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THE NEWSLETTER OF

The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT



December 2022

UU Humanists Local Group

Winter Solstice Potluck & Annual Meeting December 19, 2022, 6:30pm USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden



After two years of remote celebrations, we will return to our traditional POTLUCK DINNER with live music provided by Mickey Koth and Wild Notes! Please bring a dish to share. There will be a short Annual Meeting, primarily for the Election of the Board of Directors. Jim Ritter will enlighten us with a Solstice Quiz, and Doug Peary will do the annual reading of Lois Woodrow's "Ode to the Tilt."

You will have an opportunity to pay your membership dues, both for 2022, if you have not yet paid, and for 2023; please bring a check or cash. Our treasurer Nina Stein will be ready to collect!

There will also be a sale of publications of interest to humanists, cash only.

Let's get together and CELEBRATE!

Your RSVP via Meetup, while not required, will be greatly appreciated:

<https://meetu.ps/e/LxXLn/z0H04/i>

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at meetup.com/cthumanist/events. You can view the latest newsletter and calendar at www.cthumanist.org.

Note that most of our programs have resumed taking place in-person, though some may also have a virtual option. For all in-person events (whether at USNH or other locations), we request for Covid-19 purposes that you be fully vaccinated and wear an appropriate mask. Thank you for your cooperation.

December 2022

3 Saturday	Explorations (USNH) Topic: The Automat	2:30pm
5 Monday	Social Dinner (Mamoun's)*	7pm
17 Saturday	Book Discussion (Wilson Library)* "Grace Without God" by Ozment	2:30pm
19 Monday	Solstice Celebration (USNH)	6:30pm
25 Sunday	Year-End Brunch (Pacific Buffet, Wallingford)*	12pm

** Please note the location of this event, which may be unusual, different from the previous month or was changed recently.*

January 2023

1 Sun.	CT-COR New Year's Day Brunch (USNH)	12pm
2 Mon.	Social Dinner (Location TBA)	7pm
7 Sat.	Explorations (USNH)	2:30pm
16 Mon.	Monthly Meeting (USNH)	7pm
21 Sat.	Book Discussion Group (Wilson Library)	2:30pm
22 Sun.	Board Meeting (Zoom)	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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Covid Protocol Reminder & Additional Programming Notes

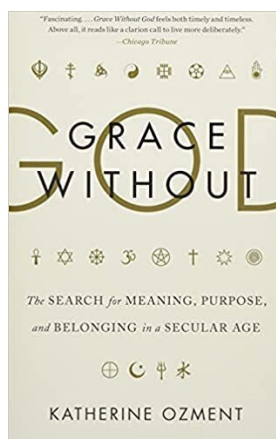
- * 4th Monday Discussion Dinners: the 4th Monday discussion dinners will be on hiatus until the warmer weather of spring, when we'll go back to dining outside.
- * Revised COVID policy: We request that you be as fully vaccinated as possible and that you wear a mask when practical. We are now permitted to serve food and drink at events at USNH.

December Book Discussion

December 17, 2022, 2:30pm

New Haven Free Public Library, Wilson Branch
 303 Washington Ave., New Haven, 06519

Our December 2022 book is "Grace Without God: The Search for Meaning, Purpose, and Belonging in a Secular Age" by Katherine Ozment. The discussion will take place Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 2:30 pm at the Wilson Branch of the New Haven Free Library, 303 Washington Ave., New Haven. Note the new location for HAC Book Discussions (Wilson Branch of the New Haven Free Library) instead of USNH.



From Amazon:

Meet "the Nones" – In this thought-provoking exploration of secular America, celebrated journalist Katherine Ozment takes readers on a quest to understand the trends and ramifications of a nation in flight from organized religion.

Writer, journalist, and secular mother of three Katherine Ozment came face-to-face with the fundamental issue of the Nones when her son asked her the simplest of questions: "what are we?" Unsettled by her reply – "Nothing" – she set out on a journey to find a better answer. She traversed the frontier of American secular life, sought guidance in science and the humanities, talked with noted scholars, and wrestled with her own family's attempts to find meaning and connection after religion.

"What an important book. I inhaled every word. Every person struggling to live a meaningful life will find wisdom and sustenance in Grace Without God." – Mary Johnson, author of "An Unquenchable Thirst"

Humanist Explorations
 December 3, 2022, 2:30pm
 USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden
 Topic: The Automat

A cup of the best coffee was a nickel; a handful of nickels would buy a great dinner. You went to the nickel lady, and she would hand you twenty nickels for your dollar bill. This was during the greater part of the Twentieth Century, the iconic Horn and Hardart Automat chain in New York City. It was in many ways, not only the forerunner of fast food, but a social institution as well. Open to everyone, regardless of their ethnicity, religion or cultural background, everyone was welcome and the dignity of all was respected. While the Automats originated in Philadelphia, they were above all a New York City institution. This is the story of the Automat and the and effect it had on a broad segment of the American public.

This will be in-person in the Social Hall at USNH. There's plenty of room for social distancing. We will be providing coffee.

Annual Year-End Humanist Brunch
 December 25, 2022, 12pm

Pacific Buffet & Grill, 20 Ives Rd., Wallingford CT 06492

Enjoy our year-end brunch with other humanists! We're returning to the buffet restaurant in Wallingford that we have met at in the past, Pacific Buffet & Grill (<https://pacificbuffetandgrill.com/>). Come out and socialize with friends on a day when most of the country is closed. Occasionally people will decide to follow this event with a movie.



SAVE THE DATE: CT-COR New Year's Day Brunch
 Sunday, January 1, 2023, 12-3pm
 USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden CT



CT Coalition of Reason is having a statewide brunch event

Join humanists, atheists and freethinkers from all over Connecticut for this Connecticut Coalition of Reason (<https://ctcor.org/>) New Year's Day potluck brunch in Hamden at noon. Everyone had such a good time at the picnic this summer that we decided do it again. Bring something to share, and we'll start the new year off right!

We will be in the Social Hall. Coffee, decaf, tea and paper goods will be provided.

For more info and RSVP: <https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events/290008887/>

MEMBERSHIP

! Adult \$35

! Family \$50

! Newsletter Only \$10

! Our membership year is 1/1-12/31.

! In cases of financial hardship, the

! association may waive the member-

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! nual membership payable to

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