

# PALO ALTO FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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## Advices and Queries for Ninth Month: Integrity and Personal Conduct

... let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay. James 5:12, King James Version

Integrity has always been a goal of Friends. It is essential to trust, to all communication between people and between people and God. Integrity grounds our beliefs, thoughts, and actions in our spiritual center and makes us whole.

Friends believe that we are called to speak the truth. A single standard of truth requires us to conduct ourselves in ways that are honest, direct, and plain, and to make our choices, both large and small, in accord with the urgings of the Spirit. It follows that we object to taking an oath, which presupposes a variable standard of truth. Be true to your word.

From early days Friends have opposed gambling and practices based on chance. These activities profit from the inevitable loss of others, promote greed, and conflict with good stewardship. Public lotteries have not furthered their purported benefit to the public good. All addictions are of concern.

As the use of alcohol and tobacco all too often entail serious risks to self and others, Friends who serve alcohol at home should be diligent in offering alternatives. Alcohol should not be served at Meeting gatherings.

Find recreation that brings you joy and energy. Be aware of how your choices affect yourself and others.

- How do I strive to maintain the integrity of my inner and outer lives?
- Do I act on my principles even when this entails difficult consequences?
- Am I honest and truthful in all that I say and do, even when a compromise might be easier or more popular?
- Am I reflective about the ways I gain my wealth and income and sensitive to their impacts on others?
- Is my life so filled with the Spirit that I am free from the misuse of alcohol and other drugs, and of excesses of any kind?
- Do we, in our Meeting, hold ourselves accountable to one another as do members of a healthy family?

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 9:00 to 10:00 am Adult Education, New Meeting House (NMH), 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> First Days & on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 regular Business Meeting will be on September 8, 2013.

- 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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### CALENDAR

#### AUG (8<sup>TH</sup> MONTH)

- 25 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 25 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch: Meeting Picnic – (see note below).
- 28 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (**note change in day of week** – also see note below).
- 28 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

#### SEP (9<sup>TH</sup> MONTH)

- 1 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 1 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below).
- 4 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (**note change in day of week** – also see note below).
- 4 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

- 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 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (**note change in day of week** – also see note below).  
**11 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
 15 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – 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](mailto:moriii@yahoo.com).*]  
 18 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (**note change in day of week** – also see note below).  
**18 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
 19 Thurs 7:00 pm Care and Concerns Committee Meeting – Library (see note below) (? New schedule?).  
**22 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
 22 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).  
 25 Weds 7:30 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (**note change in day of week** – also see note below).  
**25 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
**28 Sat 9 AM – 4 PM Harvest Festival - Meetinghouse Grounds. See note below.**  
**29 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

## CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS

\*\*\* ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION: **Reading and Discussion** led by Henry Jason each 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*\*\* 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 \$164.00 in contributions for EHP in July.

\*\*\* 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. 2013 schedule: Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 23. 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 Mary Pat O'Connell (650-941-8287, [mppoconnell@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:mppoconnell@stanfordalumni.org)) 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

**SAVE THE DATE: MEETING PICNIC:** Don't miss this. On Sunday, August 25th, we will have an all Quaker Friends picnic at Seale Park in Palo Alto after the rise of Meeting. The El Salvador Committee will provide lunch, Care and Concerns and the Quaker Quest Core Working Group are handling the logistics, and our young people plan to have some activities to get us up off our feet and having some fun as well as good food. We'll be walking over about 11:30 a.m., so if you can't be at worship, do join us at the park. See you - 11:45 a.m, Seale Park, Palo Alto.

**IT'S HARVEST FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN! 47 YEARS OF A LOCAL TRADITION – WOW!:** Please add your support:

- SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 28, 2013
- SAVE YOUR RUMMAGE AND TREASURES: The container arrives August 17.
- SAVE YOUR BOOKS: Kate will make a run to the San Jose Meeting as needed to deliver them
- Help with PUBLICITY (see HF bulletin board for lots of specific ideas or ask Robin Severns)
- Save items in good condition to donate to the Festival:
  - Books (please no magazines, not even National Geographics; no outdated textbooks)
  - Happy, healthy plants (see Marie Simirenko for info)
  - Collectibles/ Attic treasures (see Tom and Sandy Farley for info)
  - Children's items & clothing (please no adult clothing)
  - CDs, DVDs, records, etc.
  - Seasonal items
  - Costumes
  - Jewelry (see Diana Egly for info)
- Suggestions welcomed by clerks: Linda (650-493-2352) or Claire (408-996-1746)

