

The Newsletter of the Humanist Community

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



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October Forums

October 5 On Parenting a Human with a Non-Binary Gender

Phil Crawford (a member of Bay Area Humanists, www.sfhumanists.org), will share his experiences since his kid came out as genderqueer. He will discuss gender as an identity matrix and what it means to be an ally to the trans and genderqueer community. Among other sources of information he has accessed is a Gender Spectrum (www.genderspectrum.org) conference (an annual Bay Area conference for health and other service providers and families of transgendered youth) which he and his wife attended last year.

October 12 A Contemporary Renaissance in India

The first Renaissance in India came from the urge to win freedom from colonial rule. After independence, the euphoria of freedom quickly disappeared. The onerous task of rebuilding a nation loomed ahead. Very soon it was found that there were still more enemies to conquer. Not external enemies this time, but internal ones. The post-independence generation of Indian artists and intellectuals rose to meet the challenge.

Lopa Mukherjee is a writer and documentary film-maker, www.lopamukherjee.com. Join us as we hear Lopa give this multimedia presentation of these renaissance people.

October 19 Why Women?

American women comprise no more than 25% of the decision-makers across sectors in the US (e.g., corporate boards and executives, the US Congress, law firm partners). The U.S. ranks well below many industrialized nations when it comes to the status of women and policies that support them. Why does that matter and what is the U.S. losing by failing to support the advancement of women? What would the country gain if women were full partners in all aspects of work and civic life? Mary V. Hughes (a political strategist and author, the architect of Close the Gap CA campaign, www.closesthegapca.org) will present.

October 26 The November 2014 California State Ballot Propositions

Humanist Community member Alex Havasy will present summaries of the California state ballot propositions that will be on the November 2014 ballot. The summary will include the main arguments in favor of and against each proposition, who is financing it, and how organizations recommend you vote. Attendees are encouraged to add their input.

FORUM INFORMATION

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

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Do you need 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, 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.



Two Humanists have been lost to the Community

Margie Liebert 1930 – 2014

Marjorie Liebert, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and foster mother, was born in Brooklyn, New York, November 2, 1930. At 19 she journeyed to Tucson, Arizona to be with her sister, who was having a baby. There she met Burt Liebert, and after a six-week whirlwind courtship, they were married. Sixty-five happily-married years later, surrounded by four generations of her loving family, Marjorie passed away.

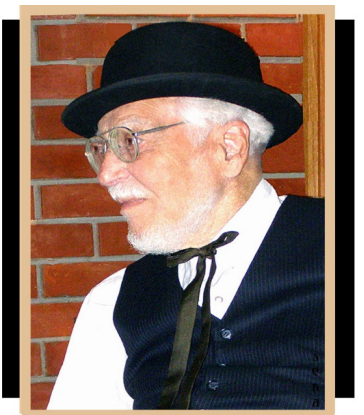


Margie studied at Brooklyn Museum Art School and Art Student's League in New York and at Chicago Art Institute. She was a successful artist and was founder and designer for Pied Piper Theater. Her other passion was children. She held a Master's Degree in special education from Sacramento State University and a teaching credential from University of California, Davis. She taught handicapped and disabled children for fifteen years, including a session at Davis Migrant Camp.

She and Burt have been active members of the Humanist Community for thirty years.

Hershey Julian 1918 – 2014

Hershey Julian was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on January 22, 1918. His family moved to Riverdale, California when he was 6. He received a BA in Economics from Stanford University, graduating with distinction, and was accepted into Phi Beta Kappa. While back in Oklahoma, to learn about the loan business from his grandfather, he met Margaret Isabelle Borden, and married her in 1941.



He served in the army from 1941 to 1945. He was a Presbyterian missionary in Brazil from 1952 to 1955, but lost faith in religion. He got a PhD in English at the University of New Mexico, then worked for the University until retiring to Paso Robles in 1975. He traveled to Central and South America to supervise education program interns for the University. On his own, he mentored prisoners and worked with the NAACP

Margie Julian died in 1999. She and Hershey had a son and two daughters.

He moved to Palo Alto in 2002 and joined the Humanist Community. His friendships with the Humanists and the Unitarian Universalists are what sustained him to the end of his life.

Calendar of Events

The Family Program

The HC Family Program is for children ages 4 to 13 in freethinking humanist families. Parents supervise the program. Participants involve themselves in science, art, and drama projects. When the program is on site, they join the community for lunch at the end of each meeting.

