

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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May

May 1: A New Theory of Human Origin

James Hunt speaks on "Recent Chromosomal Fusion" and presents his book: *23, How Humanity Came to Be*. Anthropologists believe that Anatomically Modern Humans, first appeared in Africa and replaced all older species. There are few suggestions of what macroevolutionary event created modern humans. James argues that the chromosomal fusion that distinguishes us (23 chromosome pairs) from the other great apes (24 chromosome pairs) was the event that separated us from earlier hominids and allowed us to evolve as a separate species. (Book signing from 10-11am.)

May 8: The Civil War

Scott Lee Spence is the President of the National Civil War Association of California, a 501c3 educational corporation founded in 1983. The NCWA educates the public about the American Civil War through public reenactments and school visits. In addition to traditional presentations about the Eastern Theater of the Civil War, the NCWA has in recent years started to explore the role of California, the events of the Pacific Theater, and the roles of women and minorities in the War. Mr. Spence will be discussing some of these new narratives at this presentation.

May 15: The California DISCLOSE Act

Jason Spitzer, from the California Clean Money Campaign, will discuss the California DISCLOSE Act, which the State Legislature is currently considering, along with other campaign finance reform and anti-corruption bills that have been introduced. The California DISCLOSE Act would require that political ads for California candidates and propositions prominently display the top three contributors to the ad.

May 22: Rawls on Affirmative Action/Reparations

Martin Carcieri is Professor of Political Science at San Francisco State University. He will be discussing a chapter from his book, *Applying Rawls in the 21st Century: Race, Gender, the Drug War, and the Right to Die*, that discusses affirmative action and reparations.

May 29: Science Can Answer Moral Questions (featuring a video of a Sam Harris TED Talk)

In this Forum, we will show a "TED Talk" by Sam Harris with the above title (see www.ted.com/talks/sam_harris_science_can_show_what_s_right). Sam Harris is the renowned author of *The End of Faith*, a Ph.D. neuroscientist, and a philosopher. After showing the video, there will be a general audience discussion of the topics that Dr. Harris discusses in this 23 minute video.

FORUM INFORMATION

Humanist House 1180 Coleman Avenue, San Jose 95110,
 Sundays 11 AM-12:30 PM – Free and open to the public
 Lunch 12:30-2 PM. - A donation of \$10 is requested,
 Afternoon program at 1:30 PM

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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 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@yahoo.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). You can reach them through Sena Havasy at senahav@gmail.com.



THE AWARDS BANQUET

The big event of our year is the Annual Banquet Honoring our Board, presenting a plaque to the Humanist of the Year, and Certificates of appreciation to our outstanding volunteers to whom we owe so much. Roses and balloons added to the festivities at the Blue Pheasant with our tradition of sharing the unclaimed balloons.

Dr. Robert Stephens was chosen as Humanist of the Year for his timely support of our new Humanist House in 2015. Widely respected, we are honored that he is a long time member.



Andrea Dorey received a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of a long life of dedication to our Humanist Values, both within and without community

Too many other inspiring people were recognized for their contributions to us in 2015 to list them all but our President, Arthur Jackson got the Ship of State Award for his productive and cheerful leadership- Carl Angotti, the Well of Information Award for the Master Database-Hilton Brown the Golden Quill Award for the libraries at his home and at Humanist House- Alex Havasy, Brian Davis, and Jason Kazarian, the Triple Threat Award for our Newsletter, Meet Up Page and Web Page-Greg Alexander, Keeper of the Keys Award as Treasurer and Board member, Sena Havasy, the Making Things Hum Award. A full list is available at Humanist House.

Heartfelt Appreciation was given to the 10 Noble Houses whose Hospitality we enjoyed in 2015. The Bers, the Browns, the Feders, the Havasys, the Naylor, the Smiths, Burt Liebert, Marie Stephens, Pam Erwin, and Chriss Vogdas and Greg Alexander.

I always learn a lot talking to other members. That evening I learned a very important fact

I didn't know and that is that WE WERE LOSING OUR SUNDAY MEETING LOCATION AT PALO ALTO HS!

I did know that our Executive Director worked her way through 70 locations to find a place in the PA neighborhood but could find nothing we could afford. Our new location at Humanist House is wonderful but we are very sad to lose old friends.

Yours for a bright Humanist future!

Sena Havasy, Membership Chair

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.

75 Years of Humanism: Chicago 2016

AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION



2016 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE #ahaconf16

The American Humanist Association will host its 75th annual conference at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, on May 26 through 29, 2016.