The Harvest Festival Website is now live.at:

[friendsharvestfestival.org](http://friendsharvestfestival.org)  
[quakerharvestfestival.org](http://quakerharvestfestival.org)  
[harvestfestival.pafm.org](http://harvestfestival.pafm.org)

We also have a blog. You should be able to get to our blog from all the site pages by clicking on the BLOG link on the menu bar at the top of each page. You can also access it directly by going to <http://quakerharvestfestival.blogspot.com/>

We welcome suggestions and contributions for the Harvest Festival blog. If you have an interesting piece of memorabilia, some artwork, a document or story connected to Harvest Festival we would love to hear about it and put it on the blog. Please email to me ([deirdremarymoore@hotmail.com](mailto:deirdremarymoore@hotmail.com)) or to the HF email ([harvestfestfriends@gmail.com](mailto:harvestfestfriends@gmail.com)).

**Pricing Parties** The Pricing Parties began Saturday, 8/24. They are Saturdays from 9 to 12 at the container. All are invited to help sort and price our rummage. There are only 5 weeks in which to price the total rummage so we need all the help we can get. You can sign up from the [website](#) (Under the LATEST VOLUNTEER NEWS sidebar) or directly at this link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/cc?key=0AjZqTLICULedHI2VXhPOGRYVINmaEswSTc4bFpsdXc&usp=sharing>

THANK YOU to all the past volunteers!

### **NEWS FROM AFSC: Prison Hunger Strike**

As of this writing, August 13, 2013, the prisoner hunger strike is in its 37<sup>th</sup> day. The prisoners are striking for better conditions in the Security Housing Units (SHU), or solitary confinement sections of the prisons. AFSC has been involved as part of the Mediation Team for the prisoners. You can go to [www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org) to sign onto the letter from people of faith, or write your own letter to Governor Jerry Brown asking him to intervene to end long term isolation.

In the California Prison System, over 100 people have been in conditions of extended solitary confinement for over 20 years, and some for over 40 years. There is no excuse for holding people indefinitely without any meaningful activities, any phone contact with families, any social interaction. Even if they cannot be out in the general population, they could still have more opportunities and activities available to them.

For its part, the Brown Administration has taken the position that no negotiations can take place and the prisoners just need to stop. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has suggested that the strikers are all gang members, forcing people to be on strike through their gang influence, in order to carry out their gang activities. This doesn't match what we know of these men, or how they have been behaving. The hunger strike is a genuine non-violent action, chosen out of desperation, in order to bring about long overdue systemic change.

For another view of the gang dynamic see: <http://californiacorrectionscrisis.blogspot.com/2013/08/a-response-to-cdcr-secretary-beard-by.html?spref=fb>

**Memory of a Forgotten War** AFSC has a wonderful 37" film, *Memory of a Forgotten War*, that presents the human cost of the Korean War. 2013 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice that is yet to lead a peace treaty ending that conflict. AFSC's Stephen McNeil is available to present the film and context and may be contacted at [SMcneil@afsc.org](mailto:SMcneil@afsc.org) or (415) 565-0201 x 12.

**Abuelito Fue Bracero** This summer AFSC's migrant justice youth program in the San Francisco office, *67 Suenos*, worked on their third annual mural project. They focused on the Bracero Program of the 1940's and 1960's in order to inform proposals to include a "guest worker" program within the large immigration reform bill. The mural, *Abuelito Fue Bracero* ("grandpa worked as a bracero") is our response to these proposals.

Murals serve to educate the community about important topics and engage young people in learning and expressing their feelings. Our murals tell the stories of undocumented struggles and encourage deeper conversations about topics like migrant justice. Our bracero grandparents are important voices in the current immigration debate and the mural is a vehicle to assure their voices are not excluded. *Abuelito Fue Bracero* is a migrant community People's history project. This mural was also a pathway to connect the young people with the older generation and share each other's struggles as a community.

