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PALO ALTO FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Advices and Queries for Fifth Month: Harmony with Creation

It would go a long way to caution and direct people in their use of the world, that they were better studied and knowing in the Creation of it. For how could [they] find the confidence to abuse it, while they should see the Great Creator stare them in the face, in all and every part thereof? - William Penn, *Some Fruits of Solitude*, 1693

God is revealed in all Creation. We humans belong to the whole interdependent community of life on earth. Rejoice in the beauty, complexity, and mystery of creation, with gratitude to be part of its unfolding. Take time to learn how this community of life is organized and how it interacts. Live according to principles of right relationship and right action within this larger whole.

Be aware of the influence humans have on the health and viability of life on earth. Call attention to what fosters or harms earth's exquisite beauty, balances and interdependencies. Guided by Spirit, work to translate this understanding into ways of living that reflect our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

In what ways do I express gratitude for the wondrous expressions of life on Earth?

Do I consider the damage I might do to the Earth's vulnerable systems in choices I make of what I do, what I buy, and how I spend my time?

In our witness for the global environment, are we careful to consider justice and the well-being of the world's poorest people?

Does our way of life threaten the viability of life on Earth?

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 will be on May 11, 2014.

- 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 Wednesday at 7:30 AM.

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CALENDAR

APR (4TH MONTH)

- 27 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).
- 30 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
- 30 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

MAY (5TH MONTH)

- 4 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below).
- 4 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 7 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

- 7 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 11 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 11 Sun noon Light lunch provided prior to Meeting for Business - OMH.
- 11 Sun 12:15 pm Meeting for Business – NMH (see note above).
- 14 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
- 14 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 15 Thurs 7:00 pm Care and Concerns Committee Meeting – Library (see note below).
- 16-18 Fri - Sun College Park Quarterly Meeting – Ben Lomond Quaker Center (see note below).
- 18 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below).
- 18 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 18 Sun 11:45 am Collection for Ecumenical Hunger by Community Service Committee – NMH (see note below).
- 18 Sun [*Deadline for submittal of Newsletter articles - if email send to moriii@yahoo.com.*]
- 21 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
- 21 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 25 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 27 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).
- 28 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).
- 28 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS

*** 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.

Additional Adult Ed sessions: May 4 following meeting: “A Report on the FCNL Spring Lobby Weekday” with Nathan Walker. In this session, Nathan will talk about his experience at the FCNL Spring Lobby Workshop, which he describes here. Come to hear how young Friends are making their voices heard in Washington.

“Two weeks ago I attended FCNL's Spring Lobby Weekend in Washington DC. After a red eye flight into the capital, I entered FCNL's Sunday workshop of dedicated panelists and learned a great deal about the US's involvement in foreign military affairs. The discussion left little topic undisturbed as we worked our way through the difficult topics of drone strikes, Guantanamo Bay, and government surveillance. The basic premise for the weekend, however, was the lobbying visit the following day. Over 100 young adults, myself included, took to Capital Hill representative offices and spoke with an official about supporting HR 2324, a bill that would repeal the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force Act. The 2001 AUMF gives the president broad powers to target anyone affiliated with the terrorists behind the World Trade Center bombings and allows the president to take any action necessary to prevent another terrorist attack. I had the privilege of speaking with Rep. Anna Eshoo's staffer, who was quite happy to meet with me and hear my concerns. Overall, the trip was an amazing experience and opportunity for me. I highly recommend other young adults interested in national and foreign affairs to attend next year's weekend!”

Save the Dates: “The Explosive Emergence of the Quaker Movement in Revolutionary England, 1640-1660.” Reading and Discussion Series led by Paul Seaver. 3rd Sunday after Meeting, June 15, 12:25 - 2:00 PM. 3 more Sunday evenings : June 22, 29 and July 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

*** 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.

*** VOLUNTEER MEAL PREPARATION FOR HOMELESS - OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE: We help prepare the food and serve it to the Homeless at the First Methodist Church in Palo Alto (corner of Hamilton & Webster) one Monday a month from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. Please contact Marie Simirenko at (650) 961-1724 if you wish to volunteer. Thanks!

*** WEDNESDAY MORNING MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: (formerly on Thursday morning) - 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.

