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# The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

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## **Bertrand Russell, Humanist Hero**

Our speaker this month is Rev. Douglas Peary, vice president of this association.

Doug was born and raised on a farm in northern Maine as a fundamentalist Christian. He became a Unitarian in 1972 in Springfield, Mass, where he met Joyce, who put him through college and Seminary. He studied business and philosophy and then attended Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley. In 1980 Doug was ordained as a UU minister, and the same year he was certified as a Humanist Minister.

In 1982 he became a Federal Labor Investigator in Oakland with the National Labor Relations Board, and he still works for the NLRB in Hartford.

Inspired by the life stories of outstanding Humanists, and finding that others were likewise inspired by them, Doug began writing the first of 17 popular "Humanist Hero" presentations in 1986, and these are now about to appear in book form.

In 1989 he became a charter member of our Humanist organization. He has served as its president, and is currently its

## **Calendar of Events**

### **NOVEMBER, 2003**

Mon., 17	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Main program. Doug Peary — <i>Bertrand Russell, Humanist Hero</i>	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 23	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:00 p.m.
Wed., 26	Dinner at the Curtis House, 506 Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

### **DECEMBER, 2003**

Mon., 8	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 15	Annual meeting and Solstice Party, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Elections and Solstice Party	8:00 p.m.
Mon., 29	Dinner at the Curtis House, 506 Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

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vice-president.

This month Doug will present "Bertrand Russell, Humanist Hero."

Bring a friend on Monday, November 17 to 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden at 7:30 p.m. for coffee and conversation followed by short reviews of two recent conferences and then the presentation by Doug Peary beginning at 8:00 p.m.

## **Mystic/Noank Discussion Series**

The next meeting of this humanist discussion group is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 10:15 a.m. at the Mystic and Noank Library.

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

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# Sherwin Wine in Westport "Secularism in a Religious World"

Founding chair of the Humanist Institute, founder of the Jewish Humanist Movement and recipient of the 2003 American Humanist Association Humanist of the Year Award, Rabbi Sherwin Wine will be the keynote speaker for the 36th Anniversary Lecture of the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism of Fairfield County on Friday, Dec. 5, 2003 at 8:00 pm at the Westport Woman's Club, 44 Imperial Ave. in Westport.

Rabbi Wine will address such issues as: Where is the belief in religious freedom in America headed? What does the future hold for secularism in the United States? Can there be morality without a belief in God? What should we teach our children about our religious choices and the choices of others?

Free and open to the public, the event will be preceded by a short ceremony and followed by an informal reception.

## Dinners Moving

The Woodbury dinners are moving back to the Curtis House because separate checks had become an adventure at Leo's.

Likewise, as Gabrielle has a policy against separate checks, we will be meeting less than a block from Gabriele at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. If you take a right out of the Gabriele parking lot (turning toward New Haven), Pasta Fair is at the first traffic light, on the corner of Rt. 1 and Rt. 114. Call (203) 799-9601 for directions.

If you would like to recommend a restaurant, or if you plan to attend one of the dinners, please contact Carol Stone at (203) 264-8546 or [editor@cthumanist.org](mailto:editor@cthumanist.org).

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