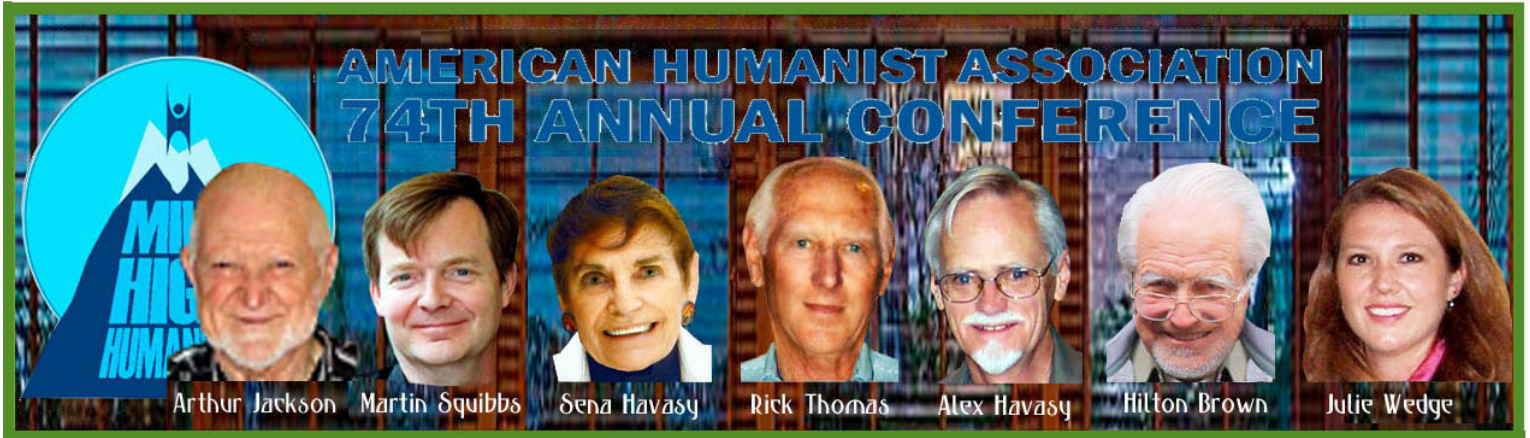


The Newsletter of the
Humanist Community
 in Silicon Valley

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



June Forums

June 7: Let's Go Solar Together

The City of Palo Alto has partnered with neighboring communities in an effort to increase residential rooftop solar installations. The new Peninsula SunShares program (www.mygroupenergy.com/peninsula) pools the power of customers to reduce costs and discount the normal market rate. Enrollment in the program is available until June 30th.

Jessie Denver is a program director at Vote Solar (www.votesolar.org), the nonprofit program administrator of Peninsula SunShares, she was the City of San Jose's Energy Manager (10 years) and is on the faculty in the Environmental Studies Department at San Jose State, where she teaches courses in green building design and environmental health.

June 14: The Science of Communication and the Communication of Science

Human beings became natural-born communicators for a good reason. Our very survival depends on it. Messages circulate inside our bodies to help our internal organs achieve biological stability. We interact with others to navigate our physical, social, and cultural environments safely.

James Lull (Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies at San Jose State University), argues that communication ability has always been the driving force of human evolution. After laying out the argument, he discusses the necessity for communicating science effectively to a wide public.

June 21: Marriage Equality and Beyond

Leah Nutting (Attorney) will discuss the constitutional and cultural issues before the U.S. Supreme Court in same-sex marriage equality cases and other issues affecting the LGBT community, including employment discrimination, "religious freedom" laws, and issues impacting transgender persons. The discussion will touch on her recent Amicus work on the Board of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF). Over the past year, BALIF filed amicus briefs challenging same-sex marriage bans around the country, culminating in their amicus brief filed in the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2015.

June 28: The Benefit Corporation Revisited

A benefit corporation is a for profit corporation that must balance the interests of stockholders, society and the environment.

At present, 27 US jurisdictions (26 states and DC) have adopted benefit corporation legislation, with 14 others currently considering it. Since the first benefit corporation law was passed in 2010, over 2000 benefit corporations have been formed in the US. There are now more than 1,300 businesses that have passed B Lab's Certified B Corporation assessment, in about 40 countries.

Please join and hear John Montgomery gives an update on recent developments in the rapidly emerging B Economy.

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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•If you would like to discuss projects or ideas for HCSV, contact Julie Wedge (916) 751 6401.



Message from the Executive Director

The last month has been busy! Several of your HCSV friends participated in the American Humanist Association's Annual Conference in Denver. There were many inspiring speakers and some great information about our growing organization. Larry Krauss, our Humanist of the Year, was as gracious as the Senior Editor with The Onion was funny. We look forward to our upcoming July Forum where we will have those who went share both their experience and what they learned.

