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July 20 - "1776" the Musical

Join us Monday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when we will watch the movie of the musical, "1776," in honor of Independence Day.

The movie version of this musical has reinstated the song that offended President Nixon. Can you guess which song it was? Some of the dialog is taken from life, and some of the lyrics are taken directly from letters between John and Abigail Adams as well as direct quotes from John Adams's diary. Steve Boshi, one of our members, was a musician in the orchestra of the original Broadway production!

Join us on Monday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. for coffee and conversation, followed by brief announcements and the movie at 8:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

BBQ'd Books: July 18

Join us for a pot luck/barbecue/book discussion on Saturday, July 18, from noon until 4 p.m., at the home of Bill and Kathy Lyon in Cornwall. The book discussion will be approximately from 1:30 until 2:30. We will revisit Carl Sagan's book, "The Varieties of Scientific Experience: A Personal View of the Search for God." Please bring a quote from the book, no longer than one paragraph, to discuss. You can take your quote from any part of the book, but we suggest that you look at the "Editor's Introduction," "Author's Introduction," Chapters 1, 6, 7, and 9, and "Selected Q&A." There are lots of copies of this book in Connecticut public libraries.

Directions:

Bill and Kathy Lyon
120 Dudleytown Road

Calendar of Events

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

JULY, 2009

Sat., 11	Humanist Conversations: Medical Insurance, pt. 2	2:30 p.m.
Sat., 18	Picnic and book discussion: at the Lyons' home in Cornwall, CT	12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
Mon., 20	Monthly meeting Main program: "1776" the musical.	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sun., 26	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Wed., 29	Hartford-Area social dinner at Szechuan Tokyo, 1245 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, CT 06110. (860) 561-0180 for directions	7:00 p.m.

AUGUST, 2009

Sat., 1	Humanist Conversations: TBD	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 9	Bible Reading Group: hour-long video Discussion on: Proverbs, Isaiah, Jeremiah	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 15	Book Discussion: "Doubt," part 2	3:00 p.m.
Mon., 17	Monthly meeting Main program: TBA	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sun., 23	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Wed., 26	Hartford-Area social dinner, location TBA	7:00 p.m.

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From the New Haven area and other places to the south of Cornwall, take Route 8 north from either I-95 or the Merritt Parkway. Go through Waterbury and get off at exit 38 (Thomaston). Make a left at the end of the exit ramp. Go a short way until you see signs for Route 254. Make a left onto 254 and head up towards Litchfield. 254 ends at Route 118 where you make a left turn and go up the hill about a 1/2 mile. Make a right onto Route 63 before you go through Litchfield center. Stay on 63, pass the Goshen Fairgrounds, and make a left onto Route 4 at the rotary in Goshen. In a few miles you will make another left at an intersection in order to stay on 4. Watch

for a sign for Cornwall Village. You will make a left onto Pine Street (a right would take you onto Route 125). At the end of Pine St. make a left onto Valley Road. Follow this for 2 miles. Continue on Valley Road past the second street on the left (Everest Hill Rd.). Go over a small metal bridge, and then the road forks. On the left you will see Everest Hill Road immediately followed by the fork with Castle Road on the left and Dudleytown Road, on the right. Bear right onto Dudleytown road which is unmarked and a dead end. Climb a mile up the hill. The road turns to dirt a half mile up. At the end there's a metal gate, beyond which is a dirt path. The Lyons' driveway is on the right. There is no mailbox, but #120 is painted on a phone pole.

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Conversations: Medical Insurance & the Healthcare Debate (part II)

Join us on Saturday, July 11, at 700 Hartford Turnpike at 2:30 p.m., when we will view and discuss the second of two recent PBS *Frontline* episodes focusing on healthcare: "Sick Around the World." Last month we saw the first episode, "Sick Around America," which detailed problems with the US private insurance system. This month we'll look at the ways other countries solve the healthcare puzzle.

Note that we're meeting on the second Saturday of the month in July to avoid the Independence Day holiday.

Refreshments will be served.

Bible Discussion — More on Proverbs, Isaiah, Jeremiah

The HAC Bible Discussion Group will next meet from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9 at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. We will view a video for the first hour, and will discuss the readings (and the video) during the last two hours. As always, please do the reading and feel free to bring a friend.

For August 9:

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

- Chapter 28. Solomon's Wisdom, reread pages 506-514
- Chapter 30. The Book of Isaiah(s), pages 538-568
- Chapter 31, Jeremiah, pages 569-597

B. Look through the following:

- The Wikipedia entry on "Book of Proverbs," http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Proverbs
- The Proverbs, available online at <http://www.biblestudy.org/bible-study-by-topic/proverbs/introduction.html> and <http://www.tldm.org/bible/old%20testament/proverbs.htm>
- The Wikipedia entry on "Isaiah," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isaiah>
- The Wikipedia entry on "Jeremiah," http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Jeremiah

C. If you like, bring a joke or short humorous writing (or a proverb) that relates to the readings for this meeting.

"Doubt" part 2 — August 15

We will discuss the rest of the book "Doubt: A History: The Great Doubters and Their Legacy of Innovation from Socrates and Jesus to Thomas Jefferson and Emily Dickinson" by Jennifer Michael Hecht on Saturday, August 15, 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

On April 18, we covered the the first half of the book, the introduction and chapters 1 through 5 (through page 215), and we will discuss the rest of the book at this upcoming meeting.

Copies of "Doubt: A History" are at public libraries as well as bookstores and online. As always, feel free to invite a friend or two.

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