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## Solstice Party

You are cordially invited to take part in our annual celebration of the Winter Solstice, on Monday, December 20, 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, Bill Fischer, and friends. For those so inclined, there will be singing, dancing, prancing, merry-making, and possibly even a bit of frolicking!

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. 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 come and bring a friend to 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden on Monday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.! (Remember to bring some food for the potluck, items to donate to the auction, and money to spend!)

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at [meetup.com/cthumanist](http://meetup.com/cthumanist).

### DECEMBER, 2010

Mon., 6	Social dinner: Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 11	<b>Humanist Conversations:</b> Revisiting Michael Sandel's "Justice"	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 20	Annual Meeting & Solstice Celebration Pot Luck Dinner, Silent Auction, Elections, and Solstice Party	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 25	Annual brunch at Pacific Buffet & Grill, 20 Ives Road, Wallingford. (866) 462-1506.	12:00 noon

### JANUARY, 2011

Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 8	<b>Humanist Conversations:</b> "The Pink Scare"	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 17	Monthly Meeting Main program: TBA	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 22	Book discussion: <i>Three Cups of Tea</i> by Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Relin	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 23	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Thu., 27	Social dinner: Avon Indian Grill, 320 W Main St. (Route 44), Avon, CT (860) 284-4466	7:00 p.m.

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## Conversations: "Justice Revisited"

At 700 Hartford Turnpike on Saturday, December 11, at 2:30 p.m., the Humanist Conversations group will view and discuss another of the Harvard "Justice" lectures. Michael Sandel poses the questions, "Can ideas of justice be detached from ideas of good? Why do these arguments keep going even if they raise questions that are impossible, finally, to resolve?" and answers, "because we live some answer everyday," and further "philosophy works by unsettling our settled assumptions." Refreshments will be served.

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# “Three Cups of Tea”

The next book discussion will be on Saturday, January 22, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The book we will be reading is “Three Cups of Tea,” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. You can find the book in bookstores, online <<http://www.amazon.com/dp/0143038257?tag=humanistassoc-20>>, and plenty copies are available in Connecticut public libraries <<http://iconn.org/FindALibraryInConnecticut.aspx?cat=consortia>>.

Doug Peary will be leading this discussion.

Refreshments will be served.

Reviews courtesy Amazon.com:

An inspiring chronicle ... this is one protagonist who clearly deserves to be called a hero. – *People*

Greg Mortenson’s dangerous and difficult quest ... is not only a thrilling read, it’s proof that one ordinary person, with the right combination of character and determination, really can change the world. – *Tom Brokaw*

Mortenson’s mission is admirable, his conviction unassailable, his territory exotic. – *The Washington Post*

# The Great Pink Scare

At our Humanist Conversations session at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, we’ll show the movie, “The Great Pink Scare.” Based on Barry Werth’s biography “The Scarlet Professor: Newton Arvin: A Literary Life Shattered by Scandal,” the film tells the story of the arrest of 15 men in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1960.

After the movie, Steve Boshi will lead a discussion on the issues. Refreshments will be served.

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