

# SAN FRANCISCO FRIENDS MEETING

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## July 2008 Newsletter

**Meeting for Worship  
 & First Day School**  
 Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
 Midweek Meeting for Worship, Tuesdays at 6:00

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## Advices and Queries for Seventh Month

--From Pacific Yearly Meeting's *Book of Faith and Practice*

### REACHING OUT

#### ADVICES:

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.

#### QUERIES:

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?*

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

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the next-to-last First Day (Sunday) of each month in the News Committee mailbox at the meetinghouse, or by e-mail to [www.sfquakers.org/news.html](http://www.sfquakers.org/news.html). This newsletter is also available for reading or downloading on our website at [www.sfquakers.news.html](http://www.sfquakers.news.html). Members of the News Committee are David Ackerly, Eli Bishop (web servant), Sara Maderious (editor), Michelina Matarrese, Robin Mohr (clerk), and Jim Pilliod.

## Minutes of 06/14/09 Monthly Meeting for Business

Meeting opened at approximately 1 p.m. with a period of worship during which 17 people were present. Two more people joined us later. During the opening worship, clerk Chris Mohr read the Advices and Queries on Social and Civic Responsibility from Faith and Practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM).

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY:

#### 04-01 Meeting approves the minutes of the 5/10/2009 business meeting.

**Recorder**—Bruce Folsom reported our membership as of 5/31/2009 (report attached to the original minutes in the meeting archives). One year ago, we reported 85 members. Since then, one member, John Sterling deBeers, died. Seven people were convinced: Peter Joseph Anderson, Demece Garepis-Holland, Evan Scott Henrich, Margaret Ann Keig, William-Zakee Howard McGill, James Edward Pilliod, Jr., and Alice Jamie Overbaugh Sowaal. As of 5/31/09, there are 91 members.

**Nominating Committee**—Steve Leeds, clerk, reported for the committee. Meeting approved nominations presented last month for consideration:

#### 04-02 Meeting approves Ann Marie Snell as member of Hospitality and Community Committee through 4/30/11; and Charles Martin as representative, Quaker Life Committee of the San Francisco Friends School Board, through 8/31/11.

#### 04-03 Meeting approves for the Children's Religious Education Committee through 4/30/10: cubbie storm, clerk; and Neil Fullagar and Leesa Greenlee, assistant clerks.

#### 04-04 Meeting approves the release as of 7/31/09 of Phil Oliver as meeting treasurer and member of Welcoming Committee.

This release is in anticipation of Phil's moving out of the area.

Chris Mohr reminded Friends that when Nancy Lewis was released from Nominating, we said we would research the end of her term. The term ends 12/31/09. Nominating did not feel the need for a Naming Committee to fill the vacancy.

**Children's Day**—Elizabeth Boardman reported on the Children's Day Celebration of 5/31/2009 (report attached to the original minutes in the meeting archives). One child turned 6 in the past year, and therefore receives a plaque: Sedge Greenlee. Two children turned 12 in the past year, and therefore receive a Bible: Miriam Myers and Jasmine Barnard.

**Clerk's report**—Clerk Chris Mohr reported: (1) About 50 people attended the Memorial Day weekend retreat. cubbie storm is still finalizing a financial report.

(2) The ad hoc diversity group anticipates some type of group reading of Vanessa Julye's book. She will be staying with Charles Martin before Pacific Yearly Meeting this summer, and will probably be the presenter of some type of event at that time for our meeting. (3) The insurance company has agreed that it is an allowable use of the meetinghouse for those bicycling to PYM to stay overnight before the gathering. Now the logistics of such an event must be considered. (4) The American Friends Service Committee has also requested some type of overnight use of the meetinghouse. (5) The News Committee invites people to sign up to staff the outreach booth at the Gay Pride Celebration later in the month. (6) The schedule of regular reports by committees has been distributed to clerks. The schedule is a way to insure that the monthly meeting hears regularly from every committee. A committee may also report at other times, whenever it needs to bring items before the business meeting.

### STEWARDSHIP:

**Property and Finance Committee**—Chris Mohr noted that at the July meeting, we will be hearing from the ad hoc committee concerning our finances, including the expected life and the cost to replace various systems in the building. The kitchen subcommittee of Hospitality and Community Committee, which is considering a possible remodel of the kitchen, may also report. He also noted that the meeting has not come to unity on remodeling the kitchen; this report may give us an opportunity to discern about the possibilities.