*** 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 Bill Bauriedel (bill.bauriedel@stanfordalumni.org, 650-493-1364,) to confirm that there are no meeting changes and ensure time on the agenda.

*** COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING Spring Quarterly Meeting, May 16-18, 2014, at Ben Lomond Quaker Center Letting the Spirit in, Opening our Hearts, Renewing our Spirits. REGISTER EARLY: Your registration needs to reach registrar Sandy Kewman by Tuesday, May 6. If you don't get registered by May 6, you're still welcome, but we may have to ask you sleep and eat off-site, and to pay a \$20 late fee per family.) No matter how late you decide to attend, please notify registrar before arriving; on that weekend, call (831) 336-9666. Please let us know of any special needs, including financial assistance, before May 6.

WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. MAIL the registration form by Tuesday, May 6, with check to "College Park Quarterly Meeting" or "CPQM," to: CPQM Registrar c/o Sandy Kewman, 12960 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959.

2. E-MAIL: Send the information on registration form to srosekewman@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 6, and bring a check to quarterly meeting. Please include "CPQM" in the subject line.

3. TELEPHONE: Call Sandy Kewman at 530-272-3736 by Tuesday, May 6, with the information from the registration form, and bring a check to quarterly meeting.

CPQM Clerk: Eric Moon (510-604-3162) ericmoon@juno.com

*** 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

MAY 2014 NEWS FROM BEN LOMOND QUAKER CENTER: There are some surprises to be found that could make Friends "radicals" in their meeting. Join us from **May 30th – June 1st for Quakers: Getting Beyond the What to the Why, with Robert Griswold.** Friends can get under the "feel good" level of "Quakerism" if they take a peek into the history, theology and psychology of our faith. What is present or absent in our meetings that keeps us from being a covenant community? Be prepared to look at and question ideas and ideals you have absorbed, and to learn about the process by which beliefs are formed and how they are overcome. Find out more and register online at <http://www.quakercenter.org/getting-beyond-what-to-why/>

Quaker Center Summer Youth Camps will once again be directed by Stephen Myers, with help from Anna Lisa Chacon for Quaker and Service Camps and from Mary Klein and Jim Summers for Peace Action Camp. **For more information visit <http://www.quakercenter.org/summer-youth-camps/> or call Bob or Kathy Runyan at Quaker Center at 831-336-8333 with questions.**

- **June 22nd - 29th: Quaker Camp:** for rising 4th, 5th, or 6th graders to explore Quaker testimonies experientially. Activities include: community building games, swimming, hiking around Quaker Center, campfires, music, community service, and a field trip to the beach.
- **June 22nd - 29th: Service Camp:** for teens entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grade to serve others while building community. We will be of service in Santa Cruz County and go on hikes in the area. We'll also take field trips to a local Friend's pool and to the beach.
- **July 27th – Aug. 2nd: Peace Action Camp:** in Carson City, Nevada at the McCleary Ranch for rising 10th - 12th grade teens to explore Gandhian constructive program, and sustainable, low-impact living as they relate to Friends' testimonies around peace, justice and environmental stewardship with inward and outward nonviolence, community service, and outdoor adventure.

Do you feel like you're missing out on all the fun of summer camp? **All ages are welcome** to our annual **Family Work Camp** from **August 3rd-8th**. Join us for a week of putting our hands and hearts to work on improvements to Quaker Center facilities while building community among us. Please register early for all Quaker Center programs online, <http://www.quakercenter.org/programs/register>.

MAY 2014 NEWS FROM WOOLMAN SEMESTER SCHOOL!

Global Issues Project Presentations: May 9, 2014 - 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Located on the Woolman Campus, 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959. Come hear students present their plans to create positive change in their home communities! From gardens to dance co-ops, student councils to bullying prevention, it's sure to be an evening filled with ideas, inspiration, and encouragement!

Sustainability Projects Tour: May 10, 2014 - 2:00pm - 4:30pm. Located on the Woolman Campus, 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959. Join us for a tour of campus to see and hear about the sustainability projects that students have worked on this semester, from bee keeping to medicinal herbs to public art!

Peace Documentary Screenings: May 10, 2014 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Located at the Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains. UUCM is located at 246 S. Church Street in Grass Valley, at the corner of South Church and Walsh. Please join us for our semesterly screening of Woolman students' Peace Documentaries! Documentary topics this semester include rape culture, graffiti, the positive implications of nudity, and the history of Woolman. Don't miss them!

