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ASHS Affiliate

Voltaire

This month's speaker at the regular meeting of the Humanist Association will be our President, Doug Peary, who will be giving a repeat performance of an earlier "Humanist Heroes" subject — Voltaire.

Francois-Marie Arouet was born in 1694. He came to be known as a young man as Voltaire. He was a playwright, who became aware of the oppression of humanity by the church and government in France. He spoke out and was published world wide regarding oppression. He became a businessman and paid his employees fair wages while endangering his own life by continuing to speak out for the betterment of humanity. He lived at times in England, Germany and Switzerland to protect himself from death at the hands of French and Catholic leaders. He also escaped to France from Switzerland to save himself from death at the hands of Calvinist Protestants.

Voltaire said that the creed of the Christian church was insane and filled the world with cruelty and fear. He made up his mind to destroy superstition and his cry was "Crush the infamous thing!" He became a national

Calendar of Events

Mon., 18	Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Doug Peary presents an encore performance of "Voltaire: Humanist Hero."	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	1:30 p.m.
Fri., 6	Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike.	7:30 p.m.
Mon., 16	Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Pre-election debate.	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 22	Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	1:30 p.m.
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Mon., 20	Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main Program: Mickey Koth presents "Humanist Sheroes"	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 26	Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	1:30 p.m.

hero in France and was buried in the Pantheon. His views were humanistic and he is a Humanist Hero today. Poet, philosopher, historian, he caused the human spirit to take a great leap forward; he prepared us to be free.

Bring a friend and come to our meeting on Monday, September 18. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with half an hour of coffee and conversation and the main talk at 8:00 p.m.

Humanist Conversations

The next Humanist Conversation will be on Friday, October 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden.

This meeting will focus on influences in Voltaire's life. If you will not be able to attend our monthly meeting on September 18th, please contact Mickey Koth at mkoth@snet.net or (203) 498-8333, to arrange to get a copy of the reading material.

As usual, we will order out for pizza and will provide coffee and tea.

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The deadline for each issue is three weeks prior to the monthly meeting. The editor would like to thank everyone who contributed to this issue.

Debate!

What do the two largest political parties have to offer humanists? Find out on Monday, October 16. Theodore Johnson will represent the Republican point of view and William Goward will represent the Democratic point of view.

As usual, the meeting will be held at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, with coffee and conversation at 7:30 p.m. and the debate commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Internet Directory

There is an internet directory of Humanist celebrants sponsored by The Humanist Society of Friends. (The Humanist Society of Friends works as a subsidiary of the American Humanist Association to certify qualified members to serve as Humanist Celebrants.) I am pleased to report that our own Bob Wolsch and Nash Boutros are listed. Visit <http://www.humsig.net/DHC-DIR.htm> to browse the directory; visit <http://www.humsig.net/411.htm> to sign up!

E-Mail to Officers

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