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The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

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CSH Affiliate

Business Meeting and Winter Solstice Festival, Monday, December 17

You are 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 17.

At 7:30 p.m. we'll start off with seasonal pot-luck refreshments, continuing through the evening, so please remember to bring something to share!

We'll start the evening with a brief business meeting to elect officers for the year 2008 CE. (Nominations are printed in this newsletter.) Then we'll begin our welcome of winter in our customary manner with a reading of Lois Woodrow's poem, "Ode to the Tilt," honoring the inclination of the Earth's axis that makes a solstice party possible. Folk music will again be provided by Mickey Koth's Wild Notes ensemble. There will be singing, dancing, prancing, merry-making, and possibly even a bit of frolicking!

Our auction is raffle-style,

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at humanism.meetup.com.

DECEMBER, 2007

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| Mon., 17 | Annual meeting and potluck dinner | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Elections and Solstice Party | 8:00 p.m. |
| Tue., 25 | Annual brunch at Pacific Buffet & Grill, 20 Ives Road, Wallingford. (866) 462-1506. | 12:00 noon |

JANUARY, 2008

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| Sat., 5 | Humanist Conversations: TBA | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sat., 12 | Book discussion: George Lakoff's <i>Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think</i> | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 14 | Social Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. (203) 799-9601 for directions. | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 21 | Monthly meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Doug Peary: <i>Stephen Jay Gould, Humanist Hero.</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 27 | Board meeting | 2:30 p.m. |
| Thu., 31 | Hartford-Area Dinner at Lemongrass, 7 South Main Street, West Hartford. (860) 233-4405. | 7:00 p.m. |

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where participants purchase tickets to be placed in cups to be drawn from at the end of the night. Proceeds fund HAC events. Unsure what to bring for the silent auction? Items that have done well in the past have included books, trinkets, music and jewelry.

It's all great fun, so come and bring a friend to 700 Hartford Turnpike on Monday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m!

Annual Brunch

For the third or fourth year running, we've "accidentally" scheduled our annual brunch on a major Christian holiday, December 25th. Please join us at the new venue, Pacific Buffet & Grill, 20 Ives Road, Wallingford, at noon on the 25th to support one of the businesses that opens on that day and enjoy the company of other humanists.

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Nominations

We would like to extend a special thank-you to the members of the Nominating Committee: June Schafer, Carol Podgwaite, and Joan Rafford. The Committee presents the following nominations for the year 2008:

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

Members of the association will be able to vote on the slate of officers at the annual meeting preceding our winter solstice party in December. If you have any suggestions for alternative candidates, or would like to serve on the board or one of the standing committees, please contact June Schafer or any one of the officers or committee chairs.

January Book Discussion

The next book we will read is *Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think* (or an earlier edition, *Moral Politics: What Conservatives Know that Liberals Don't*) by George Lakoff. This classic book is available from public libraries, bookstores and online.

In July of 2005, we read Lakoff's *Don't Think of an Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate—The Essential Guide for Progressives*, which is sometimes described as a short version of *Moral Politics*. We'd argue that it's more of a teaser of what's inside this longer, more scholarly, better-written and possibly even more accessible book. Do the reading and join us for the real meat of what Lakoff has to say in this follow-up discussion.

We will meet to discuss this book on Saturday, January 12, 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Refreshments will be served.

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i Family	\$50
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