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THE NEWSLETTER OF

The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT



UU Humanists Local Group

October 2022

October Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 17, 7pm

USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden

Speaker: State Rep. Josh Elliott

Topic: Early Voting & State Legislation in CT



State Representative Josh Elliott (D-Hamden) will speak to us about the important referendum on early voting that will be on the ballot for Connecticut voters this November as well as legislative issues affecting humanists and the current midterm political environment.

For more on the Connecticut Early Voting Constitutional Amendment and Nov. 2022 Ballot Referendum, check out the entry in Ballotpedia:

[https://ballotpedia.org/Connecticut_Allow_for_Early_Voting_Amendment_\(2022\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Connecticut_Allow_for_Early_Voting_Amendment_(2022))

Masks will be required for this program in the USNH Children's Chapel.

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.

Note that some programs are held ONLINE this month. Also note USNH has a Covid-19 policy that requires record of vaccination, booster, as well as wearing of an appropriate mask. See page 2 for details.

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1 Saturday	Explorations (USNH) Topic: Gender Through the Eyes of a Primatologist	2:30pm
3 Monday	Social Dinner (Mamoun's)	7pm
15 Saturday	Book Discussion (Wilson Library) "Home in the World: A Memoir" by Amartya Sen	2:30pm
17 Monday	Monthly Meeting (USNH) Early Voting Referendum & Legislation w/ Rep. Josh Elliott	7pm
23 Sunday	Board Meeting (Zoom) All members welcome	7pm
24 Monday	Dinner Discussion (Wood-n-Tap) Topic: Critical Thinking	7pm

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5 Saturday	Explorations (USNH)	2:30pm
7 Monday	Social Dinner (Wood-n-Tap)	7pm
19 Saturday	Book Discussion (Wilson Library) - "Woke Racism"	2:30pm
21 Monday	Monthly Meeting (USNH) - TBA	7pm
28 Monday	Dinner Discussion (Wood-n-Tap) - Topic TBA	7pm

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Calling all members (or member wannabes) who may have forgotten to pay your 2022 membership dues, please send a check to HAC Treasurer Nina Stein (see below)
OR

Come to one of our in-person events (see calendar) and give us cash or check.

We miss you when you're not with us!

Nina Stein
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!

**THANKS FOR RENEWING YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

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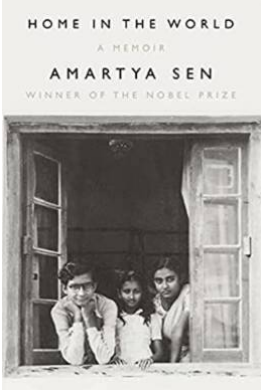
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Covid Protocol Reminder & Additional Programming Notes
* USNH Covid-19 Policy: For in-person events at USNH, you must have received a Covid-19 vaccine AND booster if eligible; and you must wear a N95, KN95, KF94 or equivalent mask while inside the building. Food can only be served in the Social Hall. Social distancing should be observed.
* For many, hunger and food insecurity continue over the summer; but collections and donations of non-perishable food drop off. Please bring whatever contributions you are able to when you come to any HAC event at USNH. The USNH Food Bank Team will deliver to the Hamden Food Pantry, as well as use some for its own in-house pantry shelves for USNH members and friends in need.

October Book Discussion
Saturday, October 15, 2:30pm
Wilson Library, 303 Washington Avenue, New Haven
Book: "Home in the World" by Amartya Sen
Our book for October is "Home in the World: A Memoir" by prize-winning economist Amartya Sen.
From Amazon: [Economist Amartya] Sen... interweaves scenes from his remarkable life with candid philosophical reflections on economics, welfare, and social justice, demonstrating how his experiences - in Asia, Europe, and later America - vitally informed his work. In exquisite prose, Sen evokes his childhood travels on the rivers of Bengal, as well as the "quiet beauty" of Dhaka. The Mandalay of Orwell and Kipling is recast as a flourishing cultural center with pagodas, palaces, and bazaars, "always humming with intriguing activities.
"[A] quietly captivating memoir... [A] contemplative travelogue and a fascinating look into the singular consciousness of one of the world's foremost thinkers... [A] galvanizing reflection on a roaming life." - Publishers Weekly
Please consider bringing a canned food donation for the USNH food pantry -- see details above under "Additional Programming Notes"



Humanist Explorations
Saturday, October 1, 2:30pm
USNH, 700 Hartford Tpke, Hamden
Topic: Gender According to a Primatologist
"Frans" de Waal is a primatologist and ethologist who studies primate social behavior, including conflict resolution, cooperation, inequity aversion, and food-sharing. He has received numerous awards, served as director of a research center and has written 17 books on primate behavior, the most recent of which is "Different: Gender Through the Eyes of a Primatologist." (For a more thorough bio, please see his Wikipedia page https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frans_de_Waal)

Dinner Discussion
Monday, October 24, 7pm
Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden
Discussion Topic: Critical Thinking
Join us for our October dinner discussion! If weather permits, we'll meet on the patio, but as it's getting colder, expect to be indoors. One of the 10 Commitments of Humanism is Critical Thinking. How do you use this in your life?
You can look up an official humanist definition at https://americanhumanistcenterforeducation.org/ten-commitments/

Non-HAC Event(s) Of Interest
Play in NYC: "The Unbelieving"
CT Coalition of Reason (CTCoR) groups will be visiting NYC on October 22 to see a new play, "The Unbelieving," revealing the inner experiences of unbelieving clergy. More on the play can be found at: https://www.59e59.org/shows/show-detail/the-unbelieving/
The play will run from October 20 to November 20. CTCoR is encouraging folks to attend the 2:15 pm Saturday, October 22 matinee performance, with optional dinner after. The theater, 59E59 Theater is at 59th Street, Manhattan, between Madison and Park Avenues, a 17 minute walk north from Grand Central Station.
Tickets may be purchased at: https://www.59e59.org/shows/show-detail/the-unbelieving/
WE HAVE RECEIVED A PROMO CODE WORTH 15 % DISCOUNT FOR THE OCT 22 MATINEE PERFORMANCE available for ticket purchase at the web site or at box office (646-892-7999) over phone or in person. USE THE PROMO CODE HFFC15

Freedom From Religion
Foundation National Convention
October 28-30, 2022
San Antonio, TX
This is one of the major annual conferences for humanists and nonbelievers. Headliners include author John Irving, who will give the keynote Saturday night, and comedian/actor Julia Sweeney, who will deliver the keynote on Friday night.
Learn more at: https://ffrf.org/outreach/convention

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