



# PRISM

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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

## NOVEMBER 2012

| Sun  | Mon                                  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
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|  |                                      |  |  | 1  | 2  | 3<br>10am King Ferry<br>Food Pantry<br>10am Southern<br>Cayuga Craft Fair |
| 4<br>10am Meeting for<br>Worship - Ruth<br>Bradley<br><br>STANDARD TIME<br>BEGINS  | 5<br>7:30pm<br>Meditatio<br>n Group  | 6<br><br>ELECTION<br>DAY   | 7<br>Birthday:<br>Hannah<br>Richter            | 8<br>7pm Mid-week<br>Worship @<br>Home of<br>Christopher<br>Sammond<br>7pm San Pedro<br>Meeting<br>@Buxenbaum's              | 9<br>6:15pm The<br>Cayuga Prison<br>Worship Group                      | 10  |
| 11<br>10am Meeting for<br>Worship - Rebecca<br>Schillenback<br>11am Coffee Hour<br><br>VETERNS DAY<br><br>Birthday: Zehan H L<br>Nelson, Ted Rejman                                  | 12<br>Birthday:<br>Sara<br>Seifert   | 13<br>7:30pm Ministry<br>& Counsel<br>(Nelson's<br>House)<br><br>Birthday:<br>Charlotte<br>Millman | 14   | 15<br>7:30pm Men's<br>Spiritual Nurture<br>Group   | 16<br>7pm Movie<br>Night - Brother<br>Outsider @<br>Trudy<br>Buxenbaum | 17<br>9am Genoa Food<br>Pantry<br>5:30pm Family<br>Night Supper           |
| 18<br>10am Meeting for<br>Worship - Ruth<br>Bradley<br>Meeting for Business<br>at the rise of Meeting<br>2pm Wider Parish<br>Thanksgiving<br>Service<br><br>Birthday: Patsy<br>Myers | 19<br>Birthday:<br>Kevin<br>Sullivan | 20<br>7:15pm<br>Women's<br>Spiritual Nurture<br>(Claire's House)                                   | 21<br>Deadline for<br>PRISM<br>submission<br>s | 22<br>7pm Mid-week<br>Worship @<br>Home of<br>Christopher<br>Sammond<br><br>Birthday: Scott<br>Heinekamp<br><br>THANKSGIVING | 23<br>6:15pm The<br>Cayuga Prison<br>Worship Group                     | 24  |
| 25<br>10am Meeting for<br>Worship<br>(unprogrammed)  | 26                                   | 27   | 28   | 29<br>Birthday: Graham<br>Hanson, Gopini<br>Lama Nelson  | 30   |   |

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com)

# POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES– October 21, 2012

Minutes have not yet been published.

## PEACE & SOCIAL ACTION

Peace and Social Action committee encourages all Friends to remember to vote this coming November 6th. If you are looking for more information on the candidates in our races, you can find some information at Project Vote Smart <http://votesmart.org> or at Friends Committee on National Legislation <http://fcn.org> Neither site seems too good at recognizing my address as a point of reference, but lots of information is available by entering names of candidates, Maffei, Buerkle, Gillibrand, Obama, Romney, etc.

Larry Buffam for  
Peace and Social Action



## LIVING AVP: REMEMBERING RAY BARNES

*By Jill McLellan*

Ray Barnes, a.k.a. Sensational Shakim, a former AVP inside coordinator at Auburn, passed away recently, leaving a large hole in the re-entry work done in New York State. Reflecting on his life, I thought of some of the guides to Transforming Power and how he embodied them.

**Be willing to suffer for what is important.** Ray was rather a legend in Auburn for never once going to commissary in his 27 years of incarceration. He was not going to give his money to DOCS; instead he sent it all home to his wife Lorraine to help purchase their house in Auburn. If he needed something, he would trade for it or do without.

**Learn to trust your inner sense of when to act.** Ray was very concerned about the safety and welfare of children. He was a major part of the Youth Assistance Program (YAP) in Auburn and counseled teachers, parents and probation officers in helping youth at risk. If a child seemed to be troubled, he advised that an adult ask him or her to

draw a picture or find one in a magazine to indicate what is going on. Recognizing and reporting abuse is too much to expect from a child, he said. He also suggested using Light and Livelies in the visiting room as he had with his daughter Roxie both for fun and to help her learn her alphabet and math facts.

