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Visit Italy With Humanists

Ready for a humanist-themed minivacation? Steve and Susan Boshi plan to carry us away on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

Steve says, "In the early fourteenth century a new spring awakening began to grip Europe, predominantly in the Italian city of Florence. Building on Greek and Roman concepts nearly forgotten for a thousand years, this intellectual fervor grew to what has become known as the Renaissance.

"Join us for an evening of pictures and conversation of our fall trip to see the highlights of Bella Italia and a magnificent coda in the Swiss Alps."

We will begin with our customary half-hour of refreshments and conversation at 7:30 p.m. followed by this special European escape at 8:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Bring a friend!

Conversations

On Saturday, January 5, at 2:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, we will watch and discuss a selection from the recent WNET PBS special, "After Newtown."

Refreshments will be served.

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

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations: "After Newtown."	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 19	Book Discussion: "Freefall" by Joseph Stiglitz.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Steve and Susan Boshi on their trip to Italy.	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 27	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Tue., 29	Hartford Area Dinner at Wood-n-Tap, 12 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill. (860) 571-9444	7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Sat., 2	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 4	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 16	United Coalition for Reason Workshop with Fred Edwards.	
Mon., 18	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Kim Hynes of Connecticut Common Cause on the effect of the Citizens United decision on elections.	8:00 p.m.
Sat., 23	Book Discussion: "The Better Angels of Our Nature" by Stephen Pinker.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Tue., 26	Hartford Area Dinner at Wood-n-Tap, 12 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill. (860) 571-9444	7:00 p.m.

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USNH Cinema — January 4

Friday, January 4 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, optional potluck at 6:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. for the movie, "The Flaw," a film informative and entertaining on the current crisis in capitalism, featuring views of several prominent analysts, including economists Robert Shiller (currently at Yale) and Nobelist Joseph Stiglitz.

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Speaker at Hartford Area Dinner: The Pardons Project

Even after someone has served their full sentence after conviction of a crime, a criminal record frequently makes it difficult for someone to find employment, housing, apply for benefits, or obtain a license or permit. Connecticut’s pardons system provides an opportunity for individuals with criminal convictions to show that they have been rehabilitated, to fully discharge their debt to society, and to obtain some relief from legal barriers to productive citizenship. Our guest speakers at our next Hartford-area dinner will be Jane Kinney-Knotek and Claudia Mangan of Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, who will discuss the pardon process in Connecticut and the Pardons Project’s efforts to assist low-income clients in obtaining a fresh start.

Join us on Tuesday, January 29 at the Wood-n-Tap restaurant at 12 Town Line Road in Rocky Hill. Drinks and socializing begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and our speakers at 7:00 p.m.

“Freefall” — Joseph Stiglitz

For our Saturday, January 19 meeting we will read “Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Shrinking of the World Economy” by Joseph Stiglitz. We will meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Manny Ratafia will moderate. Lots of copies are available in Connecticut public libraries as well as in book stores and online. An unabridged audio book is also available.

“Mr. Stiglitz uses his experience teaching to give the lay reader a lucid account of how overleveraged banks, a shoddy mortgage industry, predatory lending and unregulated trading contributed to the meltdown, and how, in his opinion, ill-conceived rescue efforts may have halted the freefall but have failed to grapple with more fundamental problems...” (Michiko Kakutani - *The New York Times*)

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