

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.



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Taken at the Fund Raiser by HCSV and the AHA for the International Humanist and Ethical Union September ninth at Humanist House. \$4,000. was raised for international secular outreach and aid.

October Forums

October 2: The Ethics of Eating

Doctor of Psychology, Laurie Powell, is a local Humane Educator for the Ethical Choices Program, an international non-profit that shares information about the impact of modern animal agriculture on human health, the environment, and the welfare of other species. The program provides free presentations to high schools, colleges, and adult organizations, empowering viewers to make more thoughtful and responsible food choices. By providing only current research and information, they help others examine their food choices in a nonjudgmental, honest and respectful way.

October 9: Is Addiction a Choice, a Disease, or a Moral Issue?

Byron Kerr from LifeRing Secular Recovery (www.lifering.org) will discuss the work of LifeRing, which is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of individuals seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or other non-medically indicated drugs. LifeRing offers peer-to-peer support that encourages personal growth and continued learning through personal empowerment (e.g., by developing, refining, and sharing personal strategies for continued abstinence and crafting a rewarding life in recovery).

October 16: Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia

Susan Gerbic will be presenting the fun and follies of the Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia project, (giving an overview as well as a few key examples of recent work). Ms. Gerbic will also be keen to answer all your Wikipedia questions. You should leave this lecture knowing a lot more about the 10th most popular website, and how important its use is to educating the world.

October 23: How Should I Vote on the Ballot Propositions?

We reviewed the November ballot initiatives last month. Which initiatives are you passionate about? Voice your feelings and present your arguments to fellow Humanists to help us decide. Longtime Humanist Community member, Alex Havasy will moderate.

October 30: InStove

Fred and Lise Colgan will bring a demonstration model of InStove's newest stove - a 20 liter version of the larger units. This one is designed to be carried as checked baggage without payment of oversize or overweight fees, so it works really well for folks flying to projects around the world. InStove implements safe, clean, and highly efficient institutional cookstoves and allied technologies in an integrated approach to serve the world's poorest communities. More information at www.instove.org.

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.

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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 123arthurjackson@gmail.com or call 408-923-3774.

·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.



To Our Humanist Community & Well Wishers Everywhere!

We are so looking forward to working with a person of this ability and experience! 'Oh, the things that we will learn!'

One of our favorite social action projects is InStove and Fred Colgan. Fred will be touching base with us on October 30th. He tells touching stories about how much the relief from a smoke filled cooking area and from walking miles every day to gather firewood have meant to women and their babies.

We will take up a collection to help Fred with his work among the rural poor around the world.

It's been some time since we held the annual Samhain (Halloween) potluck at our home. Launching little flower barques is my favorite thing! There are more details in the Calendar of events on page 3. Come in costume

Our new Executive Director may be writing this column in the future. It's been fun!

Yours for a Bright Humanist Future!
Sena Havasy, Membership Chair

HCSV is Looking for a New Webmaster

Our site runs on WordPress and requires two or more of the following skills (We are expecting to allow for a learning period to come up to speed on the others.):

- Write or edit pages and posts.
- Organize with categories and tags.
- Change the sidebar by creating or editing widgets.
- Use a theme editor.
- Upload PDF format newsletters using FileZilla, FTP, WinSCP, or similar tool.

The ability to edit Wordpress pages, posts, and themes directly in CSS and HTML is a plus.

The program committee manages the Forum section of our website. This is not a webmaster duty. Instead, the webmaster may spend two to four hours per month (yes, per month) managing other site pages.

If we redesign the site, which is under consideration, the webmaster will contribute advice and support in choosing and installing a new theme and perhaps reorganizing the site's main menu. But this would be a one-time task.

Interested? Please contact HCSV Board at bod@humanists.org for more details.

Public Transport to Humanist House

From the Santa Clara Caltrain 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

The Humanist Community and the Silicon Valley Skeptics invite you to watch "Marjoe," with us, a revealing documentary about a child preacher, who grew to preach in a lively, rock star influenced style. Southern evangelist Marjoe Gortner let filmmakers record him as he swindled people out of money. For further information and to suggest future titles, contact Sena Havasy at senahav@gmail.com or Hunter Perrin of the Skeptics at hunterperrin@hkperrin.com.

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

When: 2nd Friday, October 14, 7:00PM

Cost: Free

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. Go to www.humanists.org/blog/free-thought-discussion for information on the present book, future books considered, and, our reading schedule. For more information, contact Hilton at: 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, followed by discussion. For details, contact Hilton at: 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 are led by Fran and Jim Naylor. 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. Notification of upcoming hikes will be emailed 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 the year 1 BCE, featuring Gordonius, 'The Finder', a fictitious sleuth. For information contact Sena at senahav@gmail.com or 408-739-5638.

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

When: 2nd Thursday, October 13, 2:30 PM

Fun Group

A Visit to Studio Bongiorno

It's that spooky time of year again, and what can be spookier than an art gallery located across the street from one of the largest cemeteries in old Santa Clara?

Studio Bongiorno is located in a historic building that once was The California Monument Company. The gallery showcases the best in local artists and features some of the most eclectic happenings in the Bay Area.

In just over 3 years, Studio Bongiorno has become one of the "Top Galleries" in *Silicon Valley Metro's* Readers Poll.

Visit www.studiobongiorno.com or call (408) 217-9346.

Where: 500 Lincoln St., Santa Clara, CA 95050.

When: Saturday, October 1, 11:00 AM.

Cost: Free!

Humanist Potluck

The October potluck will be a Samhain (Halloween) at the home of Sena & Alex Havasy in Sunnyvale. We will float flower barques in memory of lost loved ones. Share happy memories and the pleasure of each others company. Bring photos for the Remembrance Table. Come in Costume.

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

Where: home of Sena and Alex Havasy in Sunnyvale.

When: October 29 Saturday at 6:00 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, Thursdays, and Saturdays. 1691 the Alameda, San Jose. Planned Parenthood provides volunteer training. 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. 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).

Humanist Get-Away to the Mother Lode

Susanne Shalit and Roy Elder have a house in Jamestown, 2 hrs, 40 minutes east of the Bay Area (non-commute time). They would like to get a group to enjoy October events in the area. Events are close to their house, so you could gather and rest there. There are hotels, campgrounds, etc., available. Sue and Roy can host 2-4 people. Min and Ed Yates can host 2 couples 40 minutes away. Starting Friday October 21 events include: wine tasting at Hurst Ranch, All Hallows Fantasy Faire, and Jamestown Railroad Evening Tour.

Details and confirmation at susanq99@gmail.com or 408-489-1479 by October 16.

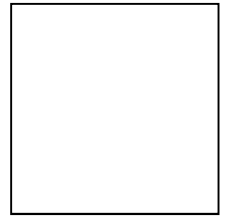
Other Events of Interest to Humanists

LifeRing Addiction Recovery

LifeRing, a non-faith-based network of people recovering from addiction meets at Humanist House, 1180 Coleman Ave., San Jose every Tuesday at 7:30 PM. For more information go to lifering.org.


For information on other groups of interest to Humanists go to www.humanists.org/blog/associated-organizations/.

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