

The Newsletter of the
Humanist Community

Our values - freedom, fairness and compassion
 health and happiness, science and reason to acquire and apply knowledge.

in Silicon Valley




Secular Space Available
 at
 Humanist House

Sunday Forums at 11: am

1180 Coleman Avenue, San Jose

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November Forums

November 1: Camp Quest

Camp Quest is a national organization whose local affiliates provide week-long summer camp programs to children in secular families. With over a dozen locations throughout the United States, including two in California, they are the only national organization that is focused on the children of the secular movement.

David Diskin, president of Camp Quest West (California), will present an overview of Camp Quest West and their week-long program that combines traditional outdoor All-American fun with interactive science activities that help kids become familiar with skepticism, the scientific method, and Humanist philosophies (See www.CampQuestWest.org)

November 8: Prisons: The Challenge

Dorsey Nunn, Executive Director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC, www.prisonerswithchildren.org), has over thirty-five years experience working on prison related issues, and has received numerous awards. He is the Co-Founder of All of Us or None, a project of LSPC started by formerly incarcerated people in 2003. He has been in the forefront of many social justice organizations from their beginnings, including Critical Resistance and the California Coalition for Women Prisoners.

November 15: Represent.Us and The American Anti-Corruption Act

In communities across America, Represent.Us members are working together— conservatives, progressives and everyone in between — to pass local Anti-Corruption Acts. Together, member-led Represent.Us chapters are leading the fight to protect our communities from the corruption that plagues Congress. Every town, city, state and county has a unique political makeup, so every Anti-Corruption Act is uniquely tailored to the needs of each community. Cilla Raughley, an Organizer for the San Francisco Peninsula Chapter of Represent.Us, will present.

November 22: A New Global Humanism

Manuel Manga will discuss the above topic, which is inspired by the work of Cristovam Buarque, Brazilian, Humanist and State Senator.

November 29: Performance Forum

Do you love music? Play a musical instrument and /or sing? Solo, group or sing along? Do you have a favorite poem, one that you've read or maybe even written yourself? Do you have a skit or dance piece you could share with us? We are looking for participants for our seventh Annual Performance Forum.

We are taking sign-ups at the greeters table. Contact Sena Havasy at senahav@gmail.com for more information.

FORUM INFORMATION

Humanist House 1180 Coleman Avenue, San Jose 95110

Sundays 11 AM-12:15 PM - Free and open to the public Lunch 12:15-2 PM. - A donation of \$10 is requested
 Afternoon program at 1:30 PM

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•For confidential assistance contact Arthur Jackson at Arthur@arthurmjackson.com or call 774-757-4486.

•If you need to talk to someone about a problem, call Arthur Jackson at 774-757-4486.

•If you need some other kind of help (for example, a ride to a doctor's appointment, some groceries delivered, a recommendation for a lawyer), email hchelp@yahoogroups.com (which forwards your je-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). You can reach them through Sena Havasy at senahav@gmail.com.



Cover Pictures Wanted!

After over 2 years of composing every cover picture I realize I could use some help! We need an occasional original composition or picture, seasonal or with reference to a historical event or holiday of the month, for each and every newsletter. If you are interested contact me at senahav@gmail.com or 408-739-5638.

Sena Havasy

Secular Space Available Soon!

We have this lovely new space, new interior, new padded chairs, small stage, sound equipment, huge screen, the first space we have had in 60 years as a group, that is ours 24/7! Loving it! Forums weekly with speaker and buffet lunch, committee meetings, hanging out.

The thing is, we need to share costs. The only time we need it is Sunday. Do you have a group, a class, a club that needs a nice central spot to meet any other day or evening?

Details are still being worked out, this is our first go at sharing and we must have worked through a mountain of paper work to do this legally.

Meanwhile we are thinking of ways to fine tune the space. Suggestions welcome!

We are here at 1180 Coleman Ave., S.J., every Sunday from 11:00 AM to about 3:00 PM. Drop in to our Forum, check out our space and think about how it could mesh with your plans!

Yours for a bright Humanist future!

Sena Havasy, Membership Chair

**An Evening with
Faisal Saeed Al-Mutar**

Please join the Humanist Connection for an evening with Faisal Saeed Al-Mutar. He is the founder of the *Global Secular Humanist Movement*, an author and a regular speaker for the Humanist community at large.

For more information or to reserve your space at this exciting event see:

faisal.brownpapertickets.com/



When: November 2, 2015, 7PM - 8PM (doors open at 6:30PM)

Where: Lucie Stern Community Center in Palo Alto

A Secular Service Event

Humanist Connection aims to serve our broader Silicon Valley community with measurable community service events. With the holidays rapidly approaching, we are sponsoring a canned food drive with delivery to LGBT homeless youth.

We are ultimately looking to serve San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland. We will need lots of help! Mark your calendar on November 14th so you can join us for a secular day of service.

Please contact John Figdor - jfigdor@gmail.com - for more information or to make a non-perishable food donation.

Calendar of Events

The Family Program

The HCSV Family Program meets Sunday mornings.

Where: Varies, call 650-257-0478 for the time and location.

When: most Sundays, 10:30 AM to 12 noon.

The Sharing Circle

At 10:30, before the Forum each Sunday, attendees meet to share personal feelings or experiences in an environment of trust and confidentiality.

