

Annual Report 2012-2013
Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting
Social Committee

The Social Committee was responsible for the usual Family Night Suppers the last Saturday of the month from September to April. It was our intent to plan a variety of programs in order to appeal to attenders and members of all ages as well as provide outreach to the wider community. The following programs were scheduled:

September- Sing a long with Nightengales at Richter's with bonfire, full moon and wild dog serenade

October – Halloween Carnival – the Youth Committee continued the revitalized Halloween Carnival. The social committee assisted with the food aspect of the carnival and the making of pizzas to sell as a fund raiser for UNICEF.

November –Christopher Sammond shared from his experience at the World Conference of Friends in Kabarak, Kenya. We listened to a message given by Noah Baker Miller with group sharing following this presentation.

January – Kathleen Connelly organized a Game Night including board and word games.. Fun was had by all ages!

February – Friendly Suppers with meals in member's homes

March – Cathy Mullarney shared about her recent trip to San Pedro, El Salvador (our sister community) with a video of an interview which is part of an oral history project.

April – No supper d/t interference with Spring Gathering

Monthly coffee hours were provided on the second Sundays with continued enjoyment. A multitude of people volunteered to bake delicious treats to entice us to further socialize and get to know one another. We welcomed Bess and Andy Simkin as new members with the January coffee hour. The annual Christmas finger food supper is always a big success enlisting many helping hands! White Gifts are donated and gathered for friends and shut-ins during the Christmas Season. Many help participate in this annual tradition. A Memorial Service was held for Joan Morris in April with a reception to follow. The social committee continued a 5:30 start time for our family night suppers to make them more young family friendly. Wider Parish Lenten service was not held at our Meeting this year.

Social Committee Members:

Linda Simkin, Jim Frisch, Maria Bachich, Laura Buffam, Trudy Buxenbaum, Janet Shea, Ann Burch, Kathleen Connelly, Suzanne O'Hara, Jay Ar dai and Hannah Richter - Clerk