

# HUMANIST COMMUNITY IN SILICON VALLEY



## June Forums

### June 4: Evolutionary Humanism for a Conscious Psycho-Social Evolution

According to evolutionary humanist Julian Huxley, humanity now has been appointed managing director of the biggest business of all, the business of evolution. Human beings are determining the direction of evolution on this earth. Humanists are invited to assume a bigger role and vision in this process. This presents an opportunity for humanists all over the world to envision a better future for humanity and a planetary era of one earth, one family, one future.

Our speaker, Manuel Manga, is an organizational consultant, facilitator, and leadership coach.

### June 11: Fostering Identity, Promoting Community: The Gay Bar in American History

For more than one hundred years, gay clubs and bars have served as sanctuaries and party-spots and hook-up sites. They've been the secular centers of community and education. But also of violence and persecution that ultimately led to great advancements in pride, rights, and freedoms. This richly illustrated talk by Santa Clara University history professor Nancy C. Unger highlights the history of a long and colorful American tradition in the LGBTQ community: the gay bar.

### June 18: Summer Solstice Brunch

In observance of the Summer Solstice and World Humanist Day, join us for a complimentary brunch and celebrate the lengthening of days with your humanist family. Your RSVP is important for planning purposes. Please RSVP on Meetup, email [ED@humanists.org](mailto:ED@humanists.org) or call 408-650-8466.

### June 25: The Human Awareness Institute

Anne Watts is a certified hypnotherapist, educator, mediator and coach, specializing in couples and family dynamics, healing the inner child and issues of self-esteem and sexual abuse. In workshops offered by the Human Awareness Institute (<http://w15.hai.org>), Anne witnessed the transformation occurring on a deep and practical level; they opened their hearts to themselves and others through the healing power of love. Anne realized that she had found the vehicle to express compassion, empathy and service to others in a way that transcends social and cultural boundaries, and trained to be a HAI facilitator. Since 1985, she has facilitated hundreds of workshops in the U.S., Australia, Japan, Germany and England.

The Human Awareness Institute (HAI) empowers individuals to be potent, loving, and contributing; promoting personal growth, by replacing ignorance and fear with awareness and love. HAI aims to create a world where people live together in dignity, respect, understanding, trust, kindness, compassion, reverence, honesty and love. The Human Awareness Institute is committed to a world where everyone wins.

#### Forum Information

Sundays 11AM-12:15PM -- Free and open to the public  
Lunch 12:30-1:30PM -- A donation of \$10 is requested  
Humanist House -- 1180 Coleman Ave, San Jose 95110



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Board meetings are held at Humanist House on the third Monday of each month.. Members of the Humanist Community are welcome at all board meetings.

### Do you need help?

If you need assistance such as a ride, some groceries delivered, etc., send a request to [ed@humanist.org](mailto:ed@humanist.org), and it will be forwarded to the Help Group.

For confidential assistance contact Arthur Jackson at 408-923-3774 or [I23arthurjackson@gmail.com](mailto:I23arthurjackson@gmail.com).

### About the Cover

World Humanist Day is a day to remember our heritage. Thomas Paine, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and many more remarkable individuals have contributed to the record of progress and happiness that Humanism has given to the world.

We humanists work for human rights, for freedom of belief and expression. Around the world there are many in prison for exercising these rights. We remember these people and continue to fight for their freedom.

The Summer Solstice is one of the oldest days celebrated by humankind marking the moment the sunlight begins its slow waning. Many modern holidays are celebrated on these ancient days under other names.

Let's practice Humanism and fight for the right!

Sena Havasy  
drawing on IHEU President, Andrew Copson

## HUMANIST HOUSE NEWS

Our community is at a critical point in its life. Many of you who have a longer association with the Humanist Community in Silicon Valley can likely point to other times when problems were challenging, but this feels to me like a thrive or die moment.

The Board - and other leaders – are planning a two-part, comprehensive development plan for the Humanist Community. Our intent is to reach out to every person who has had any contact with the community in the past few years and to encourage their renewed involvement. Our hope is that every member and friend who is currently connected to the community, in any way, will be a part of the renewal effort.

Crucial to the development and continued strength of an organization is accurate information about membership and finances and we are putting a lot of effort into getting our data into good form. Our goal is for the board and membership to have easy access to vital information about our community and our members. New systems are being installed; we are almost there.

Our first emphasis will be to assure continued support for the successful events and activities we have now and develop new approaches to attract new members. We will be looking for input from every member and friend as we assess what we have – what we are – and develop what we can become. Without an adequate, committed membership we have nothing to build on. At our core we are our membership.

Our second focus will be to put the Humanist Community on a sound financial footing.

We must make secure the financial support necessary to sustain our programs and activities - our staff, facilities, and events.

We will be seeking some initial financial support from beyond our membership – from individuals and institutions who share our values and are willing to help us meet immediate needs.

We will also be asking more of ourselves. We must be willing to provide financial support to advance the values we hold.

You will be receiving information about events and activities around our area aimed at achieving these goals. See you there!

Paul Gilbert, Board President

### Social Action Project — Stand Up for Kids

The Social Action Committee is collecting small size personal grooming products for homeless and/or needy kids who go to the day center called "Stand Up for Kids" located in San Jose.

Monetary donations we receive for Stand Up for Kids will be used to purchase items on their wishlist, or food for meals served at their center. Please place your donated items in the silver bucket on the Social Action table. If you'd like to do more, you can see the wishlist at the Stand Up for Kids website: [www.standupforkids.org/siliconvalley](http://www.standupforkids.org/siliconvalley).

