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At the Humanist Conference in San Diego



Bill Rausch, Min Yang, Ed Yates, Alex Havasy, Martin Squibbs, Hilton Brown, Arthur Jackson, & Sena Havasy

July Forums

July 7 Report on AHA Annual Conference by those who were there!

HCSV members who attended the 72nd Annual Conference of the American Humanist Association in San Diego, CA, 30 May – 2 June 2013, will report their experiences and feelings. Come learn about the dynamic and expanding activities of our national Humanist organization.

July 14 Communication Styles

Consider how much time you spend communicating with others. Do you find yourself involved in frequent disagreements? Do interactions with others often feel one-sided or incomplete? Do you wish people understood you better?

Having a variety of communication styles can enhance our relationships, help us feel understood and get us what we want or need. If we could pick and choose when to collaborate, when to compete, and when to avoid, we would be better equipped to navigate the various situations of life

In this lively, interactive workshop, Anne Bers will teach you about different communication styles. You will identify your preferred style and the styles of others and you will practice applying different styles in common situations. You'll expand your communication choices so you can get through each interaction in a more satisfying and effective way.

Anne Bers is the Director of Mediation and Facilitation Services at the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center, in San Mateo. She has worked as a professional communicator and consultant to government agencies, corporations and small businesses, and holds a Bachelor's in English from the State University of New York and a Master's in Technical Communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

July 21 Dorothea Dix, Mental Health Reformer

When she visited chained, naked inmates in filthy, ice-cold dungeons, jailers told her, "Crazy people can't feel the cold!" Miss Dix was responsible for providing 110 clean, warm facilities for the mentally ill at a time when only six hospitals in the country recognized the mentally ill as human beings.

When women cannot vote, own property, or sit on juries, they must work for reform through men. Hear how Miss Dix got legislation passed in North Carolina for a hospital for the mentally ill back in 1848.

Dorothea Dix (1802-1887) was an author, educator, and social activist. She reformed prisons and psychiatric hospitals, crusaded for humane and scientific treatment of mental illness, and campaigned successfully to establish mental hospitals

Narrated by Meg Bowman, with Humanist cast.

July 28 Overturning Citizens United

Citizens United v. FEC (2010) may be the most infamous Supreme Court ruling of the past decade. In this case, the Court struck down two provisions of federal law which limited corporate and union expenditures to advocate the election or defeat of candidates for federal office, holding that the provisions violated the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment.

Martin Carcieri explains that although the ruling rests firmly on earlier Court rulings, an amendment to the U.S. Constitution invalidating Citizens United is not only the most likely amendment that could be ratified, but that a re-balance between private and public power is an appropriate use of the amendment process of Article V of the Constitution.

Martin Carcieri is an Associate Professor of Political Science at San Francisco State University, where he teaches courses and seminars on Constitutional Law and Political Theory. He holds a J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of California, and has published twenty-five journal articles and book chapters. He is a long time humanist, skeptic, and rationalist.

FORUM INFORMATION

Palo Alto High School – Student Center
50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto 94301-- Sundays 11am-12:15pm
Free and open to the public. Lunch 12:15-2pm.
A donation of \$10 is requested



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HELP

Do you need some help?

· For confidential assistance contact Arthur Jackson at Arthur@arthurmjackson.com or call 408-620-4278.

· If you need to talk to someone about a problem you're having, call Arthur Jackson at 408-620-4278.

· If you need some other kind of help (for example, a ride to a doctor's appointment, some groceries brought by, a recommendation for a lawyer), email hchelp@yahoogroups.com (which forwards your e-mail to members of the HC HELP group, each of whom may send a reply e-mail to you and the group if they can help), or reach them through Sena Havasy at senahav@gmail.com.

Paula Reed Kiehne



Paula was one of those Unforgettable characters Often unbeknownst to those whose lives she touched.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, a dear and loyal friend and social activist. When her family needed her, Paula was there, with selfless love and material support.

When there was a march for social justice, Paula was there, leading the way. When there was a meeting to attend and work to be done, Paula was there, volunteering. When there was a friend in need, Paula was there, with a helping hand.

She stood in the gateway, so to speak, of the public square with a figurative axe in hand to ward off the know-nothings and bigots bent on destroying all hope for a better, more rational and caring world.

So I bid you farewell dear, sweet friend. So long it's been damn good to know yuh.

Dennis Etler

Calendar of Events

Fun Group Outing San Francisco Mime Troupe

Come see the Tony Award-winning SF Mime Troupe performing its latest production, "Oil & Water."

Within a larger musical/comedic frame, "Oil & Water" is actually two shorter plays, each stylistically unique but topically linked and musically interwoven. The plays will challenge the dangerous energy practices of both corporations and everyone else. In addition, the Troupe will host informational tables at each of its park shows.

What: San Francisco Mime Troupe Performance of "Oil & Water."

Where: Mitchell Park, South Field, 600 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, CA.

When: Tuesday, July 9, 7:00pm (music at 6:30)

Admission: Free, donations accepted

For more information visit <http://www.sfmt.org> or call (415) 285-1717.