Signers on two of the meeting's accounts are or soon will be unavailable. Treasurer Phil Oliver suggested that Philip Gerrie (as clerk of Property and Finance) and Krista Barnard be approved as the new signers for the two accounts.

#### 04-05 Meeting approves Krista Astrid Barnard and Philip Gerrie as signers of Bank of America Money Market Account xxxxxxxxx.

#### 04-06 Meeting approves Krista Astrid Barnard and Philip Gerrie as signers of Sentinel Investments Fund Portfolio Account xxxxxxxxx.

### PASTORAL CARE / MINISTRY / SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

**Ministry and Oversight Committee**—David Matchett reported for the committee (report attached to the original minutes in the meeting archives). Membership committees are in process for David Ackerly, Noel Schwerin, and Ruth Rodgers. A marriage committee is in process for Jim Pilliod and Pete Anderson. M & O continues its work of clearness committees for other purposes and of pastoral care for those in need—for a total of 24 different processes. In the area of adult religious education, various programs are under consideration or development, including "What do we do in meeting for worship?", an introduction to Quakerism, and Quaker Quest. Upcoming events: The wedding of Adrian Card and John Tinker will be held on June 21 at 4 p.m. The memorial for Jack deBeers will be held on July 5. For June and July, David will field requests as rotating committee clerk; for August, Nancy Lewis; and for September, Jeff Mead.

## **MORE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Library**—cubbie storm, member, reported for the committee. [Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship](#) has arrived. People who have seekers' packets checked out are asked to return them.

**Welcoming**—Ruth Fraser, clerk of the committee, reported that welcoming slots are filled through August and that the committee is making a selection of pamphlets such as Quakers and the Bible available. The committee asks that Nominating seek two new members. Keith Wedmore has volunteered to make name tags and some type of display for them.

## **PASTORAL CARE / MINISTRY / SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

**College Park Quarterly Meeting**—Chris Mohr read the written report from Stephen Matchett of the CPQM gathering held on May 15 to 17 at Ben Lomond Quaker Center (report attached to the original minutes in the meeting archives). [Ed. note: also printed on page 4 of this newsletter.] The theme was “Care for Younger Friends”, and a major focus of the weekend was considering the proposal circulating in PYM to hire a full-time paid youth coordinator. Other topics included war tax resistance (sparked by visits by S.F. Meeting members to other monthly meetings) and creation of a religious exemption to the loyalty oath required of California state employees.

**Discernment on Pacific Yearly Meeting Youth Coordinator position**—Chris read a letter from the Youth Coordinator Subcommittee of PYM Ministry & Oversight. The letter concerned the history of the development of the proposal: “...PYM united in principal on hiring a Youth Coordinator at the last annual session....The proposal...was then presented to Representative Committee in March. Friends' feedback was supportive and helpful and we were asked to continue to explore several issues before this comes up for final consideration at Pacific Yearly Meeting this summer.” The full text of the proposal is available at <http://pacificyearlymeeting.org/rep-com/YCProposalRevisedFeb09.pdf> Several paper copies were available. Chris noted that there will be programmatic and financial implications for the monthly meeting if the proposal is adopted. He estimated that the current annual assessment to PYM is \$3400, so it would increase to \$6800 under the proposal.

Friends held an extended discussion and expressed a variety of viewpoints: It was pointed out that this is a big change, from the yearly meeting's having no employees to having one employee, with all that that entails. We of course want to retain the participation of young people as they move from childhood to teen and young adult years. One concern was that the people supporting the proposal are imagining different things from one another, with each person seeing it as a solution to a different problem. It would be easy to expect too much. Another had trouble knowing how such a job would work, when the yearly plus quarterly meetings gather for a total of 1 week plus 5 weekends per year. One Friend observed that programming for those gatherings has proved to be beyond the strength and light of all-volunteer committees. Several Friends expressed a

desire to go ahead and try this. One encouraged us not to make a decision based on fears of what having one employee would lead to in the future, and another a desire not to get entirely lost in details. Concerns were expressed that we fell far short of expected individual donations in 2008, and that the cost of this needs to be considered, including what other expenses of our meeting we might be willing to cut in order to meet the new expense. It was noted that some small meetings might be able to be exempted by the yearly meeting from the increased assessment. The clerk drafted a minute recording where we reached in our considerations, and we will continue at the next business meeting.

