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# The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

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ASHS Affiliate

## Picnic- June 1

Our annual picnic will be held June 1, rain or shine, at the lovely home of Dr. Rob and Ms. Joan Rafford, 57 Clearview Knoll Rd., Middlebury. Festivities run from 12 noon, to between 3 and 4 p.m.

Bring something to eat and drink for yourself, a little food to share (hot or cold, salad, dessert, fruit, vegetables, or what have you), and please bring a chair. The Raffords will provide hot dogs on the grill.

Telephone: (203) 758-9798 if you need extra directions.

*From the New Haven area:*

Take Rte. 8 north to I-84 and go west to Exit 17. From the exit go straight ahead (west) on Rte. 64 to the stoplight...

*From the Stamford area:*

Take Rte. 7 north to I-84 and go east to Exit 17. At the exit turn left onto Rte. 63, go straight to the stoplight (Rte. 64), and turn left again onto Rte. 64...

*From the junction of Rte. 64 with Rte. 63:*

Head west on Rte. 64 less than one mile, passing through one more stoplight. If you pass a gas station you have gone too far. On the right, look for Tzepos Law Firm sign. At that sign, turn right onto Clearview Knoll Road and drive to the top of the hill. #57 is on the left. Park in the driveway (2 cars wide) or on the street.

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE, 2002

Sat., 1	Annual picnic at the Raffords' home in Middlebury.	12 noon
Mon., 3	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 7	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Topic: <i>Communal Conflicts</i>	7:30 p.m.
Sun., 9	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.
Sat., 15	Discussion Series at Mystic/Noank Library	10:15 a.m.
Thu., 20	Dinner at the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

### JULY, 2002

Fri., 5	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Topic: <i>The Moral Implications of Cloning</i>	7:30 p.m.
Mon., 8	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 22	Anniversary meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation Lenora Howard — <i>Why I Am A Humanist</i> Main program. Dr. David Schafer, <i>Current Trends in Humanism</i>	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:20 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

## Conversations: Friday, June 7

This month our Humanist Conversations meeting will be held on Friday, June 7, in the USNH library. We will watch and discuss some videotapes of Nightline shows on aspects of communal conflicts relating to the Caspian Basin and the surrounding states of the Caucasus and Central Asia. As usual, pizza is optional at \$5 per person. Join us for this stimulating evening!

## Dinner Meetings

We will be meeting at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange, on June 3. Prices range from \$16 - 23.

We'll also be meeting for dinner in Woodbury at the Curtis House on Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP for either or both of these dinners to Carol Stone (editor@cthumanist.org or (203) 264-8546).

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# The Schafers to Attend UUA GA

June and David Schafer will attend the 2002 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Quebec City, Quebec, June 21-23. David is on the board of HUUmanists (formerly Friends of Religious Humanism).

Dr. William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA and past-president of the UUA, will speak on his new book about the making of the Humanist Manifesto. David has been asked to be one of the responders.

David will report to us regarding *Current Trends in Humanism* at our monthly meeting scheduled for July 22.

# Mystic/Noank Discussion Series

The next meeting of the humanist discussion group is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, at 10:15 a.m. at the Mystic Noank Library. The topic has not yet been announced.

For more information and directions, phone George Marcus at (860) 572-9188 or e-mail [gminnoank@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gminnoank@worldnet.att.net).

# Habitat For Humanity Challenge

To raise money for New Haven Habitat for Humanity, 60 students from this area will be bicycling in two groups across the United States this summer. Each student's goal is \$3500, all of which will go to Habitat (expenses of the trip itself have been underwritten by local corporations). Ben Wood, 2001-2002 president of the Yale student Humanists, will be cycling to San Francisco, and has asked for our support. Habitat for Humanity in New Haven is an affiliate member of Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM). If you would like more information or would like to help please call June Schafer at (203) 281-6232.

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