Go to conference.americanhumanist.org to register and for details on speakers, awardees, and events.

Calendar of Events

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: 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. Activity for 5th Sunday to be determined.

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.

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.

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. For information on the present book, future books considered, and reading schedule go to: www.humanists.org/blog/free-thought-discussion. 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. Go to: www.humanists.org/blog/academic-videos for details of our present video. For details about the group 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

Fran and Jim Naylor are our new hiking coordinators. If you enjoy hiking with fellow Humanists there is a signup sheet on the greeter's table at the forum or contact the Naylors at 408-246-3790 or zaylors@sbcglobal.net.

History Book Group

We will be reading about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

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

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

When: 2nd Wednesday, May 11, 2:30 PM

Fun Group

Mama Birds in the Marsh Festival

The eggs have hatched! Come celebrate these new feathered mamas and all mothers! Experience this special event at the wildlife refuge with guided bird walks, a live bird show, along with crafts and games!

Visit fws.gov/refuge/don_edwards_san_francisco_bay or call (408) 262-5513 for more information.

Where: Environmental Education Center, 1751 Grand Blvd, Alivso/San Jose, CA 95002

When: Saturday, May 7, Noon.

Cost: Free.

Humanist Potluck

The monthly Humanist Potluck for May will be at the beautiful home of Jacqueline and Carlos Feder in Palo Alto. RSVP appreciated. For details contact mailto:caline@earthlink.net 650-852-9010, or senahav@gmail.com, 408-739-5638.

Where: home of Jacqueline and Carlos Feder in Palo Alto.

When: May 14 Saturday at 6:00 PM

Other Events at Humanist House

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.

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

When: Every Tuesday, 7:30 PM

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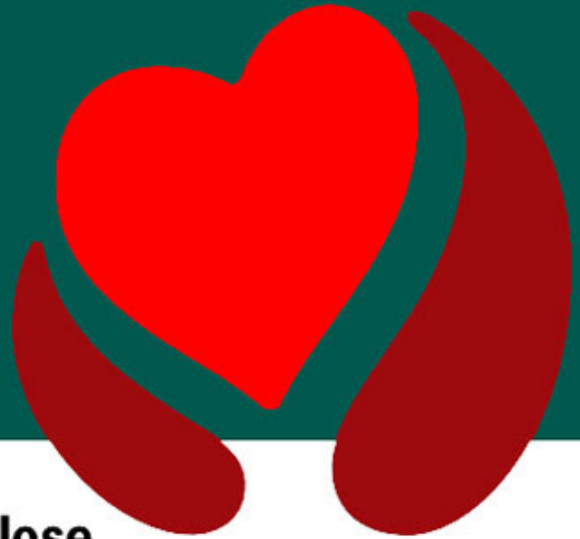
Schedule an appointment online at www.sbcdonor.org use zip code 95110 or call 650-723-7831.

Get more information from Lyn Chiu at chiu.acsj@gmail.com.

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

When: Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Blood Drive



**Atheist Community of San Jose
Humanist Community in Silicon Valley**

Date:

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Time:

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location:

Bloodmobile @ Humanist House
1180 Coleman Ave, San Jose

Schedule an Appointment:

- Online: www.sbcdonor.org
Use zip code 95110
- Phone: 650-723-7831

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Give blood for life!

For More Information:

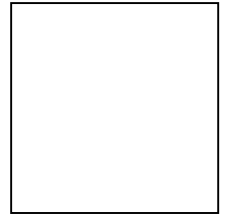
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MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:30 PM</u> Video	2	3 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing Sobriety Support	4 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	5 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	6	7 <u>Noon</u> Fun Group 
8 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:30 PM</u> Games	9 <u>7:30 PM</u> Board meeting	10 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing	11 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	12 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	13	14 <u>6:00 PM</u> Humanist Potluck 
15 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:30 PM</u> Social Action	16	17 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing	18 <u>2:30 PM</u> History Book Group <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	19 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	20	21 <u>11 AM to 3 PM</u> Blood Drive 
22 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum <u>1:30 PM</u> HCSV	23	24 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing	25 <u>7:30 PM</u> Free Thought Discussion	26 <u>8:00 PM</u> Academic Video	27	28
29 <u>10:30 AM</u> Family Program <u>11:00 AM</u> Forum	30	31 <u>7:30 PM</u> LifeRing				