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CSH Affiliate

Winter Solstice Festival, Monday, December 19

You are all cordially invited to take part in our annual Humanist celebration of the Winter Solstice in the Social Hall at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden on Monday, December 19. At 7:30 p.m. we'll start off appropriately with seasonal pot-luck refreshments, continuing through the evening, so bring something to share.

After a brief business meeting to elect officers for the year 2006 CE, we'll begin our traditional welcome of winter by reading Lois Woodrow's poem, "Ode to the Tilt." Folk music will be provided by the Wild Notes ensemble. There will be singing, dancing, prancing, merry-making, and possibly even a bit of frolicking!

Another high point for many will be the silent auction, where anyone can bid on objects of every description brought by those present (that's you!) and, with a bit of luck, take some home. This is held teacup-style, where participants purchase tickets to be placed in "teacups" to be drawn from at the end of the night. It's all great fun, so come and bring a friend to 700

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER, 2005

Sat., 10	Humanist Conversations: Excerpts from <i>The God Who Wasn't There</i>	2:30 p.m.
Sun., 11	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	3:00 p.m.
Mon., 12	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com . (203) 799-9601 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 19	Annual meeting and Solstice Party, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden Pot-luck dinner, coffee and conversation Annual meeting with elections, followed by the Solstice Party ("Ode to the Tilt," <i>Wild Notes</i> , Dancing, Games and a Silent Auction)	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sun., 25	Brunch at Shangri-Lee, 965 South Main Street, Cheshire. (203) 250-8888 for directions.	11:30 a.m.

JANUARY, 2006

Sat., 7	Humanist Conversations: TBA.	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 9	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com . (203) 799-9601 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 16	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden Coffee and conversation Main program: TBA	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
TBA	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	TBA
Wed., 25	Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 29	Book discussion, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden: <i>Things Fall Apart</i> by Chinua Achebe	3:30 p.m.

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Hartford Turnpike on Monday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m!

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Humanist Conversations

Join us at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, in the library at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden to view one or more interviews from the controversial movie, *The God Who Wasn't There*. Come help decide who to watch: Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Earl Doherty, Richard Carrier, Alan Dundes or one of the other interviewees.

As usual, refreshments will be served.

Book Discussion: Things Fall Apart

We will discuss *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe, on Sunday, January 29 at 3:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The book is readily available in the Connecticut public library network. Please read this book before coming to the meeting.

One of the most widely read novels from Nigeria's most famous novelist, *Things Fall Apart* is a gripping study of the problem of European colonialism in Africa. The story relates the cultural collision that occurs when Christian English missionaries arrive among the Ibos of Nigeria, bringing along their European ways of life and religion. In the novel, the Nigerian Okonkwo recognizes the cultural imperialism of the white men and tries to show his own people how their own society will fall apart if they exchange their own cultural core for that of the English. -from Amazon.com

Achebe is considered the father of the African novel in English as well as one of the world's most acclaimed writers. His modern African classic *Things Fall Apart*, published in 1958, has sold over 10 million copies around the world and exists in fifty languages. *Things Fall Apart* has appeared on numerous lists of the 100 greatest novels of all time published in Norway, England, America and Africa. -from Wikipedia.com

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