

The Newsletter of the  
**Humanist Community**  
 in Silicon Valley

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



## The International Humanist & Ethical Union



Reason's Ambassador to the World

## August Forums

### August 7: The International Humanist and Ethical Union

Longtime Humanist Community member and leader Arthur Jackson will discuss the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU at [ihcu.org](http://ihcu.org)), which represents humanism globally. Five organizations hosted the founding congress in 1952 in Amsterdam: the American Humanist Association, the American Ethical Union, the British Humanist Association, the Vienna Ethical Society, and the Dutch Humanist League. It has grown steadily since and now has 113 member organizations.

### August 14: Unstoppable

Randolph Kundmueller will share a DVD from Commonwealth Club in which Ralph Nader discusses his book *UNSTOPPABLE: The Emerging Left-Right Alliance to Dismantle the Corporate State*. In this book, Mr. Nader explores the emerging political alignment of the Left and Right against converging corporate-government tyranny. Large segments from the progressive, and libertarian political camps find themselves aligned in opposition to the destruction of civil liberties, the economically draining corporate welfare state, the relentless perpetuation of America's wars, sovereignty shredding trade agreements and the unpunished crimes of Wall Street against Main Street. Nader shows how Left-Right coalitions can prevail over the corporate state and crony capitalism.

A review of the book can be found at [www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/25510-truths-and-falsehoods-about-ralph-naders-new-book](http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/25510-truths-and-falsehoods-about-ralph-naders-new-book).

### August 21: The Snowden Incident

Longtime Humanist Community member Marc Perkel will discuss the actions, and the reactions to the actions, of Edward Snowden, who leaked large quantities of classified material.

### August 28: Let's Teach Religion, All Religion, in Schools (featuring a TED Talk featuring Daniel Dennett)

In this 25 minute TED Talk video (see [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com) and [www.ted.com/talks/dan\\_dennett\\_s\\_response\\_to\\_rick\\_warren](http://www.ted.com/talks/dan_dennett_s_response_to_rick_warren)) philosopher Daniel Dennett calls for religion — all religion — to be taught in schools, so we can understand it as a natural phenomenon. Then he takes on *The Purpose-Driven Life*, disputing its claim that, to be moral, one must deny evolution. After the video, the audience will discuss the ideas that the video presents.

### FORUM INFORMATION

**Humanist House** 1180 Coleman Avenue, San Jose 95110,  
 Sundays 11 AM-12:15 PM – Free and open to the public.  
 Lunch 12:30-2 PM. - A donation of \$10 is requested.

When I do good, I feel good.  
 When I do bad, I feel bad.  
 That's my religion.

-Abraham Lincoln

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Our newsletter can now be reached on line directly at hcsv-newsletter-2016-08.pdf. Change the year and month (hcsv-newsletter-yyyy-mm) for the desired newsletter.

### Visit Us on Facebook:

Humanist Community in Silicon Valley.

We welcome people to post ideas and information of interest to members of the Humanist Community.

### Do you need help?

•For confidential assistance contact Arthur Jackson at Arthur@arthurmjackson.com or call 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 email 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](mailto:senahav@gmail.com).



# Humanist House News

To Humanist Community Members and Well Wishers Everywhere.

On August eleventh the Humanist Community in Silicon Valley and the American Humanist Association are thrilled to be co-hosting a reception for the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU). Special guests will include Andrew Copson, IHEU President, and Carl Blackburn, IHEU Chief Executive, and other members of the IHEU executive board. Our goal is to support the global humanist movement by helping raise \$10,000 at this event! To RSVP or for further information see the poster below, contact Arthur Jackson at [123arthurjackson@gmail.com](mailto:123arthurjackson@gmail.com), or go to our website (Humanists.org) and click on IHEU Fundraiser on the right.

NOTICE! Skeptics/Humanist movie night has been moved to the 2nd Friday.

We will watch *An Honest Liar*, a surprising and entertaining film about an amazing man and his journey through the world.

Humanist House, 1180 Coleman Ave, SJ, at 7:00PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.

Cost: Free. Refreshments.

Yours for a Bright Humanist Future  
Sena Havasy

You are cordially invited to a reception with leaders and friends of the Humanist Community of Silicon Valley and the American Humanist Association to benefit the

**INTERNATIONAL HUMANIST AND ETHICAL UNION (IHEU):  
A GLOBAL CAMPAIGN  
TO PROTECT  
FREEDOM OF THOUGHT**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11  
7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM**

**WINE AND LIGHT HOR D'OEUVRES**

Humanist House | 1180 Coleman Avenue | San Jose, CA 95110  
(complimentary parking available)

**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
Andrew Copson, IHEU PRESIDENT - Carl Blackburn, IHEU CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE IHEU EXECUTIVE BOARD

**HOST COMMITTEE**  
Hilton Brown    John Figdor    Arthur Jackson    Paula Rochelle  
Paul Gilbert    Sena Havasy    Bob Kresek    Ben Wade

**SUPPORT THE GLOBAL HUMANIST MOVEMENT  
BY HELPING US RAISE \$10,000 AT THIS EVENT!**

Please RSVP by August 4  
or contact Maggie Ardiente at  
202-238-9088 ext. 116 or  
[maggie@americanhumanist.org](mailto:maggie@americanhumanist.org)



Andrew Copson  
President



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## Public Transport to Humanist House

From the Caltrain - Santa Clara Station on El Camino Real, catch the #10 bus toward Metro LRT and get off at Coleman and Brokaw (1st stop), cross Coleman, and walk about a block and a half to 1180 Coleman Ave.



## Calendar of Events

### Movie Night for Skeptics

Notice! Skeptics/Humanists Movie night has been moved to the 2nd Friday.