In producing the mural, youth first decided on the theme. They then interviewed the braceros and did independent research. They then brainstormed images and ideas for the design of the mural in multiple sessions with a muralist who provided sketches and received feedback both in real-time at each session and in between sessions. Armed with a carefully developed sketch, the youth then worked with the artist and were mentored through the entire process of producing the mural.

The mural, *Abuelito Fue Bracero*, is a 15ft by 5ft Acrylic and Spray can on Canvas portable mural. It was painted by the youth between July 7th and August 9th, 2013 in Oakland and will be unveiled initially in Stockton where the people interviewed and their families reside. You can join us September 29<sup>th</sup> for Bracero Day in Stockton. Tentatively, the unveiling will take place at the park housing a statue of a bracero at Fremont and Center Streets in Stockton. Please contact the office to confirm: (415) 565-0201.

**SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWS FROM BEN LOMOND QUAKER CENTER:** When we gather for regional meetings and programs, we often find ourselves hurried and busied by a tight schedule of sessions—with little time to answer to “that of God” in ourselves or others. We hope you will join us for ***The Un-Program from September 27-29<sup>th</sup>*** facilitated by Bob Runyan. We will have extended waiting worship each day and leave the rest of the day open to our Inner Guidance. Early on, Bob will facilitate some group discernment about what the weekend might offer. Please register online at <http://www.quakercenter.org/the-un-program/>

What joins us as a faith community? During ***What's Your ...ism? from October 25-27<sup>th</sup>***, Ray Rischpater and Brian Vura-Weis will facilitate an exploration of our shared testimonies as we attempt to find common ground among our disparate backgrounds and beliefs. We plan to keep in mind the experience of John Woolman at a meeting with a Native American community where translators “*labored along, divine love attending.*” It will be our goal throughout the weekend, to listen to “*where the words come from*” as we share together. For more information, please visit <http://www.quakercenter.org/whats-your-ism/>

The **2014 Program Schedule** is now available at <http://www.quakercenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/2014-Program-Schedule.pdf>. We hope you will find so many compelling programs that your meeting will purchase a **Ben Lomond Quaker Center Annual Pass for \$1200**, which allows the meeting to send one person to each Quaker Center program for a full year from the time of purchase. Our hope is that meetings will consider the theme of each program and invite the person who might be the right fit to attend. We hope participants bring back what they have learned as a report or presentation so that the entire meeting community can benefit from the experience.

**UPDATE FROM FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION OF CALIFORNIA:** Good news from Sacramento! Two bills that FCLCA is co-sponsoring have passed the Senate and have moved on to the Assembly. Senate Bill 260 will provide people who were juveniles at the time of their offense (some as young as 14 or 15) an opportunity to work toward rehabilitation and to be considered for resentencing after they serve 10 years. Many are now sentenced to decades or 25 years to life in prison. Senate Bill 649 gives local prosecutors the option to charge simple drug possession for personal use as a misdemeanor rather than as a felony. It could free up millions of dollars for drug treatment. Additionally, Senate Bill 61, which restricts solitary confinement for juveniles, has also passed the Senate and our legislative director, Jim Lindburg has joined with our allies in actively lobbying legislators for its passage. More info on legislation and FCLCA is available at [www.fclca.org](http://www.fclca.org), where you can also sign up for our Action Alerts to send a message directly to your legislator at the critical time.

FCLCA also invites Friends Meeting members and attendees to contribute to our Spring Fund Drive. FCLCA needs your support to bridge a funding gap of about \$224,000 to meet the annual expenses that allow us to be your voice of conscience at the Capitol. We invite you to give a gift or become a monthly sustainer at \$10 or more a month, online at [www.fclca.org](http://www.fclca.org). Contact: Kevan Insko, [Kevan@fclca.org](mailto:Kevan@fclca.org); 916 443-3734.

SB 260, if we can get it passed, will provide people who were juveniles at the time of their offense (some as young as 14 or 15) an opportunity to work toward rehabilitation and to be considered for resentencing after they serve 10 years. Many are now sentenced to decades or 25 years to life in prison.

