

FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS



State College Friends Meeting
August 2015
Newsletter



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A Note from the Editor

This month's issue is rather slim; there are no Minutes because the Meeting for Business will be held on August 2, 2015. Minutes of that meeting will be published in the September issue of the Newsletter.

This month I want to extend a special THANK YOU to Marianne Stevens for her hard work over the past three and a half years on behalf of the Newsletter and the Meeting. As co-Editor, she oversaw many of the technical aspects of publishing this monthly bulletin and was always a pleasure to work with and a reliable partner in production. Marianne, thank you!

As announced in our recent issues, I am looking for a new co-Editor who would be interested in taking on the (not at all onerous and often very enjoyable!) task of compiling and putting out the Newsletter. I am happy to stay in the position until the end of 2015, and would be very glad to continue contributing after that.

Please contact me at SCFMNewsletter@gmail.com if you are interested in helping publish the Newsletter, starting with the September issue.

Your editor, *Deryn Verity*

Announcements

Meeting for Worship will be held at Foxdale Village auditorium on August 16th, 2015 at 11:15 a.m. until 12 noon. We do this four times a year so that our Foxdale Friends can join us more easily.

Childcare will be available near the auditorium. We hope everyone will join us.

Updated 2015 Directory

Margy Frysinger has updated the Meeting directory.

Copies are available in the Meetinghouse foyer or you may request a copy by email attachment from office@statecollegefriends.org

Please contact Margy at mbfrysinger@msn.com with any corrections, or if you would like to be added.

A SMALL MINISTRY WITH A BIG IMPACT:

Do you have a heart for helping persons of all faiths build friendships, understanding and compassion? Assistant Coordinator of Interfaith Coffee Hour, position open September 1, 2015: to help Convener of Interfaith Initiative Centre County find hosts and help administer monthly Interfaith Coffee Hours held at Panera Bread, downtown State College.

Contact Sarah Malone: 814-883-5884 / malonesq@hotmail.com

or

InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com

DOES YOUR FAMILY HOME HAVE A SPARE ROOM TO RENT?

Students from many countries seek family home settings in order to become more fluent in English. If you would care to earn some income while building international and interfaith friendship bridges.....

Please contact the Vice President of the Islamic Society:
Mohammad Althowaini: vp@iscponline.net

SPECIAL INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR in August

Interfaith Open House - Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm - at home of Interfaith Initiative Convener Sarah Malone. Halal snacks and vegetarian snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring other snacks that you would like to share with others! (There will be no IICC Coffee Hour held at Panera Bread in August.)

Questions/Information - call Sarah: (814) 883-5884.

Looking ahead to September: FALL INTERFAITH PEACE PICNIC & CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 20, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Pavilion 1, Sunset Park, McKee Street, State College.

Also marking the United Nations International Day of Peace / International Day of Prayer for Peace, September 21.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting

AUGUST

Outreach

Do you, as the way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance?

QUERIES

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

AUGUST

Peace

How does our Meeting act to advance peace, to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation, and the world?

What are we doing as a Meeting:

- to free our nation from militarization, so evident in our society and in its economy?
- to understand the causes of war and violence and to work for the development of the attitudes and institutions of peace?
- to recognize and correct the causes of violence within our communities, and to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?

– to increase the understanding and use of nonviolent approaches for the resolution of conflicts?

Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?

How do I maintain Friends' testimony that military training and all participation in war and its preparation are inconsistent with the teaching and the spirit of Christ?

Do I work for the establishment of alternative ways of settling disputes? Am I aware that to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly, and in trust?

Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one with whom I am in conflict?



There are no Minutes of Meeting for Business in this issue because there is only one Meeting for Business held in July/ August, on August 2, 2015. Minutes will be published in the September issue.

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