Baccalaureate Celebration: May 16, 2014 - 7:30pm. **Graduation:** May 17, 2014 - 9:00am Located in the Grass Valley Friends Meeting House on the Woolman Campus.

AFSC APRIL BULLETIN: Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses: American responses to the persecution and murder of European Jews invite reflection on the role of individuals, organizations, and governments in confronting hatred and mass atrocities, then as well as today. **Days of Remembrance :** US Holocaust Center Film Showing followed by discussion. Tuesday April 29th at 7 pm. AFSC, San Francisco Friends Meetinghouse. 65 9th Street, San Francisco (between Mission and Market, two blocks from Civic Center BART/MUNI). Rsvp to SMcneil@afsc.org

Letting Our Lives Speak: What AFSC and Friends Can Learn from Each Other Wednesday, May 7th. 7:00 p.m. at Berkeley Friends Church 1600 Sacramento Street Berkeley, CA 94702. Join us to hear Shan Cretin, General Secretary of the AFSC speak in Berkeley, California. Shan is a sojourning member of Santa Monica Friends Meeting and former clerk of Pacific YM and of Santa Monica Meeting. Prior to becoming AFSC General Secretary in 2010, Shan served as Director of the AFSC's Pacific Southwest Region for seven years, responsible for programs in Southern California, Hawaii, Arizona, and New Mexico. Shan will speak on what the American Friends Service Committee and Quaker Meetings can learn from each other. The announcement may be downloaded at:

oaklandquakers.org/AFSC/Flyers/LettingOurLivesSpeak.pdf

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>

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.

WHAT'S NEW IN EL SALVADOR!: Sunday, April 27, 4 PM, First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. South Bay Sanctuary Covenant presents Highlights of Our Delegation and HUMANE IMMIGRATION REFORM. Dr. Kathleen Coll, Anthropologist at Stanford University. Pupusa and Enchilada Dinner, Salvadoran Crafts, Scarves, Jewelry. Please RSVP to Schaupp@aol.com or (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.

FCL-CANewsletter: Available on-line at: <http://www.flca.org/images/stories/pdfs/fallnewsletter2013.pdf>

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 jlmcbriemail@yahoo.com 964-2869.

Friends are invited to attend the marriage under the care of the Meeting of Jerry McBride and Camilla Lu on Saturday, May 24th at 2:30PM at the Palo Alto Friends Meeting. The wedding will take place in the redwood grove behind the Meeting House.

A reception will follow at the home of Diane Duerr-Levine and Matt Levine. Parking is limited so car-pooling is strongly encouraged.

Palo Alto Friends Meeting
Adult Education Study Series
June 15 - July 6, 2014

The Explosive Emergence of the Quaker Movement in Revolutionary England, 1640-1660

**Reading and Discussion Series
Led by Paul Seaver**

3rd Sunday after Meeting, June 15, 12:25 - 2:00 PM
3 more Sunday evenings June 22, 29 and July 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Lecturing and leading the discussions will be Paul Seaver, Emeritus Professor of History at Stanford. Paul specializes in early modern English history, exactly the period in which Quakerism arose. For that reason, **this study series is rated "Do Not Miss."**

The two decades between 1640 and 1660 witnessed tremendous political and religious upheaval in England. Following civil wars in the 1640's King Charles I was executed and England became first a commonwealth and then a "Parliamentary republic" under Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell. The revolution disintegrated following Cromwell's death in 1658, and the monarchy was restored under King Charles II in 1660.

In the same period the Puritan wing of the Established Church was disintegrating, challenged by Presbyterian, Independent (Congregational) and Baptist movements. By the late 1640's and early 50's further religious movements were emerging such as Fifth Monarchists, Ranters and the Muggletonians.

It was in this roiling cauldron of political and religious ferment that Quakerism also emerged, the traditional "birth year" usually reckoned to be 1652. For this study series Paul has collected a range of original documents illustrating the historical context and political/religious debates that were raging. Xeroxed reading materials will be distributed before the first session.

Please notify George Mills if you are interested in participating so that we can prepare a sufficient number of packets. You may request a packet even if you cannot attend the series.

Contact: georgehills@sbcglobal.net, 494-1606.