

# HUMANIST COMMUNITY February 2022

## In Silicon Valley

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**Editor: Alex Havasy** Calendar: Sena Havasv

#### **Black History Month**

February is Black History Month.

If you went to school in the 50's you would be forgiven for believing that U.S history was part of European history, that "History" meant European history with a nod to some events in India, China, and the middle east. You could read up on those if you were curious. Sub-Saharan African history was regarded as not worth telling or even nonexistent, but kingdoms rose and fell and people moved about as much as in Europe. We are ignorant of what major events took place there, as we are of the names of their heroes and generals.

The history of the "land of the free" ignored the unfree who built our capital and supported the economy of the cotton belt until the Civil War. That has largely changed and we a better view of the bad as well as the good in our story. Most scholars agree that U.S. History is incomplete and inaccurate unless it includes information about all Americans.

Systematic racism, that is, procedures that disadvantage blacks without an overt racist rationale, is a part of our story and telling about it makes some people uncomfortable. There are attempts to see that students are not burdened with this knowledge. This clearly underestimates our youth. Racial harmony requires a knowledge of the history of everyone.

## **Atheist Community of San Jose**

Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00PM, the Atheist's host a talk by Col. Gregory Petrequin, of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) at Denny's restaurant at 1745 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. Masks and Vaccination required. Details at www.meetup.com/ACofSJ/events/.

#### **Mailing Address**

**Humanist Community PMB 343** 1111 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 133 Sunnyvale, CA 94087

meetup.com/humanistcommunity

### **Frederick Douglas** 1817-1895

After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement

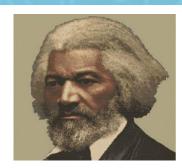
## **Martin Luther** King Jr.

1929-2968

Minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination.

#### **Barack Obama** Born 1929

Lawyer, politician, author and 44th U.S. president from 2009 to 2017. First African-American U.S. president, First U.S. president to publicly acknowledge contributions of atheists to American society







#### **Online Forums**

The URL for our Humanist Forums on Zoom has changed. The address can be found on Meetup at meetup.com/humanistcommunity.













# EVENTS HUMANIST COMMUNITY In Silicon Valley

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