**04-07 San Francisco Monthly Meeting wishes to support the inclusion of young people in our community, from children whose footsteps we are hearing upstairs today, to teens and young adults. The meeting supports programming for the youth in PYM. We recommend PYM adopt modest, realistic expectations for the Youth Coordinator, if hired, especially in the first year. We recognize approval of the Youth Coordinator may cause us to make choices in the uses of our own funds. We ask Property and Finance to study how this would impact our budget and report in July.**

## **MORE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY + WORSHIP:**

**Other affirmations, joys, concerns, announcements:** ♦Neil Fullagar announced that later this summer Peterson Toscano will be presenting for us and at Pacific School of Religion his play about gender variance in the Bible. ♦Ruth Fraser announced that she is in a performance piece through July and would welcome Friends' attendance. ♦Chris Mohr read a letter from Orunamamu on being 80 [Ed. note: also printed on pg. 5 of this newsletter]. ♦Steve Leeds will be leaving to Tennessee again for 8 days after the wedding on June 21, and he welcomes calls while he is away caring for his mother.

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship shortly after 3:00 p.m. with 17 people present.

In service,  
Krista Barnard, Recording Clerk  
Chris Mohr, Clerk

## **Monthly Quotation**

"[Quaker] tradition assures us that in finding our right path, in discerning the will of God in apparently impossible situations, the Inward Light is there. It might not be to everybody's taste, but we are not told what to do. We are shown what we might do, and the choice is left to us. We come to do what is right not just by heeding the Light, but because our devotional lives, by habit and routine, have put us into a position in which following it comes naturally."

—John Punshon, *Testimony and Tradition* (1990 Swarthmore Lecture), p. 70

## Open Registration for PYM Yearly Gathering

--submitted by Chris Mohr

Pacific Yearly Meeting Yearly Gathering **July 27 - August 1, 2009 Walker Creek Ranch, Marin County, CA.** It can be accessed through the following link. The Conference Managers (Dave and Kathy) are handling the Registration for PYM again this year. <http://theconferencemanagers.com/pym/index.htm>

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

Those attending just the meeting for memorials on Thursday July 30th from 2:45-4:45 PM, need not register. Pick up a name tag, "Just for Memorial" at the meeting entrance.

REGULAR REGISTRATION postmarked by July 20<sup>th</sup>

NO REGISTRATION after July 20<sup>th</sup> or at the door without permission from Registrar. (5% penalty)

## College Park Quarterly Meeting Report

--submitted by Stephen Matchett

The 2009 spring session of College Park Quarterly Meeting (CPQM) was held on May 15-17 at Quaker Center in Ben Lomond. The theme was "Care for Younger Friends", and the focus of two plenary sessions on Saturday was on youth activities and outreach in the quarterly and yearly meeting regions. This included an intergenerational morning plenary in which we heard from invited guest Emily Stewart, Youth Ministries Coordinator for Friends General Conference in Philadelphia (FGC), who spoke compellingly about her journey as a young Friend, and about the importance of inclusion and nurturing of the youth in our meetings. She pointed out that younger Friends are not "the future" but "the present." She also led us in some activities, including one called "This I Believe...", in which participants were invited to stand up one by one and speak a word or phrase addressing a given topic, such as "This I believe ...about the Divine" or "...about Quakerism" etc. This was a good opportunity for us to listen to one another, and elicited some remarkably deep sharing in the large group.

A major focus of the weekend was consideration of the proposal circulating in Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) to hire a fulltime paid youth coordinator. Responses from meetings that have given some attention to the proposal were shared, including at least one minute of support. Monthly meetings that have not yet done so are urged to devote time between now and the PYM annual session to getting familiar with the proposal and seriously considering it, so that the decisions taken there will be meaningful and informed. Friends were urged by supporters of the proposal to think of the probable impact on local meetings' financial obligation to the yearly meeting not as "doubling the assessment" but as entailing the devotion of something like 5% of a meeting's budget to YM youth work of benefit to that meeting as well as others.