The Humanist Community and the Silicon Valley Skeptics are inviting friends to a Movie Night for Skeptics. We will be watching *An Honest Liar* a surprising film about an amazing man. For further information and to suggest future titles contact Hunter Perrin of the Skeptics at [hunterperrin@hkperrin.com](mailto:hunterperrin@hkperrin.com) or Sena Havasy of the Humanist Community at [senahav@gmail.com](mailto:senahav@gmail.com).

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

**When:** New Time! 2nd Friday, August 12, 7:00PM

**Cost:** Free

### Free Thought Discussion

We discuss recent news on the first Wednesday of the month, our present book other Wednesdays. 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 our reading schedule go to: [www.humanists.org/blog/free-thought-discussion](http://www.humanists.org/blog/free-thought-discussion). For more information, contact Hilton at: [brownofmtview@aol.com](mailto:brownofmtview@aol.com).

**Where:** Home of Hilton Brown in Mountain View

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

### Academic Video

The Academic Video Group watches videos from [www.thegreatcourses.com](http://www.thegreatcourses.com), followed by discussion. For details contact Hilton at: [brownofmtview@aol.com](mailto:brownofmtview@aol.com) or 650-941-3146.

**Where:** Home of Hilton Brown in Mountain View

**When:** Thursdays, 8:00 PM

### Humanist Community Hiking Group

Periodic Hikes will resume soon. If you would enjoy hiking with fellow Humanists and have not previously received an email regarding hikes, please send your email address and phone number to Fran and Jim Naylor at [Zaylors@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Zaylors@sbcglobal.net). Notification of upcoming hikes will be done by email to those interested.

### History Book Group

We are reading *House of the Vestals* by Steven Saylor, one of a series of mysteries set in a historically authentic Rome of 1 BCE, featuring Gordonius, 'The Finder', a fictitious sleuth. For information contact Sena at [senahav@gmail.com](mailto:senahav@gmail.com) or 408-739-5638.

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

**When:** 2nd Wednesday, August 10, 2:30 PM

### Fun Group Candlemaking

Come create personalized candles for every occasion! In addition to choosing shape, size, and color, you can turn the candles into one-of-a-kind centerpieces, bouquets, and time capsules!

Visit [www.glowlounge.biz](http://www.glowlounge.biz) or call (408) 292-GLOW (4569) for more information.

**Where:** Glow Candle Lounge, 1140-7 Lincoln Ave.,  
San Jose, CA 95125

**When:** Saturday, August 13, 10:00 AM

**Cost:** Studio Day Pass plus whatever candle and accessory options you select. The studio pass covers pips, color, fragrance, wick, hot wax pour, and buffing. Pieces are ready for pick up the next day but can be expedited (\$5) in about an hour.

### Humanist Potluck

The August potluck will be a Pool Party at the home of Sena & Alex Havasy in Sunnyvale. Most will not swim so don't hesitate to join us, even if you don't care to swim. For details contact us at [senahav@gmail.com](mailto:senahav@gmail.com) or 408-739-5638.

**Where:** Home of Sena and Alex Havasy in Sunnyvale.

**When:** August 20 Saturday at 5:30 PM.

### The Family Program

The HCSV Family Program meets Sunday mornings.

**Where:** Location varies; call 650-247-0478 for details.

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

### After the Sunday Forum

Activities are planned for each Sunday afternoon if people are interested: 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.

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

**When:** 1:30 PM, after the Forum

### Clinic Escort

Planned Parenthood, Tuesdays and Saturdays. 1691 the Alameda, San Jose. Planned Parenthood provides volunteer training. For information, contact Alex Havasy at [havasy@live.com](mailto: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. Emi Hester'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 ([senahav@gmail.com](mailto:senahav@gmail.com)).

## Other Events of Interest to Humanists

### LifeRing Addiction Recovery

"LifeRing is a non-faith-based, worldwide network of people living in recovery from addiction to alcohol or to other, non-medically indicated drugs. For more information about LifeRing, go to their web site, [lifering.org](http://lifering.org).

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

**When:** Every Tuesday, 7:30 PM

### Humanists at UUCPA Potluck and Discussion

Our meetings usually have 15 people. For the potluck, please bring a dish of your choice. Joan Fox will present the discussion on "The Power of Money in Politics."

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

**When:** Saturday, August 6 at 6 PM (discussion at 7)

### Ethical Culture Society of Silicon Valley

For details see: [www.ethicalsiliconvalley.org](http://www.ethicalsiliconvalley.org).

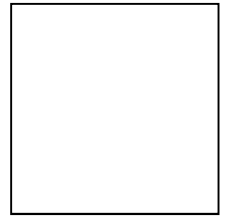
### Bay Area Russell Set (BARS)

Join us to discuss *Mysticism*, chapter VII of *Religion and Science* by Bertrand Russell. For further details see: [www.meetup.com/philosophy-219](http://www.meetup.com/philosophy-219).

**Where:** Thai Pepper, 103 E Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale





**When:** Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 PM

Humanist Community  
 1180 Coleman Avenue  
 San Jose, CA 95110



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## AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing	3 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	4 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	5	6
7 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	8 <u>7:30 PM</u> Board meeting	9 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing	10 <u>2:30 PM</u> History Book Group <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	11  <u>7:00 PM</u> IHEU Fund Raiser <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	12  <u>7:00 PM</u> Skeptic Movie Night	13  <u>10:00 AM</u> Fun Group
14 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	15	16 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing	17 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	18 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	19	20  <u>5:30 PM</u> Humanist Potluck & Pool Party
21 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	22	23 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing	24 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	25 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	26	27
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