Humanist House is coming closer to becoming a reality. Thank you to the 72 people that participated in the survey (75% were current HCSV members!). We appreciate your input, your feedback and your engagement in this exciting but stressful endeavor for the Humanist Community. There was great excitement for a measurable volunteer program in Denver as well. It seems our idea may catch on. The Board voted unanimously at the May 18th meeting to sign the Letter of Intent on the 1180 Coleman Avenue property, we had a lively Forum on the 24th, and the Board is now awaiting the draft lease to see if we will proceed with this property. We look forward to the possibilities the new space would provide while holding on to the Forum, the Lunch Program and the Family Program that have been the foundation on which HCSV has survived.

We have some very exciting programs in June. From Peninsula Sun Shares with Jessie Denver to the Science of Communication and the Communication of Science with Dr. James Lull and then to Leah Nutting with BALIF discussing Marriage Equality and Beyond we are packed with great information and current ways to go green, communicate better, and support equality. We cap it off with a revisiting of the B Corporations with John Montgomery. What a month!

Onward and upward,
Julie Wedge
Executive Director

Marsha Farmer 1950-1915

We regret to announce the death of Marsha on the 2nd of May after a long illness. We will have a profile in the next newsletter.

Camp Quest West

Camp Quest provides an educational adventure shaped by fun, friends, and freethought, for campers ages 8-17. It features science, natural wonder, and humanist values. It blends world-class science and critical thinking interactive activities with a traditional all-American outdoor camp experience. It's the scientific method paired with campfires and s'mores!

The Northern California session is July 5-11 in Nevada City, CA, two hours north of Sacramento.

Go to west.campquest.org/ for more information and to register.

Calendar of Events

Humanist (Dianne) Potluck

In memory of Dianne Jacobsen the monthly potluck for June will be held at the home of Marion and Robert Bers. Memories and pictures are encouraged. Dianne and Bill Jacobsen's son Eric and daughter Juli will provide fascinating details about the life of this remarkable woman before we knew her. Contact robert_bers@hotmail.com, 408-418-3433 or senahav@gmail.com 408-739-5638 for details.

Where: Spaich Drive in San Jose

When: June 27 Saturday at 1:30 PM

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. To confirm the upcoming meeting call 650-257-0478.

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 408-739-5638.

History Book Group

Romantic Outlaws: the Extraordinary Lives of Mary Wollstonecraft and Her Daughter Mary Shelley, feminist and creator of *Frankenstein*, by Charlotte Gordon. For information contact Sena at senahav@gmail.com or 408-739-5638.

Where: Kimm's Flowers: 201 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale 408-737-1139

When: 2nd Wednesday, June 10, 2:30 PM

Free Thought Discussion

Discussion of recent news on the first Wednesday of the month, or 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/calendar/#/freethought-discussion for the present book and reading schedule.

Where: Home of Hilton Brown

When: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

Academic Video

View an academic video from www.thegreatcourses.com, followed by discussion. Go to: www.humanists.org/calendar/#/academic-videos for details of our present video.

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.

Fireworks Potluck

On Saturday, June 27, at 9:30 we will meet by Stanford Stadium, 620 Nelson Rd., for a Humanist potluck/picnic. The San Jose Earthquakes soccer team is playing there and they provide wonderful fireworks after the game.

Meet at Nelson Plaza which is marked by a row of very tall flagpoles. Eat at one of the picnic tables and watch from backless benches. Bring a chair, cushion or blanket.

Take Galvez to Nelson Rd. Parking is at 625 Nelson Rd. For information call 408-739-5638 or senahav@gmail.com.

Where: Stanford Campus

When: Saturday, June 27, 9:30 PM

Fun Group

Glass Art Society Show 2015

The Glass Art Society Show presents "Glass Contemplations," an exhibit featuring recent work by three Bay Area artists.

Fremont's Susan J. Longini is President of the Glass Alliance of Northern California (GLANC). Her glass art is in public and private collections in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, featured in numerous articles and magazines and exhibited nationally.

Johnathon Turner, a senior instructor for kiln forming and cold working programs at the Bay Area Glass Institute in San Jose, has given presentations internationally, and at Stanford, Ohlone College, and San Jose State University.

Originally an Arts & Crafts major at the National Aichi University of Education in Japan, Kana Tanaka specialized in glassblowing.

For more information, visit www.sjqmilmuseum.org or call 1-408-971-0323.

Where: South Olive Hyde Art Gallery, 123 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539. Meet at the main entrance.

When: Saturday, June 6, noon

Cost: Free

Humanist Community Hiking Group

For information on the June hike, contact Bill Rausch at 510-299-0147.

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.

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

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

Bay Area Russell Set (BARS)

Join us to discuss "Our Sexual Ethics," the twelfth essay in the book, *Why I Am Not a Christian* by Bertrand Russell. See www.meetup.com/philosophy-219 for details.

Where: 103 E Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale

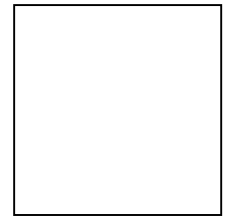
When: Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>10:30 AM</u> Sharing Circle <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	8 <u>7:30 PM</u> Board meeting	9	10 <u>2:30 PM</u> History Book Group <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	11 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	12	13
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