Another guest was Kevan Insko, the new Outreach and Development Director for Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCL). She brought news of,

among other things, a bill pending in Sacramento to create a religious exemption to the loyalty oath required of state employees. FCL supports the bill, and Friends are urged to contact the governor and their legislators about it. I brought back material about this, and more information can also be obtained at FCL's website, [www.fclc.org](http://www.fclc.org) or by calling Kevan at (916) 443-3734.

San Francisco Friends will be interested to know that some of the fruits of the recent travels by our members Elizabeth Boardman and Steve Leeds under a concern to publicize the cause of war tax resistance were also shared at the gathering, in form of a minute from Palo Alto Meeting. The minute declares the meeting's collective objection to paying war taxes, and testifies to a range of individual expressions of that conviction by Friends in that meeting "from letters of protest to civil disobedience."

Other activities such as worship-sharing groups, interest groups and morning Bible study (attended by more than 20 people!), the usual delicious meals, as well as the not necessarily expected gorgeous weather, made for a rich and rewarding gathering. The next session of CPQM will be held at Sierra Friends Center, outside Nevada City, the third weekend of October.

## Quarterly FCL Meeting Update

--submitted by Evan Henrich



Evan Henrich attended the Quarterly FCL meeting for the Northern California Region two weeks ago; here is the update of that meeting:

1. Update from each meeting rep: SF (Evan Henrich), Strawberry Creek, and Berkeley Friends Unprogrammed. Evan spoke about the Peace and Social Concerns' Committee's emphasis on service learning right now.
2. Finances: Because of a large bequest, the organization is on solid footing for the moment with three full-time staff. However, the board of FCL decided to spend down the bequest over the next four years in order to grow the organization so increased development will be needed. The current annual budget stands at \$344K. We discussed the importance of individual and meetings contributions - they have a great monthly sustainer program in place that starts at only \$10 per month.
3. Policy Committee: The May 19th vote was one of "false choices" according to board member David Jaber, because tax increases and systemic change are not on the table. FCL looks at their policy statements every five years in rotation - right now the emphasis is on budgetary/taxation/fiscal policy, specifically ending the 2/3 majority vote rule that mandates a super-majority for all legislation.
4. Development Staff Report: Right now income is broken down into 65% individual giving, 30% meeting support / fundraisers, and 5% larger fundraising

events. The focus for Kevan, Dir. of Development, will be to increase major donors (\$1000+) and monthly sustainers.

## Children's Day Reflection with *The Prophet*

--submitted by Elizabeth Boardman

The annual Children's Day celebration on May 31st for our twenty-seven children was a happy event. As always, we shared the thought-provoking passage about children in Kahlil Gibran's [The Prophet](#), about [Children](#):

And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said, Speak to us of children.

And he said:

Your children are not your children.  
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.  
They come through you but not from you.  
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, even in your dreams.  
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you,  
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.  
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.  
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;  
For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable.

## AFSC News Update

--submitted by Ruth Fraser

Here are the notes from the June 2009 American Friends Service Committee Meeting:

### ●Youth in Militarism

Ruth Fraser mentioned California young people heading to Chicago this summer to join with other young people for the National Youth in Militarism Conference.

Here's a little more news:

Before heading to Chicago the California group will be converging on the Bay Area and will take part in Non Violence Training, workshops on alternatives to joining the military and will visit some military bases. Their journey to Chicago



**American Friends  
Service Committee**

*Quaker values in action*

will be a true community building experience! They will be traveling by Green Tortoise. If you have ever tried it you will know what this means!

To learn more please contact Sandra Schwartz in the San Francisco office.

### ●Staff News

The Bay Area is delighted to have been given 2 interns by the META non-violence project: Brandy, who is studying for her Master's Degree at Clark University, will be based in Oakland, surveying Restorative Justice Programs; and Michelle will be based in the San Francisco Office. She has just received her Master's Degree from Portland State University and will be working in the Middle East Program.

In other news regarding the staff, the Region said a fond farewell to Allan Solomonow with a cake and shared memories during staff meeting and a gathering of wider friends on Wednesday evening.

### ●Help Wanted!!!

AFSC, throughout the country, is having to make hard choices and drastic cuts. In these hard times we are all striving to help one another as we feel the pinch. If you can give of your time to your nearest AFSC office it will be very gratefully received and help a great deal to continue their work.