Where: Science Resource Building of Palo Alto High School, Room 1732.

When: most Sundays, 10:30 AM to 12 noon. Call 650-257-0478 to confirm the upcoming meeting.

The Sharing Circle

Before the Forum each Sunday. Attendees may share personal feelings or experiences in an environment of trust and confidentiality.

Where: Palo Alto High School Student Center

When: Sundays, 10:30 AM

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.

If you are interested, contact Sena Havasy, Committee Chair, at senahav@gmail.com or 408-462-2156.

History Book Group

The book this month is *Elizabeth I, the Golden Reign of Gloriana* or any book of your choice about Elizabeth I of England and her long and amazing reign, plus revisiting *Hard Choices*, Hilary Clinton recounts experiences as Secretary of State, as some of us are still reading it.

Where: Kimm's Flowers: 201 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

When: 2nd Wednesday, October 8, 2:30 PM

Humanist Samhain/Halloween Potluck

The annual Humanist Samhain party will be held at the home of Burt Liebert in Palo Alto. Burt is looking forward to the company of his friends.

Costumes are the order of the day! RSVP appreciated. Contact Burt at burtmargie@att.net or Sena Havasy at 408-462-2156 or senahav@gmail.com.

When: Saturday, October 25, 6:00 PM

Free Thought Discussion

Discussion of recent news or a book. For more information check www.humanists.org/blog/free-thought-discussion/.

Where: Home of Hilton Brown

When: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

Academic Video

View an academic video, followed by discussion. For more information check www.humanists.org/blog/academic-videos/.

Where: Home of Hilton Brown

When: Thursdays, 8:00 PM

Clinic Defense

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

Humanist Community Hiking Group

Greg Alexander facilitates hikes. There is a sign-up sheet at the greeter's table or contact Greg at greg.alexander@me.com.

Fun Group

Pedal Power from Wacky to Workhorse

Since their introduction, bicycles have been used for work and for whimsy. Experience a unique collection of wacky, wonderful, and workhorse bicycles from around the Bay Area -- where mountain biking was born and road-racing legends were formed. From nostalgic high-wheelers and classic Sting-Rays to early mountain and road-racing bikes, and bikes used by soldiers and police officers, you're sure to find many that pique your interest and inspire you to take a ride!

Bicycling has a long history in California. This exhibition will tell that story and show the fun and value of cycling, all brought to you by your neighbors.

The exhibit will feature a vintage collection of bikes including one of the earliest mountain bikes from the legendary Tom Ritchey. Also on exhibit is the very first bike ridden in 1980 by professional Greg LeMond, who trained extensively in our area. Wacky bikes include a wooden one built by a local, Tom Kabat, and a workhorse bike used by the Los Altos Police Department.

Visit: www.losaltoshistory.org or call 650-948-9427 for more information.

Where: Los Altos History Museum, 51 San Antonio Road, Los Altos

When: Saturday, October 4 at noon

Cost: Free. Donations Accepted

Humanist Community Board Elections

Paul Gilbert, Sandy Smith, and Marie Stephens are the Nominating Committee for candidates for the February HC Board election. If you want to serve on the Board or suggest a candidate contact one of the Nominating Committee members

Humanist Christmas Tree

We will need help to organize decorating a Humanist Tree for Christmas-in-the-Park in San Jose's Cesar Chavez Park.

Other Events of Interest to Humanists

Humanists at UUCPA

Potluck and Discussion

We will select topics for the remainder of 2014 and follow it with free discussion.

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

When: Saturday, October 4 at 6 PM (presentation at 7)

Direction to UUCPA: uucpa.org/main/location.html

Bay Area Russell Set (BARS)

Join us to discuss "Do We Survive Death?" the fourth essay in the book, *Why I Am Not a Christian* by Bertrand Russell. For details see: www.meetup.com/philosophy-219.

Where: Thai Pepper, 103 E Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale

When: Tuesday, October 7, 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/blog/associated-organizations/.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	2 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	3	4 <u>12:00 PM (noon)</u> Fun Group
5 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Group <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	6	7	8 <u>2:30 PM</u> History Book Group <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	9 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	10	11
12 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Group <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	13 <u>7:30 PM</u> Board meeting	14	15 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	16 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	17	18
19 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Group <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	20	21	22 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	23 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	24	25 <u>6:00 PM</u> Samhain (Halloween) Humanist Potluck 
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