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CSH Affiliate

Winter Solstice Festival, Monday, December 18

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 18. 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 2007 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 Hartford Turnpike on Monday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m!

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT

DECEMBER, 2006

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| Mon., 4 | Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com . (203) 799-9601 for directions. | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat., 9 | Humanist Conversations: Scientism | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sun., 10 | Book Group: "Inheriting the Holy Land: An American's Search for Hope in the Middle East" by Jennifer Miller | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 18 | Annual meeting & Solstice celebration Elections followed by the Solstice Celebration and silent auction. | 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 25 | Brunch at Shangri-Lee, 965 South Main Street, Cheshire. (203) 250-8888 for directions. | 11:30 a.m. |

JANUARY, 2007

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| Sat., 6 | Humanist Conversations: "Moral Realism" | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 8 | Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com . (203) 799-9601 for directions. | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 21 | Monthly meeting Main program: Jennifer Miller, "Inheriting the Holy Land" — Snow Date Sun. 28 | 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. |
| Sun., 28 | Board meeting | 2:30 p.m. |
| Wed., 31 | Dinner at Black-eyed Sally's, 350 Asylum Street, Hartford. (860) 278-7427 for directions. | 7:00 p.m. |

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Benefits of Membership

Members enjoy the privilege of voting at the December membership meeting every year. This year, we will distribute a book, one per membership. Although we have a few extras for new members, those who were members in 2006 will be given first priority.

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Nominations

The Nominating Committee's nominations for the year 2007 are as follows:

Officers

President: June Schafer • Vice-President: Douglas Peary
Secretary: Richard Siddall • Treasurer: Douglas Peary

Committee Chairs

Programs: David Schafer • Membership: Carol Podgwaite
Development: Manny Ratafia • Publications: Carol Stone
Publicity: June Schafer • Hospitality: Randy Olear
We would like to extend a special thank-you to Nominating Committee: June Schafer, Carol Podgwaite, and Joan Rafford.

Book Group: Inheriting the Holy Land

Join us on Sunday, December 10, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden to discuss "Inheriting the Holy Land: An American's Search for Hope in the Middle East" by Jennifer Miller. Copies are available in Connecticut public libraries as well as in book stores and online.

Jennifer Miller will be coming to talk at USNH Sunday afternoon, January 21, at 3:00 p.m., in a program jointly organized by HAC and the USNH Adult Programs Committee.

Conversations: Scientism

Join us for Humanist Conversations on December 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the library at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when we will hear and discuss a presentation on the concept of "scientism" and the closely connected one of "reductionism" in science. These important terms may be used with positive, neutral, or negative connotations (emotional overtones), but today are most frequently encountered in anti-science contexts. David Schafer will run through a review of the history of both these terms, and lead a discussion pro and con of their implications and usefulness, if any. You are warmly welcomed to attend and join in the discussion.

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| i Adult | \$35 |
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