Our second co-sponsored bill, SB 649, has also passed the Senate. This bill gives local prosecutors the option to charge simple drug possession for personal use as a misdemeanor rather than as a felony. It could free up millions of dollars for drug treatment.

**WESTERN FRIEND FUND RAISING DINNER.** Saturday, August 31, 6:00 pm. *A Feast on the Farm*. 1301 Himmel Ave., Redwood City CA 94061, [farley@spont.com](mailto:farley@spont.com), 650-366-1818. Bring a check or cash to pay for your "dinner out." The amount is up to you. All cash and checks will go to Western Friend. Sandy Farley will be your Chef; Tom Farley will be your Maître d'.

**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.

**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. Donations needed for Salvadoran and Kenyan families – can be picked up with truck. \* a table that seats 8 with 8 dining chairs \* a refrigerator, any size \* a card table \* one or more dining chairs \* a single bed Arlene Schaupp, [Schaupp@aol.com](mailto:Schaupp@aol.com), 650-494-8340. South Bay Sanctuary Covenant, Donation Coordinator.

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**Palo Alto Meeting manages a number of funds which have been established over the years for the benefit of the community. We publish a description of these funds annually. The descriptions follow.**

**PALO ALTO FRIENDS MEETING**  
**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**  
**Description of funds – for community use**  
**Last updated May 2012**

Funds of Palo Alto Friends Meeting: As of January, 2012, Palo Alto Friends Meeting manages three funds for the benefit of members, attenders, and their families; two funds for the benefit of the Meeting as a whole; one fund to benefit special or emergency needs outside of the Meeting; and one fund each for use at the discretion of the Library Committee, Unity with Nature Committee, El Salvador Committee, and Stanford Student Group. Current balances for each fund are reported quarterly to our Meeting for Business by the treasurer.

Here are descriptions for each of these funds:

**FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS, ATTENDERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Education Fund** - This fund is administered by the Care and Concerns Committee, formerly called the Oversight Committee. It is intended for Quaker related educational needs and/or scholarship for members, attenders and family members. There is a \$500 per person per year maximum limit for this fund. The applicant should explain the need fully including the requested amount and present the request either in person or in writing at a regularly scheduled Committee meeting. Decisions by the Committee are generally confidential on requests from individuals. More weight will be given to requests that have either a direct or indirect benefit to the Meeting as a whole. The fund can be used either for receiving or giving Quaker related educational materials, classes, workshops or other experiences. Some good examples of how this fund might be used are fees for a conference or program at Ben Lomond Quaker Center, purchase of books for a summer study series sponsored by Worship and Ministry or fees for a workshop that has some relation to Quaker faith and practice, but not necessarily sponsored by a Quaker organization (e.g. nonviolence training by CCCO). It is generally intended that this fund be used by individuals that would have difficulty accomplishing the particular educational experience without this help. A good test might be to ask, "Would I forego the experience if the money were not available?" – or asked another way – "Is the money an obstacle to my attendance?" In early 2012 this fund held about \$2,100.

**Fund for Concerns** - This fund was established several years ago by combining several small bequests. It too is administered by the Care and Concerns committee, formerly called the Oversight Committee. It is intended to help any member or attender to pay for expenses associated with service work in the community. The applicant should explain the need fully including the requested amount and present the request either in person or in writing at a regularly scheduled Committee meeting. The applicant would have a clearness committee since the person performing the service often represents our Meeting in a public way and should be helped to be an ambassador of Quaker values in the larger community. Although the clearness process is confidential, money distributed from this fund need not necessarily be kept confidential. In early 2012 this fund held about \$1,150.

**Sharing Fund** - This fund is administered by the Care and Concerns Committee, formerly called the Oversight Committee. It is intended for personal emergency or hardship situations experienced by members or attenders. All discussions and decisions are confidential. The applicant should explain the need fully including the requested amount and present the request either in person or in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee. Money distributed from this fund is usually in the form of a loan which will be repaid as mutually agreed upon between

Committee and the applicant. In some cases a grant may be made with no expectation of repayment. We ask all recipients of money from the Sharing Fund to be mindful of the fact that money repaid to the fund can then be made available to others in need. Although there is no minimum or maximum limit on the amount of each request, the amount loaned or granted may not exceed the amount needed to cover the emergency or hardship situation. If necessary, due to the emergency nature of the request, either a special called meeting of the Committee can be held, or if that is not possible, then the clerk of the Meeting, the clerk of the Committee, and one other clerk must agree with the request before the loan or grant can be given. The amount of the loan or grant is determined by the Committee balanced between each specific request, the overall needs of the larger Meeting community, and preserving part of the fund for future needs. It is not necessarily the case that the amount requested is the amount actually lent or granted. In early 2012 this fund held about \$37,200.