# Calendar of Events

## Academic Video

The Academic Video Group watches videos from *The Great Courses*, followed by discussion.

**When:** Thursdays, 8:00 PM

**Where:** Home of Hilton Brown in Mountain View

**Info:** email brownofmtview@aol.com or call 650-941-3146

## March for Truth

Meet under the flag poles. Look for the red umbrella held by our Social Action leaders, Fran and Jim Naylor.

**When:** Sundays, June 3, 10:30 AM

**Where:** San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose

## Fun Group — “Fragile Waters” Exhibit

Water is very much on the minds of Californians after six years of drought. The “Fragile Waters” exhibit encourages dialogue about water conservation with over one hundred photos by Ansel Adams, Ernest H. Brooks II, and Dorothy Kerper Monnelly.

**When:** Saturday, June 3, meet at entrance at 11:00 AM.

**Where:** 110 South Market Street, San Jose, California 95113

**Cost:** Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, College student with ID \$6, Youth 7–17 \$5, .

Free admission for SJMA members and children six and under

**Info:** sjmusart.org or call 408-271-6840

**RSVP:** Especially, first time attendees, email hcfungroup@yahoo.com

## Social Action Meeting

Gather to plan social action projects and events.

**When:** Sundays, June 4 (card writing) 1:30 - 2:30 PM

and June 18, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

**Where:** Humanist House

## Free Thought Discussion

First Wednesday of the month: Recent news

Other Wednesdays: Current book

Discussions range far from the topic, so don't worry about not being up to date on the book or the news.

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

**Where:** Home of Hilton Brown in Mountain View

**Info:** Go to [www.humanists.org/blog/free-thought-discussion](http://www.humanists.org/blog/free-thought-discussion)

## Video Game Development

Join us and learn the Unity 3d game engine ([unity3d.com](http://unity3d.com)), the premier cross platform game engine, or work on your own project.

**When:** Monday, June 12 & 26, 7:00 PM

**Where:** Humanist House

## Citizens' Climate Lobby

The Silicon Valley South Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby invites you to join in their effort to advance a national carbon tax to reduce CO2 emissions and grow jobs and the economy.

**When:** Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 PM

**Where:** Humanist House

## Movie Night for Skeptics

The Humanist Community and the Silicon Valley Skeptics invite you to watch *The Most Hated Woman in America*, a movie about the founder of American Atheists, Madelyn Murray O'Hair. Some consider the movie to be quite unfair to Ms. O'Hair. What will you think?

**When:** 2nd Friday, June 9, 7:00 PM

**Where:** Humanist House

Your membership dues help to create a thriving community for us all. Please, renew or join today! Online or at Humanist House.

## Start of Summer Potluck & BBQ

Join us at a Start of Summer Party to celebrate our Humanist Community and share our Humanist House. Bring something for the grill and something to share. Grill will be hot until 7:00 PM.

Wine and beer for sale. All proceeds benefit Humanist House.

All ages welcome - bring your kids and grandkids! Enjoy live music, indoor/outdoor games

We need setup/cleanup help, game coordinators, face painters, balloon animal maker, etc.

**When:** Saturday, June 10, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM,

**Where:** Humanist House

**RSVP:** Please RSVP so we can estimate how many will attend.

## Ruth Bader Ginsburg Women's Group

Join us for our kick-off event! Featuring: discussion of timely events, report from your local group, a book report on *The Notorious RGB: the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*. Light refreshments.

**When:** 3rd Saturday, June 17, 2:00 PM

**Where:** Humanist House

**Info:** 748-739-5638 or [senahav@gmail.com](mailto:senahav@gmail.com)

## Summer Solstice Brunch

Join us for a complimentary brunch hosted by our board members.

**When:** Sunday, June 18, 11:00 AM

**Where:** Humanist House

## Board Meeting

Meetings are open to all members of the Humanist Community.

**When:** June 19, 7:30 PM

**Where:** Humanist House

## Hiking Activity - Picchetti Ranch Preserve

Meet in the parking lot at 10:30. Bring a lunch and we'll hike over to Stevens Creek County Park and eat our lunch there. This is a relatively easy and interesting hiking trail with some uphill. The round trip is approximately three miles.

**When:** June 24, 10:30 AM

**Where:** Picchetti Ranch Open Space Preserve, Cupertino

**Info:** [www.openspace.org/sites/default/files/pr\\_picchetti.pdf](http://www.openspace.org/sites/default/files/pr_picchetti.pdf)

## Membership and Board Discussion

Members of the board and the community meet to discuss issues.

**When:** June 25, 1:15 PM (after lunch)

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

## Meet and Greet - Old and New

Reconnect with members of the Humanist Community at this casual meet and greet event at the clubhouse of our new Board President Paul Gilbert. Refreshments served. Executive Director Debbie Allen and a few board members will be in attendance.

**When:** Thursday, June 29, 2:00 to 3:30 PM

**Where:** Old Mill Clubhouse, 49 Showers Dr., Mountain View

Join Meetup for complete information for all our events.

Still need more info? Leave message at 408-650-8466

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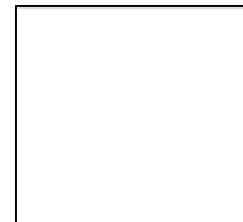
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More details can be found at [www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity](http://www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity). RSVP's are always helpful for planning purposes.