

# *The Daily Miracle*

**Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

**Saturday, Eighth Month First, 2009**

## **Saturday's Schedule**

6:30-8:00	Bible Study
7:00-8:00	Outdoor Worship
7:30- 8:30	Breakfast
8:45-10:30	Plenary IX
10:45-11:45	Worship
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:00	Clean up and safe trip home
1:00	PYM Officers and Committee Clerks in Maple Room

## **Saturday's Menu**

### **Breakfast**

Huevos Rancheros  
Refried beans  
Soy patties  
Toast station  
Fresh fruit  
Oatmeal  
Cold cereal: variety  
Yogurt, raisins, brown sugar  
Fruit, cottage cheese  
OJ, tea, coffee, milk

### **Lunch**

Corn-potato-zucchini soup  
Chicken  
Tofu  
Watermelon  
Salad: mixed greens

Dressing: 3 types  
Fruit and dessert: cookies  
Beverage: lemonade

### **Checking Out**

Friends staying in the Cabins are requested to remove your belongings by 10 AM because WCR must clean the cabins for the next group. If you rented a linen set, stuff it in your pillow case and leave it at the cabin door. Friends staying in the Lodges (Willow, Teachers, Buckeye, Eucalyptus, Sequoia, Pines & Cypress) do not need to clear out your belongings until after lunch. PYMers should go home after lunch, unless participating in the 1PM meeting for Clerks and Officers. Holding you in the Light for a safe journey home.

Carol Mosher, Arrangements

### **Youth Program Coordinator Contributions**

Tax-deductible contributions earmarked for the PYM Youth Program Coordinator may be given to the Treasurer, Gary Wolff. Make checks payable to "Pacific Yearly Meeting" with the note "Youth Program" on the memo line.

### **Quaker Center Annual Family Workcamp**

If you would enjoy more time with Friends, we invite you to join us for all or part of our Annual Family Workcamp, August 7-11. All ages are welcome. Every year, we at Ben

Lomond Quaker Center host a gathering of people who love and enjoy this wonderful site in the redwoods, the projects are varied & an effort is made to match tasks with abilities. We emphasize service as a spiritual practice and community experience. The company and food are nice and good, respectively. The stay is free; the food cost nominal and the time is a lot of fun. If you are interested, check us out on [quakercenter.com](http://quakercenter.com) and give us a call or email to let us know you are coming. Warmly, David Forbes

### **From Religious Education for Children Committee**

Friends interested in hosting a retreat for pre-teen Friends in the care of a meeting are invited to contact Sandy Farley, Clerk. That committee has resources and Friends experienced in such retreats who can be available to assist meetings.

### **PYM Pictures and Thoughts on Anthony Manousos' Blog**

[laquaker.blogspot.com](http://laquaker.blogspot.com) chronicles the daily activities/reflections of Anthony Manousos, a Quaker peace activist, and also contains pictures and thoughts about this Yearly Meeting. Your comments are welcome! Anthony's new email is [interfaithquaker@aol.com](mailto:interfaithquaker@aol.com)

### **Unity With Nature News "To Go"**

People viewing the "Renewal" DVD about the religious-environmental movement were very enthused about it! Many have asked me how to obtain a copy to show to their meeting. I'm able to get a discount for purchasing ten or more. Mail me a check (payable to Joe Morris) for \$12 and I'll send you a copy. Alternatively, you can learn about and order the DVD from the website: [www.renewalproject.net](http://www.renewalproject.net) for \$20. To remind people, Unity with Nature has a listserve, chiefly used to communicate with each monthly meeting contact about environmental

issues, but is open to anyone else attending a meeting. Postings are only a few per month, so you won't be bombarded. If you wish to subscribe email [dpj1942@earthlink.net](mailto:dpj1942@earthlink.net) Joe Morris, Unity with Nature Clerk.

### **Young Friends Internship with FCNL**

Young Friends looking for a Quaker-paid internship in September 2010, consider applying for one at FCNL [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org) in Washington D.C. You may have seen former FCNL intern Reza Aslan on CNN or read his book *No god but God (The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam)*. Stephen McNeil

### **Where are Friends who aren't like me?**

#### **You can meet some at FWCC!**

Friends World Committee for Consultation encourages fellowship among all branches of the Religious Society of Friends. PYM appoints five representatives, who currently are: Robin Mohr, Ann Boone, Jim Anderson, Ruth Ross, and Alyssa Nelson. Here are some ways you can participate too;

- Quaker Youth Pilgrimage (Apply by Sept 30th 2009 for 2010).
- Annual section of the Americas Meeting, next one is March 18-21, 2010 in the Baltimore, MD area.
- 2012 World Conference in Kenya
- Quaker United Nations
- Committee of Latin American Friends
- Send FWCC a donation at [www.fwccamericas.org](http://www.fwccamericas.org)

Questions? Ask any of your FWCC reps, or other PYM Friends who are also involved: Jeanette Norton, Donna Smith, Janet Leslie ...& you! :-)