#### **FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEETING AS A WHOLE**

**MAJOR MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND** – This fund has been set up for major maintenance and capital item replacement for our Meeting House, the School house, and the property and grounds. These funds are used for expenses not covered by the annual Maintenance and Repair budget, which covers on-going expenses for maintenance. In our annual budget we also have a line for Major Maintenance or Capital Replacement; the amount budgeted is used for major maintenance or capital item replacement during the year, and any unspent balance at the end of the year is rolled over into this fund. Examples of typical uses of this fund are new roof, painting, carpeting, major landscaping, driveway paving, facility upgrades, and other capital expenses which are required at long time intervals, e.g., 5-30 years. The Buildings and Grounds Committee reports or clears uses of this fund at Meeting for Business. In early 2012 this fund held about \$54,500.

**Forsythe Memorial Building Fund** – This fund was established by Minute 1998.27 at the Meeting for Business of the Seventh Month, 1998. The minute reads as follows: The Meeting approved the committee's recommendation that the Diana Forsythe bequest be kept in a segregated ledger account, that it be used for maintenance and/or improvements to the buildings and grounds, and that these moneys be used for improvements or major maintenance before meeting reserve funds be used for the same purpose. In early 2012 this fund held about \$11,700.

#### **FUND TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OR EMERGENCY NEEDS OUTSIDE OF THE MEETING**

**Special Needs Fund** - This is to be used to help local, state, national or international organizations or individuals with important work consistent with Quaker values where a contribution from our Meeting can make a real difference. Any standing committee of the Meeting can request any amount up to and including the full amount remaining in the fund. The request is made at the Monthly Meeting for Business and is seasoned one month. It is not to be used for needs of our own Meeting, as those needs should be within our budget. This Fund is not used for recurring support to an organization. In early 2012 this fund held about \$2,500.

#### **FUND FOR USE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

**Book Support Fund** – This fund was established by a donor in order to purchase materials to enrich our library collections. The funds are intended to be used to purchase items that might not otherwise be possible from the annual Library budget. The Library Committee determines the uses of this fund and the Meeting for Business does not need to approve these expenditures. In early 2012 this fund held about \$180.

#### **FUND FOR USE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE**

**Environmental Education Fund** – This fund is to be used under the considered discretion of the Unity with Nature Committee. The funds may be used as the Unity with Nature Committee deems most appropriate. Meeting for Business does not need to approve the expenditures but should be kept informed. Ideas on good uses of these funds are cordially invited from the meeting community, communicated via any member of the Unity with Nature Committee. In early 2012 this fund held about \$1,900.

#### **FUND FOR USE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EL SALVADOR COMMITTEE**

**El Salvador Projects Fund** – This fund is managed by the El Salvador Committee. Donors from around the country mail checks to the Palo Alto Friends Meeting designating the donation as either for general projects or for the Committee's university loan program. Funds are disbursed by the El Salvador Committee through the Field Director in El Salvador. No approval by Business Meeting is needed, but regular reports of income to and expense from this fund are given to Business Meeting by the treasurer. In early 2012 this fund held about \$21,000.

#### **FUND FOR USE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STANFORD STUDENT GROUP**

**Stanford Student Group Fund** – This fund is managed by the Stanford Student Quaker Group. This fund was established by Palo Alto Friends Meeting to enable the Quaker student group at Stanford to be reimbursed expenses as needed, including expenses of books, pamphlets, and special projects. No approval by Business Meeting is needed; the treasurer pays expenses of the Stanford students upon their request. In early 2012 this fund held about \$500.

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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](mailto:newsletter@pafm.org) or [moriii@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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Join us for our 47th year!

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Family Fun

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