After the Sunday Forum

Activities are planned for each Sunday afternoon: 1st Sunday is video, day, 2nd Sunday is Game Day, 3rd Sunday is Social Action Day, 4th Sunday we'll discuss issues with the Humanist Community. Activity for 5th Sunday to be determined.

Where: Humanist House, 1180 Coleman Ave., San Jose

When: 1:15 PM, after the Forum

Clinic Defense

Planned Parenthood, Tuesdays and Saturdays. 1691 the Alameda, San Jose; 8:00 AM. For information, contact Alex Havasy at havasy@live.com.

Membership Committee

We arrange potlucks and seasonal celebrations, including the annual spring dinner honoring the new Board. At the Sunday Forum, we prepare the Greeter's table, the lectern flowers, and the table decorations. Sandy Smith's Sunshine Committee sends paper cards.

The committee is composed of those members of the potluck circle who are willing to serve. Sena Havasy chair.

Free Thought Discussion

We discuss recent news on the first Wednesday of the month, our present book other weeks. Our discussions range far from the topic, so don't worry about not being up to date on the book or the news. For information on the present book, future books considered, and reading schedule go to: www.humanists.org/calendar/#/freethought-discussion. For more information, contact Hilton at: brownofmtview@aol.com.

Where: Home of Hilton Brown in Mountain View

When: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM (No meeting on November 4 or 25)

Academic Video

The Academic Video Group watches videos from www.thegreatcourses.com, followed by discussion. Go to: www.humanists.org/calendar/#/academic-videos for details of our present video. For details about the group contact Hilton at: brownofmtview@aol.com or 650-941-3146.

Where: Home of Hilton Brown in Mountain View

When: Thursdays, 8:00 PM (No meeting on November 5 or 26)

History Book Group

West with the Night by Beryl Markham. This 1942 memoir by Beryl Markham, chronicles her experiences growing up in Kenya, in the early 1900s, leading to a career as a bush pilot and her record setting flight from Europe to America.

For information contact Sena at senahav@gmail.com or 408-739-5638.

Where: Humanist House, 1180 Coleman Ave., San Jose

When: 2nd Wednesday, November 11, 2:30 PM

Humanist Community Hiking Group

We are looking for someone to coordinate hikes. If you enjoy hiking with fellow Humanists and know trails in the area, please step forward and I will put your contact information in the next newsletter.

Fun Group

Photographs of Willard Worden

New York artist Nathan Sawaya creates awe-inspiring artworks out of an unlikely building material: LEGO® bricks. He crafts beautiful and intriguing sculptures using 1000s of bricks, transforming the popular toy into something new. The exhibition also features work from "In Pieces," a collaborative photographic series by Dean West and Nathan Sawaya that captures the LEGO sculptures in Hopper-inspired images.

In the Alcove Gallery is an ancillary installation of a playful, toy-like sculpture by San Francisco artist Jud Bergeron.

For more information, visit bedfordgallery.org or call 925-295-1417.

Where: The de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park
50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco,
CA 94596

meet at the gallery entrance to gate 12.

When: Saturday, November 7, 2015 at noon.

Cost: Adults: \$5.00. Youth (13-17) \$3.00.

Children 12 and under: Free.

Humanist Thanksgiving Day Potluck

You are invited to our home for a chip-in, sit-down Thanksgiving dinner at 3:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day. Twenty dollars covers the basics starting with a great warm avocado dip and progressing through turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, two cranberry sauces, corn bread, apple pie and more! Bring something to round it out. (Pie? A vegetable? Your favorite Thanksgiving dish? Ice cream?) Sign up at the Greeter's Table or contact me if you can make it at senahav@gmail.com or 408-739-5638. Let me know as soon as possible as our table will only seat ten.

Where: Home of Sena and Alex Havasy, Sunnyvale

When: Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 3:00 PM

Other Events of Interest to Humanists

Humanists at UUCPA Potluck and Discussion

Our meetings usually have 15 people. For the potluck, please bring a dish of your choice. Ann Hardy will present the topic: Functional Society With Less Jobs.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto,
Fireside Room, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto.
Directions at uucpa.org/main/location.html

When: Saturday, November 7 at 6 PM (discussion at 7)

Bay Area Russell Set (BARS)

Join us to discuss *Introduction to Religion & Science*, by Bertrand Russell. See www.meetup.com/philosophy-219 for details.

Where: Thai Pepper, 103 E Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale

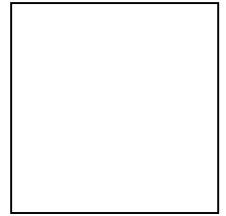
When: Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 PM

Ethical Culture Society of Silicon Valley

For details see: www.ethicalsiliconvalley.org.

For more information on groups of interest to Humanists go to: www.humanists.org/index/#/associated-organizations/.

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NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Circle <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:15 PM</u> Video	2	3	4	5	6	7 <u>Noon</u> Fun Group 
8 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Circle <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:15 PM</u> Games	9	10	11 <u>2:30 PM</u> History Book Group <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	12 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	13	14
15 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Circle <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:15 PM</u> Social Action	16 <u>7:30 PM</u> Board meeting	17	18 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	19 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	20	21
22 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Circle <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:15 PM</u> HCSV	23	24	25	26 <u>3:00 PM</u> Thanksgiving Day Dinner 	27	28
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