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THE NEWSLETTER OF

The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

December



UU Humanists Local Group

HAC Annual Meeting and Winter Solstice Celebration

Monday Dec. 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Join us Monday, December 20, at 7 p.m. We know it may be disappointing, but conditions are still not right for us to return to our traditional in-person potluck, so we will visit via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81444530449>

(Meeting ID# 81444530449)

After a short end-of-year report & election of Board members, the Solstice Celebration will begin! We will enjoy music from Mickey Koth's "Wild Notes," and then continue with YOUR participation by telling a story, reading a poem, or singing a song! Our science gurus will challenge us with a fun Humanist/Solstice Science Quiz! And of course we will conclude with a reading of the "Ode to the Tilt!"

This year, we will again be requesting your donations to Connecticut FoodShare through their Virtual Food Drive. We have set up a Humanist Association of Connecticut Team on their website:

<https://www.cthumanist.org/foodshare>

Please give as generously as you are able to; no amount is too small! The link is active NOW, so please go ahead and make a donation at any time.

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can view the latest newsletter and calendar at www.cthumanist.org.

The USNH indoor event Covid policy requires masks, social distancing, and no food.

Some programs are held ONLINE this month.

DECEMBER 2021

Sat. 4	Explorations – Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles in the USNH Social Hall	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 6	Monday Social – Remote	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	Book Discussion: "Adam Bede" by George Elliot	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 20	Annual Meeting and Winter Solstice Celebration – Remote	7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 2022

Sat. 1	Explorations – TBD	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 3	Monday Social – Remote	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 15	Book Discussion: "Evil Geniuses" by Kurt Andersen	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 17	Monthly Meeting TBD	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 24	Monday Discussion – Remote	7:00 p.m.

Renew Your Membership in the Humanist Association of Connecticut!

It is that time of year again when we need to remind you to officially renew, or start, your HAC membership by paying dues for 2022. Your membership dues help us meet expenses such as honorariums for speakers, postage and mailing supplies, and monthly space rental payments. In addition, the strength of numbers can enhance the impact of any public statements, in letters to the editor, in testimony at the State Capitol in support of bills supporting humanist values, and, in general, in our strength as a local stakeholder group. Please mail in your check as soon as you are able, to:

Nina Stein, Treasurer
380 Hitchcock Road, #272
Waterbury, CT 06705

Please print and complete the attached membership form (see page 3 of this newsletter) with your updated contact information and enclose with your check. If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance re attending our programs via zoom, please contact us. We greatly value your participation in our supportive community!

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HAC Explorations - Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles *Sat, Dec. 4, 2:00 p.m. in the USNH Social Hall*

As we begin the holiday season, a healthy dose of cheer and uplift is in order. This 2019 American documentary film is about the creation and significance of the 1964 musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Directed by Max Lewkowicz, it features interviews with *Fiddler* creators such as Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick, Joseph Stein, and Harold Prince, as well as scholars, actors, and other musical theatre figures such as Stephen Sondheim and Lin-Manuel Miranda. The documentary includes rarely-seen footage of the original Broadway cast as well as interviews with creators, actors, theatrical figures, and scholars. This film runs one hour, forty-five minutes, so please note an earlier than usual starting time (2:00 pm), to allow plenty of time for post-show conversation.

Book Discussion: "Adam Bede" by George Eliot

Sat, Dec. 18th, 2:30 p.m. Hosted by Kevin & Paula

Carpenter Adam Bede is in love with the beautiful Hetty Sorrel, but unknown to him, he has a rival, in the local squire's son Arthur Donnithorne. Hetty is soon attracted by Arthur's seductive charm and they begin to meet in secret. The relationship is to have tragic consequences that reach far beyond the couple themselves, touching not just Adam Bede, but many others, not least, pious Methodist Preacher Dinah Morris. A tale of seduction, betrayal, love and deception, the plot of "Adam Bede" has the quality of an English folk song. Within the setting of Hayslope, a small, rural community, Eliot brilliantly creates a sense of earthy reality, making the landscape itself as vital a presence in the novel as that of her characters themselves. - Amazon

"Adam Bede" has taken its place among the actual experiences and endurances of my life. - Charles Dickens

This meeting will be in person at USNH in the Children's Chapel. An option to attend the meeting remotely will be posted soon.

Upcoming:

Jan. - "Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America" by Kurt Andersen

Feb. - "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" by David W. Blight

Notices and Events of Interest

USNH Covid Precautions Policy

This policy is to be followed at all times while in the building.

First and foremost, proof of vaccination is required to enter the building, card or photo.

When in the building:

- Wear a Mask
- Maintain 6' distance
- Remain masked when in the restrooms.
- No food or drink can be served.

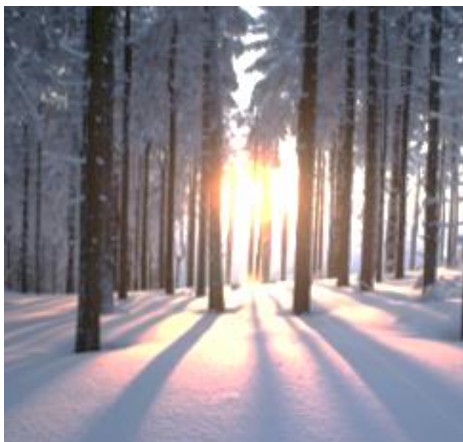
Monday Social Dinner

The social dinner on Dec. 6th is back on-line now that temperatures have dipped too low for a comfortable outdoor dining experience.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83132656752>

Celebrate the Life of June Schafer with USNH

Dec. 11th, 11:00 a.m.

At USNH (Covid policy applies) or link to Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/26svp8ze>)



December 25th Chinese Buffet Lunch

This year we will again enjoy lunch in the company of fellow humanists:

December 25 at 12:00 noon

Pacific Buffet & Grill, 20 Ives Rd

Suite 301C (in the back) in Wallingford

Please only join us if you've been vaccinated. Hope to see you there!

Membership form:

<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Adult \$35</p> <p>Family \$50</p> <p>Newsletter Only \$10</p> <p>Our membership year is 1/1-12/31.</p> <p>In cases of financial hardship, the association may waive the membership fee. Please mail checks for annual membership payable to Humanist Association of Connecticut to: Humanist Association of Connecticut, c/o 380 Hitchcock Road #272, Waterbury, CT 06705.</p>	<p>Name(s): _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>E-Mail Address: _____</p> <p>Please add me to the e-mail Announce List (circle one): YES NO</p> <p>You will be receiving your newsletter electronically unless you indicate that you require a paper copy by checking here <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>As a chapter of the American Humanist Association we share your information with AHA.</p>
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