes to Peter Arnold (anglepoise@mac.com). A draft copy of the directory will be available in the library after Meeting for Worship through June 19th - please feel free to write corrections directly on this copy if preferred."

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.]

If you have an e-mail address, please join our Meeting's e-mail discussion list. To subscribe - visit <https://mailman.stanford.edu/mailman/listinfo/pafriends>. To post a message to all on the list, send the message to pafriends@lists.stanford.edu. If you have any questions, contact Jerry McBride jlmbridemail@yahoo.com 964-2869.



Music in the Meetinghouse

A concert of

New Wine in Old Bottles to benefit FCL-CA

7:30pm on Sunday, June 5th
Palo Alto Friends Meetinghouse
957 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto

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*"As the 21st century progresses, even 20th century music gradually becomes early music. We are helping it along by playing it on 18th century instruments! Join us for some *New Wine in Old Bottles.*"*

Tickets at the door for a suggested donation of \$25 adult, \$15 age under 18. All proceeds go to support FCL-CA.

For information, contact: Eric Sabelman, esabelman@aol.com, 650-322-2455

Friendly Eights: Summer Fellowship (without a (*Preset*) Theme)

- This year as an experiment we will offer an abbreviated series of Friendly Eights groups over the summer. We hope this will appeal to a wider circle of people who find a longer commitment difficult.
- Groups of six to nine people will meet in each others homes **three** times over the summer. Commitment is only for the summer. New groups will form once again in the fall.
- Not everyone needs to or will get to **host** in their home. Indicate on sign up form if you prefer to host or are willing to host, or you cannot host.
- Recurrent feedback from past Friendly Eights groups is that scheduling meeting times is the most difficult task groups face. For this summer's experiment we will try **forming groups based on schedule only, rather than by theme**.
- Sign up is by dates, not themes, so by signing up you are committing to attend on the schedule you are assigned. There will be no rescheduling of groups after they are formed. See more details on back side.
- Each group has a **convener** who coordinates venues, sends out reminders, coordinates food offerings to ensure variety, and helps resolve any difficulties the group may have. Indicate on signup form if you are willing to be a convener.
- Groups set their own agenda. Some groups will be more structured than others. However it is recommended that some portion of each evening be organized around deeper personal sharing with the flavor of worship/sharing or Quaker dialogue.
- Having queries to focus the discussion is a good idea. The group as a whole might pick queries, or responsibility might rotate.
- Schedule and signup coupon are on the back side of this page. **Sign up by June 5, 2011.**
- For more info contact: George Mills (GeorgeHMills@sbcglobal.net)

Signup Coupon on back side

Friendly Eights - Schedule Options for Summer 2011

(see other side for general information about this summer's Friendly Eights)

Each group will be scheduled in advance for a **specific night** of the week (or Saturday midday) on a **specific week** of the month (e.g. 2nd Wednesdays, 4th Sundays, 3rd Saturday lunch, etc). Each group will **meet three times** over the summer. Thus **some groups will meet June thru August while others will meet July thru September**.

To sign up, please indicate in the grid below all of the day/week options that would work for you. Groups will be formed based on these preferences. You will be assigned to exactly one of your choices (unless you want to participate in more than one group).

You can prioritize your choices into three groups ("A", "B" and "C") with A being your most preferred. You are encouraged to mark as many A's as you can, followed by as many B's, etc. (Hopefully we won't have to dip into the C's). All A's are assumed equally desirable, and more desirable than B's, etc. *Please do not sign up for any option that you could not attend for at least two out of three months (consider your vacation schedule!). In other words, by marking an option, you are committing to attend on that schedule at least 2/3 if you are assigned to it. There should be no re-scheduling once the groups are formed.*

Sign up as individuals, couples or even families (non-Quaker partners are very welcome). We will form groups based on these preferences. The convenor will then contact members to decide on venue & food arrangements. With just 3 meetings, not everyone can host, so indicate if you can/wish to.

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Friendly Eights Schedule Signup, Summer 2011 Signup Deadline- June 5, 2011

Name(s): _____

Email (or phone if no email): _____

Can you **host** one meeting in your home: ___ Yes, prefer to. ___ Yes, willing to. ___ No

Are you willing to be a **convenor** (see role description, over)? ___ Yes ___ No

Schedule Preferences: Fill each cell with a rank A, B or C or leave blank.

Meetings run June thru August or July thru Sept, as noted

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT lunch	SAT dinner
1st "week" (Jul 1-Sep 7)								
2nd "week" (Jul 8-Sep 15)								
3rd "week" (Jun 15-Aug 21)								
4th "week" (Jun 22-Aug 28)								

Return this slip **by June 5** to George Mills or to the envelope on the bulletin board in the Meeting foyer. Email also works: GeorgeHMills@sbcglobal.net.