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CSH Affiliate

Solstice Party

You are cordially invited to take part in our annual celebration of the Winter Solstice, on Monday, December 15, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. We'll start at 7:30 p.m. with tasty pot-luck refreshments continuing through the evening. After a very short business meeting to elect officers, 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. Folk music will again be provided by Mickey Koth's Wild Notes ensemble. For those so inclined, there will be singing, dancing, prancing, merry-making, and possibly even a bit of frolicking!

During the evening we'll hear a few words from our special guest, Ed Buckner, a good-natured Humanist who has recently been elected national president of American Atheists. We'll conclude by revealing the results of an evening-long silent auction, to which anyone may contribute and where anyone may win. This will be a real silent auction, not a raffle-style auction. One item will be a pod-style coffee maker at a \$5 starting bid and \$2 bid increments. Highest bidder wins. Proceeds will help fund our future events. You may set the starting bid and increments or we'll help you. It's all fun, so

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, 2008

Mon., 8	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 13	Humanist Conversations: Congo	2:30 p.m.
Sun., 14	Book discussion: <i>The Jungle</i> by Upton Sinclair	3:00 p.m.
Mon., 15	Potluck dinner Annual Meeting, Elections, Solstice Party and Special Guest: Ed Buckner, President of American Atheists.	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Thu., 25	Annual brunch at Pacific Buffet & Grill, 20 Ives Road, Wallingford. (866) 462-1506.	12:00 noon

JANUARY, 2009

Sat., 3	Humanist Conversations: TBD	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 5	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 17	Bible Reading Group: Joshua, Judges, and Women in the Bible.	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon., 19	Monthly meeting Main program: Paul Gobell — Humanist Ethics	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sun., 25	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.

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come and bring a friend to 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden on Monday, December 15 at

7:30 p.m.! (And bring food for the potluck and auction items to donate and money to spend!)

Conversations

Conversations will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. We'll watch a video about the ongoing war in Eastern Congo and discuss effects and causes (one of which is a metal called tantalum). Join us!

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Bible Discussion — Joshua, Judges, and Women in the Bible

The next meeting of the HAC Bible Discussion Group will be 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 17 at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The assigned reading for January 17:

A. In “How to Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture, Then and Now” by James L. Kugel, read the following:

Chapter 22. Joshua and the Conquest of Canaan, pages 365-385

Chapter 23. Judges and Chiefs, pages 386-416

B. Supplementary reading:

- The Wikipedia entry on “Joshua” (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joshua>).
- The Wikipedia entry on “Jericho: Biblical References” (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jericho#Biblical_references).
- The Wikipedia entry on “Judges” (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judges>).
- The Wikipedia entry on “Deborah” (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deborah>).
- The Wikipedia entry on “Book of Ruth” (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Ruth).
- The Old Testament section of the Wikipedia entry on “Women in the Bible: Hebrew Bible” (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women_in_the_Bible).
- The Introduction and articles relating to the Old Testament in the U.S. News and World Report on Women in the Bible (<http://www.usnews.com/features/news/religion/women-of-the-bible.html>).

Please do all of the reading and feel free to bring a friend!

Book Discussion: “The Jungle”

Join us Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, when we meet to discuss “The Jungle” by Upton Sinclair. Both the book and an audio recording read by George Guidall are

available at public libraries as well as bookstores and online.

This classic 1906 novel exposed working and living conditions and corruption in Chicago’s meatpacking industry. Although Congress passed laws which led

to the formation of what is now the U.S. Food and Drug Administration a mere six months after publication, the book is really about the mistreatment of people, and not predominantly about animals or food.

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