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## Bring a Chair and Something to Share!

Join us for our annual picnic on Saturday, June 20, rain or shine, at the lovely home of Dr. Bob and Ms. Joan Rafford at 57 Clearview Knoll Road in Middlebury. Festivities run from noon to 4 p.m. The board will sequester itself in a corner for no more than 15 minutes at noon sharp for a quick meeting.

Bring a chair and something to share. The Raffords will provide hot dogs (regular and vegetarian), soft drinks and beer.

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

From the New Haven area:

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

From the Stamford area:

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

From the junction of Rt. 64 with Rt. 63:

Head west on Rt. 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. Number 57 is the last house on the left. Park in the driveway or on the street.

## June Book Discussion

How come there were no economists before Adam Smith, who wasn't born until 1723? What was the disagreement between Malthus and Ricardo? How did these two thinkers change the entire outlook created by Smith's work? Who were the

Luddites and what were they a reaction to? Who was Robert Owen, and what was his solution to the problem of poverty? What did John Stewart Mill realize about economics which nobody had noticed before?

You don't have to read Smith,

Malthus, or Ricardo for these answers. You still have time to pick up this fascinating book: *The Worldly Philosophers: The Lives, Times And Ideas Of The Great Economic Thinkers* by Robert L. Heilbroner. Read chapters

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## Calendar of Events

### JUNE, 2004

Mon., 14	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. Humanist Institute information and discussion. RSVP at <a href="http://humanism.meetup.com">humanism.meetup.com</a>	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 19	Book discussion — <i>The Worldly Philosophers: The Lives, Times And Ideas Of The Great Economic Thinkers</i> by Robert L. Heilbroner.	2:30 p.m.
Sun., 20	Annual Picnic at the Raffords' in Middlebury. The board will meet briefly at the very beginning of this meeting.	12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
Wed., 30	Dinner at the Curtis House, 506 Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

### JULY, 2004

Sat., 3	Humanist Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden — <i>Thomas Jefferson</i>	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 12	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at <a href="http://humanism.meetup.com">humanism.meetup.com</a>	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 16	Group Trip: Re-Release of Monty Python's <i>Life of Brian</i> at Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor Street, West Hartford	TBA
Mon., 19	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Main program. Virginia Clark will report on Freethinkers in England and David Schafer will report on HUUMANISM at the UUA's General Assembly.	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 25	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:00 p.m.
Wed., 28	Dinner at the Curtis House, 506 Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

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## Humanist Institute Dinner

Join us for a discussion about the Institute during our New Haven area dinner at the Pasta Fair in Orange on Monday, June 14th. The thirteenth class of the Humanist Institute will start August 11, 2004 in New York City, so time is running out to register!

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## Lois Woodrow

Lois died on May 2, 2004. She was 85 and was the widow of Watson Woodrow. Her memorial service was well-attended. She will be missed.

## Conversations

At our next conversation we will see a PBS presidential profile of Thomas Jefferson.

Join us at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Saturday, July 3 at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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one through five and join us at the lovely home of Dr. Joseph and Miriam More in Cromwell Connecticut at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19. This is, if anything, an easier read than our last book. Heilbroner does a wonderful job of putting the thinkers in their historical contexts and making their concerns and visions readily accessible.

Directions to the More's home, 10 Windwood Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416, (860)635-6268:

Take Rt. 91 to exit 22 South, (Rt.9 S.) Take the first exit, #19, (CROMWELL WEST ST, Rt. 372).

At the end of the ramp take a LEFT.

Go past the first light, past a SONOCO gas station on your left.

At the next light (about 0.3 mile from the exit ramp) take a LEFT to: WASHINGTON ST.

From Washington St. the first Left (about 0.1 mile) will be WINDWOOD DRIVE.

# 10 is the fourth driveway on your right, a gray 2 story house.

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We'll meet in the lobby area at 7 p.m. We'll have several alums of the Institute on hand to answer questions about what the Institute's courses cover, what it's like to attend the Institute, and what's expected of students. We'll bring a pile of books, some brochures, and a copy of the Institute's new video. This may be one of the last classes held exclusively on the east coast, so if you're considering attending the Institute this is a good time to enroll. (There is some financial assistance available for low income students.)

If you have internet access, we'd prefer you RSVP for this event by joining meetup.com at <http://humanism.meetup.com>. Otherwise, please RSVP to Carol Stone at (203) 264-8546.

## Movie Night

Want to see a film about the Messiah? No, not Mel Gibson's sickening *Passion of the Christ*. Monty Python's parody of the messiah industry in first century Palestine has been re-released, and we're planning a group trip to see *Life of Brian* at Real Art Ways ([www.realartways.org](http://www.realartways.org)) at 56 Arbor Street in West Hartford on Friday, July 16 (the movie will probably start at 7:30 p.m.) More details, including directions to the cinema, will be in the next newsletter.

If you want to see the re-release of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, Real Art Ways is playing it June 18 - 19. They don't yet have a time on their website, but their "late" show is usually at 7:30 p.m. Call (860) 232-1006 to confirm times.

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