### **SCQM Directories Available**

Pre-ordered SCQM Directories are ready for pick up by the Monthly Meeting Reps in SCQM on the table in the back of Plenary

Tent. Please stop by the table and see if your meeting or worship order is there, and help save shipping costs.  
Don Bean, SCQM Directory Clerk

### **Why We have No Bananas**

By Mary Miché and Anthony Manousos

Yes, we have no bananas  
We have no bananas today  
Cause bananas come from Uruguay  
and Ecuador and Paraguay  
We don't want our world to pay  
the cost of food from far away

Yes, we have no mangos  
We have no mangos today  
Our lack of mangos is not strange  
because of global climate change  
our food committee has arranged  
to eat within our local range  
Yes, we have no mangos  
We have no mangos today

Yes, we have no papayas  
We have no papayas today  
It may have been an inspiration  
or may have caused some consternation  
but the cost of transportation  
is the scorching of all nations  
So, yes, we have no papayas  
We have no papayas today

Yes, we do have local produce  
We do have local produce today  
'cause we want to let our lives speak  
about the world we do seek  
so eat it up and just don't freak  
'cause it is only for one week  
Yes, we do have local produce  
We do have local produce today

### **I am a River** by Mariana Ruybalid

Springing from meadow of wildflowers  
tall mountains not far from Migote  
where grandpa was born on a homestead,  
grandma grew on ranch near Duranggo

*Drip, drip, drip, water drops hit the stone,  
Carving rock, year by year, forming awe-  
some yellows, browns and reds of canyon.*

I am a river, the confluence  
of Ute, Hispanic and Russian hopes.  
Ma began her journey in Shanghai,  
and Dad, high in the Rocky Mountains.

*Drip, drip, drip, water drops hit the stone,  
Carving rock, year by year, forming awe-  
some yellows, browns and reds of canyon.*

Deep blue, dark tan, purple in twilight.  
I struggle to stay within my banks,  
never wanting to follow rules or  
be confined by perceived limitations.

*Drip, drip, drip, water drops hit the stone,  
Carving rock, year by year, forming awe-  
some yellows, browns and reds of canyon.*

I'm a river flowing fast and free  
full of ideas, passions, desires,  
flowing slowly, tired, and seemingly  
stagnant until next vision inspires.

*Drip, drip, drip, water drops hit the stone,  
Carving rock, year by year, forming awe-  
some yellows, browns and reds of canyon.*

I swim in a warm current of joy  
and I drink the river's darkest grief  
Do I dare dream I am a river  
joining other rivers in the sea?

### **Golden Rules**

From the website Religious Tolerance  
<http://www.religioustolerance.org/reciproc.htm>

"Ethic of Reciprocity" passages from various religions and secular beliefs:

- Bahá'í Faith: "And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbour that which thou chooseth for thyself." Epistle to the Son of the Wolf
- Brahmanism: "This is the sum of Dharma [duty]: Do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you". Mahabharata, 5:1517 "
- Buddhism: Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." Udana-Varga 5:18
- Christianity: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31, King James Version. "...and don't do what you hate...", Gospel of Thomas 6
- Confucianism: "Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you" Analects 15
- Ancient Egyptian: "Do for one who may do for you, that you may cause him thus to do." 1970 to 1640 BCE
- Hinduism: This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you. Mahabharata 5:1517
- Humanism: "Don't do things you wouldn't want to have done to you, British Humanist Society.
- Islam: "None of you [truly] believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.
- Jainism: "A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated. "Sutrakritanga 1.11.33
- Judaism: "...thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.", Leviticus 19:18
- Native American Spirituality: "All things are our relatives; what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One." Black Elk
- Roman Pagan Religion: "The law imprinted on the hearts of all men is to love the members of society as themselves."
- Shinto: "The heart of the person before you is a mirror. See there your own form"
- Sikhism: "Don't create enmity with anyone as God is within everyone." Guru Arjan Devji 259
- Sufism: "If you haven't the will to gladden someone's heart, then at least beware lest you hurt someone's heart, for on our path, no sin exists but this." Dr. Javad Nurbakhsh, Master of the Nimatullahi Sufi Order.
- Taoism: "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss." T'ai Shang Kan Ying P'ien.
- Unitarian: "We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Unitarian principles.
- Wicca: "An it harm no one, do what thou wilt"
- Yoruba (Nigeria): "One going to take a pointed stick to pinch a baby bird should first try it on himself to feel how it hurts."
- Zoroastrianism: "Whatever is disagreeable to yourself do not do unto others." Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29
- Epictetus: "What you would avoid suffering yourself, seek not to impose on others." (circa 100 CE)
- Kant: "Act as if the maxim of thy action were to become by thy will a universal law of nature."
- Plato: "May I do to others as I would that they should do unto me." (Greece; 4th century BCE)
- Socrates: "Do not do to others that which would anger you if others did it to you." (Greece; 5th century BCE)
- Seneca: "Treat your inferiors as you would be treated by your superiors," Epistle 47:11 (Rome; 1st century CE)
- Scientology: "20: Try to treat others as you would want them to treat you."