**Be patient and persistent.** Ray shared that he had lost contact with some of his family members following his incarceration but that he kept up the letters and cards, especially to nieces and nephews, who were not old enough to make decisions about who should be in their lives and who should not. Sure enough, when they were older, these nieces and nephews reached out to him. It didn't seem to bother him that it would take years; he seemed to know and accept that.

**Build a community based on honesty, respect and caring.** For Ray, community was all about love. Ray's first speaking engagement shortly after his release in 2005 was at the school where I teach.

The administration had no problem allowing Ray to speak to the students soon after his release because teachers had met him through the YAP program and they trusted him. This was a follow-up to community building (AVP) workshops held at school. Ray began all of his public addresses with and repeated several times during the course of a workshop: "My beloved brothers and my beloved sisters...". All people were beloved to Ray. It didn't matter if you were a judge, a correctional officer, a teacher, youth at risk or wearing state greens. His passionate speaking engagements continued as he worked for the Center for Community Alternatives in Syracuse as a case manager. He spoke to district attorneys and people in power regarding parole-- a long way from YAP and AVP but then not really. Ray loved people, listening to them, laughing with them, leading "Lean on Me" at the end of workshops with his beautiful voice and above all, cherishing his family. I cannot think of a better legacy.

*Jill McLellan a.k.a. Jumpin' Jill is Co-President of AVP New York and is the outside coordinator for AVP at Auburn Prison.*

## **YSOP 2013**

YSOP ( Youth Opportunities Service Project) is scheduled for March 15 - 17, 2013. High School students are eligible for our annual work camp in New York City to feed the hungry and learn about homelessness. More information to come, but mark your calendars if you are interested.

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

(sponsored by the Peace and Social Action Committee)

This month's movie is Brother Outsider, an inspirational documentary film highlighting the life of Bayard Rustin, an important but little known Civil Rights activist. Rustin was a gay African American in a time of segregation. He was also a Quaker who worked to make people more tolerant through non-violent approaches. His bravery helped the Civil Rights movement to gain the great momentum that it developed. All are invited to attend. Discussion will follow after the movie.

November 16, 2012, 7:00 PM  
at the home of Trudy Buxenbaum  
2612 Dog Corners Road, Aurora, NY 13026

## **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, at 5:30 pm there will be a potluck with a program to follow at 7:00.

Christopher Sammond will present a filmed presentation of Noah Baker Merrill's message given at the World Conference of Friends in Kenya in April 2012. This was the largest worldwide gathering of Friends since 1967. The theme was Being Salt and Light, Friends living the Kingdom of God in a broken world. Over 850 Friends gathered on the campus of Kabarak University, near Nakuru, Kenya. They came from many parts of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and North America.

## **SOUP & SHARING**

Mark your calendar. Ministry & Counsel will sponsor two Soup & Sharing discussion groups: on December 2, topic: Truth: Does it change?

How do we know it? January 13, topic: Speaking out of the silence.



## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**The Wider Parish Thanksgiving Service** will be held at King Ferry Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 18 at 2p.m. Those wishing to sing in the choir must be present for a rehearsal at 1 pm and are invited for an optional soup and sandwich lunch beforehand at noon.

## **SOUTHERN CAYUGA CRAFT SALE**

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The First Presbyterian Church of Scipioville is holding its' 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Craft Fair at Southern Cayuga High School on Rte. 34B in Poplar Ridge from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free admission, free parking, free craft demonstrations, a white elephant table and lunch is available. All church profits are donated to community service groups.

All proceeds from the white elephant table go directly to support Camp Gregory. If you have any items you would like to donate for this cause they can be dropped off at the high school the morning of the event.

## **AUTHOR SPEAKS**

Dorothy Wickenden, the author of , "Nothing Daunted," , a story of two young women from the central NY area moved to Colorado in 1916 to teach school to children will speak at 8 pm Nov. 10, in the Morgan Opera House in Aurora. Admission is free. There will be book sales and signing in the Library after the talk.



## **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE TREE REMOVAL**

A locust tree was professionally removed from the west side of the Meeting House. Many hands cleaned it all up. Thanks to Dill Otis, Peter Dalton, Jim Frisch, Andy Simkin, Greg Otis, Larry Buffam, Jay Ardai, Suzanne O'Hara and all others who helped.

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Larry Buffam

Recording Clerk – David Connelly

Treasurer – Dee Nance

Pastor - Ruth Bradley

Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Ministry & Counsel Clerk - Howard Nelson

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday is a youth centered service. There is Nursery during meeting.

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