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ASHS Affiliate

Our 12th Anniversary

On Monday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. we will celebrate our 12th anniversary. If you miss the meeting, you'll miss the surprises. If you miss the surprises, you'll kick yourself.

We're willing to tell you two things. One is that Micky Koth's ever-popular renaissance ensemble, Wild Notes, has agreed to appear. The other is that we will be honoring Walter Wells. Rumor has it that Walter will regale us with anecdotes of his extraordinary career in the United States diplomatic service.

I suppose we can even admit to the existence of an anniversary cake. But the rest shall remain shrouded in mystery and suspense.

The date is Monday, May 21. The time is 7:30 p.m. for cake and conversation and 8:00 p.m. for the main program. The place is the Unitarian Society of New Haven at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Bring a friend and plan to have a great time!

Calendar of Events

MAY

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| Fri., 18 to
Sun., 20 | The 60th Annual Conference of the American Humanist Association, Sheraton Four Points Hotel LAX in Los Angeles, CA | |
| Mon., 21 | Our 12th Anniversary meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Featuring Walter Wells and music by Mickey Koth's group Wild Notes. | |
| | Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program. | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 27 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wed., 30 | Dinner at MisFitz restaurant in Southbury. | 7:00 p.m. |

JUNE

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| Fri., 1 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun., 10 | Annual Picnic at Bob & Joan Rafford's house in Middlebury. Bring a salad or dessert. | 12 noon to
3:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 18 | Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | |
| | Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Panel Discussion <i>Freethinkers: Where Do We Go From Here?</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 24 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |
| Fri., 29 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |

JULY

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| Mon., 16 | Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun., 22 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 2:00 p.m. |

Intelligent Design: The New Creationism

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairfield Public Library, Michael Schermer will be lecturing on this topic for the New England Skeptical Society. Michael Schermer is the publisher of Skeptic magazine, a monthly columnist for Scientific American, and author of several books including, *Why do People Believe Weird Things?* and *Why do People Believe in God?* For more information contact Jon Blumenfeld at (203) 847-9045 or by e-mail at jon@jblumenfeld.com. The requested donation is \$5.00.

Directions to Fairfield Library (Heading South): Take I95 south to exit 22 (North Benson Rd). Take a left at the end of the ramp. Take a right onto Post Rd. Take a left at the second through street. The library is at the corner of Post Rd and Old Post Rd.

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Humanist Conversations

The next Humanist Conversation is Friday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. The topic will be announced at the anniversary meeting. We will order pizza as usual. You and your friends are warmly invited to come join the discussion. Call (203) 498-8333 or e-mail (mkoth@snet.net) Mickey Koth for more information.

Dinner Meetings

Are you interested in hosting a dinner meeting in your area? You don't need an agenda unless you want one - the point of these meetings is to mingle and build friendships! You can have an announcement in this newsletter along with contact information and help calling members in your area a day or two before the actual dinner. Please contact Carol Stone to get your dinner started! (e-mail editor@cthumanist.org or phone (203) 264-8546).

Come to dinner in Southbury at MisFitz again! The food was good and the company unrivaled. Feel free to park anywhere on the street except the liquor store. We will be dining on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Carol Stone (e-mail editor@cthumanist.org or phone (203) 264-8546) by Monday, May 28, so we can give the restaurant a rough headcount.

Inherit the Wind

See HACC member Helen Flores in the Greater Norwalk Community Theatre presentation of *Inherit the Wind* by Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee with Steve Kalarchian as Matthew H. Brady vs. David Victor as Henry Drummond. Performance Dates: May 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th Time 8:00 p.m. At: The Carriage House Theatre, Cranbury Park, Grumman Avenue, Norwalk Tickets: \$12.00 Reservations: 203-229-0094

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