For more information, please visit <http://www.afsc.org/sanfrancisco>

## On Being 80 by Orunamamu

--submitted by Chris Mohr

Recently our friend Orunamamu sent a packet of writing from Canada, where she lives most of her time now with her son. The following was read at business meeting and Friends asked that it be shared in the newsletter:

### *On Being 80*

If you forget your name or anybody else's, or promise to be three places at the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only to explain that you are 80.

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70 or 60 or 50 or 40. At those ages, people are mad at you for everything. But at 80, we have a perfect excuse--no matter what we do, no matter what you do. If you act foolish, it's your second childhood. Being 70 or 60 or 50 is no fun at all... At those ages, they expect you to retire in Florida and complain about this and that. And we ask everyone to stop mumbling since can't hear their words, can't understand their words (or why we need storytellers).

But if we survive until we are over 80 everyone is surprised that we are still alive. They treat you with respect just for surviving so long. Actually, they seem surprised that we can still walk and talk sensibly.

## A Wonderful Wedding

--submitted by Markley Morris and Sara Maderious

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Adrian Card and John Tinker shared their touching wedding vows, held at the Meeting house. It was wonderful, a moving and truly joyous event. There were many tears of happiness from the witnesses.

Adrian and John's family and friends beyond Meeting were there to join in the celebration of this long-awaited union. The Meeting room was decorated with beautiful plants and flowers from Adrian and John's own garden (which were then given away to the guests as gifts).

Above all, the most moving part of the ceremony was the silent gathering, joyfully interrupted by many messages of happy memories and well-wishes for their continuing relationship. Congratulations, Adrian and John.



## Sharing the Lord's Prayer

--submitted by Elizabeth Boardman

Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
Sustain our hope and come to earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
Now and forever.

Amen.

*New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

## Other Upcoming Events and Announcements

### **JYM Still Seeking FAPs**

--submitted by Chris Mohr

The JYM program is still looking for night Friendly Adult Presences! The deadline for submitting applications for night FAPs has been extended. Please consider helping out with the teen program this year - it's a wonderful experience and can be quite enriching.

FAPs should be at least 21 years old, caring, friendly, have a good sense of humor and enjoy hanging out with the teens.

FAPs are needed as elders who are diverse of personality, age and enjoy listening to teens share ideas, thoughts and concerns.

FAPs are needed who have the insight to connect and encourage those teens who are new to JYM, or are naturally shy to make friends and get involved.

FAPs are needed who can help teens maintain respect for one another and for the community's guidelines and rules.

FAPs do not need to clean up, lead sessions, or wake the teens in the mornings.

**TO LEARN MORE:** If you are interested in being a FAP, please contact one of the following people, with copies to the other person if you are using email. Please give us your name, email address, phone, and the best time to contact you.

Jeanette Norton, email: [lightseeker@cox.net](mailto:lightseeker@cox.net) phone: 949-551-8070

Melissa Lovett-Adair, email: [mladair@charter.net](mailto:mladair@charter.net), phone: 805-543-2791

## Going Away "Sixties Party"

--submitted by Phil Oliver

Phil Oliver is going to be leaving the Bay Area at the end of July to retire to Tucson, where he owns a home.

Before he leaves, he would like to invite all Friends to join him at his going away party. The theme will be, "A Sixties Party" on **July 11<sup>th</sup>** from **7-11 p.m.** at his home in Oakland. This party is celebrating two events: one is to say our goodbyes and good wishes as Phil journeys to his new home in Tucson (and retirement); the other is to celebrate his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Phil Oliver's "Crib"**

**2109 Damuth Street Apt C Oakland 94602**

**415 235 4778**

This IS accessible via mass transit though you probably want someone at the party to give you a ride to BART or wherever at the end of the evening. He is under two miles from the Fruitvale BART, a block and half from a bus stop (#53 Bus Line can be boarded at Fruitvale station). There is adequate if not close by street parking and it's only three blocks or so to the Fruitvale exit of 580. The neighborhood is quite safe in my experience.

Here's a google map link (firefox):

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=2109+Damuth+Street+Oakland+94602>"

\*NOTE: There won't be alcohol but if you are a responsible drinker please feel free to bring some; he will have a few mixers available.

