

The Newsletter of the Humanist Community in Silicon Valley



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Happy New Year!

We started the New Year early at the December 31 Forum, as we as a group talked about what the Humanist Community should focus on in 2013. The discussion was captured the old-fashioned way, pen-and-ink, and a summary will be available to the Board and the HC soon. Some highlights—

- * Engage in community outreach.
- * Continue to define and discuss HC's philosophical positions.

- *Keep the goal of a future home in mind.
- *Develop alliances
- * And much more...

A New Year's Resolution For All

Check out the Humanist

Community's website once a week to keep tabs on what is going on.

www.humanists.org.

Board of Director elections are coming soon, in February. Check the website for more.

Bill Rausch is planning a **hike** for January 20th at Huddard Park.

Over twenty of us have **renewed membership** in HCSV for 2013. Please send in your membership dues.

(This issue is short—the editor is ailing.)

Forums

JAN 6 -- "Unfaithful Men in History"

HC member Ken Abraham will explore the topic of men who abuse or are unfaithful to their spouses..

Ken will discuss various characters in history and fiction who felt guiltless in their treatment of women -- including Ovid, a Roman poet who glorified the abuse of women.

JAN 13 Brother Sam in Silicon Valley

Writer-actor Roger Scott Jackson's satiric creation, Brother Sam Singleton, is a comedic character whose shows are best described as one-person theater pieces with audience participation. The 2012 premiere of *Cats, Sheep and Goats: The Taxonomy of Atheists, Believers and Preachers*, marks Scott's fifth work starring Brother Sam. Those with strong views on the existence or nonexistence of God may see what Brother Sam

does as activism, though he insists that his aim is simply to get some stuff off his chest. As he says, "Somebody else, who had to deal with snake-handling tongues-speakers as a child, might become a homicidal maniac or a teacher at a Bible college. I talk to the world's most astute ticket-buyers."

(A suggested contribution of \$5 (or more) for this forum will be collected in addition to our regular offering. This collection will go directly to Sam Singleton.) For more information go to: www.samsingleton.com/Foyer.html

Jan 20 --Leonardo and Steve: The Young Genius Who Beat Apple to Market by 800 Years

Professor Devlin, who presented the forum "Which Flawed Voting System Do You Support?" in 2012, will discuss his recent e-book in which he compares Steve Jobs to Leonardo Fibonacci. The first personal computing revolution took place not in Silicon Valley in the 1980s, but in Pisa in the 13th Century. The medieval counterpart to Steve Jobs was a young Italian called Leonardo, better known today by the Fibonacci. Thanks to a

recently discovered MS in a library in Florence, the story of how this genius came to launch the modern commercial world can now be told.

Dr. Devlin, Executive Director of the H-STAR Institute at Stanford University, will present this talk, based on his latest book, *The Man of Numbers: Fibonacci's Arithmetical Revolution* and his co-published companion e-book, *Leonardo and Steve: The Young Genius Who Beat Apple to Market by 800 Years*.

JAN 27 Designing Your Own Secular Spirituality

Manuel Manga is director of the Center for Evolutionary Leadership, which develops leaders for building a just, flourishing, and sustainable world. He is also a leadership coach and organizational consultant. The concept and experience of spirituality does not have to have a religious connotation. Manga will define spirituality as a naturalistic, scientific, ethical, philosophical, secular process that can enlarge our sense of our selves and of meaning in our lives.

JANUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 a.m. Family Program 11:00 a.m. Forum	7	8	9 7:30 p.m. Free Thought Discussion	10 8:00 p.m. Academic Video	11	12
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20 10:30 a.m. Family Program 11:00 a.m. Forum 1:30 p.m. Hike Inauguration Day	21	22	23 7:30 p.m. Free Thought Discussion	24 8:00 p.m. Academic Video	25	26
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