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Picnic: June 27

Join us for the HAC Annual Picnic on Saturday, June 27th, from 4 to 8 p.m., rain or shine, at the lovely home of Gayle Walter and Gordon Daniell at 51 Linden Street in New Haven.

They will provide hot dogs and veggie burgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

RSVP to Gayle at GayleCWalter@gmail.com.

If you have any trouble finding the location, Gayle's phone number is (203) 640-3694.

Directions

From South of New Haven:

Take the Trumbull Street Exit off I-91, which is the first exit past the 95/91 interchange. At the end of the exit ramp, take a right onto Orange Street. Go north on Orange Street 10 blocks to Avon Street. All the side streets are one way, so you need to go around the block to get to 51 Linden Street: take a right onto Avon, then a left onto Foster, then a left onto Linden Street.

From North of New Haven:

Take the Willow Street Exit off I-91, which is Exit 5. At the end of the exit ramp, take a right onto Willow Street. Go west on Willow Street to the third traffic light at the corner of Willow and Foster Streets; there is a Pizza parlor on the near right-hand corner. Turn left onto Foster Street and take the first right onto Linden Street.

#51 is the last house on the right of the first block of Linden Street. It is a small butter-scotch-colored Victorian. There is a 2-car garage between the house and the market on the corner, which is Romeo's. If you go too far, you will be back to Orange Street. Because Linden Street is one-way, either park and walk back or go around the block again. You can park on the street or, at night, in the lot on Orange Street across from Romeo's.

Calendar of Events

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

JUNE 2015

Mon., 1	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 6	Conversations: Trip to <i>The Critique of Reason</i> at the Yale Art Gallery.	12:15 p.m.
Sat., 20	Book Discussion: "Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights" by Katha Pollitt	2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m
Sun., 21	Board meeting	2:30 p.m
Sat., 27	Annual Picnic at Gayle Walter's home in New Haven	4:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m

JULY 2015

Mon., 6	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 18	Book Discussion: "36 Arguments for the Existence of God: A Work of Fiction" by Rebecca Newberger Goldstein	2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m
Sun., 19	Board meeting	2:30 p.m
Mon., 20	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m
	Main program: Doug Peary — John Dietrich, Humanist Hero	8:00 p.m

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Humanist Conversations: Field Trip!

To join our tour of the Gallery's *The Critique of Reason* exhibit followed by a chat and treats at a nearby eatery, you will need to arrive at the Yale University Art Gallery by 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. RESERVATIONS required – RSVP on meetup.com or contact Rebecca at (203) 285-8983 / development@cthumanist.org for parking and meeting place details. Admission to the Gallery is free.

The Critique of Reason comprises paintings, sculptures, medals, watercolors, drawings, prints, and photographs by such iconic artists as William Blake, Théodore Géricault, Francisco de Goya, and Joseph Mallord William Turner. The broad range of work selected challenges the traditional notion of the Romantic artist as a brooding genius given to introversion and fantasy. Instead, the exhibition's eight thematic sections juxtapose arresting works that reveal the Romantics as attentive explorers of their natural and cultural worlds.

Walk Against Hunger: Thank You

We're pleased to announce that due to some very generous donations, the Humanist Association of Connecticut raised \$1090 in the Connecticut Food Bank's 2015 Greater New Haven Walk Against Hunger on Sunday, May 17.

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No July Conversations

There will be no Humanist Conversations meeting in July as it would have fallen on July 4th.

Book Discussion: “Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights” by Katha Pollitt

Our book for June is “Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights” by humanist writer Katha Pollitt. The discussion will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015 in the library of the Unitarian Society of New Haven at 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden.

Per the jacket: In this urgent, controversial book, Katha Pollitt reframes abortion as a common part of a woman’s reproductive life, one that should be accepted as a moral right with positive social implications. In “Pro,” Pollitt takes on the personhood argument, reaffirms the priority of a woman’s life and health, and discusses why terminating a pregnancy can be a force for good for women, families, and society. It is time, Pollitt argues, that we reclaim the lives and the rights of women and mothers.

Pollitt, a FFRF Freethought Heroine, not only reiterates many of the (seemingly) forgotten facts about abortion, she also attacks the duplicitous memes (e.g. “no one is pro-abortion”) that abortion rights advocates have allowed abortion opponents to use to reframe the issue since Roe vs. Wade.

“Katha Pollitt’s brilliant new book, Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights, arrives like an urgent letter as rights are fast eroding...to make a myth-busting argument that abortion is a social good. It’s good for women. It’s good for children. It’s good for men. It’s a normal fact of life and has been since ancient times. All of which might sound shocking, so rarely do we hear about abortion’s benefits.” Kate Manning, Time

The book is readily available in numerous libraries around the state.

Refreshments will be served.

USNH Cinema: Winfred Rembert

On June 5, the last social cinema before the summer break will take place at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The optional potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by the documentary film, *All Me: The Life And Times of Winfred Rembert*, at 7:15 p.m.

Winfred Rembert’s indelible images of the south are especially powerful, because he experienced so much of the injustice and bigotry they show. In this film, the artist relives his turbulent life and, in a series of intimate reminiscences, shows us how even the most painful memories can be transformed into something meaningful and beautiful. A triumphant saga of race in contemporary America.

If you’ve ever been in the library at USNH, you’ve seen Rembert’s unique leather “Last Supper” on the wall. He has been a part of the USNH family for many years. You may also recall June has occasionally asked us for donations to help feed his large family over the years. This extraordinary story is especially touching because it is the story of someone local to our community.

The New Haven Museum at 114 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, has an exhibit of Winfred Rembert’s work, *Amazing Grace*, which runs through June 20. Admission is \$4 for adults except for the first Sunday of the month, when it’s free.

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