Phil will be moving to Tucson around August 1<sup>st</sup>. You may contact him there at:  
3761 N Avenida Arbodela  
Tucson AZ 85716  
Same phone

Tucson is a wonderful place to live and Phil could put up with a few visitors. He has a nice little home there, so let him know if you might be in the area; he can probably accommodate Friends for a night or two!

## SF Bay Area Request to Nonviolent Peaceforce Supporters

--submitted by Chris Mohr

Would you like to be part of Nonviolent Peaceforce even though you can't leave your home to serve in a conflict zone for two years?

No NP Peacekeeper works alone and you can be part of their team by volunteering locally in the Bay Area.



## NP Volunteer Job Descriptions:

**General Assistant (1 or 2 positions):** Work directly with Regional Coordinator to assure that all inquiries are answered, deadlines are set and kept on various projects, records are kept up to date. Coordinate other volunteers and accomplish a changing variety of specific projects. Requires prior experience in similar role, whether in a non-profit or business setting. Excellent skills in telephone and e-mail rapport, enjoyment of variety a must. Occasional support of other NP staff's projects.

**Supporting Organization Assistant:** Work with Regional Coordinator on building and nurturing NP's network of Supporting Organizations in the U.S. and Canada; establish and maintain relationships via telephone and e-mail; encourage and thank groups for their activities; compile reports. Requires excellent skills in telephone and e-mail rapport and diplomacy, ability to be creative and take initiative.

**Advocacy Assistant:** Work with Regional Coordinator to increase NP's capacity to advocate for unarmed civilian peacekeeping with the U.S. Congress. Work will vary from data entry to recruitment and preparation of constituents to visit specific members of Congress. Requires excellent skills in telephone and e-mail rapport; experience with following-through on timing-crucial tasks. Clear and precise written and oral communication skills a must.

**Contact:** [jbernstein@nonviolentpeaceforce.org](mailto:jbernstein@nonviolentpeaceforce.org) for more details.

## Google Groups for SF Quakers

This is the group to send your late breaking announcements or share other news with the meeting community. You can sign up via the web:  
<http://groups.google.com/group/sfquakers> You will need to create a free Google user ID and password, if you don't already have one.

Visit <http://groups.google.com/group/sfquakers/about> to join or learn more.

The group for young adult Friends in San Francisco is at

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

A new Google Group for Bay Area Quakers is now available at

<http://groups.google.com/group/bayareaquakers>. The group is for Bay Area Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations, as well as individual Friends, to share news of events and activities that would be of interest to Quakers and the general public. Events do not need to be strictly Quaker. For more information, contact Tom Yamaguchi, [tomyamaguchi@mac.com](mailto:tomyamaguchi@mac.com)

Help on using Google Groups is available at: <http://groups.google.com/support>

## Calendar of Events for Seventh Month 2009

Location of all listed events is the San Francisco meetinghouse at 65-9<sup>th</sup> St. unless otherwise indicated. Items flagged with an asterisk (\*) are described in more detail elsewhere in the newsletter

### Weekly activities:

- Meeting for Worship every First Day (Sunday) at 11 a.m.
- Meeting for Worship every Third Day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m.
- Peace Vigil every Fifth Day (Thursday) from 12-1pm, at Federal Bldg. Golden Gate Ave. & Larkin St.
- Potluck & Quaker Study Group every Fifth Day (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

### Twice monthly:

- Bible Study, first & third First Days at 9:30am
- Hymn Singing, usually second & fourth First Days at 10am

### First Day (Sun.) 7/5

- Monthly Potluck Lunch after Meeting for Worship. Bring a dish!
- Memorial Meeting for Jack DeBeers :2:30 p.m.
- Monthly Storytelling. 6:30 p.m. (Ruth Fraser 626-3757 for details)

### Second Day (Mon.) 7/6

- Ministry & Oversight Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m.

### Fourth Day (Wed.) 7/8

- Property & Finance Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m.

### First Day (Sun.) 7/12

- Monthly Meeting for Business.
- Brunch with Community Members on Mission between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

### First Day (Sun.) 7/26

- Deadline for August newsletter: [news@sfquakers.org](mailto:news@sfquakers.org)
- Lunch with Community Members on Mission between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

### Second Day (Mon.) 7/27-8/1

- PYM Yearly Gathering\*

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