Humanist Community Hiking Group

Watch the website for information about a July hike.

Potluck

Fourth of July fireworks in June! On Saturday, June 29th, at 8:30 we will meet at Stanford for a Humanist potluck/picnic. The San Jose Earthquakes soccer team are playing at Stanford, and they will provide the fireworks after the game.

For the meeting location contact Sena Havasy at 408-462-2156 or by email at senahav@gmail.com.

Welcoming Committee

We schedule small monthly get-acquainted gatherings in private homes, assist with all holidays, greet visitors, and keep ourselves informed about goings-on in the Community. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending, hosting a Coffee & Dessert, or joining the Welcoming Committee, please contact Dianne Jacobsen, Committee Chair, (diannej750@yahoo.com), Sena Havasy (senahav@gmail.com), or any one of us at Forum on Sunday.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee arranges potlucks and seasonal celebrations, including the annual spring dinner honoring the new Board. At the Sunday Forum it prepares the Membership Table, the lectern flowers and the table decorations. It keeps Membership and Events Photo Albums and provides photographs. It creates name buttons. It provides directories and contacts members to update information. Birthday cards are sent electronically. Sandy Smith's Sunshine subcommittee sends paper cards.

Feedback and volunteers are always welcome. Please contact me at senahav@gmail.com: or 408-462-2156.

Sena Havasy,
Membership chair

The Family Program

The HC Family Program is designed for children ages 4 to 13 in freethinking humanist families. The parents supervise the program. Participants involve themselves in science, art, and drama projects, reflecting the ideas and goals of the families and community. At the end of each program meeting, they join the community for lunch when the program is on site.

The Family Program will not meet on the 7th and 14th of July and will meet in the Library behind the Student Center when they return on the 21st. They will return the Science Resource Building in August.

Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto
Most Sundays 10:30am-12 noon.

For more information call 650-257-0478.

The Sharing Circle

Palo Alto High School Student Center, Sundays at 10:30am. One of several groups that meet prior to the Forum each Sunday, where attendees may share any personal feelings or experiences they wish, in an environment of trust and confidentiality.

Free Thought Discussion

Home of Hilton Brown, Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Discussion of recent news or a book. For more information check www.humanists.org.

Academic Video

Home of Hilton Brown, Thursday, 8:00pm.

View an academic video followed by discussion. For more information check www.humanists.org.

Clinic Defense

Planned Parenthood, any Saturday of the month. 1691 the Alameda, San Jose 8:00am. For information, contact Alex Havasy at havasy@live.com.

History Book Group

The new History Book Group encompasses all things history; biography, histories and historical fiction. We will gather at 2:00pm on Wednesday, July 17, at Kimm's Flowers and Art (251 W El Camino Real, in Sunnyvale (650-949-1915), to discuss future meeting places and choose our first books. Sena Havasy, senahav@gmail.com.

Other Events of Interest to Humanists

UU Humanist Roots

Potluck Dinner and Discussion

Our meetings usually have 15 people. For the potluck, please bring a dish of your choice: salad, vegetarian, dish with meat, or dessert. We usually meet on the first Saturday of every month.

When: Saturday, July 6th at 6 pm (presentation at 7).

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto
Fireside Room, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto
Direction to UUCPA:

<http://uucpa.org/main/location.html>

More: <http://www.humanists.org/blog/associated-organizations/>

Bay Area Russell Set (BARS)

Join us at the Thai Pepper Restaurant, 103 East Fremont, Sunnyvale, on June 25 at 7:00pm. We will be discussing chapter 13 of "The Conquest of Happiness: The family." We hope that our discussions will prove informative, interesting, and perhaps life changing, in making us happier than before.

For more details see: www.meetup.com/philosophy-219

Ethical Culture Society of Silicon Valley

See their website: www.ethicalsiliconvalley.org for details.

For more information on groups of interest to Humanists go to our website, www.humanists.org, click on ABOUT near the top of the page and on Associated Organizations on the drop-down menu.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						June 29 <u>8:30pm</u> Potluck/Picnic & Fireworks
June 30	1	2	3 <u>7:30pm</u> Free Thought Discussion	4 <u>8:00pm</u> Academic Video	5	6 <u>6:00pm</u> UU Humanist Roots
7 <u>11:00am</u> Forum	8	9 <u>7:00pm</u> Fun Group	10 <u>7:30pm</u> Free Thought Discussion	11 <u>8:00pm</u> Academic Video	12	13
14 <u>11:00am</u> Forum	15	16	17 <u>7:30pm</u> Free Thought Discussion <u>3:30pm</u> History Book Group (new!)	18 <u>3:00pm</u> Welcoming Committee <u>8:00pm</u> Academic Video	19	20
21 <u>10:30am</u> Family Program <u>11:00am</u> Forum	22 <u>7:30pm</u> Board meeting	23	24 <u>7:30pm</u> Free Thought Discussion	25 <u>8:00pm</u> Academic Video	26	27
28 <u>10:30am</u> Family Program <u>11:00am</u> Forum	29	30	31 <u>7:30pm</u> Free Thought Discussion			

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