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“Humanism And Action For Social Justice”

Humanists are sometimes described as “nonbelievers,” but June Schafer prefers to focus on the positive—on what we do believe. At our January 17 meeting June will speak to us about the Humanist belief that we are all one human family, with a responsibility to care for one another. She will give a bit of the history of her journey from Wichita, KS to Hamden CT, by way of Minneapolis MN; New York City; Calcutta, India; and Bangkok, Thailand. In each setting, her Humanist beliefs led her to work within various organized community groups to strive for social justice or to organize new groups for that purpose.

For the past 15 years June has chaired the Task Force for Poverty and Social Justice of the Unitarian Society of New Haven, where her leadership has benefited successive generations of children from the Waverly Townhouses in the New Haven inner city. She has also been honored by the Connecticut Secretary of State, who presented her with a Distinguished Service Award of the State Council on Vocational-Technical Education (SCOVE); the Interfaith

Calendar of Events

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

JANUARY, 2011

Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 8	Humanist Conversations: “The Pink Scare”	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 17	Monthly Meeting Main program: June Schafer — “Humanism And Action For Social Justice”	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.

FEBRUARY, 2011

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly Meeting Main program: TBA	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Thu., 24	Social dinner: Avon Indian Grill, 320 W Main St. (Route 44), Avon, CT (860) 284-4466	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 27	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.

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Cooperative Ministries of Greater New Haven, which granted her its annual Mustard Seed Award for “exceptional leadership”; and by the Connecticut Attorney General “in recognition of her tireless dedication to the community and State of Connecticut as recognized by the

Muhammad Islamic Center of Hamden.” She is a co-founder of the Humanist Association of Connecticut and currently its president. You won’t want to miss June’s inspiring talk! Refreshments 7:30 p.m., program 8:00 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Come with a friend!

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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 fifteen men in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1960.

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

"Three Cups of Tea"

The next book discussion will take place 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*

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